



Chapel News

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On Face to Face Time

A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire (Proverbs 18:1). How many are surrounded by people but are in relationship with no one? While our culture seeks the freedom to have sex with whomever we want, spend our money however we want, and live and travel whenever and wherever we want, we ultimately experience the results we didn't want - results of constantly seeking our own desires. Results of an unforeseen bondage to self-centeredness that leaves us lonely, unable to produce committed relationships...we live in a culture that has trained people to believe their availability has no impact on the state of their relational health. What a lie...(True biblical community) is where we "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) as opposed to our culture's "come this far but no farther" approach to intimacy...(True biblical community) is where we are accountable to one another "confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16). **Saved from Success**, by Dale Partridge

This quote from Dale Partridge is very powerful. Since the coronavirus pandemic, really before the pandemic, more and more folks get disconnected, discouraged, and border line depressed. Why? The idol of busyness sweeps us away from one another. The fragmentation of families due to divorce, distance, and difficulties hurts our communities and society. The polarization of people, progressive vs. conservative, Republican vs. Democrat, politics on steroids, distorts any attempt to cultivate the common good.

Even how we use time may be a contributor to this estrangement among us. Use of Time - On average 39 minutes a week is utilized for family face to face time. In contrast, average screen time (cell phone, computer, tablet, TV, etc.) is 7.5 hours a day - 52.5 hours a week - 114 days a year in front of a screen (source: Kaiser Family Foundation kff.org; Screen Time vs. Lean Time cdc.gov.). Might be a factor in the disconnect of many, right? Since this is summer, how much time on average do Americans spend outdoors each day (re: Snow Brains 5/28/21 article)? 87% of an average American's day is spent inside buildings, 6% in automobiles, and only 7% outdoors. So only one half of one day per week is actually outdoors. Is this healthy? Examine yourself and your situation.

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What might help restore connections? This is why weekly Bible study/Sunday School face to face is important. Maybe you have an insight to give face to face with others. Maybe you have an insight to receive face to face with others. This is why “little church” on Wednesday nights is important. Maybe the gathering for prayer and fellowship face to face will lift you up. Maybe your presence will lift up someone else. Going to Rankin Lake for outdoor worship together, regular weekly worship at “big church” these summer months, sitting outside in the shade, choosing to get fresh air – these are all important. Face to face gatherings, cultivating connections and relationships are a crucial part of being God’s people in this time and place. This is not to say I am a Luddite and want us to throw away screens. Indeed, I am writing this on a screen ☐. I am thankful for screens and on-line opportunities. Those are here to stay. Nevertheless, let us not neglect our need for fellowship with one another and commit to gathering face to face Sunday by Sunday, week by week, as often as possible.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



*Divided tongues, as of
fire, appeared among
them, and a tongue rested
on each of them.*

Acts 2:3

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5, 2022

Join us for worship as we observe the

*Rite of Confirmation
and the
Milestone of Graduation!*

Remember to wear red recalling
the fire of the Holy Spirit!



WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE

June 12, 2022 at 10:00

All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, June 12 at 10:00.

A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park.

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES!

Please join us for a Graduation Milestone during worship on
Sunday, June 5 to pray for, recognize and celebrate our 2022 graduates.

College Graduates

Hunter Angstadt

Western Carolina

Thomas Beutler

Greenville Technical College

Ashley Nicole Jamison

UNC Greensboro

High School Graduates

Austin Bradley

Forestview



We are so proud of their many accomplishments
and cannot wait to see where the future takes them!

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope*

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



Worship Assistants



~ June ~

	June 5 Pentecost	June 12 Rankin Lake	June 19 Father's Day	June 26
Acolyte	Renwick Royston		Hunter Clark	Jordan Hoffman
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger		Harry Swindler	Will Clark
Lector	Jason Sanders	Johnny Carpenter	Amy Brown	Adrian Thornburg
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle	Johnny Carpenter	Sylvia Fogle	Nancy Witman
Communion Assistants	Terry Ratchford Trish Ratchford			

~ July ~

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Acolyte	Bryson Lineberger	Elena Hoffman	Luke Hoffman	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell
Crucifer	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Will Clark	Ethan Lineberger	Bram Comer
Lector	Norman Overcash	Myra Weaver	Pam Overcash	Ann Edwards	Josh Carpenter
Assistant Minister	Pam Overcash	Norman Overcash	Mark Thornburg	Nancy Witman	Sylvia Fogle
Communion Assistants	Gwen Lewis Janie Peak				

So my dear brothers and sisters, stand strong. Do not let anything move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. You know that your work in the Lord is never wasted. ~1 Corinthians 15:58

ALTAR FLOWERS

JUNE

June 5 ~ Given by Don & Faye Ann Boyette in honor of their 48th Anniversary.

June 12 ~ Worship at Rankin Lake

June 19 ~ Given by the children of the church in honor of the fathers of the church.

June 26 ~ Given by Johnny & Katherine Carpenter.

JULY

July 3 ~ Given by Steve & Eula Ritchie.

July 10 ~ Given by Buddy Carothers in memory of Elizabeth Anne Carothers.

July 17 ~ Given by the Lentz Family in memory of Thad and in honor of Ken's birthday.

July 24 ~ Given by Chuck & Lisa Burch in honor of Amy's birthday.

July 31 ~ Given by Terry & Trish Ratchford in honor of Alex & Olivia Berghello.



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

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

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.



OWLS

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

June 16 ~ 12:00pm ~ Shrimp Boat

**July 14 ~ 12:00pm ~ BBQ King
(Lincolnton)**



**BAR-B-Q
KING**

I ♥
VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saturday, June 18

8:30 am - 6:30 pm.

A one-day whirlwind VBS!

All children of the church and their friends
are invited!

LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15, 2022

The council made decisions and discussed the following at the May 15 meeting:

- A financial report was provided and it was noted that our financial standing through the first four months of the year is good.
- A \$500 match for a church member attending Lenoir Rhyne was approved.
- Membership for Alisa Marlowe was approved.
- Lutheran Chapel's Historical Sketch needs to be updated as requested by the NC Synod. A rough draft has been prepared however there are items in question that may need to be included. Having long-time serving church members review the draft would be ideal.
- All is set for Rankin Lake Service on June 12.
- A new phone tree system was researched and proposed. A few more specifics were requested by some members. An electronic vote will be taken once those questions are answered.
- Two new AEDs are being purchased for the church utilizing funds gifted for this specific purpose. The benefactor family would like a team of 10 church members certified to use the AEDs. A rotation scheduled was suggested so that one certified member be present at each worship service.
- Council voted on and approved to seek a church consultant for the growth of our church. The Synod would assist with the cost.
- Attendance has increased during the 10:00 Service trial period. Council agreed to send out a survey to all church members to get their preference on Sunday School and worship times.
- A one-day VBS program led by youth parents is being held on June 18.

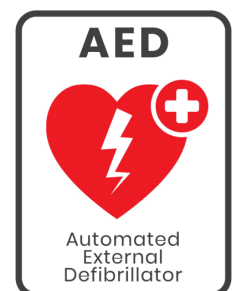
The next council meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2022.

AED CERTIFIED FOLKS NEEDED

Please notify the church office or Pastor Michael if you are currently AED certified (or would like to get certified) and willing to serve on a rotation schedule for Sunday services.

The goal is to have a list of at least ten certified church members. One certified member per Sunday would need to be present during services in case of a medical emergency in which the new, gifted AED machines may be needed.

Thank you for your consideration.



LOVE OFFERINGS

JUNE ~ Lutheran Support Group of Gaston County



Our love offering for the month of **June** will be for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. A coalition of Lutheran Churches helps with maintenance and upkeep of these homes and works with Lutheran Services Carolinas and other agencies to provide the use of these properties owned by LSGG for needs in our community.

Mountain Ridge Group Home is currently operating in Gastonia. It is operated and owned by Lutheran Services Carolinas. It serves adults with developmental disabilities.

Faith Farm in Dallas had been serving as transitional housing for the rehabilitation of women veterans. However, the Veterans Administration made the decision to stop funding this project. Therefore, the facility was closed due to lack of funding. Currently, Mountain Ridge Group Home is utilizing Faith Farm as an extended facility for daily activities for their male residents.

The Bess Town Road property is still in the process of being renovated as a home for homeless male veterans. The facility will provide the men a home and enable them to eventually move to a home of their own. This property will be known as Camp Centurion – Gaston Barracks. The Lutheran Support group is working with Camp Centurion to use the Bess Town Road property. Camp Centurion is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide local veterans who are experiencing a difficult transition from military to civilian life, with the essential secure environment, services and support they need to be able to finally “come home”, regardless of the length of time since discharge. Supportive housing will be provided in a secure environment that is structured and supervised. Every veteran will have a personalized plan. There is not a definite date for the opening of this facility, however work is continuing at this property.

Your generous donations are greatly needed and appreciated as the ministry of these homes continue to serve the needs of our community.

JULY ~ Backpack Weekend Food Program

Our Love Offering for the month of July will be the Backpack Weekend Food Program, a ministry of our Outreach Committee. The Backpack Weekend Food Program provides food for school children on weekends. These children may not have anything to eat over a weekend or holiday.

We are now partnered with Hawks Nest and Robinson Elementary to provide food for those children who may need food when they leave school. Each month we pick up food at the Backpack Warehouse, we inventory the food, pack, and deliver to the schools. The cost to feed one elementary student is approximately \$295 per school year.

With your generous donations we are able to provide this food to the children. The number of children may vary throughout the year. The support of the congregation is necessary to continue the ministry.

Thank you for your support of both these ministries!

Social Ministry Committee



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...



Dear LCC Friends,

Terry and I were overwhelmed with the show of love our church family gave us at our belated 50th Anniversary Celebration. Well-wishes, meaningful cards, compliments, and funny comments were all appreciated! God has richly blessed us with a wonderful family and many great friends. We all enjoyed the fellowship. Thanks to everyone.

Most fondly,

Trish and Terry Ratchford

 **Thank
You**

My Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each and every one of you for the prayers, love, and support given to me and my family during the last years of Freida's life. She is with our Lord and Savior now.

I am so blessed to be part of this most wonderful church family. Please keep us in your prayers. God bless you!

Love,
Sara Carpenter

LET'S CELEBRATE!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Judy Anton.....	1
Olivia Bradley	1
Morgan Lilly.....	2
Braxton Finch	3
Margaret Ratchford Berghello.....	4
David Lewis.....	4
Michael Ellington	5
Colby Robinson	7
Crown Hoffman.....	9
Lisa Bradley.....	11
Lila Gladden	11
Larry Hoover	13
Stephen Rankin.....	13
Steve Ritchie.....	14
Scott Bradley	16
Joseph Hovis.....	16
Kate Hoffman	17
Payton Taylor	19
Ashley Bell-Finley.....	27
Sherrie Angstadt	29

JUNE anniversaries

Derk & Sue Beutler	2
Larry & Elona Collins	5
Ken & Nancy Witman Obenauf	6
Adam & Heather Moretz Elkin	8
Tom & Nancy Rankin	8
Josh & Amy Brown	12
Roger & Jeanette Myers	14
Matt & Elyse Hoffman	17
Pat & Barbara Robinson	20
Ryan & Rachel Anthony	21
Don & Faye Ann Boyette	22
Jonathan & Kathy Carpenter	23
Clayton & Gwen Lewis	23
Brent & Chris Clark.....	24
Todd & Emily Carpenter	27

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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




JULY anniversaries

Rahat & Erindira Rameez	14
Ervin & Nancy Hoffman	21







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

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Healing Service (Ch)	2	3	4
5 <i>Pentecost Sunday Confirmation</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	6	7 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	8 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	9	10	11
12 10:00 Worship at Rankin Lake 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	13	14 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	15 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	16 12:00 OWLS @ Shrimp Boat	17	18 
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	20	21 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 	22 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	23 8:30 Preschool	24	25
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	27	28 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	29 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	30 8:30 Preschool		

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat
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3 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 	5 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	6 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	7 8:30 Preschool	8	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Council Mtg. (CR) 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	11	12 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	13 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	14 8:30 Preschool 12:00 OWLS @ BBQ King (Lincolnton)	15	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 6:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	18 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	19 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	20 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	21 8:30 Preschool	22	23
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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.