



# Chapel News

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## OCTOBER 2020

### Scripture Meditation

What is Scripture meditation? Scripture meditation is a gift of God to fill our souls with the stories and words of God's Word. Set aside time to be still before the LORD. Let the story and words have the focus of your awareness. This is God's Word for us! "In our meditation we ponder the chosen text on the strength of the promise that it has something utterly personal to say to us for this day and for our life, that is not only God's Word for the Church, but also God's Word for us individually" (*Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer quote, also refer Psalm 1:2, Colossians 3:16). Beginning this fall, as we go through the Story of Salvation, from Genesis to Revelation consider taking the memory verse as a starting point to practice such meditation. Below find a simply way to begin as well as the memory verses for October.

#### ABC's for Scripture Meditation

**A**sk for help in Jesus' Name.

**B**e still.

**C**lear your mind.

**D**well in the Word such as a story, a Bible verse, a teaching given us.

**E**nd with the Lord's Prayer.



**Week of October 4:** Genesis 12:1-4 *The Call of Abram*

Memory Verse: Genesis 12:1, 3

**Week of October 11:** Genesis 18 *Holy Trinity by the Oaks of Mamre*

Memory Verse: Genesis 18:13-14

**Week of October 18:** Genesis 22:1-18 *The Testing of Abraham*

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13 (apostolic teaching on times of trial)

**Week of October 25:** Genesis 32 *Israel - Wrestling God*

Memory verse: Genesis 32:28

Be still and attentive to our LORD. Let us grow in our love for the LORD with all our heart, all our strength, all our soul, and all our mind.

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.



## Lectors for October

*(will also serve as Communion Assistants)*

October 4 Baker Sanders

October 11 Janie Peak

October 18 Josh Carpenter

October 25 Katherine Sanders



## ALTAR FLOWERS

### OCTOBER

Oct. 4 ~ Given by Scott & Beth Swindler in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Oct. 11 ~ Given by Josh & Amy Carpenter in honor of their 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Oct. 18 ~ Given by Josh & Anna Baker in honor of their 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Oct. 25 ~ Given by Erin, Amy & Ervin in honor of Nancy's birthday.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

*"Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing."*

-Psalm 100:2

Just a note to thank everyone serving as Lectors and Communion Assistants during the 10:30 Sunday Worship Service.

If you would like to serve, you may contact me at [19lburch60@gmail.com](mailto:19lburch60@gmail.com) or 704-675-2294.

Please indicate if you prefer a communion or non-communion Sunday.

In His Service,  
Lisa Burch

*Thank  
You*

## Early Worship Service

Sundays ~ 8:30 am

*Family Life Center*



## 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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

The council made decisions and discussed the following:

- A motion unanimously passed to welcome Peery Linkous into membership at Lutheran Chapel.
- A motion unanimously passed to accept the bid from GSM for five new thermostats for the church campus.
- Reviewed communication from ChimeMaster stating safety and completion of sanctuary bell.
- Property committee received additional estimate for new roof on Family Life Center. Estimates will be compiled and reported back to council. Committee is waiting on response from insurance company as to any coverage of repairs.
- Discussed utilizing Family Life Center going forward for the 8:30 service due to proximity to restrooms. No additional technology needed for this set up.
- Discussed utilizing Memorial Chapel going forward for overflow of the 10:30 service with use of Sanctuary restrooms. Additional projector, laptop and stand needed for this set up.
- Communications committee reported one camera is still needed for new streaming system in sanctuary. All other technology has been received. Installation will be scheduled once final camera arrives.
- Christian Education committee reported they would like to limit exposure for youth teachers (all work in school system) and youth to minimize contact and are not ready to begin youth Sunday school at this time.
- Discussed Chancel Choir resuming sitting in two choirs lofts during 10:30 service as they feel comfortable with appropriate social distancing, masks and subdued singing. Additionally:
  - Continue to monitor Synod and state/federal guidelines for the resumption of youth choirs and wind ensemble.
  - Handbells may resume September 30<sup>th</sup> as requested with appropriate social distancing, masks and subdued singing.
- Reviewed increases in coverage and premiums for insurance policies through Church Mutual.
- For the month of August, expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,035.00. However, actual revenues year to date are in excess of expenses in the amount of \$17,219.00.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18 at 5:00pm in the pavilion.

### **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.

## FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 8 months ended 8/31/2020:

	Actual	2020 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 229,989.20	\$ 245,300.00	\$ (15,310.80)
Disbursements	\$ 212,769.60	\$ 238,127.33	\$ (25,357.73)
Net Cash	\$ 17,219.60	\$ 7,172.67	\$ 10,046.93



### Treasurer Report

Financial results have been quite positive over the last 8 months of FY 2020. Receipts as expected trended slightly downward for the months of June and July. August receipts however, had an above normal month. Unfortunately, an anticipated semi-annual property and casualty insurance payment impacted overall monthly performance for the month. September projected receipts are trending slightly downward, however history of the churches cash flow should turn positive and add to excess cash through the rest of this fiscal year. Actual cash increase over expenses for the year of \$17,219.60.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.



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

Dear College Student Parents,

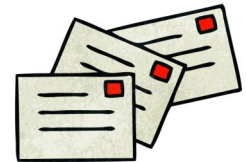
We know this is uncertain times but, the Women of the ELCA want to remember our college students with cards and treats during the year. As soon as you know your child's college address, please let the church office know. Even if your child's address has not changed, we would still like for you to give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



## 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.

Give  
**THANKS**  
WITH A GRATEFUL  
**HEART** 1 Thessalonians 5:18



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

## **SPROUTS**

*Sprouts will continue with virtual youth group meetings through October.* 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, **October 7<sup>th</sup>** and Wednesday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Amy will email the Zoom link the week of each meeting.

## **ROOTS**

**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.

**Workday** ~ 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.

## **OWLS**

### **Backyard Bird Watching Club**

With the fall season upon us, 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.



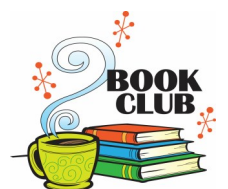
## **Ladies Night 2020**

Due to the pandemic, the annual Ladies Night Banquet will not be held the second Saturday in December as is the tradition. Our plan is to take a look at the situation in November and if the future looks promising, we will try to plan something around Valentine's Day. We will share this information with the congregation as soon as possible.



## **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).



## OCTOBER LOVE OFFERING

### *Holy Angels*

October's love offering will be sent to Holy Angels. This ministry was founded in 1955 by the Sisters of Mercy and continues today to provide the highest quality programs and services for children and adults who are differently abled. They provide programs and services to meet the needs of children and adults with intellectual developmental disabilities and delicate medical conditions, empowering them to achieve their fullest potential and highest quality of life. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training and opportunities for spiritual growth. Also, the beginning of Life Choices in Cramerton offers adult day services. The support and donations given to this ministry, offers families the peace of heart and mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.

As a ministry, families are asked to pay what they can for the cost of care for a loved one based on their individual financial situation. The gap between cost of care and government assistance must be funded each year through donations, which is approximately 20 percent of the total annual budget. Also, two small businesses are owned and operated by Holy Angels in Downtown Belmont offering vocational training and employment at Cherubs Café and Candy Bouquet.

Holy Angels continues to strive to provide loving care and is committed to helping and challenging residents to reach their highest potential. At Holy Angels, it is about little miracles. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to Holy Angels and their special family.

Thank you!

*The Social Ministry Committee*



HOLY ANGELS

### 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.*



# OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

Susan Jackson.....	2	Jon Berghello, Sr.....	22
Chuck Burch.....	3	Ma Bell .....	25
Pam Overcash.....	9	Nancy Hoffman.....	25
Paulette Hale .....	10	Noah Comer .....	26
Robert Park.....	10	Katelyn Baker .....	27
Ben Nigbor .....	14	Lily Baker .....	27
Doug Rhyne.....	16	Elizabeth Seabrook .....	28
Erin Huffstetler.....	18	Ashley Tamberella.....	29
David Tamberella.....	18	Michael Finch .....	30
Kelly Andrews.....	19	Benjamin Hester .....	30
Sharon Carpenter.....	19	Jordan Hoffman .....	30

## anniversaries

Jim & Peggy Sloop .....	4
Jason & Carolyn Lineberger.....	6
Scott & Beth Swindler .....	7
Don & Debi Jean Wankel.....	9
Josh & Amy Carpenter .....	12
Flay & Susan Anthony .....	14
Sean & McKenzie Rankin .....	14
Steve & Eula Ritchie .....	15
Craig & Adrian Thornburg.....	17
Josh & Anna Baker.....	18



*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


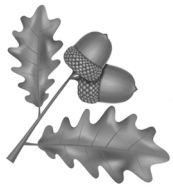

### **Helen McCarter**

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

### **Betty Petty**

811 Ashbrook Park Road  
Dallas, NC 28034

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 Preschool	2	3 9:00 Roots Service Proj. (Catawba Riversweep)
4 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (P)	5 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Trp Y Scouts Mtg (P) 7:00 Property Comm Mtg (SH)	6 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)	7 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 7:00 Handbells	8 8:30 Preschool	9	10
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18 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 5:00 Council Mtg. (P) 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (P)	19 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Trp Y Scouts Mtg (P)	20 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative) <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	21 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 7:00 Handbells	22 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Women's Book Club (P)	23	24
25 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (P)	26 8:30 Preschool	27 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday (Tentative)	28 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Handbells	29 8:30 Preschool	30	31 

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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.