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**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.

## On Weekly Communion: Food for the Journey

*They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and the fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers – Acts 2:42*

*I AM the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh...Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abide in Me and I in him – John 6:51, 56*

Holy Communion is the real Presence of Jesus coming to His people in, with, and under bread and wine. Throughout the holy Christian Church this is called many things – Anglicans call this the Eucharist, Roman Catholics call this the Mass, Protestants call this the Lord's Supper, Lutherans have called this the Divine Service or simply the Service. It is Gottesdienst in German which points us to a key insight. This is not our service to the LORD. This is the LORD's Service to us giving His Word and Sacrament to His people gathered together.

Why do Christians dare call bread and wine His body and blood? Jesus said so. In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus did this! What exactly did Jesus do in the midst of betrayal? He loved His own to the end (John 13:1) and fed them. What do you do when you are betrayed? Do you remember the death of Jesus for your sins – the costly grace of His cross? Or, is my focus on many, many, other things than His sacrificial love? Do you see the real Presence of Jesus in, with, and under this bread and wine where two or three gather in His Name?

Why is Holy Communion important? Why is this the central Service in so many parts of the Christian Church? This is food for the journey, food for our souls – taste and see the LORD is good Sunday by Sunday.

Peace in Christ,  
**Pastor Michael**



*Holy Communion*

**LUTHERAN CHAPEL  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2020**

- The council made decisions and discussed the following:
- Roots and Sprouts Youth Groups will participate in a Souper Bowl of Caring “competition on the lawn” Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following the 10:30 service with a goal of \$1,000 to benefit CAM and Salvation Army.
  - Request presented to upgrade church office copier for folding/stapling option. Council agreed to this consideration and asked for Office Administrator Kim Rundzieher to research options including enhancement to existing machine or new machine.
  - Pastor provided a review of 2020 attendance of Sunday school and worship services
  - Congregational letter will be mailed to announce congregational meeting Sunday, February 9, 2020 during the 10:30 service to discuss and vote on electronic sign. Letter will include details on Q&A session offered prior to vote and visual of proposed sign.
  - A motion unanimously passed to offer items in Scout trailer to Lutheran Chapel members and/or friends for purchase. Following sale of items trailer will be made available for purchase.
  - Council representatives assigned/renewed for standing church committees.
  - Council reviewed 2020 benevolence, general fund and maintenance pledges. Overall increase of 11% in total commitments for 2020.
- Revenues as compared to expenses year to date through December 31, 2019 reflect a positive balance of \$36,726.64.
- The next scheduled council meeting is Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 5:00pm in the conference room.

**FEBRUARY LOVE OFFERING ~  
With Friends, Inc.  
Youth Crisis Shelter**

February’s love offering will be sent to With Friends Inc. – Youth Crisis Shelter. With Friends is a not-for-profit, comprehensive, community-based youth serving organization. A team of trained staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist youth and their families. Their mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people ages 7 – 21, who are homeless, in crisis, or at risk. With Friends provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, outreach services, skill building, spiritual enrichment, recreation, follow-up and referral services – all working to promote family involvement and working to reunite and strengthen families. The shelter has proven to be effective in preventing youth from ever entering the foster care system and juvenile justice system. Free services are available for youth in Gaston County as well as surrounding counties. Thanks to caring contributions, the shelter is able to provide services to many youth each year. Their dedicated and committed staff needs our help to continue to serve our troubled youth. We appreciate your help and donations to this organization.


Thank you,  
*The Social Ministry Committee*



**FEBRUARY 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 11:30 Souper Bowl of Caring Competition 8:00 Faith Group  <b>NO ROOTS</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 10:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Rebecca Circle	<b>4</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day	<b>5</b> 8:30 Pre-School 6:00 Sprouts 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>6</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Congregational Mtg.</b> 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	<b>10</b> 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 6:30 Via de Cristo Mtg.	<b>11</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 10:00 Crafters' Morning 6:00 Brotherhood Mtg. 7:00 Cantamos Choir	<b>12</b> 8:30 Pre-School 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>13</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry	<b>14</b> <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b> 	<b>15</b> 10:00 Clothing Closet Open to Public
<b>16</b> 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	<b>17</b> 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers <b>Newsletter articles due!</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 7:00 Worship Team	<b>19</b> 8:30 Pre-School 6:00 Sprouts 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Chapel Voices	<b>20</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry 5:00 OWLS @ Grits N Greens	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 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	<b>24</b> 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 12:00 Lunch Bunch 6:00 Ladies' Night @ Webb Custom Kitchen	<b>25</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 7:00 Cantamos Choir	<b>26</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 Pre-School 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Worship w/ Communion 8:00 Chapel Voices	<b>27</b> 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry	<b>28</b> 6:30 Confirmation	<b>29</b>

Weekly Worship Assistants ~ FEBRUARY 2020

	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 26 Ash Wednesday
Acolyte	Harry Swindler	Katelyn Baker	Ethan Lineberger	Nathan Lilly	
Crucifer	Kaitlyn Anthony	Noah Carpenter	Mary Scott Robinson	Morgan Lilly	
Banner Bearer Bible Bearer					
Torch Bearers					
Lector	Joy Henderson	Terry Ratchford	Ervin Hoffman	Trish Ratchford	
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash	Nancy Witman	Chris Lowe	Josh Carpenter	
Communion Assistants	Debra Hoffman Lucinda Thornburg		Jason Sanders Katherine Sanders		Ann Marie Lentz Baker Sanders
Communion Presenters	Fred Ward Suzie Ward		Debra Jamison Philip Jamison		Ma Bell Steve Bell

Monthly Worship Assistants ~ FEBRUARY 2020

Ushers	Altar Guild	Helping Hands	Council Members	Finance Assistant
David Lewis Dan Lineberger Rick Peak Don Boyette	Debra Hoffman Henry Hoffman	Katherine Sanders	Rick Peak Wendy Robinson	Scott Swindler

If you know you will be unavailable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and contact the church office. Thank you.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Corbin Brown .....	1
Wendy Robinson .....	1
Rachel Anthony .....	2
Jeff Stokes .....	5
Jessica Thornburg .....	5
Jason Lineberger.....	8
Mary Scott Robinson.....	9
Kay Robinson .....	10
Ron Behringer .....	11
David Mull .....	11
Frances Ford .....	13
James Hovis.....	13
Alexander Goedl.....	15
Wes Beam.....	17
Elyse Hoffman.....	22
Lynda Ellington .....	23
Vickie Beam .....	24
Katherine Heilig .....	26
Henry Hoffman.....	28



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Drew & Katie Carpenter.....	12
Ray, Jr. & Charlotte Jenkins.....	19
Robert & Kelly Andrews.....	17
Bob & Jenny Williamson .....	27
Wes & Vickie Beam.....	29



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

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY

**February 2** ~ Given by Josh & Amy Brown in honor of Corbin’s 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**February 9** ~ Given by Martin Stamm in loving memory of Jackie.

**February 16** ~ Given by Sara Carpenter to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Heavenor.

**February 23** ~ Given in memory of Othell Carpenter by her family.



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

Electronic Sign Update  
Congregational Meeting ~ 2/9

Following a temple talk in early December and further review during the Dec 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting, the Church Council would like to move forward to gain congregational approval for an electronic sign. *A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.* Representatives of the Electronic Sign Committee and the church council will be available for questions or concerns on Thursday, Feb 6, at 7:00pm in the conference room.

2020 LCC Yearbook

It’s time to prepare the 2020 Yearbook. All committee chairs, please bring your respective reports to the church office or email [churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org) as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!





## **FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Youth Groups & Youth Choirs**

#### **Sunday, February 2nd**

⇒ Roots and Sprouts Souper Bowl of Caring "Competition on the Lawn" immediately following 10:30 worship service. **NO ROOTS** in the evening!!!

#### **Wednesday, February 5th**

⇒ Sprouts Youth Group: 6:00-7:00

#### **Sunday, February 9th**

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

#### **Sunday, February 16th**

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

#### **Wednesday, February 19th**

⇒ Sprouts Youth Group: 6:00-7:00

#### **Sunday, February 23rd**

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

#### **Youth Choirs Rehearsals:**

February 9, 16, & 23 ~ Luther Choir @ 5pm / Crossroads Choir @ 6pm

## **Prayer Ministry Team Mission Statement**

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 of Lutheran Chapel Church is to encourage and provide opportunities for our church and community to strengthen our prayer lives and grow spiritually that we may better seek God's will for our church and the world and 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 have been working since last fall to turn the old Scout Hut into our new Prayer Ministry cottage. You are welcome to join us every Thursday at 10am as we pray together for our Church and our community.

The Prayer cards and Prayer lists are a vital part of our Ministry, and please remember that the more information you include the better we know how to pray. If possible specify if request is for healing, praise, spiritual warfare, etc. that we can pray more effectively. We would be particularly interested in getting contact names and information so we may keep in touch for updates and sending cards. We understand that there are prayer concerns that are confidential and as such would come through the Pastor. We will always keep these concerns confidential within the prayer team.

Would you join us in this mission as we work together to experience the power of prayer?

Katherine Carpenter, katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com, 704-214-2493

Ann Marie Lentz, xcelentz@bellsouth.net, 704-460-3699

Gail Brown, gail1239@carolina.rr.com, 704-860-5600

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

**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.*



Women  
of the  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
IN AMERICA

## **CIRCLE NEWS**

### **Meetings ~ February 3**

#### ***Esther Circle:***

Judy Anton, Hostess

Jeanette Myers, Program

#### ***Rebecca Circle:***

Suzie Ward, Hostess & Program

### **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!



## **FROM THE MAILBOX**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the fruit basket and generous gift I received this Christmas Season. I truly appreciate your generosity and your continued support. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I wish you all a wonderful new year.

Love in Christ, Janet

Dear Lutheran Chapel Congregation,

Thank you for the flowers, basket of fruit, visitations from church members during my stay at hospital and at home, photos of our church at Christmas, and visits from Pastor Comer. Thank you also from the bottom of my heart for the cards that were sent to my Uncle Charles during his stay on this earth. He really enjoyed reading those thoughtful cards.

All your thoughtfulness is a glowing example of Christian love, charity and compassion.

Once again, on behalf of me and my family, thank you so much!

Barbara Robinson



### 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).



### Women's Book Club

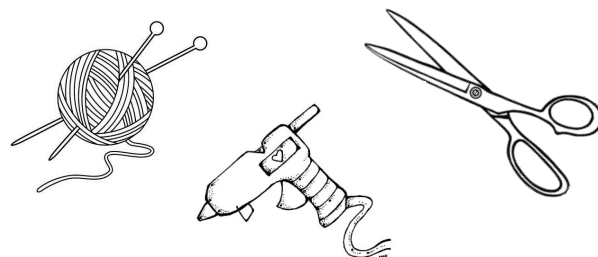
In the months of May and June we will study the life of Esther through two novels. The first biblical fiction novel, *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt tells an enhanced biblical tale of the life of Esther. The second historical fiction novel, *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin, recounts the story of Esther through a powerful retelling about the Holocaust.

All women of the church are welcome. If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.



### CRAFTERS' MORNING OUT

Extending an invitation to the women of the church to join us in a morning of fun and fellowship. Bring any hobby you might be working on; share your work with others. We are well aware that we have talented members of the church busy doing hobbies that others would love to see. Or bring only yourself and just join in the fellowship and a cup of coffee or tea. A few years ago, this activity proved to be a chance to mingle and get to know old and new members alike. The initial start up for this fellowship has been scheduled for **February 11** from 10-12. Drop in or stay the entire time. We will meet in the Youth Sunday School class. Plans will be made during this time as to making this a continuing monthly get together. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there. Don't miss this opportunity to share.



### PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**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

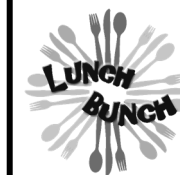
**Betty Petty**  
811 Ashbrook Park Road  
Dallas, NC 28034



### OWLS



Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at Grits N Greens at 5 pm on Thursday, **February 20th**. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, February 18th if you can attend.



**FEBRUARY 24 @ 12PM**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us on Monday, February 24 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!

*Girls*  
NIGHT

Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Monday, **February 24th** at 6 p.m. at Webb Custom Kitchen in downtown Gastonia. Please let her know if you are available to come by Friday, February 21st. Hope to see you there!

### Souper Bowl of Caring

The Sprouts and Roots Youth Groups will be participating in a "*competition on the lawn*" following the 10:30 church service on **February 2nd**. The groups are competing to raise \$1000 for Souper Bowl of Caring to help a charity in our community. The group with the most funds raised in their bowl will receive a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Party. Please help them support those in need!



### LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH MEN'S GROUP 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PINE NEEDLE SALE MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>



Again this year, the men of the church will be conducting our annual long leaf pine needle sale. With a lot of repeat customers and great volunteer help, we look forward to a successful sale. This year we will again be using the same North Carolina supplier offering NC (Pinehurst area) long leaf pine needles. These pine needles are hand raked and baled. They are also known for their higher rosin content, better color and longer life. After 10 years in a row of holding our same selling price of \$4.75, our supplier has increased our cost by \$0.25/bale. Therefore our selling price this year will be \$5.00/bale. We hope you understand. We will continue to deliver 12 or more bales free.

We appreciate your purchase in the past and wanted to let you know that we will be selling and delivering beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing through March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please complete the form enclosed in the church bulletin, call the church office @ 704-864-6491, or contact Fred Ward or Steve Clark.

Proceeds will be used to support our youth programs, youth mission trips, beautification of our church campus, and other ministries of our church. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Volunteer help to deliver pine needles would be most appreciated.