



Chapel News

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APRIL 2021

Coming Together Again

Tentatively there are several dates and times that have been set towards our fellowship to return together. We continue to adapt and we continue to do things fully mindful of the waning covid-19 pandemic. Let us consider coming together to some or all of these events as we seek to follow Jesus Christ.

Holy Week 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday March 28

There will be one Service at 10:30AM focusing on the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to the Evangelist Mark.



Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00PM in the Sanctuary: Our Lord Jesus gives us the commandment to love as He loves us – sacrificially, godly, steadfast love. He gives us the Holy Communion to remember Him and for His Presence to strengthen us for our journey through a broken world.

Good Friday, April 2

Noon in the Memorial Chapel: There will be a Service contemplating the biblical Stations of the Cross.

7:00PM in the Sanctuary: There will be the Tenebrae Service of Shadows contemplating Jesus' last words and His death for us and for all the world.



Easter Sunday, April 4

10:30 Festival Service of Holy Communion: With sacred song, Easter lilies, and the Resurrection account according to the Evangelist Mark, we begin the great 50 days of Easter.

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Consider also a host of other dates. On Sunday, **April 11**, the 8:30 Service will return to the Memorial Chapel. On Sunday, **June 6** a Service at Rankin Lake to worship outside together is being planned. On Thursday, June 17 through Saturday, **June 19** a modified Vacation Bible School will be offered outside for all God's children – children and an adult study too. Ultimately, by Sunday, **September 12**, the plan is to have a **Canning Covid -19 Celebration** together. By this point it is hoped that a full return of Sunday School, Bible study, fellowship groups among our youth, women and men, church office, and all aspects of this local mission will be up and running again.

God actually wants us to come together (Exodus 20:8-11 and Hebrews 10:24-25). All of us. He wants all who trust in Him to walk with Him and serve His Kingdom together in this time and place. We have adapted and persevered through a pandemic. The ability to pray on-line will certainly continue from now on and, hopefully, will be an on-going tool to connect us even when we travel or cannot be physically present on a particular Sunday. However, the time is coming for all of us to be free from this mess and come together again. May we pray "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the House of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1).

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael

Lectors for April

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

April 4 Jason Sanders

April 11 Ken Obenauf

April 18 Beth Swindler

April 25 Youth Sunday



ALTAR FLOWERS

APRIL

April 4 ~ Given by Sylvia Fogle and Ed & Cathy Robinson

April 11 ~ Given by Steve & Susan Jackson in honor of their 53rd Anniversary.

April 18 ~ Given by Clayton & Gwen Lewis in honor of their birthdays.

April 25 ~ Given by Dan Lineberger in memory of Gloria's birthday.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

In-Person Worship Services

8:30 am ~ Memorial Chapel (4/11)

10:30 am ~ Sanctuary
(limited capacity)



Guidelines for in-person worship can be found on the Worship page of our website, lutheranchapelchuch.org.



April 25
10:30 Service

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.



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2021

The Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- o Amy Carpenter proposed doing a scaled back Bible School this summer, held in the pavilion. It will be held June 17-19 (Thursday and Friday night, 5:00-7:30pm; Saturday 10:00am-12:30pm). Bagged meals will be provided each day. Leaders will be Amy Carpenter, Josh Carpenter, Amy Brown and Pastor Comer, with others to assist. The program would only be open to LCC members and Mothers' Morning Out kids. Pastor is also offering an adult class on Thursday and Friday from 6:00-7:00pm (no meals).
- o Amy proposed the Owls would start meeting again April 22 with a dinner event at the pavilion (weather permitting). Idea would be to have Owls members bring their own food/drink for a social event.
- o The Council voted to accept Bill Seabrook into membership at LCC.
- o Council voted to replace Drew Carpenter on the endowment committee with Johnny Carpenter.
- o Council agreed that the early service could safely return to the Chapel beginning on March 21. The service was being held in the Family Life Center during the pandemic to allow for appropriate spacing.
- o Council discussed the church accessibility project and formed a committee to look into the feasibility of it. Committee members include Ken Obenauf, Mark McCauley, Mark Thornburg, Ed Robinson, Scott Robinson, Delana Clark and Judy Anton.
- o Worship & Music committee is aiming to host an outdoor service at Rankin Lake on Sunday, June 6, weather permitting. Catered meal will be provided.
- o Council came up with four sub-committees to discuss how LCC reopens and how the church membership can be reignited. The committees and their chairpersons are: Worship Opportunities (Debra Hoffman), Facility (Ed Robinson), Fellowship (Steve Laws) and Young Adults (Josh Carpenter).

Revenues through Feb. 28 reflected a positive balance of 4,615.52

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 2.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 2 months ended 02/28/2021

	Actual	2021 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 57,862.00	\$ 61,325.00	\$ (3,463.00)
Disbursements	\$ 53,246.00	\$ 60,213.00	\$ (6,967.00)
Net Cash	\$ 4,616.00	\$ 1,112.00	\$ 3,504.00



Treasurer Report

Actual cash increased in the month of February although revenue/giving were down slightly. This increase in cash was primarily due to the loss of various program activities and the expenses associated with them due to Covid which we have grown accustomed to in 2020. These activities will begin to return to the routines very, very soon. The re-gathering team is taking steps forward in a prudent manner during the reducing numbers of new cases reported on the covid virus.

One bright point this month had to do with the PPP Loan. This loan was offered by Federal Government (SBA division) to qualified companies and churches to assist in short falls of revenue to cover payrolls and utilities during the pandemic. As you are aware, we qualified and closed the loan on 4-25-2020. We received in loan proceeds \$58,752.00. Our giving was exceptional in 2020, thus our need for the proceeds of this loan diminished. There was a condition in the loan that if we could provide documentation that we followed the guidelines for the use of these proceeds, we could apply for loan forgiveness. The first of March we gathered the necessary documentation, signed a forgiveness application, and these documents were forwarded by our bank to SBA. We received word that as of March 15th our loan was paid in full by the SBA! We still maintain these proceeds in our bank account and no longer have the obligation of this loan. We were only able to accomplish this through the faithful support of our church family.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.

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.





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

SPROUTS

Sprouts Schedule

- ⇒ Easter Sunday, April 4th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 14th - Youth Group via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 18th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 28th - Youth Group via Zoom at 6 pm

ROOTS

- ⇒ **Monthly Devotional:** Sunday, April 11th at 9:30 am via Zoom
- ⇒ **Youth Sunday:** April 25th during 10:30 service. Roots youth will be reading the lessons and gospel, presenting the children's sermon, serving as greeters and ushers, and offering some special instrumental music selections.
- ⇒ **Service Project:** Saturday, May 1st from 10-12 with lunch provided.



The youth of Lutheran Chapel would like to thank everyone who supported their efforts with our first LCC Feeding the Hungry Campaign. With the help of our congregation and the partnership with the Brotherhood, the youth were able to raise \$7,461.00 for Crisis Assistance Ministry. A BIG thank you to Craig Thornburg for helping the youth create their video.



VBS 2021 – June 17-19

Children & Adult

The Christian Ed Committee will be offering a modified outdoor Vacation Bible School for the children of our congregation and of the MMO program. VBS will be offered at the pavilion from 5:00-7:30pm on Thursday, June 17th and Friday, June 18th as well as 10am-12:30pm on Saturday, June 19th. A picnic meal will be provided *for the children* each day.

The pastor will also be offering an **adult VBS class** on that Thursday and Friday night from 6-7pm in the Sanctuary.

Amy will be sharing a sign-up form and schedule with youth parents via email. If you do not receive a sign up email and would like your child to attend, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org. Children will need to be registered by May 28th.



APRIL LOVE OFFERING

Lutheran Services Carolinas

Our love offering ministry for April will be Lutheran Services Carolinas. Lutheran Services is an agency of the North and South Carolina Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is one of the largest non-profit child and family service agency in the Carolinas, serving thousands of people annually through the following services:

- ♦ Adoption - regular and special needs
- ♦ Adult Residential Services
- ♦ Child and Youth Residential Services
- ♦ Disaster preparedness and response
- ♦ Family and individual counseling
- ♦ Foster care - family, therapeutic and medically fragile
- ♦ Homelessness prevention
- ♦ Refugee and resettlement and immigration
- ♦ Veterans services



LSC serves in **Gaston County** through foster care, services to people with developmental disabilities, its partnership in Senior TLC program and Dallas High School Apartments.

- ♦ Lutheran Services Carolinas has purchased the Dallas High School Apartments which provide 30 low-income Gaston citizens with a nice, comfortable, safe place to live.
- ♦ LSC is a founding partner of the Senior TLC Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which serves Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties - now serving 240 low-income seniors in their homes.
- ♦ Mountain Ridge group home in Gastonia provides a safe home for six adults with developmental disabilities and six foster children have been placed in a safe home in our community.

Lutheran Services Carolinas works in partnership with congregations, governmental agencies, and other human service providers to promote healing and wholeness for the Carolinas' most vulnerable people.

Please consider contributing a love offering to support Lutheran Services Carolinas so that they may continue their ministry and strengthen their outreach to people in need.

Thank you,

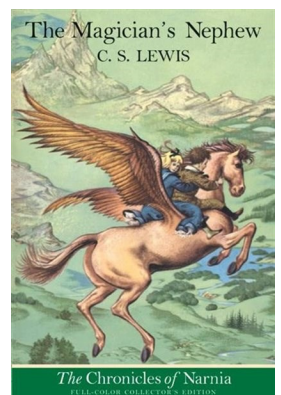
Social Ministry Committee

Women's Book Club

A Study of C. S. Lewis

For the May session of our Women's Book Club, we will be reading *Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, **May 20th** at 6 pm at the pavilion. If you are interested in attending this book club meeting, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.



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.*



PLEASE KEEP 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

Betty Petty

811 Ashbrook Park Road
Dallas, NC 28034

Helen McCarter

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



OWLS

Many OWLS have missed our fellowship together at local restaurants.

On Thursday, **April 22nd** at 5 pm, the OWLS will be congregating at the pavilion for a picnic dinner. Please bring your favorite fast food or take-out meal and join Amy and friends for fun and fellowship. Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Tuesday, April 20th.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Meredith Andrews	2
Hunter Clark	3
Robert Andrews	4
Amanda Angstadt	4
Ben Bryant	5
Chris Clark	5
Sue Beutler	8
Seth Myers	9
Suzie Ward	9
Hunter Angstadt	10
Flay Anthony	10
Craig Behringer	10
Pauline Bradley	10
Zoe Bradley	11
Weslee Davis	11
Betty Little	11
Cathy Robinson	12
Richard Peak	13
Trish Ratchford	13
Jake Rhyne	13
Dan Lineberger	14
Elliott Anthony	16
Nancy Rankin	16

Gwen Lewis	18
Sara McArver Halfhill	19
Nancy Homovich	20
Isabella Mull	20
Kathy Finch	21
Laura Lilly	21
Vicki Stokes	21
Mark Thornburg	21
Pam Thornburg	21
Madison Potter	23
Adrian Thornburg	23
Ariel Burgoon	24
Heather Moretz Elkin	24
Eula Ritchie	24
Jennifer Tamberella	24
Carolyn Lineberger	26
Rhonda Putnam	26
Kelly Stokes	26
Dana Bird	28
Beth Swindler	29

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Ann Lowe	8
Crown & Kate Hoffman	22
Steve & Susan Jackson	27
Scott & Wendy Robinson	30



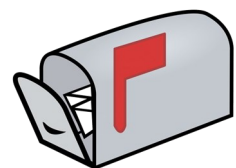
*If we missed your birthday or anniversary,
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into the database.*

Dear Lutheran Chapel Church,

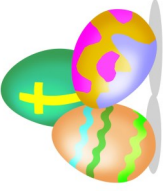
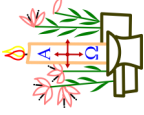

CAM is very grateful to the Lutheran Chapel congregation for the food collected and delivered throughout 2020 to help feed our neighbors in need. Given current events, we have more requests than normal and know that the need will only grow. Your congregation has been very generous in donating needed food items.

Thanks for all that Lutheran Chapel does to make our ministry possible. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you to assist those in need in our community.

Gratefully,
Kimberly S. Wheeler,
Executive Director



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Worship	2 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 Worship (Chapel) 7:00 Worship	3 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:00 Zoom SS 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	5 NO Preschool	6 NO Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	7 NO Preschool	8 NO Preschool	9	10
11 8:30 Early Worship 9:00 Zoom SS 9:30 Roots Zoom Devot. 10:30 Worship 11:30 Confirmation (FLC) 5:00 Luther Choir 5:45 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	12 8:30 Preschool	13 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	14 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:00 Handbells	15 8:30 Preschool	16	17
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25 Youth Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 5:00 Luther Choir 5:45 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	26 8:30 Preschool	27 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	28 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:00 Handbells	29	30	

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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.