



Chapel News

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JULY 2021

Sunday School: Five Gifts for the Children of God

Bible study and small group fellowship = Sunday School! This has been missing among us during the days of the covid-19 pandemic and the plan is to restart this crucial ministry for all age groups on Sunday, September 12. Reflecting on my personal journey, here are five gifts I've gotten from Sunday School as a child and youth.

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Ten Commandments, golden rule, Lord's Prayer, memory verses, fruits of the Spirit (remember the poster with pictures of fruit and the gift listed along with it from Galatians 5:22-23) – these were all lessons passed down with art and flannel boards. I am thankful for all who poured God's Word into me and into each child. Where else will children learn these gifts? Let us teach each child among us about the gift of this cause and effect world and point them in the right way in a world full of mess.

The cheerful heart has a continual feast (Proverbs 15:15).

Put your mind on the cheer not on the tear. Rejoice in God's love, the good creation and in all excellent things (Philippians 4:4-8). I remember clearly singing "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart" and the cheerful heart makes a difference.

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-15).

Anyone else remember the piggy bank lesson? Give (10%) to God's glory and to help others, save (10%) for the rainy day when needed, and spend (80%) wisely and have fun. I learned later as an adult another part to the lesson - from Proverbs 22:7 – avoid debt because "the borrower is slave to the lender." What might happen if Congress could learn this Sunday School lesson?

Make a joyful noise to the LORD (Psalm 100).

Singing takes our focus off us and focuses on the LORD. Jesus loves me this I know because the Bible tells me so! I also know it because we sang it. I always had a tough time with crafts (sadly more of a stick figure kind of guy) but that was part of the time together after music time. Anybody else thing music and art is still worth teaching?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

This is the #1 Bible verse from my memory. Later, as an adult, I learned Martin Luther called this the Gospel

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in one verse. I am loved. I belong to Jesus. I trust Jesus now and this is leading to forever in Him. Or another song that was sung: "I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N!" All people need to know God's love for them. So, these lessons, and there are many, many more, begin to shape little ones to be children of the Heavenly Father and part of His mission to all the world.

Please consider coming to the Sunday School restart on Sunday, **September 12** at 9:30. If you are blessed to have children or grandchildren, invite them to come too.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



Lectors for July

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

July 4 Pam Overcash

July 11 Norman Overcash

July 18 Jason Sanders

July 25 Nancy Witman



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

JULY

July 4 ~ Given by Kathy Finch & Judy Gault in memory of Bill & Ferel Suders.

July 11 ~ Given by Buddy Carothers in memory of Elizabeth Anne Carothers.

July 18 ~ Given by the Ken, Ann Marie, Zac & Melissa Lentz in memory of Thad and in honor of Ken's birthday.

July 25 ~ Given by Jason, Katherine & Baker Sanders in honor of Charles & Ann Edwards 56th anniversary.



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



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



JULY LOVE OFFERING

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

The love offering for **July** will be the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Your donations will provide relief for people who live in extreme poverty around the world as well as the United States. Food, clean water, medicine, shelter, and clothing are provided as they rebuild their lives. More than 820 million people – (that is 11% of people in the world) – are hungry. Contributions are used to break the cycle of chronic poverty and this is achieved when poor communities find solutions to their problems that are based on their own assets, resources, and labor. Many projects address needs in communities through agricultural development, literacy, health care and job training. By assisting whole communities on the path toward development is the most effective way to combat hunger among children and families.

Your donations are used wisely by the ELCA and their partners, Lutheran World Relief, and the Lutheran World Federation. Therefore, please prayerfully consider giving to our love offering this month and help to make a life saving difference!

Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee



To our Graduates...

Congratulations to all our graduates this year. We are so proud of you all. The Lutheran Chapel Prayer team would like to give you a small token to remind you that we will be praying for your continued success as you begin your next journey in life. We have left a gift bag for each of you next to our prayer rack, in the narthex. If you are unable to pick up, we'll be glad to see that you get it. Just text me at (704) 214-2493. We look forward with holy anticipation to see all that God has planned for your future. Blessings on your future endeavors.

Yours in Christ,
Katherine Carpenter and the Lutheran Chapel Prayer Team



FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 5 months ended 05/31/2021:

	Actual	2021 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 141,230.00	\$ 153,313.00	\$ (12,083.00)
Disbursements	\$ 130,841.00	\$ 150,282.00	\$ (19,441.00)
Net Cash	\$ 10,389.00	\$ 3,031.00	\$ 7,358.00



Treasurer Report

Actual cash increased in the month of May to \$10,389.00. This increase in cash as stated in previous reports was primarily due to activity limitations of normal church ministries due to Covid. As you can see on Line 1 of this report from left to right actual giving as compared to budgeted giving is in a slight deficit (\$12,083.00). The results from this deficit is normal and can flow through the fiscal year tracking with the same results. From year to year, we may finish the year in a slight loss of cash. This happens but is just a course we take on any particular year. When we return to normal activities in the fall, we will be able sustain our ministries without any significant burden. The summer months will reflect slight downward movement of our contributions but this is very typical for our church year cycle. Historical giving revenues will pick back up in the fall.

The Church's balance sheet reflects strong equity position to meet any unforeseen shortfalls or unforeseen repairs we may have during our church year. We have been truly blessed here at Lutheran Chapel for the faithfulness of our church family and their gifts.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson.



OWLS

July 8 ~ 6:00 pm

Please join Amy & Josh for dinner and fellowship at Bright Star in Mt. Holly on Thursday, July 8 at 6 pm.

Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Monday, July 5th.



Girls' Night Out

July 22 ~ 5:00 pm

Women of the church, please join Amy for dinner and fellowship at Viva Tequis in Gastonia at 5:00 pm on Thursday, July 22.

Please let her know if you are able to come by Monday, July 19.

Hope to see you there!



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord

-Psalm 33:12



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

SPROUTS

Sprouts Schedule

- ⇒ Sunday, July 11th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am
- ⇒ Sunday, July 25th - Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 am

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

Amy and Pastor Michael would like to invite and encourage Roots youth and their families to attend in-person Sunday School led by Johnny Carpenter at 9:30 in the Chapel. The topic of study is Hebrews. The class will be held each week until Sunday School re-opens in September. (Please note that Sunday School will not be held on July 4.)

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

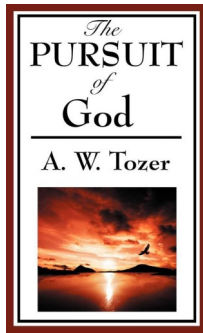
FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



A NEW BOOK STUDY

The Pursuit of God by A. W. Tozer

The Prayer team would like to sponsor a Bible Study beginning in the Fall using the book "The Pursuit of God" from A.W. Tozer. Please see below for a brief description:



The Pursuit of God is the enduring Christian classic written by renowned pastor and theologian A.W. Tozer. More than 65 years later, the words Tozer penned on a train from Illinois to Texas echo across the decades to resonate with power in the heart of anyone longing for a deeper experience with God. This devotional masterpiece is at once thought-provoking and spirit-enlivening, an invitation to think deeply about your faith even as you come alive to God's presence surrounding, sustaining and--yes--pursuing you. "This book is a modest attempt," Tozer wrote, "to aid God's hungry children so to find Him." If you are hungry, *The Pursuit of God* will lead you to the only One who can satisfy the soul.

Based on your schedule and availability, we could meet Wednesdays or Thursdays , daytime, nighttime or if there is enough interest, both. Please contact me and let me know your thoughts or if you have any questions.

We look forward to spending time together in God's word and growing in His knowledge.

In Christ,

Katherine Carpenter,

Lutheran Chapel Prayer Team

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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...

A NOTE OF



Dear Lutheran Chapel,

Thank you for the generous Visa gift card for my graduation. And thank you most of all for the loving support through my college years. I love my church family!

Love,

Meredith Andrews

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the love and support you have shown me over the years. I have been fortunate to be a part of the Lutheran Chapel Family.

I will make good use of the gift card given to me upon my graduation from Ashbrook. I will buy something special for my dorm room at Lenoir Rhyne. The beautiful Lutheran Chapel Church graduation sign is prominently displayed in my front yard.

I am proud to be a Lutheran and a Christian.

Most sincerely,

Alex Berghello

thank you!

Dear Amy & Lutheran Chapel,

Thanks so much to you and LCC for thinking of me for graduation. I appreciate the yard sign and gift card. Hope to see you soon.

Love,

David Tamberella

Dear Church Family,

I am so happy to be a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church! Learning about the beliefs of Lutherans has helped to make my faith stronger.

I thank the Women of the Church for the Lutheran Hymnal and Mrs. Sharon Carpenter for the beautiful stole she made for me. I will treasure them both as well as the love shown to me by my Lutheran Chapel Family.

Devotedly,

Olivia Berghello



JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Betty Petty.....	1	Ray Martin.....	23
Christa Heilig.....	5	Amy Carpenter.....	24
Maria Mull.....	7	Allison Robinson.....	24
Austin Bradley.....	8	Ed Robinson.....	25
Elena Hoffman.....	8	Susan Lewis.....	26
Tom Rankin.....	10	Shirley Carpenter.....	27
Brent Clark.....	11	Wally Rhyne.....	27
Delana Clark.....	14	Jane Thornburg.....	28
Sylvia Fogle.....	15	Steve Clark.....	29
Ken Lentz.....	15	Sara Carpenter.....	30
Will Clark.....	21	Lillian Robinson.....	30
Monica Goedl.....	21	BB Bell.....	31

anniversaries

Rahat & Erindira Rameez.....	14
Ervin & Nancy Hoffman.....	21
Diego & Sarah Weaver Costa.....	22
Tim & Joy Setzer Henderson.....	24
Jerry & Shirley Carpenter.....	29



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

Peak Resources
2780 X-Ray Dr., #302
Gastonia, NC 28054

Helen Hoffman

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Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Klimek

Park Pointe Village
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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



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 Preschool	2	3
4 Independence Day 8:30 Early Worship 10:30 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH) 	5 Office Closed 	6 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	7 8:30 Preschool	8 8:30 Preschool 6:00 OWLS	9	10 10:00 Clothing Closet Giveaway
11 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School (C) 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 4:00 Council Meeting 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	12	13 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	14 8:30 Preschool	15 8:30 Preschool	16	17 9:00 Roots Car Wash
18 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School (C) 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	19 Newsletter Articles Due	20 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	21 8:30 Preschool	22 8:30 Preschool 5:00 Girls' Night Out	23	24
25 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School (C) 9:30 Sprouts Zoom SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Sprouts Picnic 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	26	27 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	28 8:30 Preschool	29 8:30 Preschool	30	31 9:00 Roots Car Wash Rain date

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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.