



Chapel News

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From the Pastor...

There are a number of initiatives that are underway as we move into the waning days of the Covid-19 pandemic. They are in the areas of facilities, families/young adults, fellowship, and worship. A brief summary is below with more to be shared in a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 20.

Facilities

The Accessibility Project to add bathrooms and to make the sanctuary accessible without navigating stairs is a big goal. The principle of hospitality demands we work towards making all the church campus as accessible as possible for all of us and for all whom God may bring to the mission here. Other areas of interest include aesthetic improvements and lighting in the Memorial Chapel and a plan on how to best use the property adjacent to the pavilion. It is important for us as a fellowship to make a plan and work it towards such goals.



Families/Young Adults



There is a large number of church members between the ages of 35-50 who are sporadically involved. After Covid-19 and a season of disconnection, how might we reconnect as followers of Christ and support one another? There are several efforts that will be going on through the summer leading into the fall. A young adult supper club that is just starting, a modified Vacation Bible School June 17-19 (for all ages actually), a quarterly fellowship for Sprout families (July 25 for a time of kickball and fellowship is the first), and various outings that are in the planning stages are some things to note.

Fellowship

Again, recognizing this season of disconnection, specific actions to reconnect among all our fellowship are an important part of life together. There are a host of ideas towards this goal. To eat together with a fellowship meal one night a month that may include bringing in a speaker of interest from the wider community, a common hands-on ministry to work on together, and a game night for fun is a goal. Crafts (like we did for the Advent season before the pandemic), outside worship and a social with tents erected and food served – the focus is on encouraging one another as the people of God in this time and place.



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Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD (Psalm 100)! The Rankin Lake Service is coming up quick on Sunday, June 6 and a catered dinner from Grandma Hoyts will be shared. An idea for offering monthly music themes to sing for fun with a men's chorus, women's chorus, young adult's chorus, etc. may prove to be some good songs and good laughs. A hymn sing and ice cream social (Tony's Ice Cream – our official North Carolina state ice cream) for August is in the planning stages.



So, these are some initiatives to share as we continue to restart after the trials of covid-19. Remember -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. We have adapted and persevered through a pandemic. Let us pray the Psalm "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the House of the LORD!" (Psalm 122:1) and gather together at Lutheran Chapel.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE

June 6, 2021 at 10:30



All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, June 6 at 10:30.

A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to hang out together at the park.

Please note that there will be only one worship service on this Sunday.

With Appreciation....

Thank you to those serving as lectors each Sunday. A pastor once shared that those who serve in worship are the prompters for others to worship. I appreciate your faithfulness and willingness to share God's word each Sunday for others to worship Jesus Christ our Lord.

If there are others who would like to serve as lector, please contact Lisa Burch by email 19lburch60@gmail.com or text 704-675-2294.

Lisa Burch



"So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" -Romans 10:17

Lectors for June

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

June 6 Trish Ratchford

June 13 Teresa Yarborough

June 20 Debra Hoffman

June 27 Sylvia Fogle



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

JUNE

June 6 ~ Rankin Lake Service

June 13 ~ Given by Roger & Jeanette Myers in honor of their 41st anniversary. (Altar)

Given by Sylvia Fogle in remembrance of her mother Bleeka's birthday. (Narthex)

June 20 ~ Given by the children of the church in honor of the fathers of the church.

June 27 ~ Given by Jonathan & Katherine Carpenter in honor of their children and grandchildren.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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



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.

Come Worship with Us



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2021

The Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- ♦ Amy Carpenter reported that modified VBS is a go. Currently having youth and members of MMO register. (June 17-19)
- ♦ There will be a Roots Car Wash Fundraiser- July 17th - open to members of the church. There is a goal of \$500 raised for the backpack ministry.
- ♦ Pastor is offering Sunday School looking at the Psalter during the summer months. It is being held in the Family Life Center at 9:30am.
- ♦ Council approved having two credit cards distributed to Kim and Amy Carpenter. There would be a \$2500 limit on the master card, held by Kim, and a \$750 limit for Amy's card.
- ♦ Council approved the Chancel Choir returning the men and women to one side as long as they could still be safely distanced and choir members felt comfortable with it.
- ♦ Council received updates from the four sub-committees tasked with goals for leading the church into the future. Expects to have a congregational meeting discussing these goals on June 20.

The next Council meeting will be held in July.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 4 months ended 04/30/2021:

	Actual	2021 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 105,712.00	\$ 122,650.00	\$ (16,938.00)
Disbursements	\$ 106,609.00	\$ 120,225.00	\$ (13,616.00)
Net Cash	\$ (897.00)	\$ 2,425.00	\$ (3,322.00)



As you can see from above, total receipts through April 30, 2021 are \$105,712, while total year to date disbursements exceeded that number by \$897.00. This can be seen in the first column titled Actual Cash INCREASE/DECREASE. Receipts are typically soft during the summer months and these will pick up in months starting in September.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.



Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. —Isaiah 60:1

JUNE LOVE OFFERING

Lutheran Support Group of Gaston County

Our love offerings for the month of **June** will be for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. A coalition of Lutheran Churches helps with maintenance and upkeep of these homes and works with Lutheran Services Carolinas and other agencies to provide the use of these properties owned by LSGG for needs in our community.

Mountain Ridge Group Home is currently operating in Gastonia. It is operated and owned by Lutheran Services Carolinas. It serves adults with developmental disabilities.

Faith Farm in Dallas had been serving as transitional housing for the rehabilitation of women veterans. However, the Veterans Administration made the decision to stop funding this project. Therefore, the facility was closed due to lack of funding. Currently, Mountain Ridge Group Home is utilizing Faith Farm as an extended facility for daily activities for their male residents.

The Bess Town Road property is still in the process of being renovated as a home for homeless male veterans. The facility will provide the men a home and enable them to eventually move to a home of their own. This property will be known as Camp Centurion – Gaston Barracks. The Lutheran Support group is working with Camp Centurion to use the Bess Town Road property. Camp Centurion is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide local veterans who are experiencing a difficult transition from military to civilian life, with the essential secure environment, services and support they need to be able to finally “come home”, regardless of the length of time since discharge. Supportive housing will be provided in a secure environment that is structured and supervised. Every veteran will have a personalized plan. There is not a definite date for the opening of this facility, however work is continuing at this property.

Your generous donations are greatly needed and appreciated as the ministry of these homes continue to serve the needs of our community.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



OWLS

June 10 ~ 6:00 pm

On Thursday, June 10th at 6:00 pm, Josh and Amy would like to invite the OWLS to join them in their backyard for an *ice cream social*. Be sure to bring your lawn chair!

Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Thursday, June 3rd. (*Rainy weather location: Family Life Center*)



**Ice Cream
Social**

Girls' Night Out

June 21 ~ 5:00 pm

Women of the church, please join Amy for dinner and fellowship at Pita Wheel in downtown Gastonia at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 21st.

Weather permitting, there is an outdoor patio available. Please let her know if you are able to come by Monday, June 14th.

Hope to see you there!





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

SPROUTS

Sprouts Schedule

- ⇒ Sunday, June 13th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Sunday, June 20th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am

ROOTS

A Study in Psalms: Amy and Pastor Michael would like to invite and encourage the Roots youth and their families to attend the Pastor's study of the Psalms on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center or via Zoom. Contact Amy if you are in need of the Zoom link. This study will run through the summer until in-person Sunday school reopens in September.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Sprouts Family Picnic



On Sunday, **July 25th**, the families of our Sprouts youth are invited to a picnic and a kickball game at the church pavilion immediately following the 10:30 service. Feel free to bring a change of clothes. Please let Amy know if your Sprouts family is able to attend by Monday, July 20th.



Roots Car Wash Fundraiser



The Roots youth group will be hosting a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, **July 17th** from 9am-12pm in the church parking lot for church members. The Roots have set a goal to raise \$500 to donate to the Lutheran Chapel Backpack Ministry. Please mark your calendars and help us reach this goal! (*Rainy Weather Makeup Day: July 31st*)

Clothing Closet Giveaway

The *Outreach Committee and Roots Youth Group* will be hosting a Clothing Closet Giveaway on **Saturday, July 10th from 10am-2pm**. All youth and families that are available to help should arrive at 8am to set up the outdoor event and plan to assist with the clothing giveaway. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



VBS 2021 - June 17-19 for Children & Adults

The Christian Ed Committee will be offering a modified outdoor Vacation Bible School for the children of our congregation and the MMO program. VBS will be offered at the pavilion from 5:00-7:30 pm on Thursday, June 17th and Friday, June 18th as well as 10 am-12:30 pm 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 6-7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Amy will be sharing additional information with parents via email.



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.*



Dear Friends at Lutheran Chapel,

Jerry and I want to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers while we were quarantined at Elmcroft. Jerry is now at Peak Resources in Room 302. Limited visitation is possible.

We have been so appreciative of the calls, cards, flowers and delicious goodies. Please know how much your kindness means to us.

FROM THE MAILBOX...

Love,
Shirley Carpenter



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Anton	1
Olivia Bradley	1
Morgan Lilly	2
Braxton Finch.....	3
Margaret Ratchford Berghello	4
David Lewis	4
Michael Ellington.....	5
Colby Robinson.....	7
Crown Hoffman	9
Lisa Bradley	11
Lila Gladden.....	11
Kori Bradley.....	12
Larry Hoover.....	13
Stephen Rankin	13
Steve Ritchie	14
Scott Bradley.....	16
Joseph Hovis	16
Kate Hoffman.....	17
Payton Taylor.....	19
Ashley Bell.....	27
Sherrie Angstadt.....	29

annIVERSARIES

Derk & Sue Beutler.....	2
Larry & Elona Collins.....	5
Ken & Nancy Witman Obenauf.....	6
Adam & Heather Moretz Elkin.....	8
Tom & Nancy Rankin.....	8
Josh & Amy Brown	12
Scott & Kori Bradley	14
Roger & Jeanette Myers	14
Matt & Elyse Hoffman	17
Pat & Barbara Robinson	20
Ryan & Rachel Anthony.....	21
Don & Faye Ann Boyette	22
Jonathan & Kathy Carpenter.....	23
Clayton & Gwen Lewis	23
Brent & Chris Clark.....	24
Todd & Emily Carpenter	27



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

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Jerry Carpenter

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Gastonia, NC 28054

Helen Hoffman

Terrace Ridge
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Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Klimek

Park Pointe Village
3025 Chesbrough Blvd.
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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



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 Worship at Rankin Lake 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	7	8 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	9	10 6:00 OWLS	11	12
13 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Bible Study (FLC) 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	14	15 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	16 8:30 Preschool	17	18 Vacation Bible School	19
20 Father's Day 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Bible Study (FLC) 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	21 5:00 Girls' Night Out  Newsletter Articles Due	22 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	23 8:30 Preschool	24 8:30 Preschool	25 5:00 VBS (Pavilion) 6:00 Adult VBS (Sanct.) 10:00 VBS (Pavilion)	26
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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.