



Chapel News

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From the Pastor...

*Let us rally together this fall as we resume weekly fellowship at 8:30, Sunday School/Bible study at 9:00 and the Service at 10:00 beginning **Sunday, September 11**.* Such a schedule is both a spiritual discipline and a steady gift of God's Word, Sacrament, and fellowship for us. Let us not neglect to meet together as the LORD gives opportunity week by week (Hebrews 10:25). Some Bible verses that have been a blessing to me from Bible study are below. Please share some of your own blessings from Sunday Schools past as you have opportunity!

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) Ten Commandments, golden rule, Lord's Prayer, memory verses, fruits of the Spirit (remember the poster with pictures of fruit and the gift listed along with it from Galatians 5:22-23) – these were all lessons passed down with art and flannel boards. I am thankful for all who poured God's Word into me and into each child. Where else will these gifts be learned? Let us teach each child and youth among us about the gift of this cause and effect world and point them in the right way in a world full of mess.

The cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:15) Put your mind on the cheer not on the tear. Rejoice in God's love, the good creation and in all excellent things (Philippians 4:4-8). Especially in a world that has constant information, constant news, a bombardment of mess, may God guide us to focus on those good and excellent things that build up human community rather than tear it down with strife, meanness, and polarization.

God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-15) Anyone else remember the piggy bank lesson? Give (10%) to God's glory and to help others, save (10%) for the rainy day when needed, and spend (80%) wisely and have fun. I learned later as an adult another part to the lesson - from Proverbs 22:7 – avoid debt because “the borrower is slave to the lender.” What might happen if Congress could learn this Sunday School lesson?

Make a joyful noise to the LORD. (Psalm 100) Singing takes our focus off us and focuses on the LORD. Jesus loves me this I know because the Bible tells me so! I also know it

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because we sang it. I always had a tough time with crafts (sadly more of a stick figure kind of guy) but that was part of the time together after music time. Anybody else think music and art are still worth teaching?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) This is the #1 Bible verse from my memory. Later, as an adult, I learned Martin Luther called this the Gospel in one verse. I am loved. I belong to Jesus. I trust Jesus now and this is leading to forever in Him. All people need to know God's love for them.

So, these lessons, and there are many, many more, shape little ones to be children of the Heavenly Father and part of His on-going mission to all the world.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

8:30 am ~ Fellowship

9:00 am ~ Sunday School/Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship in Sanctuary



Worship Assistants ~ September



	September 4	September 11 Rally Day	September 18	September 25
Acolyte	Elena Hoffman	Luke Hoffman	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell
Crucifer	Olivia Berghello	Bram Comer	Ethan Lineberger	Harry Swindler
Lector	Beth Swindler	Norman Overcash	Pam Overcash	Nancy Witman
Assistant Minister				
Communion Assistants				

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

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 am ~ Fellowship (begins 9/11)

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

SEPTEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 4 ~ Given by Steve Bell in loving memory of Ma Bell.

Sept. 11 ~ Given by Henry & Debra Hoffman in honor of their 48th Anniversary and Matt's birthday.

Sept. 18 ~ Given by Wanda Anthony to the glory of God.

Sept. 25 ~ Given by Steve & Delana Clark to the glory of God.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

Lemonade on the Lawn ~ September 18



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* immediately following the 10:00 worship service on September 18. 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.

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

Join us for our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship!



Dino's

(Bessemer City)

Thursday, September 15

11:00am

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.

House of Mercy has been in service for over 30 years. 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



HOUSE OF MERCY

A ministry of the Sisters of Mercy providing hope, healing, and a home for persons living with HIV

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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 \$1,618.00. We were able to purchase 4,591 pencils, 72 pencil boxes, 290 bound composition notebooks, 394 spiral composition notebooks, 175 packages of notebook paper, 470 pencil cap erasers, 284 boxes of crayons, 100 boxes of colored pencils, 252 pairs of scissors, and 432 glue sticks, 325 prong folders, 30 boxes of markers, 62 boxes of Kleenex. The supplies were given to Woodhill Elementary School and with the help of teachers, school counselors, and social workers, children will receive needed supplies. Staff at Woodhill 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!





You're Invited!



All the fellowship is invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Steve and Eula Ritchie following Worship on **Sunday, October 2** in the **Family Life Center**.

Let us celebrate life together and give thanks for the faithful friendship and service among us of Steve and Eula. Hope to see you there.



FROM THE MAILBOX...

On behalf of Gaston County Schools, I would like to express our appreciation for the overwhelming donation of school supplies to support our teachers and students at Woodhill Elementary this year. Please share with your congregation our gratitude for your efforts to help our students off to a fresh start!

Special thanks to Delana Clark and her team who have faithfully called every year prior to the start of school to set up the donations. Please let every member who contributed know that the donated items this year will literally touch every child at the school. We value your partnership and all that Lutheran Chapel does for our schools not only at this time but throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Valerie Yatko

Director of Business and Community Partnerships,
Gaston County Schools



Dear Lutheran Chapel Church family,

We greatly appreciate all the many acts of love shown to us with our recent retirement from Lutheran Chapel. July 31st was a very special and moving day for us. We loved hearing the special music from the instruments and both choir anthems. The retirement reception was amazing as well! We also thank you for the gift from the congregation to go to our travel fund! We also received many cards, letters, texts and gift cards from members. We plan to remain at Lutheran Chapel and hope to return in September to worship with you again. Thank you again.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Roger and Jeanette

*Thank
You*



***Having trouble seeing?
Come to the church office!***

A basket of eyeglasses has accumulated on the window sill in the church office. If you think a pair might be yours, please stop by and have a look.

At the end of October, the remaining glasses will be donated to the Lions Club.



*I can do all
things through
Christ who
strengthens me.*

~Philippians 4:13





SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Ervin Hoffman	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
Lisa Burch.....	20		

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

Betty Klimek
Park Pointe Village
3025 Chesbrough Blvd.
Rm 510
Rock Hill, SC 29732



Betty Petty
811 Ashbrook Park Rd.
Dallas, NC 28034

Helen McCarter
ARP Manor
2900 Union Rd., Apt. 114
Gastonia, NC 28054

Dru Huffstickler
Morningside
2755 Union Rd., Apt. 200
Gastonia, NC 28054



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 Preschool	2	3
4 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	5 <i>Office Closed</i> 	6 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	7 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	8 8:30 Preschool	9	10 9:00 Via de Cristo Team Mtgs. (FH/Classrooms/ Sanct.)
11 RALLY DAY 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	12 8:30 Preschool 6:00 WELCA Dinner (FH)	13 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 10:00 4 Seasons Garden Club (FH) 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	14 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	15 8:30 Preschool 11:00 OWLS @ Dino's	16	17 9:00 Via de Cristo Team Mtgs. (FH/Classrooms/ Sanct.)
18 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lemonade on the Lawn 4:00 Council Mtg. (CR) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	19 8:30 Preschool Newsletter Articles Due	20 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	21 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	22 8:30 Preschool 	23	24 9:00 Via de Cristo Team Mtgs. (FH/Classrooms/ Sanct.)
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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.