



Chapel News

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MAY 2021

A Feast of Psalms

The Psalms are the prayerbook of the Bible. The Feast of Psalms is a daily gift and discipline to pray through the entire book. The first portion is organized by the Christian year and uses Psalms that point to Jesus Christ according to commentaries by Athanasius, Benedict, and historical Lutheran lectionaries. The second portion for use during the weeks after Pentecost is organized to cover the five books in which Psalms is divided in five weeks. This honors the actual structure of Psalms itself arranged as five books reflecting the five books of the Torah/Pentateuch. Further, it is recommended to read the introductions of each Psalm whether of David, Korah, Asaph, or another Psalmist, to consider a setting for one's prayer and contemplation.

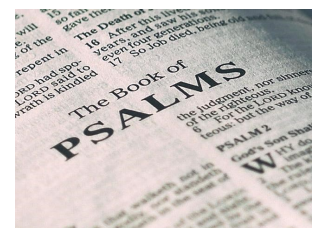
There are other excellent disciplines for going through Psalms. The 30-day Psalter devised by Thomas Cranmer in the **Book of Common Prayer** is a worthy discipline. The monastic **Rule of Benedict** covers all the Psalter in one week with the seven daily prayer times (i.e., Liturgy of the Hours) is another.

The intent of offering this Feast of Psalms is to connect praying the Psalms with following our Lord Jesus marked by the rhythms of the Christian year day by day. It is not so rigorous as to be monastic. However, it is a steady diet of God's Word for daily prayer either as an individual, a family, or a congregation. The set of Easter Psalms is below:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning: 9, 16	Morning: 30, 33	Morning: 66, 93	Morning: 99, 100	Morning: 114, 115
Evening: 23, 24	Evening: 47, 49	Evening: 96, 98	Evening: 111, 113	Evening: 116, 117
	Friday	Saturday		
	Morning: 118, 124	Morning: 147, 148		
	Evening: 145, 146	Evening: 149, 150		

As we pray the Psalms in Jesus' Name to the glory of our Father in Heaven, may the Holy Spirit grow us and guide us in to all truth (John 16:12-15, Luke 24:44-49).

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES!

Please join us for a Graduation Milestone on Sunday, May 23 during the 10:30am service to pray for, recognize and celebrate our 2021 graduates.

College Graduates

Meredith Andrews

Anna Escobedo

Rebecca Hester

High School Graduates

Alex Berghello

Ben Carpenter

Monica Goedl

Katherine Heilig

Olivia Hovis

Sarah Jamison

Tessie Morrison

Nolan Romero

David Tamberella

Ryan Thornburg





We are so proud of their many accomplishments
and cannot wait to see where the future takes them!

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope
and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

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.



Lectors for May

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

May 2 Janie Peak

May 9 Amy Brown

May 16 Baker Sanders

May 23 Beth Swindler

May 30 Johnny Carpenter



ALTAR FLOWERS

MAY

May 2 ~ Given by Dan Jenkins in memory of Bill Anton.

May 9 ~ Given by the children of the church in honor of the mothers of the church.

May 16 ~ Given by Ervin, Nancy, David, Susan, Henry & Debra in honor of Helen Hoffman's 97th birthday.

May 23 ~ Given by the Thornburg Family in honor of Bob's 88th birthday.

May 30 ~ Given by Sara Carpenter in memory of Gene'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

10:30 am ~ Sanctuary
(limited capacity)

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



Favorite Hymns for the Summer

If you would like to hear your favorite hymn incorporated at the 10:30 Worship Service for the months of July and August, please email Lisa Burch at 19lburch60@gmail.com by May 15. Music selections will be chosen in order of suggestions received, so please don't wait too late to choose your hymn!



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.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 3 months ended 03/31/2021

	Actual	2021 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 85,491.00	\$ 91,988.00	\$ (6,497.00)
Disbursements	\$ 79,874.00	\$ 89,982.00	\$ (10,108.00)
Net Cash	\$ 5,617.00	\$ 2,006.00	\$ 3,611.00



Treasurer Report

Actual cash continued to increase slightly in the month of March. The slight increase in cash was primarily due to activity limitations of normal church activities as stated in the past due to Covid. These activities are cautiously being approved to return to normal routines that we enjoyed prior to Covid. The Re-gathering Committee and Executive Committee are continuing implementation and planning for more activities to return.

Revenues/Giving continue to follow a slight downward trend as compared to our year-to-date budget through March. This can be seen in the top line items comparing Actual Receipts versus Budgeted Receipts where the OVER/UNDER reflects shortfall of (\$6,497). The trend in the column should not be a big concern, but simply pointing out the downward movement in this reporting line item. The finance committee will continue to monitor.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.

LOVE OFFERING

Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County

Our love offering for May will be sent to Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian based ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing. Funds for the construction of homes are obtained through financial contributions from individuals, churches and businesses. The homes are sold to qualified families at no profit and financed with affordable, no-interest mortgages repaid over 20 years. Mortgage money is then recycled back to build more homes for families in need. Habitat is not a give-away program. Habitat relies heavily on volunteers for construction in all homes. The work is a cooperative effort between volunteers and new home buyers who contribute labor to build their homes.

To date, Habitat for Humanity of Gaston has built 121 homes in Gaston County with plans to build 5 homes this year. Also, there are plans to build a neighborhood of 28 homes in North Belmont on donated land. Habitat for Humanity also has a home repair program.

Through the Habitat International program, Habitat Gaston donates a 10% tithe to assist in Honduras. Over 600 homes have been renovated and 51 homes have been built for the poverty-stricken people of Honduras.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry so that Habitat will continue to grow and help even more families so they will have the opportunity to become a homeowner.

Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee





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

SPROUTS

Sprouts Schedule

- ⇒ Sunday, May 2nd - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Wednesday, May 5th - Youth Group via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, May 19th - Youth Group via Zoom at 6 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, May 23rd - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am

ROOTS

- ⇒ **Service Project:** Saturday, May 1st from 10-12 at the church with lunch provided.
- ⇒ **Monthly Devotional:** Sunday, May 16th at 9:30 am via Zoom

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 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.



LCC Preschool News

- ♦ Preschool Graduation will be held outdoors on May 22 at 10:00am.
- ♦ The last day of the Spring session is May 27.
- ♦ Preschool will be closed from May 31 - June 14.
- ♦ The Summer session will run from June 15 - August 5 on a three day schedule (Tues-Wed-Thurs).



Guys' Morning Out Saturday, May 22

Josh Carpenter is planning an LCC golf outing on the morning of Saturday, May 22, likely at *Catawba Creek Golf Club* in Gastonia. This will be an informal outing; no scores will be recorded and pairings will be random, unless otherwise requested.

This is meant to be a fun outing for the men of the church to get together and reconnect. If interested, let Josh know by Saturday, May 8th, so he can book tee times 704-575-9947.



Girls' Morning Out May 22 ~ 9:30am

Women of the church, please join Amy for breakfast and fellowship at Spruced Goose in McAdenville at 9:30am on Saturday, May 22nd.

Weather permitting, there is an outdoor patio available. Please let her know if you are able to come by Monday, May 18th.

Hope to see you there!



fresh eats & treats
Established by Holy Angels



OWLS

May 27 ~ 5pm



Many OWLS have missed our fellowship together at local restaurants.

On Thursday, **May 27th** 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, May 25th.

Women's Book Club: A Study of C. S. Lewis

May 20 ~ 6pm

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.*



may celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Erin Williamson	2
Abigail Hester	4
Rebecca Hester	4
Clayton Lewis	4
Evan Escobedo	7
Keith Yarborough.....	9
Josh Carpenter	10
Zachary Beam	12
Helen Hoffman	12
Alisha Pierri.....	12
Marty Lineberger.....	13
Jesse Beam	15
Andrew Bell	17
Betty Klimek	19
Bob Thornburg	23
Debi Jean Wankel.....	23
Nathan Lilly.....	25
Judy Brandt	29

anniversaries

Michael & Star Finch	2
Charles & Christa Heilig, III	8
Doug & Heather Nigbor	15
Carlton & Barbara Peacock.....	19
Jason & Lisa Bradley	22
Michael & Ginny Comer.....	22
Ben Bryant & Mark McCauley	25
Leon & Kay Moretz	27
Blair & Pam Thornburg.....	31

*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
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



FROM THE MAILBOX...



Bob and I want to thank our church family for the altar flowers, phone calls, many cards, and most of all, the prayers for us. Bob continues to heal from his fall. We worship with you all via YouTube each Sunday.

~ Lucinda Thornburg

Thank you to the members of Lutheran Chapel of the NC Synod of the ELCA in grateful appreciation for giving \$1,228 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

Tim Smith, Bishop NC Synod
Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 Roots Service Project
2 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 4:00 Council Mtg. 5:00 Luther Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir	3 8:30 Preschool	4 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	5 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom	6 8:30 Preschool	7	8
9 Mother's Day 8:30 Early Worship 10:30 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	10 8:30 Preschool	11 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 Worship & Music Mtg. (CR)	12 8:30 Preschool 12:30 Organ Tuning	13 8:30 Preschool	14	15
16 Ascension Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Roots Zoom Devot. 10:30 Worship 5:00 Luther Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	17 8:30 Preschool Newsletter Articles Due	18 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	19 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts-Zoom	20 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Women's Book Club (Pavilion)	21	22 TBD Guy's Golf Outing 9:30 Girls' Morning Out 10:00 Preschool Graduation
23 Pentecost Sunday 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Confirmation 5:00 Luther Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir	24 8:30 Preschool	25 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	26 8:30 Preschool	27 8:30 Preschool 5:00 OWLS (Pavilion)	28	29 12:00 Private Event (FH)
30 8:30 Early Worship 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (PH)	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.