



Chapel News

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OCTOBER 2021

On Lamentation and Daily Prayer

To lament is to mourn aloud, wail, to regret, to express sorrow or mourning often demonstratively. The Psalms are full of examples of people of faith pouring out lamentations to the LORD (re: 3-7, 10-14, 22, 51-59 and many more). It is a gift to be able to pour out our hearts to God (Psalm 55:1-3, 22).

The daily prayers, also called the daily office or liturgy of the hours, are times for prayer. I will confess that my keeping of daily prayer is not what it should be. I do pray our church prayer list. I do listen or read the Psalms and daily Scripture lessons. But I get busy (my to-do list is so important, right?) I get forgetful and I take God for granted way too often.

When I have done well in daily prayers is when I have been in personal crisis. When I lived alone in Silverstreet, South Carolina is when I definitely prayed morning and evening. When I went through Clinical Pastoral Education as a student chaplain at Broad River Correctional Institute in Columbia, South Carolina I prayed consistently – especially as the doors locked. Before the birth of our children, I prayed especially Psalm 147:13 “He blesses your children within you” and God blessed us with safe births and good growing up years. As a parish pastor I have prayed through many a church fight both in the congregation and in the denomination. At the death of my Dad, as dementia took away shared memories, lament and daily prayer gave me a comfort and a structure to turn to God for help. I have a special hatred for dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, and memory diseases – it has hit three family members and dozens of church family over the years. It is like part of your perspective and reality are being taken away bit by bit. Yet who remembers that experience, who recalls that bit of reality except me – my Father in Heaven does! This makes me grow closer and closer to Him. For some such trials have destroyed faith, hope and love. I am thankful for me at least that my faith, hope, and love in Jesus grows. That is enough personal testimony.

If you are still reading, I commend to you the biblical structure of daily prayers on next page. For Lutheran Christians the primary hours are morning and evening (remember Luther’s **Small Catechism**) but all seven daily moments will be listed. Many among us wrestle with sleepless nights, with illness, with great loss and the horrific pandemic continues to infect and be a source of division as a community. May turning to Jesus, honest lamentation and the rhythms of daily prayer be a gift to you.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael

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Psalm 119:164 - Seven times a day, I praise You

Midnight – Psalm 119:62, Acts 16:25 – Vigils, for watching (you can't sleep, why not talk to the LORD?)

Sunrise – Psalm 1:2, Mark 16:1-7 – **Morning Prayer** -- the resurrection of Jesus

Mid-Morning – Mark 15:25, Acts 2:1, 14-17 -- Jesus condemned and crucified for us; also, time of the coming of the Holy Spirit

Noon – Psalm 55:17, Daniel 6:10, Mark 15:33, Acts 10:9 – Christ's Cross and darkness

Mid-afternoon – Matthew 27:45-46, Mark 15:34, Luke 23:44-47 – death of Jesus for us

Sunset – Psalm 1:2, John 8:12 – **Evening Prayer** - Jesus Christ the Light of the world shines always

Night – Psalm 31:5 – sleep is the "little death", final committing of ourselves to our LORD



Lectors for October

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

October 3 Janie Peak

October 10 Lucinda Thornburg

October 17 Ann Edwards

October 24 Jason Sanders

October 31 Katherine Sanders



ALTAR FLOWERS

OCTOBER

Oct. 3 ~ Given by Lisa Burch in honor of Chuck's birthday.

Oct. 10 ~ Given by Josh & Amy Carpenter in honor of their 8th anniversary.

Oct. 17 ~ Given by Wanda Anthony in memory of Gladys Anthony.

Oct. 24 ~ Given by the Chapel Sunday School Class in memory of Mary Beth Stone.

Oct. 31 ~ Given by Sara Carpenter in memory of Gene.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

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

*The grass withers,
the flower fades;
but the word of our God
will stand forever.*

Isaiah 40:8



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2021

The council met virtually on Sept. 1 to discuss COVID-19 protocols:

- o Council voted to strongly recommend masks at all indoor church events due to recent spikes in virus cases.
- o Council also decided to remain in current COVID-19 protocols during worship services until the number of virus cases went down.
- o Council decided to hold off on returning to having coffee set up prior to Sunday School.

The Council made decisions and discussed the following at the Sept. 12 meeting:

- o The Council voted to accept Adam DeLuca into membership at LCC.
- o Ed Robinson reported that August was the second-best month of the year as it related to giving, with \$34,004 total.
- o Council approved adding 5 hours to James Dean's work week. Extra responsibilities will now include push mowing grass when needed and helping Dirty Collar Workers maintain other parts of the LCC campus.
- o Steve Laws reported new lighting was installed in the Memorial Chapel as part of the improvement project there. The committee has future meetings planned to discuss further upgrades.
- o Upcoming events include an outdoor fall festival on Sunday, Oct. 24 following the 10:30am worship service, catered by Grandma Hoyt's. A soup luncheon is tentatively planned for Sunday, Nov. 7 following the 10:30am worship service.

Council further enhanced COVID-19 protocols virtually on Sept. 15. They include:

- o LCC will not knowingly allow COVID-positive attendees to participate in indoor services/activities.
- o We will provide Contact Information sheets at all Services so that notifications can be made in the event that COVID has materialized with anyone attending.
- o We will strongly discourage indoor visitation following Funeral services.

The next Council meeting will be held on Nov. 14.

GOOD FOOD

Fall Festival
Sunday, October 24

FUN AND GAMES

All members of the church are welcome to join the Christian Ed committee for lunch at the pavilion immediately following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, October 24th.

We will have a catered meal from Grandma Hoyt's. There will be outside games for all to enjoy.

Be sure to bring a lawn chair to sit in!

Hope to see you there!!

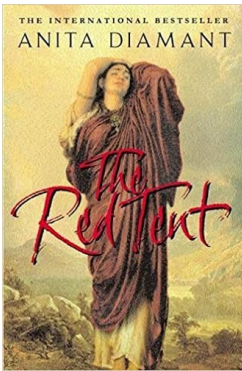
**FALL
FESTIVAL**



Dear College Student Parents,

The Women's Circles of Lutheran Chapel want to remember our college students this fall. If you wish for your college student to receive this remembrance, please send their current college mailing address or a current home address to the church office as soon as possible. If this information is not received by October 20, we will not be able to remember your child.

Thank you from WELCA of Lutheran Chapel.



Women's Book Club

October 14 ~ 6pm

Our Women's Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 14 at 6pm in the Chapel.

We will be discussing *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.

Please let Amy know if you plan to participate so she can send you the discussion questions.

Girls' Night Out October 19 ~ 5:00 pm

Ladies of the church, please join Amy for dinner and fellowship at The WoodShed on Tuesday, October 19 at 5pm.

The WoodShed is located in downtown Stanley so it may be best to find someone to carpool with.

Please let her know if you are able to attend by Friday, October 15.

**THE
WOODSHED**



OWLS

October 5 ~ 6:00 pm

Please join Amy & Josh for dinner and fellowship at *Tony's Ice Cream* in downtown Gastonia on Tuesday, October 5 at 6pm

Please let Amy know if you are able to attend by Friday, October 1.



FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 8 months ended 08/31/2021:

	Actual	2021 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 222,000.00	\$ 245,300.00	\$ (23,300.00)
Disbursements	\$ 216,735.00	\$ 240,451.00	\$ (23,716.00)
Net Cash	\$ 5,265.00	\$ 4,849.00	\$ 416.00



Actual cash and contributions increased for the month of August. This should be an indication of the start of increased contributions that historically runs through the end of the calendar year. The pandemic has made it hard to project giving consistently from month to month.

Spending for the month was up due to a significant line item, one of our semi-annual payments for property and casualty insurance totaling \$7,800.00. Spending for the year is still under budget (\$23,716.00). Funding for expenses are more than adequate.

If you have any questions, please call Ed Robinson at 704-860-1895.

OCTOBER LOVE OFFERING

Holy Angels

October's love offering will be sent to Holy Angels. This ministry was founded in 1955 by the Sisters of Mercy and continues today to provide the highest quality programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry, offers families the peace of heart and mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.

Holy Angels currently serves 80 children and adults in the residence program. Some of the residents receive vocational training and enjoy employment at Cherubs Café and Cotton Candy Factory – two small businesses established by Holy Angels in Downtown Belmont. Also, Spruced Goose in McAdenville offers employment to Holy Angel residents. Bliss Gallery was established to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists.

Like the individuals that depend on their care, Holy Angels depends on the support of others to provide the highest quality of care. All contributions are welcomed from each individual and from corporate donations. Holy Angels continues to strive to provide loving care and is committed to helping and challenging residents to reach their highest potential. At Holy Angels, it is about little miracles. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to Holy Angels and their special family.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



HOLY ANGELS

Loving, living and learning for the differently able.®



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

SPROUTS

- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 6th** - Family Night - Putt-putt @ Adventure Landing, 6:00pm (Amy will email parents with more details.)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 20th** - Youth Group 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall

ROOTS

Catawba Riversweep ~ On Saturday, **October 2nd**, the Roots Youth Group will be participating in the Catawba Riversweep service project from 9 am to 12 pm. Parents of Roots youth, please continue to check your email for updates from Amy as she is still awaiting further information from the organization.

- ⇒ **Sunday, October 3rd** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Sunday, October 10th** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Sunday, October 17th** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Sunday, October 24th** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, October 27th** - Movie Night with dinner @ 6pm (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Sunday, October 31st** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)

Clothing Closet Giveaway

The *Outreach Committee and Roots Youth Group* will be hosting a Clothing Closet Giveaway on **Saturday, November 6th 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!!!



FROM THE MAILBOX...

The entire Bell family would like to thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and concern during our loss of Ma Bell. She truly loved Lutheran Chapel Church and its membership. You welcomed us with open arms a little over 16 years ago when we moved to Gastonia and you continued that love through her funeral. We thank all involved for a wonderful farewell service that was given her.

Again thank you all for your outpouring of love to our family. May God bless you all.

Steve Bell and Family



In appreciation for Lutheran Chapel's Prayer Ministry Team

Late one evening in November 2020, I received a call from my concerned daughter. Her husband's niece, Shelby, a graduate student in Kansas, had gotten Covid-19. Shelby was having trouble breathing. Her doctor had tried to admit her to the nearest hospital. This hospital would not admit her as the hospital was already overwhelmed with Covid patients.

I emailed Kathy Carpenter about this situation and asked for the Prayer Team to pray for Shelby. Kathy quickly emailed me back and told me how the Prayer Team would pray for Shelby.

Shelby recovered. Her doctor was able to get oxygen to her. Shelby completed her graduate work in Kansas and is now continuing her graduate work in Washington state.

Shelby's family and friends are thankful for the prayers of Lutheran Chapel's Prayer Ministry Team.

In Christ,
Mayada Besancon



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.*



Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

~Romans 12:12

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Jackson.....	2	Jon Berghello, Sr.....	22
Chuck Burch.....	3	Nancy Hoffman.....	25
Pam Overcash.....	9	Noah Comer.....	26
Paulette Hale.....	10	Katelyn Baker.....	27
Ben Nigbor.....	14	Lily Baker.....	27
Doug Rhyne.....	16	Elizabeth Seabrook.....	28
Erin Huffstetler.....	18	Ashley Tamberella.....	29
David Tamberella.....	18	Michael Finch.....	30
Kelly Andrews.....	19	Benjamin Hester.....	30
Sharon Carpenter.....	19	Jordan Hoffman.....	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Carolyn Lineberger.....	6
Scott & Beth Swindler.....	7
Don & Debi Jean Wankel.....	9
Josh & Amy Carpenter.....	12
Flay & Susan Anthony.....	14
Sean & McKenzie Rankin.....	14
Steve & Eula Ritchie.....	15
Craig & Adrian Thornburg.....	17
Josh & Anna Baker.....	18



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

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

Dru Huffstickler
Morningside
2755 Union Rd., Apt. 200
Gastonia, NC 28054



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 Roots Svc. Project Catawba Riversweep
3 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	4 8:30 Preschool	5 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 OWLS	6 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts Family Night 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Prayer Team Bible Study	7 8:30 Preschool	8	9
10 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	11 8:30 Preschool	12 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 10:00 4 Seasons Garden Club Mtg. (FH) 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	13 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Prayer Team Bible Study	14 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Women's Book Club	15	16
17 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Confirmation (FLC) 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	18 8:30 Preschool Newsletter Articles Due	19 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:00 Girls' Night Out	20 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts (FH) 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Prayer Team Bible Study	21 8:30 Preschool	22	23
24 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fall Festival (P) 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	25 8:30 Preschool	26 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	27 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Roots Movie Night 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Prayer Team Bible Study	28 8:30 Preschool	29	30
31 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)			 <i>October 24 Following 10:30 Service Pavilion</i>			

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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.