



Chapel News

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APRIL 2022

Holy Week 2022

The solemnity of Holy Week and the call to Hallelujah (Psalm 118), to celebrate the risen Lord Jesus for the great fifty days of Easter is upon us.

Palm Sunday, April 10 ~ First Communion at the Altar, Easter Egg Hunt after Church

10:00 Holy Communion

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

Jesus dies on the cross for us. Why? He is innocent. We are not.

Maundy Thursday, April 14 ~ From Passover to Last Supper, We Remember!

6:00 Seder Meal in the Family Life Center

Good Friday, April 15 ~ The Death of Jesus For Us

Noon - Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Chapel

7:00 Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 17 ~ The Resurrection of our Lord

7AM Sunrise Service in the Church Cemetery with fellowship breakfast following Service

10:00 Festival Service of Holy Communion

2 Samuel 11 and Luke 24:1-12 *The New Day*

Life beyond death, a new creation beyond the tears, the risen Jesus Christ is the hope of our race and the joy for all who trust Him.



Then into the fifty days please mark **Holy Humor Sunday**, April 24 (share a joke please!), the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus**, shifted to May 29, and climactically **Pentecost Sunday**, June 5 as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian Church. Little church on Wednesdays will continue as well alternating between Holy Communion and Evening Prayer with a time of good fellowship following.

Let us worship Christ together this day and every day, now and forever.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

Seder Meal

Maundy Thursday, April 14 ~ 6:00pm

Family Life Center



Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: About midnight I will go out through Egypt. Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the hand mill, and the firstborn of the livestock. Then there will be a loud cry throughout the whole land of Egypt, such as has never been or will ever be again. But not a dog shall growl at any of the Israelites—not at the people, not at animals—so that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:Tell the whole congregation of Israelthey are to take a lamb for each family... without blemish....they shall eat it roasted over the fire....This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

These lines from Exodus briefly describe the Passover of God from the last plague issued to Egypt. Passover is the most holy of Jewish holidays and commemorations, and is exactly what Jesus and the disciples were doing in that upper room the night before the crucifixion.

Passover is more than a festival. It is an elaborate teaching experience intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. It is a way to confess faith in God who has acted in history for our benefit out of his boundless love.

Since the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD Jews celebrate the Passover in their homes with a Passover Seder. Seder is the Hebrew word for “order” or “procedure” because of the fixed order of the service.

On Thursday, April 14, also known as Maundy Thursday, from the Latin word “mandatum” meaning mandate or commandment, our Lutheran Chapel family will have a Christian Seder Meal at 6:00 in the Family Life Center We offer this service every other year on Maundy Thursday. The meal should not be considered a full evening meal as such but there will be plenty of food to eat. It is a meal which involves all 5 senses. The Seder is one of the most beautiful and meaningful services that we offer. It joins our Lutheran Chapel family with a 3000 year old community of faith, and is a very good way to prepare for the observance of Good Friday and the celebration of Easter.

One of Jesus’ last earthly acts was the celebration of the Passover. Gathering His disciples in a small room in Jerusalem, He led them in a Passover Seder, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.” (Luke 22:15)

The Worship and Music Committee is putting together plans for our Seder Meal on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00PM in the Family Life Center. We need to get an approximate number to plan accordingly. Please indicate below if you plan to attend and how many will be in your group and return to the church office. Or you may simply call/email the church office with your information at 704-864-6491 or churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurh.org.

Looking forward to seeing you at this meaningful service.

Name _____ # Attending _____



Worship Assistants ~ April



	April 3	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 17 Easter	April 24
Acolyte	Corbin Brown	Cameron Bell	Renwick Royston	Hunter Clark
Crucifer	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Bram Comer	Ethan Lineberger
Lector	Amy Brown	Jason Sanders	Baker Sanders	Trish Ratchford
Assistant Minister		Norman Overcash	Mark Thornburg	Sylvia Fogle
Communion Assistants	Alex Berghello	Ken Obenauf Nancy Witman	Baker Sanders Katherine Sanders	
Banner Bearer		Harry Swindler	Noah Comer	
Bible Bearer		Mary Scott Robinson	Harry Swindler	
Torch Bearers		Ethan Lineberger Will Clark	Olivia Berghello Will Clark	

New Worship Schedule

Sundays

9:00 am ~ Sunday School/Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship in Sanctuary

We will continue to stream the Sunday Worship Service on Facebook, YouTube and our website, lutheranchapelchurch.org

Wednesdays

7:00 pm ~ Memorial Chapel

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion



Come Worship with Us

ALTAR FLOWERS

APRIL

April 3 ~ Given by Chuck & Lisa Burch.

April 10 ~ Palm Sunday

April 17 ~ Given by Sylvia Fogle and Ed & Cathy Robinson.

April 24 ~ Given by Steve & Susan Jackson in honor of their 54th Anniversary.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00. Please be sure to note your payment is for Altar Flowers.

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 9, 2022

10:00 ~ 11:30

A First Communion workshop will be offered for children of our fellowship on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 to 11:30. This will provide a Bible study on the meanings of Holy Communion and prepare each child to receive this gift for the first time at the Palm Sunday Service, April 10.

Please call the church office 704-864-6491 or call/text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to sign up or with any questions.



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LUCKY FEW...

Our streaming team is looking to add a few volunteers to our ranks to help us consistently stream services in the sanctuary on Sunday morning and other services as requested.

Initial training would cover the basics of the system – turn on system, start streaming, mute microphones as needed, turn off system. Additional bells and whistles with the cameras can be added later. Matt Hoffman is available for “live” training during our 10:00am Sunday service and Craig Thornburg is available for scheduled training during the week.

If you are able to give of your time and talents to serve the congregation in this way please contact Matt or Craig directly to coordinate training. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Lemonade on the Lawn & Youth Easter Egg Hunt April 10

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* immediately following the 10:00am worship service on Palm Sunday, April 10. We will have light refreshments for all ages as we enjoy a time of fellowship. The youth will have the opportunity to celebrate the Easter season with a craft, Bible story and egg hunt. We hope to see you there! (Rain plan – Family Life Center).

A basket will be placed in the narthex for anyone would like to donate candy to stuff eggs for the egg hunt. If you would prefer to make a cash donation towards candy please place in the offering plate, mail to church or give online with the notation Youth Egg Hunt. We are more than happy to go shopping for you!



OWLS

April 21 ~ 11:00 am
Ray Nathans

Come one, come all...
Join us for good food and
great fellowship!



You're Invited!



The congregation of Lutheran Chapel is invited to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Terry and Trish Ratchford in the Family Life Center immediately following the 10:00 Service on **May 1, 2022**. No gifts please ~ your presence will be their present.

LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 6, 2022

The council made decisions and discussed the following at the March 6 meeting:

- A financial report was provided and it was noted that our financial standing through the first two months of the year is good.
- Wednesday evening services saw a decline in attendance during the month of February. The Wednesday evening services during Lent will be the more formal Holden Evening Prayer service.
- Calling lists are being organized to share with Council members.
- A new provider for the phone tree is being researched. Would like a service that can be initiated remotely with possible options to send text messages and emails.
- Council voted and approved to have Communion presented at the altar beginning Palm Sunday, April 10.
- Council voted and approved to begin a one Sunday per month after church snack to be offered outside the Sanctuary, weather permitting.
- Protocols for a potential Activities Director for Lutheran Chapel is being investigated. This position was initially presented to Council as a potential goal during the 2021 calendar year by the Fellowship sub-committee.
- A one-day, all-day VBS for Lutheran Chapel children and friends has been proposed by the Christian Ed Committee for June 18.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 15.



If you wish to place a lily in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday Service, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the church office by **Monday, April 4**. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel and write *Lily Order* on the memo line. Be sure to pick up your flower(s) after the Easter Sunday Service.

Number to order: _____ @ \$17.00 each = Total \$ _____

(Please print)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Placed by: _____



PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



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

APRIL LOVE OFFERING Lutheran Services Carolinas

Our love offering ministry for April will be Lutheran Services Carolinas. Lutheran Services is an agency of the North and South Carolina Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is one of the largest non-profit child and family service agencies in the Carolinas, serving thousands of people annually through the following services:

- ◆ Adoption - regular and special needs
- ◆ Adult Residential Services
- ◆ Child and Youth Residential Services
- ◆ Disaster preparedness and response
- ◆ Family and individual counseling
- ◆ Foster care - family, therapeutic and medically fragile
- ◆ Homelessness prevention
- ◆ Refugee and resettlement and immigration
- ◆ Veterans services



LSC serves in **Gaston County** through foster care, services to people with developmental disabilities, its partnership in Senior TLC program and Dallas High School Apartments.

- ◆ Lutheran Services Carolinas has purchased the Dallas High School Apartments which provide 30 low-income Gaston citizens with a nice, comfortable, safe place to live.
- ◆ LSC is a founding partner of the Senior TLC Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which serves Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties - now serving 240 low-income seniors in their homes.
- ◆ Mountain Ridge group home in Gastonia provides a safe home for six adults with developmental disabilities and six foster children have been placed in a safe home in our community.

Lutheran Services Carolinas works in partnership with congregations, governmental agencies, and other human service providers to promote healing and wholeness for the Carolinas' most vulnerable people.

Please consider contributing a love offering to support Lutheran Services Carolinas so that they may continue their ministry and strengthen their outreach to people in need.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee

CAM Food Drive

During the month of April, our church family will participate in our major food collection for Crisis Assistance Ministry. Crisis Assistance Ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations and volunteer hours that our congregation and other churches provide. Our participation helps ensure that CAM has an adequate food supply and enough money to meet the requests for assistance that they receive each month. Crisis Assistance Ministry feeds an average of over 500 people per month. Also, CAM provides utility, rent or mortgage and prescription assistance.

Bags can be returned to church during the month of April or anytime that is convenient for you and can be placed in the blue CAM food box in the hall outside the youth office. The Social Ministry Committee will deliver the food to Crisis Assistance. We are always proud of the generosity of our church family, and we know that we can count on all of you to make our food drive a successful one.



Current needs are:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups & Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Rice
- Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles
- Grits & Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Personal Care Items

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.*



Clothing Giveaway

Saturday, May 7 ~ 11am to 1pm

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, May 7** and *could use your help!* Many hands make light work for setting up and breaking down.

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Meredith Andrews	2	Nancy Rankin	16
Hunter Clark	3	Gwen Lewis	18
Robert Andrews	4	Sara McArver Halfhill	19
Amanda Angstadt	4	Nancy Homovich	20
Ben Bryant	5	Isabella Mull	20
Chris Clark	5	Kathy Finch	21
Sue Beutler	8	Laura Lilly	21
Seth Myers	9	Vicki Stokes	21
Suzie Ward	9	Mark Thornburg	21
Hunter Angstadt	10	Pam Thornburg	21
Flay Anthony	10	Madison Potter	23
Craig Behringer	10	Adrian Thornburg	23
Pauline Bradley	10	Ariel Burgoon	24
Zoe Bradley	11	Heather Moretz Elkin	24
Weslee Davis	11	Eula Ritchie	24
Betty Little	11	Jennifer Tamberella	24
Cathy Robinson	12	Adam DeLuca	25
Rick Peak	13	Carolyn Lineberger	26
Trish Ratchford	13	Rhonda Putnam	26
Jake Rhyne	13	Kelly Stokes	26
Dan Lineberger	14	Dana Bird	28
Elliott Anthony	16	Beth Swindler	29

ANNIVERSARIES




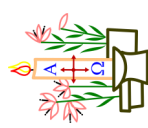
Chris & Ann Lowe	8
Crown & Kate Hoffman	22
Steve & Susan Jackson	27
Scott & Wendy Robinson	30

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



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Luther Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Private Event (FLC) 5:00 Wind Ensemble 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	4 8:30 Preschool	5 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	6 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	7 8:30 Preschool	8	9 10:00 First Communion Workshop
10 <i>Palm Sunday & 1st Holy Communion</i> 9:00 Luther Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 Wind Ensemble 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	11 8:30 Preschool	12 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 10:00 Four Seasons Garden Club (FH)	13 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	14 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Seder Meal (FLC) 	15 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 Stations of the Cross (Ch) 7:00 Tenebrae Service(S) 	16 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 
17 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:00 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	18 <i>Easter Monday</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	19 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday <i>Newsletter Articles Due!</i>	20 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	21 11:00 OWLS @ Ray Nathans	22	23
24 9:00 Luther Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (FLC) 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	27 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	28 8:30 Preschool	29	30

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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.