



# Chapel News

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## MARCH 2022

From the Pastor...

Lent 2022 is upon us. The call to “return to the LORD your God” (Joel 2:13) is again lifted up. After pandemic, after apathy, after the many other diversions that occupy me, now is the clarion call to come back to Christ (**Christ has never left me**, intellectually I know this, and even a little self-examination shows me how I am the one who seems to drift away) and the opportunities of Ash Wednesday, Lenten Evening Prayer, and Lenten Sunday worship are all happening this March.

Friends in Christ, the good news is ever new. **God loves us** (Isaiah 43:1-4). **God forgives us** (Isaiah 53). **God sacrifices and gives for us** (John 3:16). The Gospel is **not** “you do your best then God does the rest”. The Gospel is **not** “God helps those who first help themselves”. The Gospel is **not** “humanity coming to God”. The Gospel is God has come, is here now, and will come again to humanity. This treasure, grace upon grace all through life leading to eternal life, is worthy of our full focus and attention. May God give the guidance and understanding to explore this treasure all of our days – especially during Lent.

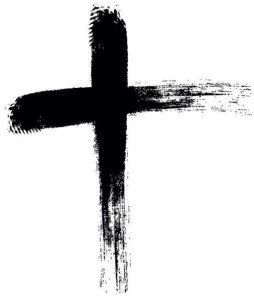
How do you follow God each day? Here are some aspects of the journey that may help as we return to Him. A little Bible study to share with references in both the Old and New Testament to contemplate.

- ♦ Love God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. Talk to God. Seek the will of our Father in Heaven.  
*Deuteronomy 6:4-6 and Matthew 6:9-10*
- ♦ Love the neighbor God gives you. Yes, even that neighbor.  
*Leviticus 19:17-18 and Matthew 25:31-46*
- ♦ Work and do all you do to God’s glory.  
*Proverbs 16:3 and Colossians 3:17*
- ♦ Eat, drink, enjoy the fruit of your toil and think on excellent things.  
*Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 and Philippians 4:8-9*
- ♦ Invite all to God’s love, God’s gifts for us, and look forward to the mystery of eternal life.  
*Isaiah 55 and 1 Corinthians 15*



May our Father in Heaven renew our fellowship, strengthen us for our journeys, and guide us back to Him during Lent 2022.

Peace in Christ,  
**Pastor Michael**



## ASH WEDNESDAY ~ March 2

**7:00 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion**

During the Lenten Season, the Wednesday Evening Services will use the Holden Evening Prayer and focus on the parables of our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Luke.

*All go to the same place; all come from dust,  
and to dust all return. -Ecclesiastes 3:20*



## Worship Assistants

*\*Lectors will also serve as Communion Assistants*



	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>
<b>March 6</b>	Crown Hoffman	Elena Hoffman	Ethan Lineberger
<b>March 13</b>	Tammy Royston	Corbin Brown	Harry Swindler
<b>March 20</b>	Pam Overcash	Bryson Lineberger	Will Clark
<b>March 27</b>	Janie Peak	Luke Hoffman	Lillian Robinson

## 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](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org)

### Wednesdays

7:00 pm ~ Memorial Chapel

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion



Come Worship with Us

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### MARCH

**March 6** ~ Given by Rhonda Putnam.

**March 13** ~ Given by Charles & Ann Edwards in memory of Dwight & Blanche Edwards.

**March 20** ~ Given by Judy Anton in memory of Bill Anton & John McCutcheon.

**March 27** ~ Given by Henry & Debra Hoffman in honor of their family.



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

## HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME



If you or your family are interested in receiving Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to set up an agreeable time for him to visit.

## 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.



## FROM THE MAILBOX...

Dear Lutheran Chapel family,

Henry and I want to thank you very much for all your prayers. They made a huge difference in Henry's recovery from his traumatic accident. Thank you also for all the cards, well wishes and calls. Forgive me if I did not return your calls, everything was just so overwhelming.

Thank you for embracing us with your love and prayers. We feel so blessed to be part of Lutheran Chapel Church.

Peace and love,  
**Henry and Susanne**



Daylight Saving Time Begins  
March 13



## LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

### SPRING PINE NEEDLE SALE UPDATE

For over 20 years, in March, the Men of the Church have sponsored an annual pine needle sale. Proceeds from it have gone to support our scout troop, provide financial assistance for youth mission trips, donations toward our picnic shelter as well as the electronic sign. We have also used our proceeds to beautify our church grounds and many other ministries.

We recently conducted a survey through our weekly church bulletins and monthly newsletter to assist us with the project. For those of you who responded, we very much appreciate your desire to help us. A summary of the responses indicated that there wouldn't be enough volunteers to help unload trailers as well as deliver to our customers for the two weekends in March. Another concern is the lingering Covid issues we are facing in our congregation. *Therefore, the Men of the Church have decided not to sell pine needles this year.*

Over the next few months the Men of the Church will discuss other possible fund raisers that we could get involved in. Any suggestions from our membership would be most appreciated. Thanks again for your support over the years in both purchasing and helping with the pine needle sale.

## 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

## MARCH LOVE OFFERING

### The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center ~ A Domestic Violence Shelter

Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center/A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Shelter operates under the direction of the Gaston County Department of Health and Human Resources and has been in operation since April 1982. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to work on goals to establish new housing, jobs, daycare, etc. while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, and support group meetings for women and a children's programs. When the families leave, the staff wants them to be strong, hopeful for the future and know that there is always someone only a phone call away if help is needed.

Domestic violence statistics continue to rise, therefore it is so important for each of us to take a stand against this deadly and violent problem affecting many innocent women and children. In the United States, a woman is assaulted every nine seconds. We can all play a role in stopping violence and creating a safe environment for people to live and work. In 2020, The Shelter served 482 clients and received 873 calls for help and assistance, and served as home for 134 children.

Also, the Shelter is now part of Gaston County's Family Justice Center called Hope United Survivor Network. Hope United serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse and human trafficking. Survivors can access many different legal services on site such as court orders and counseling. Working together, these ministries can help survivors begin their journey towards safety, healing, and hope.

The Shelter depends on donations from private citizens, public and private organizations, local industries, and religious groups throughout the county. Please prayerfully consider giving a donation to this ministry and help to make a difference.

Thank you,

**Social Ministry Committee**



THE CATHY MABRY  
CLONINGER CENTER  
*A Domestic Violence Shelter*



## Christian Summer Camps and Scholarship

Now is the time for all children and youth to consider the opportunity of Christian summer camps!

- ⇒ Go to **novusway.org** to explore options at Lutheridge (Arden, NC), Lutherock (Newland, NC), Luther Springs (Hawthorne, FL), and Lutheranch (Tallapoosa, GA).
- ⇒ Go to **agapekurebeach.org** for options at Camp Agape located in Fuquay-Varina, NC and Kure Beach, NC.

Camp options range from Saddle and Paddle to Model Rockets! All these camps have the common purpose of bringing children and youth closer to our Lord Jesus Christ and fun in the good creation.

Scholarships are available for 50% of the camp price if registered by the **early bird registration deadline of April 1** (plus \$40 off the registration fee as well) all made possible through gifts given to Lutheran Chapel for this very purpose.

Please contact the church office by email or phone or call/text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 with any questions.



## 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.*





# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

Johnny Carpenter .....	1	Don Boyette .....	14
Gene Weaver.....	1	Joel Boyette .....	15
Leon Moretz.....	2	Timothy Davis .....	18
Nancy Witman .....	2	Jeanette Myers .....	18
Michael Comer .....	3	Charles Edwards .....	21
Charles Heilig, III .....	3	Landon Goedl .....	21
Sean Rankin .....	4	Debra Hoffman .....	21
Jenny Williamson .....	6	Scott Robinson.....	26
K.J. Bird.....	9	Katherine Carpenter.....	27
Drew Carpenter.....	10	Lee Ann Lindler.....	28
Scott Shealy .....	11	Tammy Royston.....	31
Braylon Beam .....	12		

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jon & Margaret Berghello .....	9
Norman & Pam Overcash.....	10
Mike & Jennifer Tamberella.....	23

*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






**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



# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>March 13</b>		<b>1</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>2</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service w/ Holy Communion	<b>3</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 Luther Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Council Mtg. (Ch) 5:00 Crossroads 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>7</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>8</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 10:00 Four Seasons Garden Club (FH)	<b>9</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>10</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 9:00 Luther Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Wind Ensemble 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>14</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>15</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>16</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 8:30 Preschool 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>1st Day of Spring</b> 9:00 Luther Choir 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (FLC) 5:00 Crossroads 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>21</b> 8:30 Preschool  <b>Newsletter Articles Due!</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>23</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:45 Handbell Choir 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>24</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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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.