



# Chapel News

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## THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH: TECHNOLOGY AND PRAYER

As a youth, my pastor gave to me a Bible at Grace Lutheran Church in Rock Hill. It was a *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible* that included the books of the Apocrypha/Deuterocanon. He wrote Proverbs 16:9 on the front cover. I learned about disciplines of praying the Psalms, and Morning and Evening Prayer while studying in seminary. I also began to take seriously the admonition to read through the Bible in the course of the year and, I started this with the two year cycle located in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. I am thankful for these gifts and disciplines. All of these were anchored primarily in books – Bible and prayer-book.

Decades later, how has technology changed my prayer life?

With my cell phone in 2012, I learned about **Bible apps**. The one I have found most useful is the *YouVersion* Bible app—specifically because of audio Bibles available. Scripture was originally meant to be heard. Remember the teaching from Romans 10:17 – faith comes from what is heard! Listening to stories back to back have led to new ways of understanding—not to mention it is easier on the eyes.

Another resource that came along with the cell phone was the availability of **podcasts**. From our Evangelical Lutheran Church, I routinely listen to the *Sermon Brainwave* from Luther Seminary and the new *Three Sides* podcast. I also listen to other sermons on the *Lutheran Hour* podcast from Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, *Westminster Abbey* from the Anglican churches, and *Life Tracs* from the evangelist Chuck Swindoll.

The ability of **web browsers** to give credible sources and answers to almost any biblical question is astounding. Just typing in a few words leads instantly to not just chapter and verse, but to commentary from many

and diverse sources. I have been in several Sunday School classes that have searched different questions on the world wide web, based on the lesson—resulting in substantive insights.

**Projection technology** is often much maligned or greatly appreciated. I have used Power Point notes now since 2005 in various ways for preaching. The positive is the ability to use great art from Salvador Dali, to the icons of the ancient Church to connect with the Bible. It has also been helpful to provide a simple outline and to lift up the Law and Gospel present in the biblical texts. The negative is that in some places in the Church, worship can deteriorate into passive entertainment.

**YouTube videos** or **God Tube videos** offer tremendous amounts of information on Biblical stories. We are a culture that is enraptured by screens. This is both good and bad. The good is amazing resources and creative approaches to biblical topics. Recently, the *Bible Project* website and the three to seven minute videos introducing Scripture has been a blessing. Like *The Story* we used in Sunday School a few years back, this approach uses art and images to tell the biblical story. The bad about screens is how YouTube, Pinterest and social media can isolate us from one another.

So how has technology changed your prayer life? Have you tried a Bible app? Is there Christian music or YouTube videos that have helped in your faith journey that you may want to share with others? Martin Luther had the printing press. Our age is an even greater time of change and opportunity to share the eternal good news of Jesus Christ. Let us use technology faithfully to engage and share God's Word.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Michael

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group	<b>3 LABOR DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED PRESCHOOL CLOSED 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	<b>4</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Open	<b>5</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>6</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Staff Meeting (CR)	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b> 11:45 Outreach Team (CR) 12:00 Back to School Bash 5:00 Luther Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 Crossroads Choir 6:30 Crossroads Youth 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>10</b> 8:30 Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 10:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Rachel Circle 7:00 Rebecca Circle	<b>11</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>12</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 JAM Session (1st—5th grade) 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>13</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>14</b> 2:00 Choir Retreat (2—10) (KIT, FH, SAN) 6:00 Confirmation Lock-in	<b>15</b> 8:00 Choir Retreat (8 am—2 pm) (KIT, FH, SAN) 8:30 Lock-in Ends 9:00 Clothing Closet Open
<b>16</b> 11:45 Council Meeting (CR) 5:00 Luther Choir 6:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Crossroads Youth 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>17</b> 8:30 Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	<b>18</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Worship & Music (CR) 4:00 Secretariat Via de Cristo (LIB)	<b>19</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>20</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>21</b> 6:00 Movie Night	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 5:00 Luther Choir 6:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Crossroads Youth 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>24</b> 8:30 Preschool 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	<b>25</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Owls Bible Study 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>26</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 JAM Session 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chapel Voice	<b>27</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30 Leave for Samson Play at Narrow Way Theater
<b>30</b>						

**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

Ervin Hoffman.....	3
Bill Seabrook.....	3
Chris Lowe.....	4
Katherine Sanders.....	6
Mike Bell.....	7
Matt Hoffman.....	7
Ben Carpenter.....	8
Amy Lloyd.....	8
Leigh Woody.....	8
Amy Brown.....	9
Caroline Comer.....	11
Stuart Hester.....	11
Blair Thornburg.....	12
Sarah Catherine Davis.....	15
Claudia Zibell.....	17
Lanny Henderson.....	18
Lisa Burch.....	20
Alex Berghello, Jr.....	21
Derk Beutler.....	22
Zac Lentz.....	22
Wesley Baker.....	23
James Dean.....	23
Craig Thornburg.....	24
Larry Collins.....	25
Bram Comer.....	25
Melissa Darrow.....	25
Helaina Robinson.....	27
Alfred Lineberger.....	28
Morgan-Carpenter McCarthy.....	28
Margaret Hovis.....	29
Charlotte Elkin.....	30
Ann Marie Lentz.....	30



**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

B.T. & Pauline Bradley.....	7
Henry & Debra Hoffman.....	7
Michael & Lynda Ellington.....	14
Steve & Delana Clark.....	18
David & Claudia Zibell.....	21
Barry & Sandra Martin.....	26
Jason & Katherine Sanders.....	26
Richard & Janie Peak.....	29

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

If we have missed your anniversary, please let the church office know so that we can enter it into the database.



**SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETING**

Esther Circle Hostess (Sept. 10) .....	Susan Henderson
Esther Circle Program (Sept. 10) .....	Shirley Carpenter
Rebecca Circle Hostess (Sept. 10) .....	Janie Peak
Rebecca Circle Program (Sept. 10) .....	Trish Ratchford
Rachel Circle Hostess (Sept. 10) .....	Judith Brandt
Rachel Circle Program (Sept. 10) .....	Judith Brandt

**Women of the ELCA** 

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**September 2**—Given by his family in memory of Larry Carpenter.

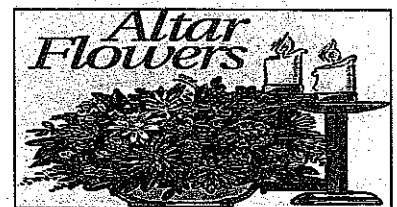
**September 9**—Given by Dan in remembrance of their anniversary.

**September 16**—Given by Gail Brown in memory of Bob Brown and Brian Brown.

**September 23**—Given by Ken & Ann Marie Lentz in honor of Ann Marie, Melissa & Zac on their birthdays.

**September 30**—Given by Katherine and Jason Sanders in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.

Cost of flowers is \$55.00. Please be sure to note on your check that it is for flowers for the Altar.





## PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**Charles Albright**  
63 Honeysuckle Wood  
Lake Wylie, SC 29710

**Betty Barkley**  
1711 Fairfield Drive  
Gastonia, NC 28054

**Jerry Carpenter**  
2225 Linda Street  
Gastonia, NC 28054

**Jerry Fogle**  
Covenant Village  
1351 Robinwood Road  
Room B-193 Woodlands  
Gastonia, NC 28054

**Betty Hicks**  
Brookdale Place  
1750 Robinwood Road  
Room #4  
Gastonia, NC 28054

**Dot Lewis**  
327 Lewis Road  
Gastonia, NC 28054

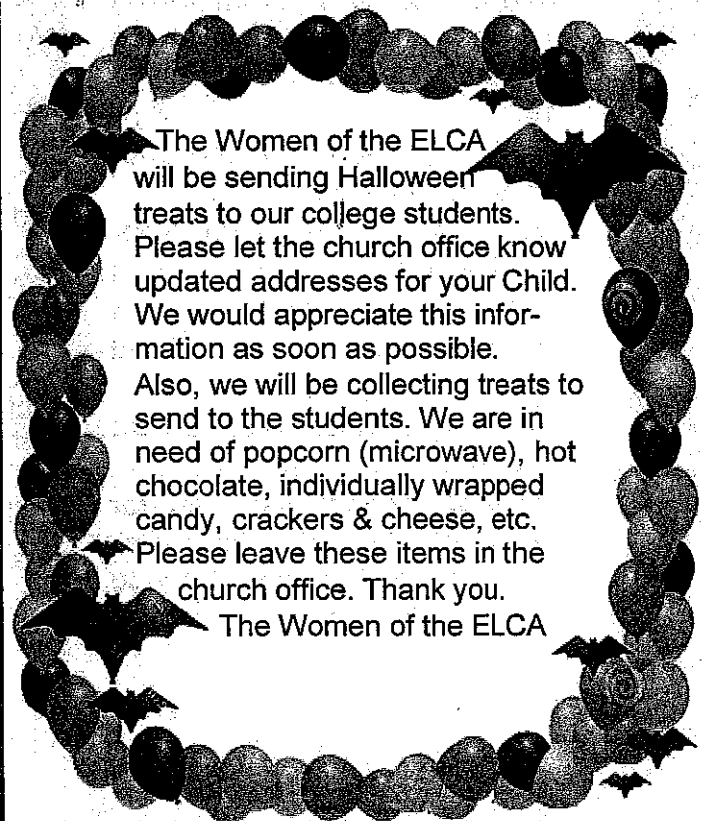
**Betty Petty**  
811 Ashbrook Park Road  
Dallas, NC 28034



**PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATTION IS  
NOW UNDERWAY.**

The Fall session will begin on **Monday, August 27th, 2018 at 8:30 am.** Please contact Ms. Janet McKinney at (704-864-5136) with any questions or for registration forms.

**REGISTER  
NOW**



The Women of the ELCA will be sending Halloween treats to our college students. Please let the church office know updated addresses for your Child. We would appreciate this information as soon as possible.

Also, we will be collecting treats to send to the students. We are in need of popcorn (microwave), hot chocolate, individually wrapped candy, crackers & cheese, etc. Please leave these items in the church office. Thank you.

The Women of the ELCA

## Musical Opportunities for Adults

Have you ever sat in the congregation and enjoyed listening to the music? Have you ever had a desire to participate in the choirs, but were not sure how to join? Well, now is the time to put your thoughts into action!

**The Hand bell choir is in need of additional players.** On September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 12 I will offer two "Introduction to Hand bells" classes for anyone interested in learning or refreshing techniques in ringing the bells. This will be for youth (grade 6 - adults). We will practice for one hour starting at 6:30. We usually ring five to six times during the months of September - May. If you have the desire to ring and can rehearse on Wednesday nights, we invite you to join us. Music reading skills are nice but not necessary. This choir has been a great "family" activity. We have had many parent / child groups to ring.

**The Chapel Voices** choir also rehearses on Wednesday nights starting at 7:30. We learn a variety of music and we generally sing on non-Communion Sundays.

**The Chancel** choir rehearses on Sunday nights starting at 6:00. We lead the congregation in the liturgy and sing every Sunday.

We would love to add new faces and new voices to the groups. Now would be the perfect time to start! All you have to do is show up at practice and enjoy the music! Please prayerfully consider any of our adult offerings.

Roger and Jeanette Myers

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## BESSEMER CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Lutheran Chapel:

On behalf of the students and staff at Bessemer City Primary School, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of school supplies. It's because of giving people like you, that our School will continue to be able to provide for our students. We can't do it on our own! Again, we appreciate your kindness and generosity!

We are in great need of mentors for our students. If anyone from your congregation is interested, please have them give me a call. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Erin B. Morehead

School Counselor

1320 North 12th Street

Bessemer City, NC 28016

Office #: 704-836-9109

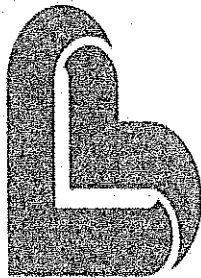
ebmorehead@gaston.K12.nc.us

## BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The men of the church are sponsoring a presentation by Kelly Scherer of Lutheran Services Carolinas. We encourage the women of the church to join us for a very informative meeting regarding the programs they support. This should be an interesting program and your attendance would be most appreciated. The presentation should last approximately 45 minutes. This meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm at Jackson's Cafeteria. Hope to see everyone there.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Ladies Night Christmas Banquet will be on Saturday, December 8th at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Mark your calendars **NOW!**



**LUTHERAN  
BROTHERHOOD**

## CUB SCOUT PACK 35

Through the efforts of Pastor Comer, the Piedmont Council BSA and several leaders from Troop 35, we've decided to re-start Cub Scout Pack 35.

Mr. Jacob Cooper has volunteered to serve as Cubmaster for Pack 35. Jacob is an Eagle Scout, energetic and eager to serve in this roll.

If there are any boys ages 6 to 11 years old who might be interested in joining our Cub Scout Pack, there will be a recruitment night at Brookside Elementary School on Tuesday, September 11th, at 6:00 pm.

For more information please contact Pastor Comer (704)864-6491 or call Chris Angstadt at (704)813-3033.



## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

The Back to School Bash will be held after the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, September 9th! There will be a catered lunch, bouncy houses, and games! Come join us for an afternoon full of fun!



# YOUTH NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Thanks to everyone for another fantastic summer!!

Thank you to all those who volunteered, supported, and prayed for all of our amazing summer activities including Vacation Bible School and the Mission Trip! You all helped make this summer great! And let's take that energy into the new school year!

All of our ministries will kick off on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: regular Sunday School, Youth Groups, and Youth Choirs!

Can't wait to see everyone at the Back to School Bash!

Megan

## Happy Birthday...

Ben Carpenter (9/8)

Alex Berghello  
(9/21)

Wesley Baker (9/23)

Bram Comer (9/25)



## Upcoming events

9/9—Back to School Bash right after the 10:30 Service

9/9—Luther Choir at 5:00-5:50

9/9—Crossroads Choir at 6:00-6:30

9/9—Crossroads Youth Group from 6:30-8:30

9/12—JAMS from 6:00-7:00

9/14-9/15—Confirmation Lock-in

9/16—Luther choir from 5:00-5:50

9/16—Crossroads Choir from 6:00-6:30

9/16—Crossroads Youth Group from 6:30-8:30

9/21—Family Movie night at 6:00

9/23—Luther Choir from 5:00-5:50

9/23—Crossroads Choir from 6:00-6:30

9/23—Crossroads Youth Group from 6:30-8:30

9/26—JAMS 6:00-7:00

9/30—Luther Choir from 5:00-5:50

9/30—Crossroads Choir from 6:00-6:30

9/30—Crossroads Choir from 6:30-8:30

## Back to School Bash

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
after 10:30 Service!

There will be a catered lunch, bouncy houses, and games!

## Jesus And Me Sessions:

(Previously known as the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth group) will start back up Wed. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>!

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Every Sunday during the 10:25 Service!  
This is for any child in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger!  
The kids will leave before the first lesson and will promptly return during the hymn after the sermon!  
**We look forward to having your kids join us!**

Also, please contact Megan if you are interested in helping out!! [megan@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:megan@lutheranchapelchurch.org)