



# Chapel News

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## The Story of Salvation

The Person of Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit loves persons and calls all of us to trust and walk with Him always. This is the good news in miniature (John 3:16). Recitations of the story of salvation go back to the risen Jesus (Luke 24), Peter (Acts 2), Stephen (Acts 7) and Paul (Acts 13) and depict how the Law, the Prophets and the Writings climax in the Gospels with the Life of Jesus to save our lives then to the mission of the Christian Church to the Last Day. So, from Genesis to Revelation, God's story of which our story is an unfolding part, this is all meant for us but are we getting it?

The plan is to start on Sunday, September 13 and over the course of the year go text by text, book by book on a thematic exploration of the whole story of salvation. Preferably we could read the entire Bible together verse by verse. But you may have noticed the Bible is a pretty big collection of writings! Hopefully each of us adult disciples use **Our Daily Bread** for daily prayer and there the discipline is offered to read the Bible in a year verse by verse. Nevertheless, on Sundays, Service by Service, we can focus on a significant number of stories and teachings that will guide us through the story of salvation in the Scriptures.

As we go on this shared discipline we may learn and sing the great biblical canticles. We may watch some of the great movies based on biblical stories together or at least share as recommendations. Yes, that will include everything from **The Ten Commandments** made in 1956 to the **Gospel of John** made in 2014 and many, many more.

We may use these selections for specific Bible study as well, either together or individually.

May our Father in Heaven bless this discipline to read the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. May our Father in Heaven grow us in understanding of the Word and of His ever-present grace and love.

Peace in Christ,  
**Pastor Michael**



## Guidelines for In-Person Worship

### The Gathering

**Main exterior entrance doors** will be utilized and will be kept open during the service. Handicap entrance available on an as needed basis.

**Hand sanitizer** will be available in the narthex of the Sanctuary Sunday by Sunday.

**Covid-19 warnings** will be posted from the Center for Disease Control throughout the church campus.

**Registry of attendance** will be kept of all who gather with contact information for the purpose of contact tracing if someone infected unknowingly attends worship.

**Printed bulletins** will be distributed to pews (hymnals removed).

**Social distancing** seating will be marked on pews.

**Ushers** will assist with seating/dismissal.

**Acolyte and Crucifer** volunteer duties will not take place at this time.

**Facemasks** are required per state mandate. A group of volunteers made/distributed masks to members. If you are still in need of one, please contact the Pastor or the church office. Masks will also be on-hand for visitors.

**Restrooms** will be designated ONE PERSON at a time, with the exception of parents with children and disabled persons requiring assistance. Disinfectant spray will be available.

**Disinfectant spray and paper towels** will be available at the end of each pew. Please use this to wipe down pew seats, seat backs and kneelers.

**Balcony** closed for use by streaming team only.

### On Singing the Service and Sacred Song

**Subdued singing** of the Service and sacred song is encouraged as singing has been shown to lead to the spread of COVID-19. Subdued singing includes use of the mask with singing while seated.

### The Sharing of the Peace

**Sharing of the peace** will be **verbal** going forward between the presider and the gathered congregation.

### The Offering

**Tithes and offerings** will be received in **the offering plates located in the Narthex** by our ushers at the end of the Service.

### Administration of the Sacrament

**The distribution of Holy Communion and an individual blessing for dismissal will be at the end of the Service.** Receiving lines will not be held.

Presiding and assisting ministers handling communion will **publicly sanitize their hands** and wear **surgical gloves** to administer communion.

The congregation will be asked to have their hands open so that the bread can be **dropped** into their hands.

Waste baskets will be placed at the foot of both sides and at the bottom of the steps for disciples to discard their communion cups, thus keeping contamination out of the trays.

Exit the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion maintaining social distancing protocols.

## LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2020

The council made decisions and discussed the following:

- Discussed and voted to resume the Early Worship Service beginning September 13.
- The return to in-person Sunday School will be discussed after initial information is available following the start of the school year.
- Discussed the beginning of youth activities:
  - Sprouts will resume virtual meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning in September.
  - Beginning in October, Roots will move their weekly meetings to Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.
- The Preschool/MMO summer program ended August 6 and proved to be successful. The Fall session begins August 24 with 51 students enrolled.
- Agreed to continue a yearly scholarship to Lenoir Rhyne for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- The Family Life Center cannot be used until roof issues are resolved. Repair estimates are still outstanding but early updates are encouraging in that the cost may not be as high as originally anticipated.
- Still waiting for an update on the password protected option of the church yearbook/directory on LCC website.
- The majority of the newly purchased streaming equipment has arrived, the remaining expected in the coming days.
- Expenses exceeded revenues in the month of July however, actual year to date revenues as of July 31, 2020 reflect a positive balance of \$19,255.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 13.

A special thank you to our loving and generous church family's continued support of Crisis Assistance Ministry. We have delivered 599 bags of food since April to Crisis Assistance Ministry. What a blessing to be able to help feed our neighbors during this terrible pandemic and time of isolation. Social Ministry Committee will continue to check the box and deliver to CAM during this time. If you are able and choose to continue, we will share your blessing with others. CAM does a wonderful job of meeting the needs of our community and are so thankful for our deliveries every week.

Thank you and God Bless!

**Social Ministry Committee**

*Thank  
You*

## Early Worship Service Resumes!

September 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30am

in the Chapel



## Online Streaming Options

Lutheran Chapel will continue to stream the 10:30 worship service online and has multiple options for viewing:

- ⇒ Facebook Live
- ⇒ Lutheran Chapel YouTube Channel
- ⇒ [lutheranchapelchurch.org](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org)

A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.



## Lectors for September

*(will also serve as Communion Assistants)*

September 6 Josh Carpenter

September 13 Jeanette Myers

September 20 Baker Sanders

September 27 Jason Sanders



## ALTAR FLOWERS SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 ~ Given by Dan Lineberger in remembrance of his wedding anniversary.

Sept. 13 ~ Given by Debra & Henry Hoffman in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sept. 20 ~ Given by Steve & Delana Clark in honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sept. 27 ~ Given by Wanda Anthony to the Glory of God.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

Please be sure to note Altar Flowers on the memo line of your check.

## Tithes and Offerings

Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to the church. Options include:

- ◇ Utilizing your offering envelope (or a regular envelope) to mail
- ◇ Dropping off in the locked mailbox at the educational building
- ◇ Giving on-line by going to our church website: [lutheranchapelchurch.org](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org), top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe

Any questions or concerns, call our Treasurer, Ed Robinson.



## HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

It has been a long time since Holy Communion could be offered among some of us due to the on-going pandemic. It is now possible for anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion in their own home to do so.

If you or your family are interested in receiving Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to set up an agreeable time for him to visit.





**ATTENTION all ladies of Lutheran Chapel**, you are invited to a SOCIAL DISTANCING PICNIC on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 pm in the picnic pavilion. If you attend, we ask that you bring a bag supper, wear a mask and bring a chair for social distancing. The WELCA will furnish water and canned drinks. We hope you will attend and use this time to fellowship with all our church friends. We have missed everyone and hope to see you there. *This is for all ladies of the church.*

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Dear College Student Parents,

We know this is uncertain times but, the Women of the ELCA want to remember our college students with cards and treats during the year. As soon as you know your child's college address, please let the church office know. Even if your child's address has not changed, we would still like for you to give the address to the church office. We think this is an important ministry of our church and want to be sure all students are included.

Just another note, our circles send cards to our college students throughout the year and this is another reason the addresses are so important.

Thank you for your help.

**Judy Anton & Suzie Ward**

Co-Presidents of the Lutheran Chapel WELCA



## FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 7 months ended 7/31/2020:

	Actual	2020 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 198,543.67	\$ 214,637.50	\$ (16,093.83)
Disbursements	\$ 179,288.81	\$ 208,361.42	\$ (29,072.61)
Net Cash	\$ 19,254.86	\$ 6,276.08	\$ 12,978.78



## Treasurer Report

Financial results have been quite positive over the last 7 months of FY 2020. Receipts as expected trended slightly downward for month of June and July. Expectations of this trend will possibly continue for the next 2 months. Actual cash increase over expenses for the year of \$19,254.86 should be considered a cushion to cover any shortfalls that may occur during the summer months. It appears at this point August is going to be very good overall.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.





NOTE: If you are not receiving Amy's emails, please contact her at [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org).

## **SPROUTS**

*Sprouts will resume their fall youth group meetings via Zoom for the month of September. We will continue our schedule of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month. Our upcoming meetings will be on Wednesday, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** and Wednesday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Amy will email the Zoom link the week of each meeting.*

## **ROOTS**

**Outing to Adventure Landing ~ On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, the Roots Youth Group will meet at Adventure Landing at 6:30 pm for a round of mini-golf. A snack and drink will be provided. Parents of Roots youth, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy for additional information.

**Catawba Riversweep ~ On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the Roots Youth Group will be participating in the Catawba Riversweep service project from 9 am to 12 pm. Parents of Roots youth, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy as she is still awaiting further information from the organization.

## **OWLS**

### **Backyard Bird Watching Club**

As the fall season approaches, Amy would like to begin a bird watching club. If you are interested in participating, simply take a picture of birds you find in your backyard, identify them, and send the info to Amy. She will share your discoveries in her daily OWLS message board via email.



## **Children's/Youth Choir & Handbells**

With the Covid-19 restrictions in place, the start time for handbells and children's/youth choir cannot be scheduled at this time. I will be sending out information as soon as I am able. Parents and ringers, please be looking for emails from me. I've

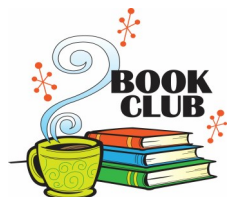
been working on music for the Fall and Christmas and the handbells are being refurbished at this time.

Love and miss you all! ~Mrs. M



## **Women's Fall Book Club: A Study of C. S. Lewis**

During the upcoming church season, our women's book club will be delving into the works and life of C.S. Lewis. Our first novel will be *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. at the church picnic pavilion. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org).



## SEPTEMBER LOVE OFFERING

### *House of Mercy*

Our love offering for September will be given to the House of Mercy. The mission of House of Mercy is to provide care to persons living with advanced AIDS. This ministry cares and provides housing arrangements for those who cannot afford the costs. An environment of complete acceptance and love is provided in a home-like setting. House of Mercy provides a caring structure of regular meals, scheduled medical appointments, and medicines. The program offers individuals the opportunity to deal with spiritual issues and encourages family reconciliation when families are in disarray.

Without our donations, the House of Mercy could not continue to exist because 80% of their operating budget comes from contributions. The Sisters of Mercy fund all of the administrative expenses so that 100% of our donations provide services and supplies needed by residents.

We ask that you please remember this ministry in your prayers and monetary offerings.

Thank you!

*The Social Ministry Committee*



## HOUSE OF MERCY

*A ministry of the Sisters of Mercy providing hope, healing, and a home for persons living with HIV*

### 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.

Would you join our Prayer Team in this mission as we work together to experience the power of prayer? The Prayer Team currently includes Katherine Carpenter, Ann Marie Lentz and Gail Brown.

*During this time of separation, please send prayer requests to Katherine Carpenter. Email, text or call anytime (please leave VM if no answer). [katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com](mailto:katherinecarpenter@yahoo.com) / 704-214-2493*

**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.*





# SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



## BIRTHDAYS

Ervin Hoffman.....	3	Lisa Burch.....	20
Bill Seabrook.....	3	Alex Berghello, Jr. ....	21
Chris Lowe .....	4	Derk Beutler.....	22
Katherine Sanders .....	6	Zac Lentz .....	22
Mike Bell.....	7	Wesley Baker.....	23
Matt Hoffman.....	7	James Dean .....	23
Ben Carpenter.....	8	Craig Thornburg .....	24
Amy Lloyd .....	8	Larry Collins .....	25
Leigh Woody.....	8	Bram Comer.....	25
Amy Brown.....	9	Melissa Darrow.....	25
Caroline Comer .....	11	Helaina Robinson.....	27
Stuart Hester .....	11	Alfred Lineberger .....	28
Blair Thornburg.....	12	Morgan Carpenter McCarthy.....	28
Sarah Catherine Davis.....	15	Margaret Hovis .....	29
Joe Veale .....	16	Charlotte Elkin.....	30
Katie Moses.....	18	Ann Marie Lentz.....	30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Keith & Teresa Yarborough .....	1	Steve & Delana Clark .....	18
B.T. & Pauline Bradley .....	7	Barry & Sandra Martin .....	26
Henry & Debra Hoffman.....	7	Jason & Katherine Sanders.....	26
Michael & Lynda Ellington.....	14	Rick & Janie Peak.....	29



## PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

### **Jerry Carpenter**

Elmcroft  
500 Cramer Mountain, D14  
Cramerton, NC 28032

### **Helen Hoffman**

Terrace Ridge  
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Gastonia, NC 28054

### **Betty Klimek**

Brookdale  
3050 Chesbrough Blvd.  
Rm 510  
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### **Helen McCarter**

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### **Betty Petty**

811 Ashbrook Park Road  
Dallas, NC 28034



# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	2 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom	3 8:30 Preschool	4	5
6 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (P)	7 	8 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)	9 8:30 Preschool	10 8:30 Preschool	11 6:30 Roots-Mini Golf	12
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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.