



Chapel News

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FEBRUARY 2021

Prayers for our Nation

Cast all your anxiety on God, because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).

The prayerbook is a collection of prayers (also called collects) through the centuries. Several of these have come to mind during daily prayers over the past few weeks during these times of protest, division, riots, and anger within our nation. The point is not to force my views on you or for you to force your views on me. The point, as disciples of Jesus, is to see the big picture – we serve Jesus Christ first and foremost, He is the Lord of all nations and His Providential will shall **ultimately** be done. Now reminding ourselves of the big picture, let us be prayer warriors, commend all things to Him and strive to be good citizens building up this community and nation.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage.

Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance,
and from every evil course of action.

Make us who came from many nations with many different languages, a united people.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and,
in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord

(**Lutheran Book of Worship**, “Our Country”, pg. 42).

O God, the Lord of all, Your Son commanded us to love our enemies and to pray for them. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge, and enable us to stand before You, reconciled through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (**Lutheran Book of Worship**, “Our Enemies”, pg. 43).

Look mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people; and let not our sins destroy us, but let Thine almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord (**Common Service Book**, “In Time of National Distress”, pg. 227).

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

Lectors for February

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

February 7 Mark Thornburg

February 14 Sylvia Fogle

February 21 Ann Edwards

February 28 Beth Swindler



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS FEBRUARY

Feb. 7 ~ Given by David & Susan Lewis to the glory of God.

Feb. 14 ~ Given by Scott & Beth Swindler in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Feb. 21 ~ Given by Buddy Carothers in memory of Phyllis M. Carothers.

Feb 28 ~ Given by Othell's children in memory of Charles Albright.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

Please be sure to note your payment is for Altar Flowers.

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.





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.

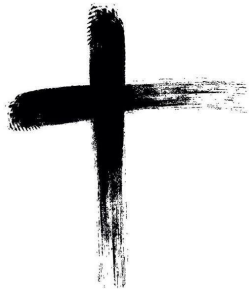
Online Streaming Options

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

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





ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 17

7:00 pm Worship Service (In-person & Online)

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

*All go to the same place; all come from dust,
and to dust all return. -Ecclesiastes 3:20*

LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2021

The Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- The Roots youth group (middle and high school) will hold a once-a-month, virtual devotional/Sunday School beginning Feb. 28. Sprouts Sunday School continues twice per month via Zoom, along with their twice-per-month Wednesday night meetings.
- In lieu of the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, the Lutheran Chapel youth will conduct the inaugural "LCC Feeding the Hungry" campaign from Feb. 14-20. Youth will raise funds to distribute to those in need in the community.
- Council agreed to increase its spend for the Sundays and Seasons website by \$99 (\$578.00 annual total) to enhance the online worship experience.
- Council discussed using the electronic sign to start welcoming in outside visitors for Sunday worship. With COVID-19 numbers rising, Council agreed to wait until March 14 meeting to reassess.
- Council agreed to let Mother's Morning Out use the Family Life Center during the week. FLC will be cleaned before and after use ahead of the early service on Sunday mornings.
- Upgrades to the roof and expansion joints of the Family Life Center and kitchen were completed by Charlotte Paint Co. and Max Baxter Roofing.
- Council agreed to try a new every-other-month meeting schedule for 2021 (Jan. 10, March 14, May 2, July 11, Sept. 12, Nov. 14). Committee reports, Pastor's report and Youth/Family Ministries report will still be shared digitally every month.
- Council agreed to a new Pastor/staff evaluation for 2021. Staff members will be asked to provide Council with a self-evaluative narrative for the year.
- Council discussed a new election process that would include both self and Council nominations.
- Property committee reported that it had received a bid for an air purifying system for the sanctuary and basement. The system would collect and destroy viruses, dust and mold. Initial bid from Indoff Co. came in at \$10,784.27. Council was/is expected to receive a second bid from GSM. Council agreed to find out more information before proceeding further.

Revenues as compared to expenses year to date through Dec. 31, 2020, reflect a positive balance of \$37,217.31.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 14.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 12 months ended 12/31/2020:

	Actual	2020 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 361,013.86	\$ 367,950.00	\$ (6,936.14)
Disbursements	\$ 313,037.55	\$ 357,191.00	\$ (44,153.45)
Net Cash	\$ 47,976.31	\$ 10,759.00	\$ 37,217.31



The financial results for fiscal year 2020 have been strong. This can be seen in budgeted receipts for 2020 being at \$367,950.00, with actual receipts reaching \$361,014.00 which is just south of our goal by \$6,900. Reoccurring receipts were in excess of reoccurring expenses in the amount of \$37,217.13. This is in fact an actual gain in cash by the same amount. Our Church has certainly been blessed, and this excess cash will be used wisely to get our regularly scheduled programs back to an active status.

Our giving for the first 3 weeks of 2021 is holding steady, thus continuing a positive trend.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

ANNUAL SPRING PINE NEEDLE SALE

For approximately 20 years, the Men of the Church have conducted a Pine Needle Sale in March. Profits from this sale have gone to various ministries of our Church.

After prayerful consideration, the Men of the Church do not feel it is in our best interest to conduct the sale this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The sale and delivery of pine needles requires our members to work in close proximity. As you are aware, we already have members who have been affected by this virus and do not in any way want to allow this to spread to others. We hope you understand and support our decision. The old saying, sometimes you have to make decisions with your head and not your heart, in my opinion, applies here.

We will notify by mail, customers outside our church family that have in the past purchased significant quantities of needles. We realize that we probably will end up losing some customers to new suppliers but we feel we have made the best decision for our members and customers.

Thank you again for your support in the past.

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,

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 / 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.*





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

SPROUTS

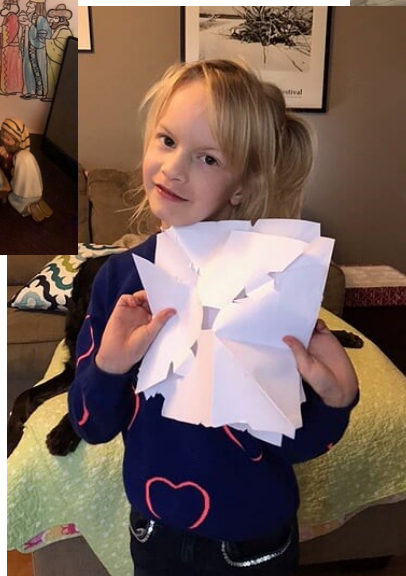
Sprouts Schedule

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 3rd - Sprouts via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 14th - Sprouts virtual Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Wednesday, February 17th - Sprouts via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 28th - Sprouts virtual Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am

ROOTS

- ⇒ **Monthly Devotional:** Sunday, February 21st at 9:30 am via Zoom
- ⇒ **February Service Project:** On Saturday, February 27th from 10am-12pm Roots youth group will be having a work day at the church. Lunch will be provided.

*In January, the Sprouts learned about the long journey the wise men took to find Jesus.
They also made snowflakes as a reminder that God made each of us unique
and with our own purpose in the world.*



LCC Feeding the Hungry Campaign

In lieu of the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser, the youth will be sponsoring the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign.

On Sunday, February 14th, a video will be released on the church website of youth sharing the importance of giving to our community. From the 14th through the 21st of February, congregation members can donate any amount in the form of a check either by mail or by placing it in the offering plate. Please put "Feeding the Hungry Campaign" in the memo line.

For this campaign, we will be donating all funds that are raised to our local CAM food bank. Last year for the Souper Bowl of Caring, the youth set a goal of \$1000, but with the congregation's support, we were able to raise almost \$1700. **For the LCC's Feeding the Hungry Campaign, the youth have set another goal of \$1000.** *The Brotherhood has graciously offered to match \$.50 for every dollar raised.* Please consider lending your help to our cause again this year!



FROM THE MAILBOX...

Dear Lutheran Chapel Family,

Thank you so much for your most generous gift during this Christmas Season. The monetary gift was much appreciated but you continued support for the preschool and myself are truly a blessing. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a special ministry and such a special church.

Love in Christ,
Janet McKinney

Dear Church Family.

What a year it has been! Thank you for all your love and support as we've made adjustments to bring you worship with scripture and song each week. I miss seeing all of you and can't wait until we can all be together again.

Thank you for your generous gift and kind words this Christmas.

May the Lord bless you and your families in the new year with good health and love.

Love you all,
Lisa Burch



Dear Lutheran Chapel,

On behalf of our residents, their families and our staff, we thank you for your generous donation of \$415.00. We appreciate your kindness in considering Holy Angels for your charitable giving and for supporting our mission of loving, living and learning for the differently able.

Sincerely,
Regina P Moody, President

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

anniversaries

Drew & Katie Carpenter	12
Ray, Jr. & Charlotte Jenkins.....	13
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.



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



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Preschool 	1 8:30 Preschool	2 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	3 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:15 Handbells	4 8:30 Preschool	5	6
7 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	8 8:30 Preschool	9 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	10 8:30 Preschool 6:15 Handbells	11 8:30 Preschool	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Confirmation (FLC) 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	15 8:30 Preschool	16 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	17 Ash Wednesday 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Worship w/ Communion	18 8:30 Preschool	19	20
21 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 9:30 Roots Zoom Devot. 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	22 8:30 Preschool <i>Newsletter Articles Due!</i>	23 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	24 8:30 Preschool 6:15 Handbells 7:30 Evening Prayer	25 8:30 Preschool	26	27 10:00 Roots Workday @ Church
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Feeding the Hungry Campaign - February 14-21

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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.