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#### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Newsletter articles** are due by the **15th** of each month. Articles received after the 15th will be included at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation!



**MISSION STATEMENT**: We at Lutheran Chapel Church are called by God to PROCLAIM Christ as Lord and Savior; to SEEK and INVITE the unchurched into the fellowship of faith; to SERVE God and to NURTURE one another's faith and spiritual growth by being a loving, caring and compassionate community of believers.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

- The church office is generally open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.
- There may be occasions when we are out of the office so, it's always a good idea to call ahead to see if any schedules have been changed.
- Pastor Comer's day off is Friday of each week.

The Rev. Michael C. Comer

Administrative Assistant: Claudia Zibell

Director Youth & Family Ministry: Amy Carpenter/Interim

> Council President: Beth Swindler

WELCA Executive Board LCC: President—Pam Overcash

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Communion and Friendship with God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

Loving with all the heart The heart is the center of personhood and will. In Jesus, the love of God for me is made known, and His will to save me is made known on the Cross. What is the focus of my will? How will I love God today?

Loving with all the soul The soul is our breath and being. The Holy Spirit is given to us in our baptism that we may belong to Him and abide with Him. What is the focus of my soul? How will I abide in Him today breath by breath, aware of Him in me and in the midst of His people?

Loving with all the mind The mind is our awareness and understanding. In Jesus, the Word of God is given that we may grow in understanding "thy Word is lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" (re: Psalm 119:105). What is God's Word saying to me? Hearing the gift of His Word, how will I now

Pastor:

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live?

e	Loving with all strength The strength is our energy and power to act. God gave strength to David to slay Goliath, and God gave the drive to Paul to share the Gospel with the Gentiles. What is the focus of my strength? What will I do now to glorify God?
	<i>Warning</i> : As you explore your friendship with God, beware that you do not make up a god or put god in a box to fit your own ideas. Remember Aaron, the first high priest, made the golden calf and he did this to please people (re: Exodus 32). God is free to act and will surprise you. Be still and know the LORD!
	Put God: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit first in September. Actually put God first always, right?
g	Peace in Christ, Pastor Michael
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# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—SEPTEMBER 2019**

	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 8	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 29
Acolyte Torch Bearer Torch Bearer	Harry Swindler	Elliott Anthony	Will Clark	Bram Comer	Ethan Lineberger
Bible Bearer Crucifer Banner Bearer	Mason Swindler	Ben Carpenter	Nolan Romero	Ryan Thornburg	Sarah Jamison
Sunday	Beth	Ken	Mark	Jim	Ken
Lector	Swindler	Obenauf	Goedl	Sloop	Lentz
Assistant	Josh	Mark	Baker	Chris	Nancy
Minister	Carpenter	Thornburg	Sanders	Lowe	Witman
Communion Assistants	Lucinda Thornburg Debra Hoffman	+	Judy Anton Suzie Ward	-	-
Communion Presenters	Katherine Sanders Jason Sanders	-	Gail Brown Ann Edwards	-	-
Altar	Ruby Cook	Ruby Cook	Ruby Cook	Ruby Cook	Ruby Cook
Guild	Janie Peak	Janie Peak	Janie Peak	Janie Peak	Janie Peak
Ushers	Clayton Lewis	Clayton Lewis	Clayton Lewis	Clayton Lewis	Clayton Lewis
	Leon Moretz	Leon Moretz	Leon Moretz	Leon Moretz	Leon Moretz
	Scott Robinson	Scott Robinson	Scott Robinson	Scott Robinson	Scott Robinson
Council	Amy Brown	Amy Brown	Amy Brown	Amy Brown	Amy Brown
Persons	Ken Obenauf	Ken Obenauf	Ken Obenauf	Ken Obenauf	Ken Obenauf
Helping	Beth	Beth	Beth	Beth	Beth
Hands	Swindler	Swindler	Swindler	Swindler	Swindler



**SEPTEMBER 2019** 

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	20	<b>27</b> 6:30 Confirmation Seminar (YR, FLC & KIT) (6:30—8:30 pm)	
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#### LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2019

The next scheduled Council meeting is on Sunday, September 8, 2019

at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. The Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- A motion unanimously passed to welcome David and Maria Mull, Christian and Bella, as members of Lutheran Chapel. The Mulls were formerly members of Lutheran Chapel prior to relocating out of state.
- A motion unanimously passed to welcome Keith and Teresa Yarbrough as members of Lutheran Chapel.
- A motion unanimously passed to welcome Frances Ford as a member of Lutheran Chapel.
- The Facilities Usage Committee reported the Community Bible Study will utilize facilities at Lutheran Chapel on Monday nights September through May for the Early Teen Bible Study group.
- Updates are needed in the former Scout Hut/New Prayer Ministry Facility to include window caulking, extermination and installation of a confidential prayer mailbox on campus.
- Updates are needed in the parsonage to combat humidity and flooding in the basement.
- A motion unanimously passed to hire Fortner Landscapes to install a catch system to address water issues outside of the Sanctuary.
- Amy Carpenter welcomed as Interim Youth and Family Ministries Director and provided a review of upcoming planned youth/family/OWLS events.
- Church-wide Fall Festival is planned for Sunday, September 29th in the picnic pavilion immediately following 10:30 worship. BBQ for lunch and bounce houses for kids.
- Digital Sign Committee has received multiple quotes and viewed multiple signs in the community. A recommendation is forthcoming at the September Council meeting.
- Revenues as comparted to expenses year to date through July 31, 2019 reflect a positive balance of \$23,000.
  (Please note-several one time/annual contributions have recently taken place and are reflected in current balance).

# LOVE OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS TO ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

The Love Offering for September will be the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Your donations will provide relief for people who live in extreme poverty around the world as well as the United States. Food, clean water, medicine, shelter and clothing are provided as they rebuild their lives. Contributions are used to break the cycle of chronic poverty and this is achieved when poor communities find solutions to their problems that are based on their own assets, resources and labor. Many projects address needs in communities through agricultural development, literacy, health care and job training. By assisting whole communities on the path toward development is the most effective way to combat hunger among children and families.

Your donations are used wisely by the ELCA and their partners, Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation. 72% are used for hunger relief and development around the world, 10% for domestic hunger relief and development, 11% for hunger education and advocacy—totaling 93% of our contributions going directly for hunger relief and developpment. Therefore, please prayerfully consider giving to our love offering this month and help to make a life saving difference!

Thank you, The Social Ministry Committee



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Carpenter	3
Ervin Hoffman	3
Bill Seabrook	3
Chris Lowe	4
Katherine Sanders	6
Mike Bell	7
Matt Hoffman	7
Ben Carpenter	
Amy Lloyd	8
Leigh Woody	
Amy Brown	
Caroline Comer	.11
Stuart Hester	.11
Blair Thornburg	.12
Sarah Catherine Davis	.15
Joe Veale	.16
Claudia Zibell	.17
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
Margaret Hovis	
Charlotte Elkin	.30
Ann Marie Lentz	.30

Happy Birthday to all listed above. If we have missed your Birthday, please let the office know so that we can enter it into the database.



# **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

B.T. & Pauline Bradley	7
Henry & Debra Hoffman	
Michael & Lynda Ellington	
Steve & Delana Clark	
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 Gail Brown
Esther Circle Program
Rebecca Circle Hostess Janie Peak
Rebecca Circle Program Trish Ratchford

# **ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

<u>September 1</u>—Given by Dan Lineberger (Gloria) in memory of their wedding anniversary.

**September 8**—Given by Steve and Delana Clark to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 48th anniversary.

**September 15**—Given by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz in honor of Zac's (22nd), Melissa's (25th) and Ann Marie's (30th) birthdays.

September 22—Given by Wanda Anthony

<u>September 29</u>—Alfred Lineberger (Kay) to the Glory of God and in remembrance of their wedding anniversary. Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

Please be sure to note on your check that it is for flowers for the Altar.





The 2019-2020 school year began on Monday, August 26th, 2019 at 8:30 am. Please contact Ms. Janet McKinney at (704-864 5136) with any questions or for registration forms.



# **CPR/AED TRAINING**

September Brotherhood Meeting (All Welcome!) Tuesday, September 10th with dinner at 5:30, training at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

We are excited to partner with the City of Gastonia Fire Department and Paramedics to offer CPR/AED (Defibrillator) training and certification for up to 40 Lutheran Chapel members at the September Brotherhood meeting on Tuesday, September 10th. This training will begin at 6:00 pm and last approximately 3 hours. There is no cost for the training except for a nominal charge per person if you would like to receive official documentation on certification. Brotherhood will offer dinner and have a brief meeting prior to training at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A love offering will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

If you are interested in participating in the CPR/AED training sign-up is first come, first serve for up to 40 people. Contact Katherine Sanders 704-616-8779 or

bakersanders@earthlink.net to sign up. No sign-up needed if you would just like to come for dinner and fellowship with Brotherhood and participants.

# **NEW PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM MISSION STATEMENT**

There is a new Ministry here at Lutheran Chapel—The Prayer Ministry Team. Listed below is the Mission statement for this new Ministrv.

We are called by God through prayer and meditation to SURRENDER ourselves to God's wondrous Love, Power and Way of Life that we may live in His presence every day; SEARCH for guidance through The Living Word; HUMBLE ourselves to God's will for our church and the world; and ASK for the courage to boldly carry it out; CONFESS and SEEK forgiveness for our sins: and **GLORIFY** His name through daily praise and worship. The mission of the Prayer Ministry Team at Lutheran Chapel is to encourage and provide opportunities for our church and community to strengthen our prayer lives and to grow spiritually so that we may better seek God's will for our church and the world and to glorify His name.

Our goal for this Ministry is that all would experience the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and fostering a more intimate relationship with God. We want to restart our Prayer Shawl Ministry, have Bible Study focusing on improving our Prayer life, and prayer vigils at special times. We are looking for Prayer Warriors who will spend time each week praying for all the needs and requests of the Church.

We are open to any and all ideas that can help in our prayer life (Bible bookmarks, monthly parents prayer program, etc.). We want to gather for prayer and review resources/ideas to help meet the praver needs of the church. Would you join us in this mission as we work together to experience the power of prayer?

(James 5:16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Please contact Katherine or Johnny as listed below.

Katherine and Jonathan Carpenter katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com, 704-214-2493 johnnycarpenter@yahoo.com. 704-575-9901

Email, text, or call anytime, DD please leave VM if no answer.









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 Petty** 811 Ashbrook Park Road Dallas, NC 28034

**Betty Hicks** Woodlawn Haven



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QUET

The WELCA sponsored "Over 60 Banquet" is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars to join us for delicious food, great entertainment and fun fellowship!

# **PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

301 Craig Street Room #A-9 Mt. Holly, NC 28120

**Betty Klimek** 2993 Ban Balin Drive Rock Hill, SC 29732

Helen McCarter **ARP** Manor 2900 Union Road Apt. 114 Gastonia. NC 28054





# **OWLS**

Anyone who considers themselves an older. wiser Lutheran is welcome to come enjoy dinner at Cracker Barrel at 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 12. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Tuesday, September 10th. Since the Cracker Barrel parking lot is so small, it may be a good idea to carpool with a friend! Hope to see you there!



(amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org or 704-460-8984).

# **COLLEGE STUDENT TREATS**

As we move into fall the Women of the ELCA will be collecting treats for Halloween treat boxes for our college students. Examples of items for our treat boxes: cheese crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, Pop Tarts, individually wrapped candy, etc. We plan to mail the treat boxes on Wednesday. October 23rd. There will be a box outside the church office for your donations. Your help is very much appreciated.



# PARENTS OF COLLEGE **STUDENTS**

Parents please make sure the church office has the correct mailing address for your college student. We want to include everyone and it is necessary to have the correct/ updated address. Thank you

for your help.

# Dear Church family,

I write to you with a joyful heart. I am honored to accept the position of interim Youth and Family Ministries Director. Over the span of my 26year membership here at Lutheran Chapel, this church family has helped mold me into the person I am today and has helped nurture my faith in Christ.

My goal this year with the youth and families is to help instill a sense of community in our church through fellowship and stewardship. I have many activities planned that will help foster our sense of community with each other and help make our relationship with Christ a priority.

Thank you for the privilege of serving in this role. The decision to become the interim Youth and Family Ministries leader is not one I take lightly. I feel I have truly been called by God to help grow the community here at Lutheran Chapel. I am excited to nurture the relationships our youth have with God and with each other, and also to invest my time in building the community of Lutheran Chapel. Sincerely,

Amy Carpenter

Interim Youth and Family Ministries Director

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank our congregational family for their generous donations to help supply children in our area with school supplies. The final total given was \$857. We were able to purchase 12 backpacks, 35 earbuds, 4,600 pencils, 260 folders, 12 pencil boxes, 47 pencil pouches, 60 bound composition notebooks, 500 spiral composition notebooks, 1 case of notebook paper, 1,500 pencil cap erasers, and Clorox wipes. The supplies and backpacks were given to Woodhill Elementary School and with the help of school counselors, social workers, principals and teachers, children in need received a backpack or needed supplies. We pray that this gave each child the same opportunity as other children to begin the school year prepared and proud of their new backpack and supplies. This could be the encouragement they need to jumpstart a successful and fun school year. We know this will make a difference in the lives of these children and we are so grateful for your love and support.

Thank you again for all that you do for our community and for families in need!



LC SPROUTS MINISTRIES: All elementary children (1st—5th grade) are invited to our first meeting on **Wednesday**, **September 4th** from 6:00—7:00 pm in the elementary Sunday school classroom.

**ROOTED IN CHRIST MINISTRIES:** All youth (6th—12th grade) are invited to our first meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 5:00 pm in the Youth Room. Devotions and an activity will be from 5–6 pm followed by Crossroads Choir/open gym from 6—6:30 pm. A Light super will be provided at 6:30 pm. Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact Amy Carpenter at 704-460-8984 or amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org with any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: The Jamison family has graciously invited the middle and high school youth and their families to a cookout at their home on **Sunday, September 15th** from 1:30—4:30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship for our youth and a great way to kick off the new church year! Their address is 205 Quiet Waters Road, Belmont, NC 28013. Hope to see all the youth and their families there.

**YOUTH PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** After the middle and high school youth group meets from 5-6 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday nights, we are in need of youth parent volunteers to supervise open gym and dinner from 6-7 pm. Please contact Amy Carpenter at 704-460-8984 or amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

**CONFIRMATION SEMINAR:** Our first confirmation seminar, for students in 6th—8th grade, will be on Friday, September 27th from 6:30—8:30 pm in the Youth Room. A light supper will be provided. Please contact Pastor Comer with any questions (Michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org or 704-864-6491).

- September 8—New Sunday School Season Begins

September 8—Roots (Middle and High School) Youth Group from 5—6 pm in the Youth Room/open gym at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

- Jamison home, 1:30-4:30 pm.

Classroom.

- gym at 6pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.
- open gym at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

# SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4—Sprouts (1st—5th grade) Youth Group 6—7 pm in Elementary Sunday School Class.

September 15—Roots (Middle and high School, 6th—12 graders) Youth Group Cookout at the

September 18—Sprouts (Elementary) Youth Group 6—7 pm in the Elementary Sunday School

September 22—Roots (Middle and High School) Youth Group 5—6 pm in the Youth Room, open

September 29—Roots (Middle and High School) Youth Group from 5—6 pm in the Youth Room,

#### Dear Parents.

#### CHOIR START DATES

It's that time of year when youth ministries and choir season starts. As we start our different organizations we have new opportunities to help our children develop their precious gifts. For Lutheran Chapel the beginning of this fall brings extra excitement as we anticipate special events and services.

My foremost goal is to help the children and youth develop their spiritual and musical gifts. To assist them in doing so, I assure you and your children my best efforts. Parents please understand that you are needed in the effort as well.

The **Cherub Choir** will continue to meet as part of the Sunday school opening. We will start at 9:20 am and finish by 9:40 am so that the children my attend their Sunday school class. We ill be using the Fellowship Hall for choir. This choir will start back on **September 8th. Please join us for choir and for Sunday school.** 

The **Luther Choir** (grades 2—5) will start back on **September 8th.** Our choir time will go from 5:00 pm— 6:00 pm, and we will practice downstairs in the choir room.

The **Crossroads Choir** (grades 6—12) will start back on **September 8th.** Our choir time will go from 6:00 pm —6:30 pm. Mrs. Amy will send out times for her youth activities, but there will be no conflicts with our schedules. We have some wonderfully talented youth and I would love to see the choir room full!

As our groups grow and change, I will make every effort to meet the needs of the youth. I thank you for the wonderful support that you have given in the past, and I look forward to another great year of worship, music and fun. I hope that I can count on your children to be a part of this wonderful experience. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or email me.

I will be sending out a singing schedule soon.

Thanks! Your in Christ, Jeanette Myers (Mrs. M.) 704-864-6231 (H) 704-860-5757 (C) chapelvoices@msn.com



# <u>OWLS</u>

A Remind 101 account has been created for the OWLS group. This app will allow activity and outings updates to be sent to your phone. To be added to this app, text @hfcage to the number 81010. This will automatically add you to the group. For any questions or assistance, please contact Amy Carpenter at

amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org or see her before or after church.



# SAVE THE DATE!

The Fall Work Day for the church grounds has been scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd, starting at 9:00 am and finishing up at 12:00 noon. Please mark your calendars now and plan to help clean up the church property before winter. More information to follow.



# **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 4th I will offer an "Introduction to Hand Bells" class for anyone interested in learning or refreshing techniques in ringing the bells. We will practice for one hour starting at 6:30 pm in the basement of the church. We usually ring five or six times during the months of September—May. If you have the desire to ring and can rehearse on Wednesday nights, and 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. Former ringers are invited to rejoin us too!

**The Chapel Voices Choir** also rehearses on Wednesday nights starting at 7:30 pm. 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 pm. 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 and contact us if you have any questions.

Roger and Jeanette Myers chapelvoices@mns.com

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# **REBECCA CIRCLE**

The Rebecca Circle will meet on Monday, September 9th at 6:00 pm at the home of Janie Peak with co-host, Trish Ratchford.

We will be serving a light supper.

Our program will be presented by Mollie Weakland, Outreach Specialist for the Cathy M. Cloninger Center/ Domestic Violence Shelter.

The shelter is always in need of the following items: Sheets, towels, personal toiletries, and diapers. If you would please bring any of those items listed, they would be graciously appreciated. Donations of money would be gladly accepted as well.

# **LEAVING**

Claudia Zibell has served at Lutheran Chapel for eight years as our parish administrative assistant. Her professionalism and heart for the ministries of the church have been a blessing for many. Claudia has made the difficult decision to resign her position, effective September 30. A reception in her honor will be held on Sunday, September 22, following the 10:30 worship service.

If you have any referrals for this position, please forward to Beth Swindler bsswindler@yahoo.com.



