

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



11:45 am Outreach Team Meeting (Conference Room)
5:00 pm Council Meeting (Conference Room)
5:00 pm Luther Choir Starts
5:00 pm Rooted in Christ with Amy (Youth Room)
6:00 pm Crossroads Choir Starts
6:00 pm Open Gym time with Amy
6:00 pm Chancel Choir
6:30 pm Youth Dinner with Amy (Fellowship Hall & Youth Room)
8:00 pm Faith Group (AA) (Fellowship Hall)

Mon-9 8:30 am Preschool
9:00 am Dirty Collar Workers
10:00 am **Esther Circle (Conference Room)**
5:00 pm **Executive Council Meeting (Conference Room)**
7:00 pm **Rebecca Circle**

Tue-10 8:30 am Preschool
10:30 am Clothing Closet Work Day (Parsonage)
5:30 pm **Brotherhood Dinner & Meeting (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)**
6:00 pm **CPR/AED Training (Family Life Center)**
7:00 pm **Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)**

Wed-11 8:30 am Preschool
6:30 pm **Hand Bells Start Back**
7:00 pm **Sign Committee Meeting (Conference Room)**
7:30 pm **Chapel Voices**

Thur-12 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Ministry
5:30 pm **OWLS Dinner at Cracker Barrel**

BOLD means not a weekly event or a change of some importance

**LUKE
33**

14:25—

“CARRYING THE CROSS”

**Heavenly Father, strengthen us to choose the way of
life, taking up the cross and following Christ to the end.**

**13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

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SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER FROM WITH ONE VOICE

GATHER

*Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.
BOLD indicates congregational responses.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH NEWS

GREETING

WOV pg. 46

P: The Word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ.

HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(prayed together)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: Direct us, O God, in all our doings with Your continual help, that in all our works, begin, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name; and

PARISH LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Kathy Finch, Jerry Fogle, Ken Lentz, Cathy Lloyd, Betty Petty, and Bill Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Jeff Coffey, Amelia Edwards, Heath Hasket, Hannah Wilson, Michael Hobbs, Travis Hogue, Pam Myers, Harry Nicholson, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Mary Ann Sheridan, Sharon Slessman, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 37: SEPTEMBER 8, 2019—SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Sun-8 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 1—Evening Reading: Proverbs 3, 4, 5
Mon-9 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 2—Evening Reading: Proverbs 6, 7
Tue-10 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 3—Evening Reading: Proverbs 8, 9
Wed-11 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 4—Evening Reading: Proverbs 10, 11, 12
Thur-12 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 5—Evening Reading: Proverbs 13, 14, 15
Fri-13 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 6—Evening Reading: Proverbs 16, 17, 18
Sat-14 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 7—Evening Reading: Proverbs 19, 20, 21
Sun-15 Morning Reading: 2 Corinthians 8—Evening Reading: Proverbs 22, 23, 24

Song of Praise

"Amazing Grace"

ELW #779

Next Sundays Lessons for September 15, 2019

8:30 Early Service: John 19:16—30 *"The Cross of Jesus"*

10:30 Service: Luke 15:1—10 *"Lost and Found"*


This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

Sun-8 8:30 am Early Service (Communion) (Memorial Chapel)
9:00 am Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
9:15 am Opening for Children's Sunday School Class
(Fellowship Hall)
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Announcements and Late Service (Sanctuary)



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finally, by Your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(pass prayer cards to the ushers)

ANTHEM

"Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said"

CHAPEL VOICES

Hesperian Harp, 1848 W. Hauser

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 31:15—20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in His ways, and observing His commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying Him, and holding fast to Him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Wayne L. Wold

CONFIRMATION SEMINAR: Our first confirmation seminar, for students in 6th—8th grade, will be on **Friday, September 27** from 6:30—8:30 pm in the Youth Room. A light supper will be provided. Please contact Pastor Comer with any questions.

FALL FESTIVAL: Please join Christian Ed on **Sunday, September 29th** for food, and fellowship at our Fall Festival immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. We will be providing BBQ, hot dogs and all the fixin's. We are asking church members to bring a dessert to share. There will be bounce houses, corn ole and more!

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

NEW MINISTRY: There is a new Ministry here at Lutheran Chapel—The Prayer Ministry Team. 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 prayer needs of the church. Would you join us in this mission as we work together to experience the power of prayer? Please contact Kathy Carpenter for meeting details—see you each **Thursday at 10:00 am**. (Kathy 704-214-2493 or email her at katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com).

NEW DIRECTORY CHANGES: Please change Johnny Carpenters email address to (johnnycarpenter@yahoo.com)

REMINDER: If you unlock a door at the church please remember to **lock** it. We have been coming in, in the mornings and finding doors unlocked when we know they were locked the day before. Thank you.

JUST A REMINDER: If you do not wish to take your bulletin home please put it in the recycle bins when exiting the church. Thank you.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD (Psalm 1:2). A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "*Our Daily Bread*" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-

THE SECOND LESSON

PHILEMON 1—21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing

6:30 pm. A light dinner will be provided at 6:30 pm. Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact Amy Carpenter at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org with any questions.

CPR/AED TRAINING: September Brotherhood Meeting (all welcome!), **Tuesday, September 10th** at 5:30pm, 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 10th 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 but 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 (bakersanders@earthlink.net or 704-616-8779) to sign-up. No sign-up needed if you would just like to come for dinner and fellowship with Brotherhood and participants.

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!

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!

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 amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org if you are willing to help.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, FROM 10:00 am—2:00 pm: If you know of anyone in need of clothing please let them know.

RECEPTION: 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 30th. 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.

of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: The Word of the Lord.


C: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 1:1, Luke 24:32

WOV pg. 48





Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 14:25—33

Response after the announcement.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow Him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and He turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be My disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Carrying the Cross”

Can You Be a Disciple of Jesus?

and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

WOV pg. 53

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW #803

***THE DISMISSAL—LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN by Delana and Steve Clark to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

THOSE WHO SERVE AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel Church
Pastor (P).....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Claudia Zibell
Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry.....	Amy Carpenter
Nursery Attendant.....	Charlie Jones
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Music Director.....	Roger Myers
Music Director.....	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte.....	Elliott Anthony
Crucifer.....	Ben Carpenter
Assistant Minister (AM).....	
Lector.....	Ken Obenauf
Ushers.....	Clayton Lewis, Leon Moretz, Scott Robinson
Council Members.....	Amy Brown & Ken Obenauf
Altar Guild.....	Ruby Cook & Janie Peak
Helping Hands.....	Beth Swindler

PARISH NEWS

ROOTED IN CHRIST MINISTRIES: All youth (6th—12th grade) are invited to our first meeting **TODAY, 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—

C: blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1—4

AM: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to Your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share Your good news with a world in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: Assured by Your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before Your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. .

C: Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Matthew 6:9—13

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,**

Leave All Things and You Will Find All Things in Christ

Invitation to Christ, the Fullness of Life

THE LAW is an aspect of God's Word that shows sin and brokenness: Is Jesus first in my life? How much stuff do I really Need?

THE GOSPEL is an aspect of God's Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus invites us to discipleship and gives us the blessings and opportunity to manage the blessings day by day.

FOR DISCIPLESHIP—Learning of and from Jesus: Clean our your stuff. What do I still need? What needs to be given away?. What is your take away for your walk with Christ?

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW #798

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WOV pg. 49

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

AM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

AM: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22—24: Ephesians 4:1—3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7—8

ANTHEM

"The Old Rugged Cross"

CHANCEL CHOIR

arr. Vicki Wright.

*CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Psalm 51

ELW #186

