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Chapel News

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On Weekly Communion: The Words of Institution

The Words of Institution are found in Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-30, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-32. Do you think something repeated in God's Word four times might be important? Like the Ten Commandments or Lord's Prayer, these are crucially important Scriptures at the heart of the Holy Communion Service. Consider putting these words in your heart and, as an exercise during Lent, contemplate these questions.

In the night in which He was betrayed,

What did Jesus do when betrayed? What do you do when you are betrayed?

Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Are your eyes open to give thanks to God for the gift of life? For the gift of daily bread (blessings received each appointed day)? For the sacrificial love of Jesus given for you?

Take and eat; this is My Body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

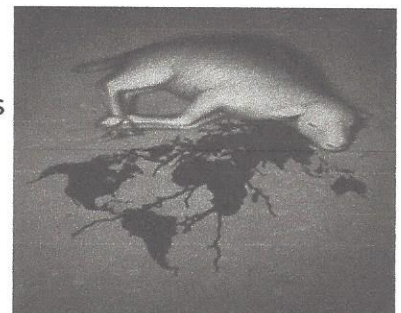
Do you remember the death of Jesus for your sins? The Real Presence of Jesus is in, with, and under this bread for you as two or three gather together in His Name – are you aware of His Presence in the Holy Communion for you and for us?

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the New Covenant in My Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Do you remember the blood of Jesus shed for you? Are you aware of your sins (re: the Ten Commandments are a mirror to show our sins) and do you take them to Jesus that you may be forgiven? Do you live in the new covenant (re: baptismal vows) each day given?

Jesus, Lamb of God, to which all the Passover lambs pointed, is given that you may be fed, forgiven and live in the Kingdom of God forever. Receive His Word and Sacrament throughout your journey of life week by week, now and forever. Let us grow closer to Him these days of Lent 2020.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



**LUTHERAN CHAPEL
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

The council made decisions and discussed the following:

- A motion unanimously passed to welcome Andy Watson and James Daves into membership at Lutheran Chapel.
- A motion unanimously passed to cover costs of approximately \$1,800 for 9-10 confirmands and adult chaperones Amy and Josh Carpenter to attend confirmation retreat 4/24/20 – 4/26/20.
- Council discussed feedback from congregational meeting earlier in the day during which congregation voted to move forward with proposed electronic sign in cavity of existing outdoor church sign. \$11,292.73 has been raised to date for this project.
- Souper Bowl of Caring competition between Roots and Sprouts raised \$1,600+ for CAM and Salvation Army.
- Youth Sunday is scheduled for 5/17.
- New members were voted on for the Memorial (Scott Swindler/Second term), Cemetery Endowment (Fred Ward/Second term), and Endowment (James Hovis, Ed Robinson/Second term) committees.
- Communications IT team has been asked to research replacement costs for church computers which are currently operating on Windows 7.
- Lenten services scheduled for Ash Wednesday 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1 at 7:00pm with meal provided at 5:30pm for handbells and congregation at 6:00pm.
- Holy Week services scheduled for Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm; Good Friday, 7:00pm; Easter Vigil 7:00pm; Sunrise Easter Service, 7:30am; and Easter Service 10:30am.
- Property committee task list discussed with initial focus on repairs to motion sensor lock on inside of front door to Educational building and future agenda item discussion for Chapel redesign/refresh.
- Revenues as compared to expenses year to date through January 31, 2020 reflect a negative balance of \$2,906.54.

The next scheduled council meeting is Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 5:00pm in the conference room.

MARCH LOVE OFFERING ~

***The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center -
A Domestic Violence Shelter***

Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center - A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Shelter operates under the direction of the Gaston County Department of Health and Human Resources and has been in operation since April, 1982. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to work on goals to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, and support group meetings for women and a children's programs. When the families leave, the staff wants them to be strong, hopeful for the future and know that there is always someone only a phone call away if help is needed.

Domestic violence statistics continue to rise, therefore it is so important for each of us to take a stand against this deadly and violent problem affecting many innocent women and children. In the United States, a woman is assaulted every nine seconds. We can all play a role in stopping violence and creating a safe environment for people to live and work. In 2019, The Shelter served 405 clients and received 1,884 calls for help and assistance. The Shelter depends on donations from private citizens, public and private organizations, local industries, and religious groups throughout the county. Please prayerfully consider giving a donation to this ministry and help to make difference.

Thank you,

The Social Ministry Committee



**THE CATHY MABRY
CLONINGER CENTER**
A Domestic Violence Shelter



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Johnny Carpenter.....	1
Gene Weaver	1
Leon Moretz	2
Nancy Witman.....	2
Michael Comer	3
Charles Heilig, III.....	3
Sean Rankin.....	4
K.J. Bird	9
Drew Carpenter	10
Scott Shealy	11
Braylon Beam.....	12
Don Boyette.....	14
Joel Boyette	15
Timothy Davis.....	18
Jeanette Myers.....	18
Charles Edwards.....	21
Landon Goedl	21
Debra Hoffman.....	21
Scott Robinson	26
Katherine Carpenter	27
Lee Ann Lindler	28
Tammy Royston	31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jon & Margaret Berghello.....	9
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.....	10
Mike & Jennifer Tamberella	23



If we
birthday or
please let
know so that we can enter it into the database.

missed your
anniversary,
the office

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH

March 1 ~ Given by Charles & Ann Edwards in honor of their grandchildren.

March 8 ~ Given by Norman & Pam Overcash in honor of their anniversary.

March 15 ~ Given by Joe Veale in remembrance of Becky Veale.

March 22 ~ Given by Buddy Carothers in memory of Phillis M. Carothers.

March 29 ~ Given by Judy Anton in loving memory of Bill Anton and John McCutcheon.



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



CIRCLE NEWS

Meetings ~ March 2, 2020

Esther Circle

Susanne Gaines, Hostess
Barbara Peacock, Program

Rebecca Circle (6:00 pm)

Sara Carpenter, Hostess
Judy Brandt, Program

Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

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 if you
haven't already done so.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

Youth Groups & Youth Choirs

Sunday, March 1st

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

Wednesday, March 4th

⇒ Sprouts Youth Group: 5:30-6:30

Sunday, March 8th

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

Sunday, March 15th

⇒ *NO ROOTS!*

Wednesday, February 19th

⇒ Sprouts Youth Group: 5:30-6:30

Sunday, March 22nd

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

Sunday, March 29th

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

Youth Choirs Rehearsals:

March 1, 8, 22, & 29 ~ Luther Choir @ 5pm / Crossroads Choir @ 6pm



Easter Candy Needed

Chrisian Ed is in need of individually wrapped candies to prepare the eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th. There will be a box located outside of the church office where you can drop off your donations. Due to allergies, please avoid candy that has nuts.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee is hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 5th** immediately following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided. Elementary age children and younger are welcome.

JDRF Run Fundraiser

The JDRF Run is an event that helps raise funds for Type 1 diabetes research. The youth is hosting a fundraiser to help sponsor one of our own, Hunter Clark, and his family for their upcoming run on April 25th. *On Sunday, March 29th, immediately after the 10:30 service, the youth will be standing outside on the lawn to help raise funds for the Clark family goal of \$300.* If the youth help reach this goal, Brent Clark has agreed to dye his hair blue and orange in honor of the JDRF run. Please help us reach this goal!!!



PLEASE VISIT OR WRITE OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Betty Barkley
1711 Fairfield Drive
Gastonia, NC 28054

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

Jerry Carpenter
Elmcroft
500 Cramer Mountain
D14
Cramerton, NC 28032

Betty Petty
811 Ashbrook Park Road
Dallas, NC 28034

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



Helen McCarter

OWLS



Any older and wiser members, please join us for food and fellowship at Ray Nathan's at 5 pm on Thursday, March 19th. Please let Amy know by Tuesday, March 17th if you plan to attend.



**MARCH 30 @ 12PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join us on Monday, March 30 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!



LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH MEN'S GROUP 19TH ANNUAL PINE NEEDLE SALE MARCH 7TH – MARCH 14TH



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 bailed. 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 7th and continuing through March 14th. 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.

Monthly Newsletter Updates!

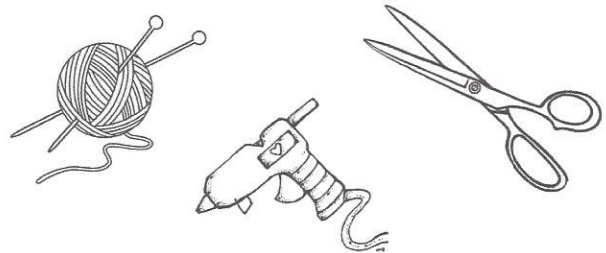
The *Communications Committee* is working with our Office Administrator, Kim Rundzieher, to provide an eNewsletter option for our monthly church newsletter. Currently, we only offer a printed version which mails to the congregation via postal service. The eNewsletter option would afford greater cost/time 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).



CRAFTERS' MORNING OUT

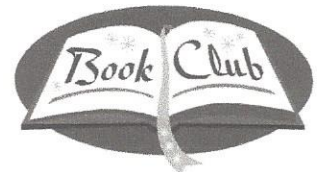
The initial meeting of the Crafters took place on February 11 with ten women attending. *It was decided to continue the fun the second Tuesday of each month at the same time, 10:00-12:00.* Some gorgeous work was done, stitches were taught and craft supplies were GIVEN away due to the stash shared by Andy Watson. Mark your March calendar ~ bring something to work on or just come for the fellowship.

Next gathering: March 10th



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. The schedule is below. We will meet at 6 pm at the church pavilion. There will be an iced coffee bar and sweet treats. *If you are interested in participating, please let Amy know by April 9th.*



- ♦Thursday, April 23rd: Introduction to the book of Esther with Pastor Michael
- ♦Thursday, May 21st: Discussion of *Esther: Royal Beauty* by Angela Hunt
- ♦Thursday, June 18th: Discussion of *For Such a Time* by Kate Breslin

If you are interested in participating in this book club, please let Amy know. More information to come.



Women of the church, please join Amy for a night of food and fellowship on Tuesday, **March 24th** at 6 p.m. at Terra Mia in downtown McAdenville. *Please let her know if you are available to come by Friday, March 20th.* Hope to see you there!

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.*

HOLY FOLDERS

If you've got an hour to spare on Thursday mornings, join the Holy Folders at 11:00 to fold and staple the weekly Sunday bulletin.

Once a month consider joining the crew for the folding of the newsletter. This date differs each month and will be designated by Kim. Be a regular folder or drop in as your schedule permits.

There's fun and fellowship to be had during this hour.

volunteer



Lenten Meals & Prayer Services

Join us each Wednesday during the season of Lent, for fellowship and a light meal beginning at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by an Evening Prayer Service in the Chapel at 7:00pm.

Below is the March schedule for the **groups providing the meals** as well as the **Lector** serving in the Prayer Service:

March 4 - Worship & Music Team/Josh Carpenter


March 11 - Chapel Class/Lucinda Thornburg

March 18 - Joy Class/Debra Hoffman

March 25 - OPEN/Mark Thornburg



Weekly Worship Assistants ~ MARCH 2020



	MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
Acolyte	Harry Swindler	Lily Baker	Will Clark	Elliot Anthony	Bram Comer
Crucifer	Monica Goedl	Nolan Romero	Sara Jamison	Kaitlyn Anthony	Baker Sanders
Banner Bearer Bible Bearer					
Torch Bearers					
Lector	Myra Weaver	Susanne Gaines	Terry Ratchford	Trish Ratchford	Olivia Berghello
Assistant Minister	Henry Gaines	Nancy Witman	Chris Lowe	Mark Thornburg	Norman Overcash
Communion Assistants	Gail Brown Suzie Ward		Gene Weaver Myra Weaver		
Communion Presenters	Henry Gaines Suzanne Gaines		Susan Lewis Teresa Yarborough		

Monthly Worship Assistants ~ MARCH 2020

Ushers	Altar Guild	Helping Hands	Council Members	Finance Assistant
Steve Jackson Ken Lentz Jason Lineberger Scott Robinson	David Lewis Susan Lewis	Debra Hoffman	Sherrie Angstadt Matt Hoffman	Ed Robinson

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 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	2 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 10:00 Esther Circle 6:00 Rebecca Circle	3 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day	4 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Sprouts 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Evening Prayer 7:45 Chapel Voices	5 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry 11:00 Holy Folders	6	7 Pine Needle Sales 11:00 Memorial Service & Reception
8 Daylight Savings Time 11:30 Outreach Team 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	9 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 6:30 Via de Cristo Mtg.	10 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Crafters' Morning 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 7:00 Cantamos Choir	11 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Bible Study 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Evening Prayer 7:45 Chapel Voices	12 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry 11:00 Holy Folders	13	14 Pine Needle Sales
15 NO ROOTS 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group	16 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	17 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 6:00 Worship & Music 	18 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Sprouts 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Evening Prayer 7:45 Chapel Voices	19 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry 11:00 Holy Folders 5:00 OWLS @ Ray Nathan's Spring	20 Newsletter articles due!	21 10:00 Clothing Closet Open to Public
22 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	23 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers	24 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day 6:00 Ladies' Night @ Terra Mia 7:00 Cantamos Choir	25 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Bible Study 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Evening Prayer 7:45 Chapel Voices	26 8:30 Pre-School 10:00 Prayer Ministry 11:00 Holy Folders (Bulletins & Newsletter)	27 6:30 Confirmation Seminar	28
29 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	30 8:30 Pre-School 9:00 Dirty Collar Workers 12:00 Lunch Bunch	31 8:30 Pre-School 10:30 Clothing Closet Work Day				

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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.