



Chapel News

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Five Holy Habits this Fall 2022

“Opposition and hardship can bring out a person’s genuine character. That was certainly true in the case of Jesus. When Jesus decided to “set His face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51) the city that “kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it” (Luke 13:34), He knew that powerful people were angry with Him. He knew He was heading straight into enemy territory and to certain death. Strikingly, His response to the opposition, hatred, and murderous intentions was not to run and hide or to fight back. He courageously stayed the course, responding with love and compassion to the city that would take His life.” (Quote from *Five Holy Habits of Discipleship* by Fr Bryan Owen)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus kept these five holy habits:

Meditating on God’s Word (Luke 4:1-12, 20:17, and 23:46).

Jesus put the Scriptures in His heart – dwelling and living in the Scriptures -- so that He spoke them in the times of greatest trial in His life.

Daily prayer (Luke 5:16, 6:12, and 11:1-13)

Talking to His Father in Heaven, morning and evening, Jesus’ example of prayer is for us now.

Corporate prayer with God’s people gathered together (Luke 4:16, 4:31-37)

Jesus gathered with other believers in the LORD every week – this is where He began His own public teaching at synagogues where He came Sabbath by Sabbath.

Servant ministry to help others (Mark 10:45)

Jesus washed feet, served those in need, and did so much to help others around Him.

Giving for the spread of God’s kingdom (Hebrew 9:13-14, 10:10, 10:19-25).

Jesus gave His all to do the will of His Father and invite all to the Kingdom – giving time, talent, treasure and offering His very Life for the life of us all.

You and I confess to be disciples of Jesus. These five holy habits are the right ways to order the gift of life that God gives us. As fall begins, as school begins, as new opportunities emerge let us set our own faces to do the will of our Father in Heaven and imitate these holy habits of our Lord Jesus in this time and place.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



Worship Assistants ~ August



	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Acolyte	Corbin Brown	Hunter Clark	Jordan Hoffman	Bryson Lineberger
Crucifer	Harry Swindler	Will Clark	Lillian Robinson	Bram Comer
Lector	Trish Ratchford	Josh Carpenter	Jenny Williamson	Marty Lineberger
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash			
Communion Assistants				

*** If you have a conflict on your scheduled Sunday, please find a replacement and contact the church office. ***

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

AUGUST ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug. 7 ~ Given by Ron & Ann Behringer for their 63rd Anniversary.

Aug. 14 ~ Given by Pat Lindler in loving memory of Gary.

Aug. 21 ~ Given by Dan Lineberger in loving memory of Gloria.

Aug. 28 ~ Given by Keith & Teresa Yarborough in honor of their 45th Anniversary.



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

Lemonade on the Lawn ~ August 21



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* immediately following the 10:00 worship service on August 21. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

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 12 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 10.

Clothing Giveaway

Saturday, August 6 ~ 11am to 1pm

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, August 6** and could use your help!

Many hands make light work for setting up and breaking down.

We need help with setting up beginning at 8:00 am and breaking down at 1:00 pm. Breakfast biscuits, snacks, water and sodas will be available for all volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping with this service to our community.



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.

WAKE UP OWLS!

Join us for breakfast at the

Cracker Barrel

(Remount Road)

August 18

8:00am

See you there!



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Called Meeting with Pastor Keith Copeland
June 26, 2022

Dr. Copeland explained his background as a consultant and his role to assist with creating the Congregational vision.

- He presented his proposal for using his consulting service to grow Lutheran Chapel and explained this work needs congregational input and a vision team.
- He described using the World Café Conversation Model which includes the collective wisdom of the congregation and answers the question, “What are we going to do together?”.
- The desired outcome will come from completing the process of developing a vision team, developing a timeline, holding the Identify and Purpose Café, and identifying a mission and vision.
- The premise is to build on the past and the focus is on looking forward rather than looking back.
- This process will be completed over a period of 12-18 months in order to build excitement and work through the steps of the process.
- Financing this venture comes at a cost of approximately \$5,600. NC Synod also has financial options for assistance if needed.
- Council voted and all are in favor to have Dr. Copeland to provide the consultation services.

Following Dr. Copeland’s presentation, Council discussed the following:

- Revenue is down but year to date is still in the black. Financial needs are overall healthy.
- The 1-day Bible School was successful
- Parents of the younger youth have indicated the need for a place for the youth to be themselves and recommended to repurpose the Scout Hut as a Youth Destination. Maintenance needs were reported and will be investigated further. Council seemed to be in favor of the idea and tentative approval to use it as a Youth Facility has been given.
- Calling Post has been tested and will replace the Phone Tree as of July 1, 2022. Training needs to be done with church staff.
- Due to the retirement of Roger and Jeanette Myers as Music Directors, council is looking for interested individuals to be interim choir leader until the position is permanently filled.
- Survey for times of church service to be sent out to the congregation by July 1st.

Next meeting will be held on 7/17/2022

Regular Church Council Meeting
July 17, 2022

Council discussed and made decisions on the following:

- Request to receive David Harrill as a member of Lutheran Chapel has been approved.
- Calling Post, the new phone tree system is up and running.
- Quotes for heating the Youth Hut have been requested. A work day will be set and all church members will be invited to help with the clean out.
- An AED class is scheduled for August 20 at 10:00 in the Family Life Center and an online course has been set up for volunteers to complete. AEDs will be delivered on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. 2 slots remain open for the in-person class.

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- The survey regarding Worship and Sunday School times and coffee set-up has concluded. There were 84 responses. Results: 9:00 Sunday School, 10:00 Worship Service, coffee set-up to return in September.
- The Interim Choir Leader has been a difficult slot to fill. Various people have been contacted locally through recommendations. A committee has been formed to help with the search.
- A new phone system is needed for the church. The current system is not working properly due to age. Two quotes were obtained. More information will be gathered by the executive leadership and council will further discuss in September. This is an urgent need.
- Repair of the cement entrance to the Chapel is needed. The work needed is extensive. Two quotes have been obtained. A motion unanimously passed to use DryPro at a cost of \$5,764.90.
- Discussion was held regarding the furniture in the Pastor's office and church office. There was a recommendation to reupholster the furniture in the pastor's office and replace the desk in church office due to overuse. Quotes will be researched.
- The Worship & Music Committee is in need of a committee chair.
- The current financial state of the church remains strong. Year to date through June 30, there's a positive balance over \$20,000.

The Executive Committee will meet on August 21. The next full Council Meeting will be held on September 18 at 4:00.

AUGUST LOVE OFFERING

Crisis Assistance Ministry

Our love offering for **August** will be for Crisis Assistance Ministry. This ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations, and volunteer hours that 48 congregations in our county provide. The participation of our congregation is essential to ensure that CAM has an adequate food supply and enough money to meet the requests for assistance that they receive. CAM provided 37,042 bags of food to feed 5,116 people in 2021. During the past two years of the pandemic, our church family has continued to generously give bags of food to CAM. In 2020, we donated 1,051 bags and in 2021 we delivered 301 bags of food and they have been so grateful for our contributions. Thank you to all who have placed food in our food collection box which we have moved to our blue CAM box in the hallway outside the youth leader's office. Social Ministry Committee will continue to deliver to CAM as donations are given.

It is vital to our community of neighbors that suffer under the burden of poverty and for those in financial crisis that we continue to support this ministry. CAM is continually tweaking their programs to improve the way that the needs of our community are met. The fact that CAM is very successful in meeting the needs of families and individuals is the very reason we need to continue to support them.

Please prayerfully consider your donation and help CAM to meet the essential life needs of food, rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescription medicines of people in need. Our congregation is always very generous each month to our love offerings and we appreciate the support and love that you give to ministries as they work to stop the suffering of our neighbors.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



Introducing The Rev. Dr. Keith Copeland

Process Consultant

What is a Process Consultant and why do we need one? The council has been in much prayer and conversation on how to re-ignite the passion and vision for mission and ministry in this changed and ever-changing time and environment we live in. There are two kinds of consultants. An expert consultant comes in with their program often based on their expertise and work. A process consultant works with a congregation to identify a perceived need and develop a process together for that purpose. Bishop Tim Smith recommended engaging Dr. Copeland in developing and engaging the congregation in identifying core values and vision for mission and ministry. After meeting Dr. Copeland, it was decided to engage Dr. Copeland in assisting Lutheran Chapel in discovering God's vision and direction.

What is involved in this work? The discernment of God's vision will take place in steps over the next 9 months (appropriate for new life don't you think). The congregation will be not only invited but essential participants in this conversation. Here are the steps:

- ⇒ **Identify a Vision Team from the Congregation (Watch for more info)**
- ⇒ **Worship Café to identify together our common identity and purpose**
- ⇒ **Finding the Verb Mission and Vision Process**
- ⇒ **Council Retreat to Identify Next Steps**

These are the main steps but will also include much before, in-between and after the events to engage what is discovered together. This journey will accomplish much more than words on a page. It will also:

- ◇ **Renew relationships separated by the pandemic**
- ◇ **Create new relationships**
- ◇ **Infuse the congregation with energy, hope and unity toward a new future**

What is Pastor Michael's Role in all this? Though Dr. Copeland is an ordained Lutheran Pastor, the office and authority of the pastor rests with Pastor Michael. Therefore, everything done will be done with his leadership and blessing.

Who is Dr. Copeland and what are his credentials? Dr. Copeland is ordained 30 years in the ELCA and serves currently as the Transitional Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Concord, NC. He has served 3 congregations as settled pastor and 12 congregations as interim in three different denominations and two different states. His academic and professional training includes:

- **BA in Finance University of South Florida**
- **MDiv Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary**
- **DMin Hood Theological Seminary (Salisbury, NC)**
- **Interim Ministry Training PCUSA (Both Weeks)**
- **Consultant Training Center for Congregational Health**
- **Transition Facilitator Training Center for Congregational Health**

Dr. Copeland currently serves on the faculty of the Interim Ministry Network and adjunct faculty of LuTMA (Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association). He is chair of the board of IMA (Interim Ministry Association) of the ELCA. He is married to Cheris Copeland and father of the Rev. Josh Copeland. He currently lives in New London NC on Badin Lake. You can check out his website at www.thegoldenmoment.org.

Apocrypha/Deuterocanon Quotable Quotes

The Apocrypha/Deuterocanon are those books from the days of the 2nd Temple of Jerusalem containing stories, wisdom, and history that fill in the 400-year gap between the Old Testament and New Testament. Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christians call these books Deuterocanon. Protestant Christians call them Apocrypha. A few quotable quotes and commentary from this collection of books are below. Luther comments that these are good for devotional reading but not equal to canonical books such as Genesis or Matthew. Read them for yourself!

Do not be afraid, for she was set apart for you before the world was made. (Tobit 6:18)
Here the marriage of Tobias and Sarah is a demonstration of God's providential care announced by the Angel Gabriel.

Fight to the death for the truth and the Lord God will fight for you. (Sirach 4:28)
Truth is precious and worth fighting for in a broken world full of lies and delusion. We do not fight alone.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord: the heart has withdrawn from it's Maker. (Sirach 10:12)
Do I even recognize when my pride becomes the problem? Do I see how this separates me from God?

Remember the end of your life and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death and be true to the commandments. (Sirach 28:6)
Life is too short to carry around grudges and enmity towards others. Let it go. Remember God's forgiveness given us in Christ.

Bless the LORD all people on earth; sing praise to Him and highly exalt Him forever. (Greek version of Daniel 3:60)
The Song of the Three from the fiery furnace sings in the midst of persecution. Nothing will stop the eternal song and in this canticle all people are called to praise and exalt in the LORD.

Now on the 15th day of Chislew, in the 145 year, (Antiochus and the Greek conquerors) erected a desolating sacrilege on the altar of burnt offering...The books of the law that they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire. Anyone found possessing the book of the covenant, or anyone who adhered to the law, was condemned to death by decree of the king. They kept using violence against Israel. (Selections from 1 Maccabees 1:54-63)
After the conquests of Alexander the Great, the Greek rulers persecuted God's people greatly. Also see 2 Maccabees 7 for the horrific story of the martyrdom of the Mother and her Seven Sons.

It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends but strength comes from Heaven. (1 Maccabees 3:19)
Judas Maccabeus exhorts his army to stand against the much larger forces of Antiochus. When God gives strength, His people will overcome. This book also contains the story of Hannukah.

AUGUST CELeBRATIONS

BIRTHDAys

Ann Behringer	2
Kimberly Bell.....	2
Chris Angstadt.....	5
Rachel Carpenter	5
Drusilla Huffstickler.....	5
Steve Bell	7
Janie Peak.....	7
Susan Cooper-Cox	8
Olivia Berghello	10
Thomas Beutler	15
Steve Jackson	19
Carlton Peacock	19
Emily Carpenter	21
Ginny Comer	22
Jason Sanders	22
Charles "Four" Heilig	27
Lucinda Thornburg.....	27
Baker Sanders.....	30
Faye Ann Boyette.....	31
Barbara Robinson.....	31

annIVERSARIES

Ron & Ann Behringer.....	1
Cody & Erin Huffstetler	3
David & Susan Lewis	7
Ed & Cathy Robinson	12



*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
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Dallas, NC 28034

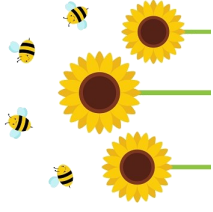

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ATTENTION NORTH GASTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 GRADUATES!

A reunion is being planned for October and we need to find our classmates. If you or someone you know graduated NGHS in 1972, please have them contact Libby Bickley. Send responses to ebickley54@gmail.com with your name, address, email address and phone number. Go Wildcats!

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7  9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	1 	2 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	3 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	4 8:30 Preschool	5 	6 11:00 Clothing Giveaway (set-up begins @ 8:00)
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 12:00 Private Event (FLC/Kit.) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	8 	9 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	10 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	11 8:30 Preschool-Last day Summer Session	12 	13 12:00 Private Event (FH/Kit.)
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lemonade on the Lawn 4:00 Exec. Council Mtg. 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	15 	16 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	17 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	18 8:00 OWLS @ Cracker Barrel (Remount Rd) 6:00 Preschool Open House <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	19 	20 10:00 AED Training (FLC)
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	22 	23 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	24 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	25 	26 	27 10:00 Via de Cristo Team Mtgs. (FH/Classrooms/Sanct.)
28 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	29 8:30 Preschool-1 st day Fall Session 	30 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	31 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	 	 	

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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.