



Chapel News

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MARCH 2021

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

A lamb goes uncomplaining forth to save a world of sinners. He bears the burdens all alone, dies shorn of all his honors. He goes to slaughter, weak and faint, is led to die without complaint; His spotless Life He offers. He bears the shame, the stripes, the wrath; His anguish, mockery, and death for us He gladly suffers.

This lamb is Christ, our greatest Friend, the Lamb of God, our Savior, the one, His only Son, God sent to win us rebels over. "Go down My Child," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread of death and condemnation. The painful stripes are hard to bear, but by Your death they all can share the joy of Your salvation.

He answered from His tender heart that He would take the burden; "My Father's will is My command; I'll do as I am bidden." Oh, wonderous love! Oh, loving might! To right what mortals cannot right, God sent His Son from heaven. What love, O Love, who came to save by loving even to the grave until the stone was riven.

Of death I am no more afraid; His dying is my living. He clothes me in His royal robes that He is always giving. His love is dress enough for me to wear through all eternity before the highest Father, where we shall stand at Jesus' side, His Church, the well appointed bride, when all the faithful gather.

By Paul Gerhardt, **Lutheran Book of Worship #105**

May our Father in Heaven bless our humble songs of Lent. May He grow us by His grace through prayer, fasting, giving, and studying Revelation these 40 days.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael





LENTEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

A Study of the Book of Revelation

7:30 pm Wednesday Evenings

In-person & Online

March 3, 10, 17, 24

Lectors for March

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

March 7 Katherine Sanders

March 14 Seth Myers

March 21 Debra Hoffman

March 28 Tammy Royston



ALTAR FLOWERS

MARCH

Mar. 7 ~ Given by Joe Veale in loving memory of Becky.

Mar. 14 ~ Given by Charles & Ann Edwards in memory of Dwight & Blanche Edwards.

Mar. 21 ~ Given by Judy Anton in loving memory of Bill Anton and John McCutcheon.

Mar 28 ~ Palm Sunday



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

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.





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.



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.



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 14

Principal Feasts and Fasts of our Lord Jesus Christ

March 2021

The Annunciation of our Lord – Thursday, March 25

This festival celebrates the angelic announcement to Mary of the coming birth of the Christ Child. The date is determined by Christmas so it is nine months before the festival of our Lord's birth (Luke 1:26-38).

Palm Sunday – Sunday, March 28

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated this day along with the Passion narrative from Mark 14:1-15:47.



FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 1 month ended 01/31/2021

| | Actual | 2021 Budget | Over/(Under) |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts | \$ 29,575.00 | \$ 30,663.00 | \$ (1,088.00) |
| Disbursements | \$ 30,369.00 | \$ 27,670.00 | \$ 2,699.00 |
| Net Cash | \$ (794.00) | \$ 2,993.00 | \$ (3,787.00) |



Treasurer Report

Financial results are trending neutral at this point. Revenues will potentially rise during the first few months. Finance Committee will be watching the activity more closely during the first quarter. Our church is financially stable and is adequately funded. The various fund balances we have can support a downturn if it happens.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.

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.



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.



If you wish to place a lily in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday Service, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the church office by **Monday, March 29**. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel and write Lily Order on the memo line. Be sure to pick up your flower(s) after the Easter Sunday Service.

Number ordered: _____ @ \$17.00 each Total \$ _____

(Please print)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Placed by: _____



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

SPROUTS

Sprouts Schedule

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 3rd - Youth Group via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 7th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 17th - Youth Group via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 28th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am

In February, Amy sent a packet to each Sprout youth with all of the materials needed for Sprouts and Sunday school during Lent. Please check the schedule she provided in the packet to know what to bring to each virtual meeting.

ROOTS

- ⇒ **Monthly Devotional:** Sunday, March 21st at 9:30 am via Zoom
- ⇒ **March Service Project:** On Saturday, **March 27th**, 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Pastor Comer, Mrs. M and Amy are working with the Roots youth to come up with a modified Youth Sunday on Sunday, April 25th during the 10:30 service.

The Roots youth will be reading the lessons and gospel, presenting the children's sermon, serving as ushers and offering some special instrumental music selections.

If any *Roots youth* is interested in participating, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org or Mrs. M at chapelvoices@msn.com by Monday, March 15th.



April 25
10:30 Service

MARCH LOVE OFFERING

The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center ~ A Domestic Violence Shelter

Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center/A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Shelter operates under the direction of the Gaston County Department of Health and Human Resources and has been in operation since April 1982. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to work on goals to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, and support group meetings for women and a children's programs. When the families leave, the staff wants them to be strong, hopeful for the future and know that there is always someone only a phone call away if help is needed.

Domestic violence statistics continue to rise, therefore it is so important for each of us to take a stand against this deadly and violent problem affecting many innocent women and children. In the United States, a woman is assaulted every nine seconds. We can all play a role in stopping violence and creating a safe environment for people to live and work. In 2020, The Shelter served 482 clients and received 873 calls for help and assistance, and served as home for 134 children.

Also, the Shelter is now part of Gaston County's Family Justice Center called Hope United Survivor Network. Hope United serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse and human trafficking. Survivors can access many different legal services on site such as court orders and counseling. Working together, these ministries can help survivors begin their journey towards safety, healing, and hope.

The Shelter depends on donations from private citizens, public and private organizations, local industries, and religious groups throughout the county. Please prayerfully consider giving a donation to this ministry and help to make a difference.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



**THE CATHY MABRY
CLONINGER CENTER**
A Domestic Violence Shelter



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.

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.*



FROM THE MAILBOX...

The children of Amelia B. Edwards wish to thank you for your acts of kindness with your cards, phone calls, and visits during the loss of our beloved mother.

~Paulette Hale, Mitch Edwards, & Jane Ivester



Dear Lutheran Chapel Church

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.

Thank you for your belief in us and helping us maintain our quality care for our residents. May this year bring you joy, love and peace with blessings in abundance.

Sincerely,

Regina P. Moody, President/CEO

Holy Angels



MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Johnny Carpenter | 1 | Don Boyette | 14 |
| Gene Weaver..... | 1 | Joel Boyette | 15 |
| Leon Moretz..... | 2 | Timothy Davis | 18 |
| Nancy Witman | 2 | Jeanette Myers | 18 |
| Michael Comer | 3 | Charles Edwards | 21 |
| Charles Heilig, III | 3 | Landon Goedl | 21 |
| Sean Rankin | 4 | Debra Hoffman | 21 |
| Jenny Williamson | 6 | Scott Robinson..... | 26 |
| K.J. Bird..... | 9 | Katherine Carpenter..... | 27 |
| Drew Carpenter..... | 10 | Lee Ann Lindler..... | 28 |
| Scott Shealy | 11 | Tammy Royston..... | 31 |
| Braylon Beam | 12 | | |

anniversaries

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Jon & Margaret Berghello | 9 |
| Norman & Pam Overcash..... | 10 |
| Mike & Jennifer Tamberella..... | 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

March 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| | 1 8:30 Preschool | 2 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 3 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:15 Handbells 7:30 Evening Prayer | 4 8:30 Preschool | 5 | 6 |
| 7 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 9:30 Sprouts 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 7:30 Evening Prayer | 11 8:30 Preschool | 12 | 13 |
| 14 DST Begins 8:30 Early Worship (FLC) 9:00 Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Confirmation (FLC) 4:00 Council Meeting 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH) | 15 8:30 Preschool | 16 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 17 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom 6:15 Handbells 7:30 Evening Prayer | 18 8:30 Preschool | 19 Newsletter Articles Due! | 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 | 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 Clothing Closet Yard Sale |
| 28 Palm Sunday 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) | 29 8:30 Preschool | 30 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 31 8:30 Preschool 6:15 Handbells |  | | |

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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.