



# Chapel News

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## NOVEMBER 2020

### On the Elections

The elections of 2020 are this month. As followers of Christ, we are commanded to pray for our leaders. This apostolic teaching is found in the epistle to Timothy where St. Paul writes: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

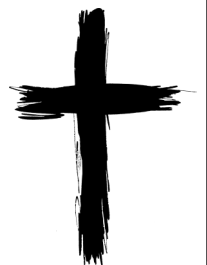
LORD willing, I intend on voting and I think my vote is the right one. I hope each of us votes with conviction and participates in this and every election that is held. What happens if the person I vote for gets elected? Good! Then I will pray and support these public servants. What happens if the person I vote for does not get elected? So it goes! Then I will pray and support these public servants. The key is not me getting my way or you getting your way but the key is to pray, support and encourage "all who are in high positions" to work together for the common good of our nation.

Let us vote. Let us pray. Let us always remember that the LORD is ultimately in control and may His Kingdom come and will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Two prayers for our nation are below and are taken from the **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** prayerbook.

*Lord God, You call Your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless the newly elected public servants in the government of the United States, North Carolina, and in Gaston County, that each may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Help them use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Peace in Christ,  
**Pastor Michael**



## 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.



## In-Person Worship Services

8:30 am ~ Family Life Center

10:30 am ~ Sanctuary  
(limited capacity)

Guidelines for in-person worship can be found on the Worship page of our website, [lutheranchapelchurch.org](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org).



## ALTAR FLOWERS NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 ~ Given by Sara Carpenter in memory of Gene.

Nov. 8 ~ Given by Steve & Ma Bell in honor of all those who have served their country in a uniform.

Nov. 15 ~ Given by Rhonda Putnam in honor of Doug & Marion Rhyne's 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Nov. 22 ~ Given by Sylvia Fogle in Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings and in remembrance of the life of Jerry.

Nov. 29 ~ Poinsettias

## 2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

Please be sure to note

Altar Flowers on the  
memo line of your check.

## Lectors for November

*(will also serve as Communion Assistants)*

November 1 Debra Hoffman

November 8 Teresa Yarborough

November 15 Mark Thornburg

November 22 Tammy Royston

November 29 Janie Peak



## HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME



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.

## LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2020

The council made decisions and discussed the following:

- A motion unanimously passed to welcome Laura Tench to membership at Lutheran Chapel by letter of transfer.
- A motion unanimously passed to accept bid from Max Baxter roofing to replace roof on family life center for \$18,900 and bid from Charlotte Paint Co. for construction joint replacement for \$4,125 which passed with unanimous vote.
- Four youth will be confirmed Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed sharing of facilities and small group gatherings.
- Outreach committee will re-open the clothing closet with a yard sale type set-up in the pavilion and ballfield November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth will hold work day pulling weeds and spreading mulch on the playground Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Reviewed stewardship letter to be sent via mail to congregation prior to Stewardship Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Council discussed voting options for 2021 budget and council member elections in December. Council will review constitution, consult with NC Synod and discuss further.
- Discussed streaming equipment installation in the sanctuary scheduled for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers currently reviewing tutorials for use of new system.
- Reviewed schedule for upcoming Advent and Christmas services:
  - Advent services offered on Wednesday – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Christmas Cantata – 9 Lessons and Hymns – Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Christmas Eve Service – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Revenues year to date are in excess of expenses in the amount of \$19,322.00.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 at 5:00pm in the Chapel.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

There are several ways you can send your 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, top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe

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



*Grateful Thankful Blessed*





## COMMITMENT SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Bring your pledge card to Worship if you are able.

### FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 9 months ended 9/30/2020:

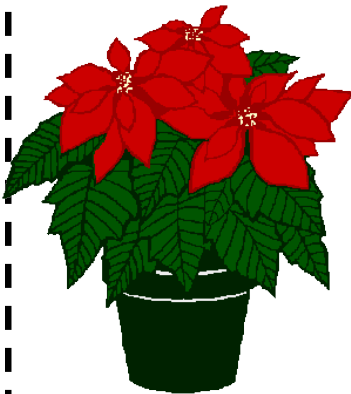
	Actual	2020 Budget	Over/(Under)
<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 257,090.90	\$ 275,962.50	\$ (18,871.60)
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$ 237,768.90	\$ 267,893.75	\$ (30,124.85)
<b>Net Cash</b>	\$ 19,322.00	\$ 8,068.75	\$ 11,253.25



### Treasurer Report

Financial results continue to be positive over the last 9 months of FY 2020. September receipts continue to be trending positive. The actual year to date cash increase of \$19,322.00 reflects the lack of activities the church has been able to provide to the membership due to the enforced Covid-19 restrictions. These receipts will certainly be used once these restrictions are eased.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.



**POINSETTIAS** - If you wish to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the church office by **December 13th**. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel. Please be sure to pick up your flower(s) after the Christmas Eve Service.

Number to order: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.00 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Placed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## VETERANS DAY 2020

Because of Covid-19 we will not be able to do our standard honoring of our veterans within our congregation this year. ***Those of you who are attending our services, please wear your ribbons on November 8, 2020.*** We will not be able to have those in attendance stand or come up before the congregation.

Rest assured that we thank all of you for your service to our country. We also like to recognize all of our first responders, police, fire, and EMT's for their service. And with Covid-19 we need to thank all of those in the medical profession for their service during this tough time.

I know that our congregation appreciates each and every one of you for the services you have provided to our country. ~ Steve Bell



### ***A Message from the Social Ministry Committee...***

Thank you so much to our generous congregation for your gifts of food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. We have delivered 809 bags since March and they are so very grateful. CAM has missed some of their food drives and the shelves are much lower in supplies than usual. Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors and if anyone would like to continue placing food in the CAM food box outside the office, we are happy to deliver to them.

Social Ministry Committee has also continued our ministry to Salvation Army providing a monthly meal to the residents living in the shelter. We have had to make some changes to adhere to the guidelines of the pandemic, but are glad that we can still work with Salvation Army and still remain well and safe. We have also donated to-go plates to be used in feeding the homeless population and 45 blankets and 15 sleeping bags needed for the cold weather ahead. Members of our committee donated money for some of the blankets and sleeping bags and we used funds from our Salvation Army fund for the remainder.

We have been struggling to make decisions on how to carry out our ***Thanksgiving meal ministry***. So disappointed that we will not be able to provide our church family with the annual soup luncheon. We always look forward to this meal and the wonderful fellowship with everyone. We still hope to be able to provide help to families in need for the Thanksgiving holidays. We have decided that the safest way is to give families a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card to help with their Thanksgiving meal. We normally fill 140-150 meal bags each year. A gift card would help our committee because the Social Ministry Committee shops for about 80-90 of our bags – which in normal circumstances, we are more than happy to do. The cards would also help the social workers from the schools with less contact and work delivering the bags.

We understand during these difficult times that we can still help, but in a different way. Therefore, if you would like to donate to help provide families with a Food Lion gift card, we would appreciate your contributions. This would take the place of shopping and filling a meal bag. Please make sure you mark any donations for the Thanksgiving Meal Bags.

Thank you again for your love and generosity to always help our community.

***Social Ministry Committee***





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

A BIG *thank you* to the Roots youth and parents who participated in the Catawba Riversweep on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Across the 40 cleanup sites, there were 1,300 volunteers and a combined 61,558 lbs. of trash that was picked up!!!



## **SPROUTS**

*Sprouts will continue with virtual youth group meetings through November.* 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, **November 4<sup>th</sup>** and Wednesday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Amy will email the Zoom link the week of each meeting.

## **ROOTS**

The Roots youth group will have a workday to clean up the church grounds on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-12pm** with a catered lunch from Olive Garden immediately following at the picnic pavilion. Parents, please continue to check your emails for updates and new information.

On **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, the Roots youth group will be helping serve the Clothing Closet Ministry. All youth (and youth families) that are able to help will need to *arrive at the church at 8 am* to help set up for the outdoor Clothing Closet event and then help run the outdoor clothing closet from 10 am- 2 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Parents, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy.



## **OWLS**

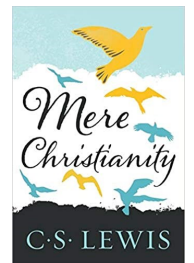
### **Backyard Bird Watching Club**

With the fall season upon us, Amy has started 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.



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

The next novel in our women's book club will be *Mere Christianity*. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm**, location TBD.



If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org).





## NOVEMBER LOVE OFFERING

### *Crisis Pregnancy Center*

Our Love Offering for November is *Crisis Pregnancy Center*. Their mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, post abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives.

In 2018 CPC served 33,118 people (with 3854 direct one on one counseling, 11,137 students taught abstinence only, 8965 helpline calls, 319 ultrasounds, 523 pregnancy tests, and 8320 Community Awareness Contacts.) In 2019 so far 282 clients have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives.

In addition to the list above, The Center provides things such as material assistance (diapers, clothing, blankets), car seats for infants provided by Speedway Charities and local fire departments, referrals for adoption to LIFELINE and other Christian agencies.

We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Thank you!

*The Social Ministry Committee*



### 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.*



# november CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

Peter Homovich.....	2	Kay Moretz .....	17
Charlotte Jenkins.....	2	Pat Robinson.....	18
Katie Potter.....	3	B.T. Bradley.....	19
Kaitlyn Anthony.....	7	Chrystal Davis.....	20
Ray Jenkins, Jr.....	7	Sandra Martin .....	21
Mayada Besancon .....	8	Bryson Lineberger .....	22
Ann Lowe.....	8	Peggy Sloop .....	22
Renwick Royston .....	12	Drew Carpenter.....	24
Norman Overcash.....	14	David Comer.....	24
Terry Ratchford .....	15	Charlotte Carpenter.....	25
Scott Swindler .....	15	Don Wankel .....	25
Joy Setzer-Henderson.....	16	Heather Nigbor .....	26
Helen McCarter .....	17	Katie Carpenter .....	29

## annIVERSARIES

Fred & Suzie Ward.....	13
Doug & Marion Rhyne.....	17
James & Margaret Hovis.....	22
Bill & Elizabeth Seabrook.....	23

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



## PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

### **Jerry Carpenter**

Elmcroft  
500 Cramer Mountain, D14  
Cramerton, NC 28032

### **Helen Hoffman**

Terrace Ridge  
1251 E. Hudson Blvd., #403  
Gastonia, NC 28054

### **Betty Klimek**

Park Pointe Village  
3025 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



# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 All Saints Day</b> 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	<b>2</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>3 Election Day</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 	<b>4</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:15 Handbells	<b>5</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 Roots Workday 12:00 Roots Picnic (P)
<b>8</b> 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 5:00 Council Meeting (C) 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	<b>9</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>10</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:15 Handbells 	<b>12</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 Clothing Closet Yard Sale
<b>15 Pledge Sunday</b> 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	<b>16</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>17</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>18</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:15 Handbells <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	<b>23</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>24</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>25</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:15 Handbells	<b>26 Thanksgiving</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 1st Sun. Advent</b> 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	<b>30</b> 8:30 Preschool					 <b>November 1</b>

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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.