



Chapel News

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On the Prayer Roster and Reconnecting with God and Each Other

Beginning September 12, the plan is for Sunday School for all ages, the 8:30 Service, the 10:30 Service, the church office and small group ministries to be fully reopened. The covid-19 pandemic has been difficult and thrown all sorts of curve balls at church and society. As of this writing the delta variant of the virus is causing mess. Nevertheless, we trust God, we adapt in wisdom, and continue forward in the mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all and to invite everyone to a relationship with Him to the glory of the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Looking back, there has been good to come from all this bad. I am thankful for the vaccines and marvel at the blessing of such effective resources developed in such a short time frame. I am thankful for the presence of Services on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website to pray on-line and for the good number who pray in this way. I am thankful for the leadership of our congregation who has adapted and tried faithfully to balance risk, conflicting ideas, and the dedication to the mission of the Gospel above all to God's glory.

The attempt to reconnect continues and one obvious way is to pray intentionally for one another. All of us face stress and mess. Turning to our Father in Heaven, lifting each other up in a disciplined fashion will help in both subtle and powerful ways. To guide us, a prayer roster has been created consisting of our entire fellowship. Beginning in September, a list of seven names from the prayer roster, one for each day of the week, will be printed in the weekly bulletin for inclusion in daily prayers. Each week you will find different members to pray for and we will go through our entire fellowship person by person. Please take up this prayer roster in your daily prayers as you have opportunity.

May God Almighty bless all these efforts to His glory.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael



Lectors for September

(will also serve as Communion Assistants)

September 5 Debra Hoffman

September 12 Tammy Royston

September 19 Steve Laws

September 26 Amy Brown



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



Sunday School Restart

Youth & Adults

September 12 ~ 9:30 am

ALTAR FLOWERS

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5 ~ Given by Donna Carpenter in loving memory of Larry Carpenter.

Sept. 12 ~ Given by B.T. & Pauline Bradley in honor of their 64th anniversary.

Sept. 19 ~ Given by Dan Lineberger in remembrance of his wedding anniversary.

Sept. 26 ~ Given by Ken Lentz in honor of the birthdays of Zac, Melissa and Ann Marie.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

SAVE THE DATE:

September 12 @ 9 am

Please join the *Christian Ed Committee* for a pickup breakfast on Sunday, September 12 at 9 am in the Family Life Center.

There will be tables set up for congregation members to sit and socialize with friends before heading to in-person Sunday School.



The **Fellowship Class** will resume Sunday School on September 12. We have been granted the use of the Family Life Center for our new venue. This allows us room for social distancing.

Terry Ratchford will teach the first lesson. Looking forward to getting back to normal!



Musical Opportunities for Adults

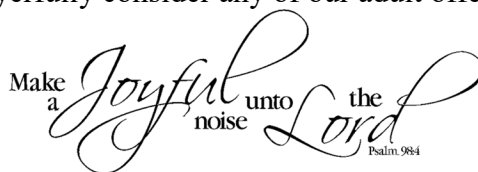
Have you ever sat in the congregation and enjoyed listening to the music? Have you ever had a desire to participate in the choirs, but were not sure how to join? Well, now is the time to put your thoughts into action!

- ◇ **The Hand bell choir is in need of additional players.** On September 1st I will offer an "Introduction to Hand bells" class for anyone interested in learning or refreshing techniques in ringing the bells. We will practice for one hour starting at 6:00 in the basement of the church. The official start of hand bells will be on September 8 at 6:00. The hand bell choir usually rings five to six times during the months of September – May. If you have the desire to ring and can rehearse on Wednesday nights, we invite you to join us. Music reading skills are nice but not necessary. This choir has been a great "family" activity. We have had many parent / child groups to ring. Former ringers are invited to rejoin us too!
- ◇ The **Chancel** choir rehearses on Sunday nights starting at 6:00. We lead the congregation in the liturgy and sing every Sunday.
- ◇ We hope to be able to have the **Wind Ensemble** this year. If you play a brass or woodwind instrument, please consider joining. A schedule will be determined at a later date. This choir is also open for the youth with at least one year of band class.

We would love to add new faces and new voices to the choirs.

The choir retreat will be September 17 & 18. Now would be the perfect time to start! All you have to do is show up at practice and enjoy the music! Please prayerfully consider any of our adult offerings and contact us if you have any questions.

Roger and Jeanette Myers
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Annual Christmas Choir Retreat at Lutheran Chapel



Please join us...

Friday, September 17, 7PM to 10PM

Saturday, September 18, 10AM to 2PM

Supper will be provided Friday evening at 6PM



A Psalm for giving thanks.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing! -Psalm 100:1-2

CALLING ALL KIDS AND YOUTH

Our choir season will start on Sunday, September 12! The *Luther Choir*, (grades K-5), will practice on Sunday mornings before Sunday school. We will start at 9:15 in the basement of the church. Following choir, the Sunday school teachers will join us in the basement for Sunday school. By having choir in the morning we hope to increase our Sunday school attendance and will also free up Sunday afternoons for family activities.



The *Crossroads Choir*, (grades 6 -12), will meet on Sunday afternoon from 5:00 -5:45. Please join and support this choir. We have many talented youth in our church and it has been way too long since we have been together. Let's get back to praising God through our music! ~Mrs.M

ATTENTION LADIES!

The Circles of Lutheran Chapel are sponsoring a special dinner for all women of the church. As we work to get our Circles active again, please join us in the **Fellowship Hall** on **Monday, September 13 at 6 PM** for dinner.

The dress for this occasion will be black, white and a splash of red. Please be creative in choosing your outfit. Wear your flashy shoes, most beautiful white and black clothing and don't forget your splash of red. Prizes will be given for most colorful, best outfit etc.

We look forward to sharing food, fun, and fellowship. The Executive Committee of the WELCA will prepare and serve the food.

WELCA Executive Board:

Judy Anton & Suzie Ward, Co-Presidents
Trish Ratchford, Vice President
Cathy Robinson, Treasurer
Janie Peak, Secretary



Please RSVP to Judy Anton 704-867-1309 (H) or Janie Peak 704-460-2064 (C) by Saturday, September 11.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 7 months ended 07/31/2021:

	Actual	2021 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 187,996.00	\$ 214,638.00	\$ (26,642.00)
Disbursements	\$ 182,469.00	\$ 210,394.00	\$ (27,925.00)
Net Cash	\$ 5,527.00	\$ 4,244.00	\$ 1,283.00



Treasurer Report

Again, actual cash and contributions decreased slightly in the month of July. These decreases are a reflection of the summer months' normal financial activity due to slightly lower attendance. The finance committee will continue to follow but the financial activities typically return to their normal levels by late September - early October.

As can be seen in the over/under column, the budgeted giving vs actual is (\$26,642). This simply means giving is short of budgeted giving which is typical during the summer months. Spending vs budgeted spending also tracts the same at (\$27,925.00). We should not be concerned as this is just a budgeting issue in the summer months and will adjust itself as the fiscal year proceeds. Actual cash year to date is still positive at \$5,527.00.

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

SEPTEMBER LOVE OFFERING

House of Mercy

Our love offering for September will be given to the House of Mercy. The mission of House of Mercy is to provide care to persons living with advanced AIDS. This ministry cares and provides housing arrangements for those who cannot afford the costs. An environment of complete acceptance and love is provided in a home-like setting. House of Mercy provides a caring structure of regular meals, scheduled medical appointments, and medicines. The program offers individuals the opportunity to deal with spiritual issues and encourages family reconciliation when families are in disarray.

2021 marks the House of Mercy's 30th year of service for persons living with AIDS. Without our donations, this ministry could not continue to exist because 80% of their operating budget comes from contributions.

We ask that you please remember this ministry in your prayers and monetary offerings.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank our congregational family for their generous donations to help supply children in our area with school supplies. The final total given was \$970.00! We were able to purchase 5,472 pencils, 48 pencil boxes, 180 bound composition notebooks, 260 spiral composition notebooks, 144 packages of notebook paper, 410 pencil cap erasers, 100 boxes of crayons, 100 boxes of colored pencils, 128 pairs of scissors, and 504 glue sticks.

The supplies were given to Sadler Elementary School and with the help of teachers, school counselors, and social workers, children will receive needed supplies. Staff at Sadler were so very grateful for our donations to their students. We pray that this gives each child the same opportunity as other children to begin the school year prepared and proud of their new supplies. This could be the encouragement they need to jumpstart a successful and fun school year. We know this will make a difference in the lives of these children and we are so grateful for your love and support.

Thank you again for all that you do for our community and for families in need!



Gastonia Honey Hunters Game

Friday, September 24



All members of the church are invited to join Amy at a Gastonia Honey Hunters baseball game on Friday, September 24. The game starts at 6:50 pm. We will meet in the parking lot at 6:20 pm to ensure enough time to purchase tickets. General admission tickets are \$7 per person.

Please let Amy know if you and your family are able to attend by Monday, September 20. Hope to see you there!



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

SPROUTS

- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 1st** - Youth Group (special dinner provided) 6-7pm
- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 15th** - Youth Group 6-7pm

ROOTS

- ⇒ **Sunday, September 12th** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Sunday, September 19th** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 22nd** - Putt-Putt Outing at Adventure Landing @ 6pm
- ⇒ **Sunday, September 26th** - Sunday School/Youth Meeting @ 9:30am (Youth Room)

Youth Sunday School

In-person Sunday School will begin for *both* the Roots and the Sprouts on Sunday, **September 12th**.



FROM THE MAILBOX...

Dear Lutheran Chapel Church,
Thank you for supporting me at
Lutheridge Camp. I had a lot of fun!
Love, *Renwick*

Dear friends,

I want to thank you so much for the cards, prayers and gifts as I recover from my broken back! I really saw God at work in my church family and felt his presence! After attending church for the first time since my fall March 12, I'm sure we gather in God's house each Sunday for a reason! I hope all of you feel that joy of getting back to church soon. It felt so great Sunday! Thanks for your love and care!

Ann Marie Lentz

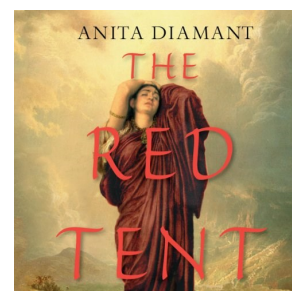
Women's Book Club

October 14 ~ 6pm

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

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

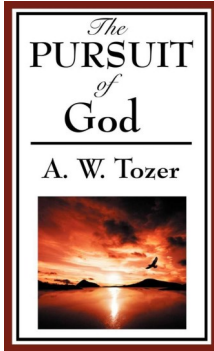
Please let Amy know if you plan to attend so she can send you the discussion questions.



A NEW BOOK STUDY

The Pursuit of God by A. W. Tozer

The Prayer team is sponsoring 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.

We will be meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the JOY Sunday School classroom beginning September 15.

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.*





SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Ervin Hoffman	3	Lisa Burch	20
Bill Seabrook	3	Alex Berghello, Jr.	21
Chris Lowe	4	Derk Beutler	22
Katherine Sanders	6	Zac Lentz	22
Mike Bell	7	Wesley Baker	23
Matt Hoffman	7	James Dean	23
Ben Carpenter	8	Craig Thornburg	24
Amy Lloyd	8	Larry Collins	25
Leigh Woody	8	Bram Comer	25
Amy Brown	9	Melissa Darrow	25
Caroline Comer	11	Helaina Robinson	27
Stuart Hester	11	Alfred Lineberger	28
Blair Thornburg	12	Morgan Carpenter McCarthy	28
Sarah Catherine Davis	15	Margaret Hovis	29
Joe Veale	16	Charlotte Elkin	30
Katie Moses	18	Ann Marie Lentz	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Keith & Teresa Yarborough	1	Steve & Delana Clark	18
B.T. & Pauline Bradley	7	Barry & Sandra Martin	26
Henry & Debra Hoffman	7	Jason & Katherine Sanders	26
Michael & Lynda Ellington	14	Rick & Janie Peak	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

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Dru Huffstickler

Morningside
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Gastonia, NC 28054

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts (FH) 6:00 Handbell Intro.	2 8:30 Preschool	3	4
5 8:30 Early Worship 9:30 Sunday School (C) 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	6 Office Closed 	7 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	8 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Via de Cristo 6:00 Handbell Choir	9 8:30 Preschool	10	11
12 8:30 Early Worship 9:00 Breakfast (FLC) 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:00 Council Meeting 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	13 8:30 Preschool 6:00 WELCA Dinner (FH)	14 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 10:00 4 Seasons Garden Club Mtg. (FH) 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	15 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Sprouts 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Prayer Team Bible Study (JOY)	16 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Worship & Music Meeting (CR)	17 7:00 Choir Retreat 	18 10:00 Choir Retreat 1:00 Via de Cristo
19 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Luther Choir 9:30 Sunday School (C) 10:30 Worship 11:30 Confirmation (FLC) 5:00 Crossroads Choir 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	20 8:30 Preschool Newsletter Articles Due	21 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	22 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Roots Putt-Putt 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Prayer Team Bible Study (JOY) 	23 8:30 Preschool	24 6:20 Honey Hunters Game 	25 1:00 Via de Cristo
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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.