

Lutheran Chapel Church
702 N. New Hope Road
Gastonia, NC 28054

Office Phone: 704-864-6491

Pastor Michael Comer

Michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org

Cell: 704-787-6439

Kim Rundzieher

Administrative Assistant

churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org

Cell: 908-894-8999

Amy Carpenter

Interim Youth & Family Ministries Director

amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org

Cell: 704-460-8984

Janet McKinney: Preschool Director

Phone: 704-864-5136

Website: lutheranchapelchurch.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lccgastonia

JANUARY 2020

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.

Pastor:
The Rev. Michael C. Comer

Administrative Assistant:
Kim Rundzieher

Director Youth & Family Ministry:
Amy Carpenter, Interim

Council President:
Sherrie Angstadt

Please use your assigned envelopes or an envelope in the pew rack (be sure to include your name and amount) for your donation. Using envelopes help us with the process of counting and recording monies. Thanks you your help!

Help us keep our buildings secure. Please be sure to lock the doors after your group has used the building. Doors have to be pushed to be certain locks engage. If locks are opened by a key, a key must lock them again. Thank You!

Non Profit Organization

US postage Paid

Gastonia, NC

Permit #232



Chapel News

A Publication of Lutheran Chapel Church

702 N. New Hope Road

Gastonia, NC 28054

Pastor Michael C. Comer

Office: (704) 864-6491

www.lutheranchapelchurch.org

churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org

JANUARY 2020

On Weekly Communion: 2020 and the Gift of Time

Remember, I AM with you always to the end of the age - Matthew 28:20

This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me - 1 Corinthians 11:24

These are holy and powerful promises of our Lord Jesus given to you and me. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit we are baptized, marked with the cross of Christ and grow in the awareness of His Presence in us, among His Church, in His Word, and in the bread and the wine. Life is a journey and God is with us (Emmanuel!) sustaining us heartbeat by heartbeat and growing us grace upon grace (John 1:16).

The start of a new year is a good time to think on the gift of time and God's constant giving. Morning and evening, day by day, are times for prayer along the way, right? Breakfast, lunch, dinner and a snack will keep us on the right track so we pray God is great and God is good, let us thank Him for our food, right? There is an obedience in remembering what Jesus has done for us Sunday by Sunday. There is a joy in receiving this gift of Communion week by week that we may be forgiven and strengthened and abide in Him and He in us (John 6:56).

I hope you enjoy each day God gives (Psalm 118:24). I hope you eat right. I hope you exercise. I hope your business and work goes well. I hope friendships and family flourish. Most of all in 2020, I hope you will receive Holy Communion weekly and grow closer and closer in your walk with Jesus Christ.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



**LUTHERAN CHAPEL
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2019**

The council made decisions and discussed the following:

- Retiring council members James Hovis, Dan Lineberger, Ken Obenauf and Ed Robinson thanked for their service to the church.
- New council members Matt Hoffman, Steve Laws, Rick Peak, Mark Thornburg welcomed to council and thanked for their willingness to serve.
- Motions unanimously passed electing council officers for 2020 as follows:
 - o Treasurer – Ed Robinson
 - o Secretary – Katherine Sanders
 - o Financial Secretary – Johnny Carpenter
 - o Vice President – Steve Laws
 - o President – Sherrie Angstadt
 - o Past President – Beth Swindler
- A motion unanimously passed to hire Carolina Landscaping to pave the walkway between the parking lot and pavilion area.
- A motion unanimously passed for council to approve proceeding with electronic sign and introduce to congregation for final vote as well as funding option discussions.
- Sanctuary bell repairs and installation planned just before Christmas.
- Committees reviewed successful ministry activities and events during the months of November and December as well as planning for 2020.
- Revenues as compared to expenses year to date through November 30, 2019 reflect a positive balance of \$22,916.39.

The next scheduled council meeting is Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 5:00pm in the conference room.

**JANUARY LOVE OFFERING ~
CANCER SERVICES**

Our Love Offerings for the month of January will be given to Cancer Services of Gaston County. This agency has an active presence in our community. Cancer Services provides education about cancer prevention and detection, assists cancer patients, and funds cancer research. The mission of Cancer Services is to serve the community by actively promoting healthy lifestyles and to provide support and services needed by people living with cancer. They provide cancer patients with limited financial and medication assistance and medical equipment is loaned free of charge. Also, they provide nutritional supplements, wigs, diapers, bedpads, etc. to cancer patients. Educational programs and free cancer screening clinics are provided to promote public awareness of cancer. Contributions are also made to cancer research to find a cure for this disease.

Everyone is personally affected by cancer at some time in their life. By supporting agencies such as Cancer Services, you are helping people who are suffering with this disease. Your donation can help make a difference in their battle against cancer.

Thank you,
The Social Ministry Committee



FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Lutheran Chapel Church,

Thank you for sharing Thanksgiving with our family. Your gift helped make our holiday merry and bright. ~Much love from a Family at Belmont Central

To Lutheran Chapel Church:

Thank you so much for donating Thanksgiving meals to our families at Chapel Grove Elementary School. It was truly a blessing for so many of our students. We are so thankful that your church reached out to help our community. I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. I am grateful how easy it was for us to get everything taken care of because of all the hard work you put into this.

Sincerely, *Jenny Hoyle, School Social Worker*

Thank you for the Thanksgiving Blessing Bags! We appreciate you thinking of our students' families! *Lots of love from the Chapel Grove Staff*

Dear Lutheran Chapel Family,

We would like to thank you for your kindness shown to us during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We greatly appreciate the monetary gift, fruit basket, cards and other gifts received. We are grateful for your love and support given to the music ministry at Chapel.

Qui cantat bis orat

Soli Deo Gloria

Roger and Jeanette Myers

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the fruit basket and generous gift. I truly appreciate all of the love and support you have shown me these last few months as I continue to grow and develop in my role as Youth and Family Ministries Director. I am looking forward to the new year and all of the upcoming events planned for our congregation.

Love, *Amy*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards, fruit basket and staff gift during this holiday season.

Fifty years ago my First Grade Sunday School teacher put to my heart Psalm 100 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord – all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness – Come into his presence with singing." I use this as a guide to my worship and with leading you each Sunday in worship. Thank you for this opportunity.

May the Lord bless each of you during the new year.

Lisa

Dear Lutheran Chapel,

Thank you so much for the staff gift, fruit basket and other gifts received this Christmas season. Your generosity was unexpected but very much appreciated. I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your Administrative Assistant and even more grateful for the warmth, kindness and encouragement you all have shown me during the short time I've been working here. I wish you all a glorious new year and I look forward to meeting those of you whom I haven't met yet.

Peace, *Kim*

Monthly Newsletter Updates!

The *Communications Committee* is working with our Office Administrator, Kim Rundzieher, to provide an eNewsletter option for our monthly church newsletter. Currently, we only offer a printed version which mails to the congregation via postal service. The eNewsletter option would afford greater cost/time efficiency, design options and less environmental impact. More information to come via newsletter, weekly bulletins and temple talks as we work to offer this option to the congregation. (Please note – for members who would like an online option – the newsletter is posted to the church website monthly).



Girls NIGHT

Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on **Monday, January 27th** at 6 p.m. at *Terra Mia* in McAdenville. Please let her know if you are available to come by Monday, January 20th. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for your many gifts over the last couple months. During the Thanksgiving holidays, we as a church family made a real difference in the lives of many families. Your generosity is overwhelming. Along with the Thanksgiving meal bags that were donated and the money for hams provided, we also received enough money to shop and fill additional bags - making a total of 159 Thanksgiving meal bags. A note was placed in each bag with a Thanksgiving blessing. We were able to supply meal bags for 159 families at 15 schools in our community – what a blessing!

Also, thank you for your donation of 54 Christmas shoeboxes. Because of the delivery schedule for the boxes, this always comes at the same time we are filling our Thanksgiving meal bags. However, our church family finds the time and we are so grateful for your support. These boxes are delivered around the world to children in hopeless and desperate situations. These wonderful little boxes bring hope to these children as they receive the gifts you have chosen. The boxes are also packaged with children's literature, in their language, proclaiming Jesus Christ as God's greatest gift. What a wonderful way to share the Good News!

Our church family touches many lives through the gifts of ministries from the different committees in our church. Through these gifts, needs are met and hopefully the people know that they are loved and cared for. We pray that we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors as we share God's love and blessings - whether it be a Thanksgiving meal or a Christmas gift to a child.

Social Ministry Committee

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Christian Mull.....	1
Nathaniel White.....	2
Marion Rhyne.....	3
Robert Wonyetye.....	4
Anna Escobedo.....	5
Ralph Hale.....	6
Myra Weaver.....	10
Teresa Yarborough.....	10
Matthew Carpenter.....	13
Luke Hoffman.....	13
Megan Landers.....	13
Miles Carpenter.....	14
Mike Tamberella.....	15
Ken Obenauf.....	16
Bill Robinson.....	17
Tim Henderson.....	18
David Myers.....	24
Christine Andrews.....	25
Barry Martin.....	25
Darby Shaw Nigbor.....	29
Kirk Nigbor.....	29
Ann Edwards.....	30
Catherine McArver.....	30
Todd Carpenter.....	31



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Nancy Homovich.....	10
Susan Cooper & Leon Cox.....	19



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

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

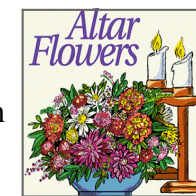
January 5 ~ Chrismon Trees

January 12 ~ Given by Faye Anne and Donald Boyette in memory of John Elliot and Mildred Hoffman.

January 19 ~ Given by Barbara and Carlton Peacock to the Glory of God.

January 26 ~ Given by Lucinda and Bob Thornburg to the Glory of God in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.
Please be sure to note Altar Flowers on the memo line of your check.



There are two weeks still available on the 2020 altar flower calendar: March 1 and November 22. If you'd like to sign up for one of these dates, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

2020 LCC Yearbook

It's time to prepare the 2020 Yearbook. All committee chairs, please email your respective reports by **January 24** to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



JANUARY 27

12PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us on Monday, January 27 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly **High Noon Lunch Bunch**. Bring a dish to share and join us for good food and fellowship.

All ages are invited...bring a friend!



JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER **Youth Groups & Youth Choirs**

Sunday, January 5th

⇒ Roots Youth Group: 5-6 pm ~ Open gym: 6-6:30 pm ~ Roots Meal: 6:30-7 pm

Wednesday, January 8th

⇒ Sprouts Youth Group: 6:00-7:00

Sunday, January 12th

⇒ Roots Youth Group: 5-6 pm ~ Open gym: 6-6:30 pm ~ Roots Meal: 6:30-7 pm

Sunday, January 19th

⇒ **NO YOUTH!**

Wednesday, January 22nd

⇒ Sprouts Youth Group: 6:00-7:00

Sunday, January 26th

⇒ Roots Youth Group: 5-6 pm ~ Open gym: 6-6:30 pm ~ Roots Meal: 6:30-7 pm

Youth Choirs Rehearsals:

January 5, 12, & 26 ~ Luther Choir @ 5pm / Crossroads Choir @ 6pm



Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

CIRCLE NEWS

Esther Circle will be meeting on Monday, January 6 at 10:00. Frances Ford will be the hostess and Pat Lindler will run the program.

Rebecca Circle will gather at the *Olive Garden* on Cox Road in Gastonia on January 6 at 6pm.

Reminder...



The Women of the Church will be **collecting treats** to send to our college students for Valentines Day. A box will be available outside the church office to put your donations in. Thank you!



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

Elmcroft
500 Cramer Mountain
D14
Cramerton, NC 28032

Betty Hicks

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

Betty Klimek

Brookdale
3050 Chesbrough Blvd.
Rm 510
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Helen McCarter

ARP Manor
2900 Union Road
Apt. 114
Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Petty

811 Ashbrook Park Road
Dallas, NC 28034



OWLS

Any older and wiser member, please join us for food and fellowship at *The Captain's Cap* at 5 pm on **Friday, January 17th**. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, January 14th if you can attend.



LADIES NIGHT CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Reflections

At our Ladies Night Celebration we had the opportunity to listen to the Cantamos Choir. They are a dedicated group of musicians who have sung before over 10,000 people in four states and have appeared at the Biltmore House several times at Christmas. While I listened to them perform for us, I couldn't help but let human nature kick in and I found myself comparing them to our choir. It reinforced what I already knew, that we are *blessed with an excellent music program at Lutheran Chapel*. This has been brought about by the strongest dedication for beautiful music by our music directors, Roger and Jeanette. I'm also very thankful for the musical talent of Lisa who plays our organ and piano.

I think about the many dedicated musicians in our church and all the time they put in to bring us beautiful music weekly at our church. Whether you are in the Chancel Choir, Chapel Voices, youth choirs, handbells, or brass, please know we appreciate all you do to bring beauty to our worship service.

Fred Ward



Weekly Worship Assistants ~ JANUARY 2020


	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26
Acolyte	Bram Comer	Ethan Lineberger	Lillian Robinson	Olivia Berghello
Crucifer	Ben Carpenter	Mary Scott Robinson	Kaitlyn Anthony	Alex Berghello
Banner Bearer				
Torch Bearers				
Lector	Mark Goedl	Steve Laws	Janie Peak	Katherine Sanders
Assistant Minister	Nancy Witman	Chris Lowe	Mark Thornburg	Josh Carpenter
Communion Assistants	Kathy Carpenter Ed Robinson		Janie Peak Rick Peak	
Communion Presenters	Gail Brown Sara Carpenter		Nancy Hoffman Ervin Hoffman	

Monthly Worship Assistants ~ JANUARY 2020

Ushers	Altar Guild	Helping Hands	Council Members	Finance Assistant
Chris Clark Katherine Sanders Steve Bell	Suzie Ward Judy Anton	Wendy Robinson	Chris Clark Katherine Sanders	Ervin Hoffman

If you know you will be unavailable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 5:00 Luther Choir 5:00 Roots 6:00 Open Gym 6:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Roots Meal 8:00 Faith Group	 6 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 10:00 Esther Circle 6:00 Rebecca Circle	7 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day	1 New Year's Day <i>Office Closed</i>	2 10:00 Prayer Ministry	3	4
12 11:45 Outreach Comm. 5:00 Church Council Mtg 5:00 Luther Choir 5:00 Roots 6:00 Open Gym 6:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Roots Meal 8:00 Faith Group	13 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 6:30 Via de Cristo Mtg.	14 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 6:00 Brotherhood Mtg. 7:00 Cantamos Choir	8 8:30 Pre-School 6:00 Sprouts	9 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry	10 4:00 Private Event Set-up (FLC/Kit)	11 Private Event (FLC/Kit)
19 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group NO YOUTH	20 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	21 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 7:00 Worship Team	15 8:30 Pre-School 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chapel Voices Newsletter articles due!	16 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry	17 5:00 OWLS – Captain's Cap	18 10:00 Clothing Closet Open to Public
26 5:00 Luther Choir 5:00 Roots 6:00 Open Gym 6:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:30 Roots Meal 8:00 Faith Group	27 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty CollarWorkers 6:00 Girls' Night – Terra Mia	28 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 7:00 Cantamos Choir	22 8:30 Pre-School 6:00 Sprouts 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chapel Voices	23 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry	24 6:30 Confirmation Deadline for 2020 Yearbook Submissions	25