



# Chapel News

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## OCTOBER 2022

### Reformation 2022

A little over five hundred years ago, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of Wittenberg Chapel to debate, to protest abuses and false teaching in the Christian Church of his day. Luther did not get a debate or a parade or a celebration for his posting these 95 Theses. Instead, he was condemned. He was excommunicated from what we now call the Roman Catholic Church. Then the Pope and Holy Roman Emperor tried their best to have Luther murdered. If they were successful, we wouldn't be here this morning. The LORD God preserved Martin Luther and the Protestant movement survived and even thrived and continues to this day.

How dare you read the Bible for yourself? How dare you trust in Christ alone, by faith alone, by grace alone and not Pope or empire or powers of this broken world?

The truth will set us free ultimately (John 8:32)! The reformation of the Christian Church is still very much needed. Reformation is needed in the Roman Catholic Church, the Baptist churches, the Pentecostal churches, and, yes, most resoundingly in the Lutheran churches. True reformation is about turning again to Jesus Christ together. This is not just once but it is **the** right way day by day. Let us turn to Jesus Christ again and again and trust in Him alone and not in the ways of this world which do not last (Psalm 118:8). Our hope is not in ourselves, our hope is in Jesus Christ and His Word to guide us, comfort us, challenge us and ultimately to save us now and forever.

By grace alone! By faith alone! By Jesus Christ alone! This is what we believe, teach and confess (Formula of Concord) or as Luther put it in the Small Catechism - this is most certainly true. Let us celebrate this on *Reformation Sunday, October 30*. Let us live this always.

Peace in Christ,  
**Pastor Michael**





# Worship Assistants ~ OCTOBER



	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30 Reformation Sunday
<b>Acolyte</b>	Corbin Brown	Hunter Clark	Jordan Hoffman	Bryson Lineberger	Elena Hoffman
<b>Crucifer</b>	Will Clark	Lillian Robinson	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Bram Comer
<b>Lector</b>	Jeanette Myers	Todd Carpenter	Crown Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	Jason Sanders
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Mark Thornburg	Pam Overcash			Nancy Witman
<b>First Aid/ AED/CPR</b>	Ervin Hoffman	Peery Linkous	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark

*\*\* 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

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

## OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

**Oct. 2~** Given by Scott & Beth Swindler in honor of their 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Oct. 9 ~** Given by Cody & Erin Huffstetler.

**Oct. 16 ~** Given by Sylvia Fogle in memory of Charles & Bleeka's Anniversary.

**Oct. 23 ~** Given by BT & Pauline Bradley in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Oct. 30 ~** Given by Sara Carpenter in memory of Gene.

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.



The grass withers,  
the flower fades;  
but the word of our God  
will stand forever.  
Isaiah 40:8

## **LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

The council made decisions and discussed the following:

- The first Church Café meeting will be held January 8, 2023.
- HVAC unit was installed in Youth Hut.
- A work day to clean up the Hut is planned for a day in October.
- AED/First Aid/CPR training is complete and a schedule has been created for Sunday assignments.
- Council voted on and approved the negotiated agreement to hire Kathie Riebe for the Music Director position.
- The previous recommendation to reupholster the furniture in the Pastor's office and sitting area outside the Chapel has moved forward. The cost of this project has been donated.
- Council unanimously approved the purchase of a new desk and credenza for the church office.
- Bids are being sought for a new ice machine.
- Work is still needed on leveling the cement at the entrance of the Education Building.
- Beth Swindler has volunteered to be the Worship & Music Committee Chair.
- Volunteers are needed for streaming Sunday worship services.
- Outreach Committee is hosting a giveaway on October 1.
- Through 8 months, we are fiscally sound and operating with revenues slightly exceeding expenses.

The next scheduled Council meeting is October 16.



### **ADVENT EVENING SERVICES**

**Wednesdays**

**7:00pm in the Sanctuary**

Are any of you dreading the next number of weeks as Christmas gets closer and closer? How much to spend on gifts? Who to buy for and what to buy?

Which parties/events to attend? How to be safe and accepting of each other? This doesn't leave much time to dwell on the "reason for the season".

All of us need some balance during the holidays. Part of our balance at Lutheran Chapel is remembering whose we are, and why we exist. We exist to worship the one who gives us life-that beautiful baby in the manger.

A wonderful opportunity to worship will be Wednesday evenings November 30, December 7 and 14 at 7pm. This will be a time of worship, prayer, and celebration as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas.

Would you and your family worship with us at the Wednesday night Advent Services? We promise there won't be any commercials, it won't cost anything, and you won't gain any weight. We do promise that you will be blessed as we get ready for the birthday of Jesus.





## CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

In keeping with the protocol approved by the LCC congregation regarding Church Council elections, Council is accepting nominations for persons interested in serving a three-year term on the LCC Church Council. This is a self-nominating process. All interested members should contact Debra Hoffman - [alanjo@charter.net](mailto:alanjo@charter.net); Crown Hoffman - [DrCrownDc@gmail.com](mailto:DrCrownDc@gmail.com) or Pastor Comer - [michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org) or 704-787-6439. **Deadline for nominations is October 30.** At its November 20 meeting, Council will determine the list of persons for the Church membership to consider. Council election is held in December.

## CIRCLE NEWS

- ⇒ **Esther Circle** will be meeting on Monday, October 3 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ **Rebecca Circle** will meet Monday, October 10 at 7pm at the home of Suzie Ward. (*Note that this is the **second** Monday in October!*)

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A BIG thank you to the Women of Lutheran Chapel who attended our Black & White Dinner on September 12!

The meal was prepared and served by the WELCA board and several others who offered to help. The decorations were appropriate for our dinner theme. We began our celebration with a small chime group who appropriately played "Let is Break Bread Together". Thank you to Jeanette for working with a group of our ladies as they learned about chimes. Many of the group joined in the fun of line dancing. This activity was led by a teacher from Rock Hill who teaches PE to elementary students. Prizes were given out for best outfit, best shoes, best accessory, etc. Delana, our photographer, did a fantastic job with pictures of all those attending and videos of the line dancers. These pictures can be seen on the Lutheran Chapel website.

We had a great time with good food, fellowship and just visiting with each other and meeting some new friends. Thanks to all who attended and helped make this a great gathering!

**WELCA Board Members**



## From the Men of the Church — Save the Dates!

**Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM**

Hamburger & hot dog cookout for the entire congregation @ the picnic shelter sponsored by the Men of the Church

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM**

Men of the church meeting at the Shrimp Boat

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM**

Ladies Night dinner in the Family Life Center



## OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



**Hillbilly's BBQ**

**(Lowell)**

**Thursday, October 20**

**11:00am**

## Lemonade on the Lawn

**October 23**

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for *Lemonade on the Lawn* immediately following the 10:00 worship service on October 23. We will have lemonade and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!



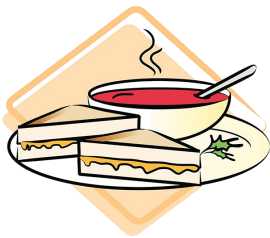
*You're Invited!*



All the fellowship is invited to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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. (No gifts please!)

## Great News! The Soup Luncheon Is Back!



The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our annual **Soup Luncheon on November 6<sup>th</sup> following our worship service**. We will serve a variety of wonderful soups, sandwiches and of course, delicious desserts. This will also be your opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings. We want to remember those in our community that are less fortunate, by providing them help with their Thanksgiving meal. We are providing families with a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card again this year. We are serving around 140 families, and it has become very difficult to provide the bags that we have been doing the previous years. With your generous donations, we have been ordering supplies from Aldi Supermarket to fill approximately 70 extra bags. We picked the supplies up with a trailer and brought them to the church to sort into Thanksgiving meal bags. It was a very strenuous labor of love for us (the Social Ministry committee is not as young as we used to be – haha), and the social workers found the cards much easier for them to deliver. There was also the problem with storing the food bags during the times of collection and putting the bags together. We began the gift cards during Covid to eliminate contact and found this was a great way to continue to help families in need.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please bring your monetary donations with you to the Soup Luncheon. **You may make a cash donation or write a check to Lutheran Chapel – be sure to mark Thanksgiving meals in the memo section of our check. Our committee will purchase the gift cards – we like to purchase the cards that do not allow alcohol or tobacco products to be purchased with the card.**

We place each card in an envelope with a Thanksgiving blessing from our church. Last year, we were able to help families at 14 Gaston County schools have a great Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Soup Luncheon for fellowship and a great meal! We have missed this delicious and fun fellowship with our congregation!



## Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes



**Just an early reminder that collection week for Christmas shoeboxes will be November 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.** We will have boxes available on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> so that you can fill your boxes early and get ahead of the Christmas rush.

**Boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.**

Gift suggestions are:

- School Supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, writing pads, coloring and picture books
- Toys: small cars, balls, dolls stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes
- Hygiene Items: toothbrush, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, brush, washcloth
- Other: t-shirt, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hairclips, toy jewelry, flashlights (with extra batteries), plastic cups or storage containers

**Do not include:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



**We realize that the Christmas season is a busy time and our church family has many commitments during this time. Please know that we are only offering this opportunity because there are families that want to continue this ministry. Please fill a box if you can or choose a different way to help families in need during this time. As always, thank you for your generosity!**

## OCTOBER LOVE OFFERING ~ Holy Angels

October's love offering will be sent to Holy Angels. This ministry was founded in 1955 by the Sisters of Mercy and continues today to provide the highest quality programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry, offers families the peace of heart and mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.

Holy Angels currently serves 80 children and adults in the residence program. Some of the residents receive vocational training and enjoy employment at Cherubs Café and Cotton Candy Factory – two small businesses established by Holy Angels in Downtown Belmont. Also, Spruced Goose in McAdenville offers employment to Holy Angel residents. Bliss Gallery was established to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists.

Like the individuals that depend on their care, Holy Angels depends on the support of others to provide the highest quality of care. All contributions are welcomed from each individual and from corporate donations. Holy Angels continues to strive to provide loving care and is committed to helping and challenging residents to reach their highest potential. At Holy Angels, it is about little miracles. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to Holy Angels and their special family.

Thank you!

***Social Ministry Committee***



**HOLY ANGELS**

Loving, living and learning for the differently able.®



## FROM THE MAILBOX...

Love  
Offering  
  
ThankYou!

### Love Offering Thank You Letters to the Congregation

We are grateful to you for partnering with **Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County** to transform the life of a family. Thank you for supporting the House That Faith Built Campaign with your gift of \$405. A home is the place where we make some of life's most precious memories...Your gift will change the life of a family by helping them achieve the dream of homeownership...Thank you for making it possible for us to fulfill our mission of providing decent, affordable homes for families-the building blocks of our community.

With gratitude,  
*Kay C. Peninger*  
Executive Director



Thank you for your generous donation of \$495.00. All donations benefit **Cancer Services** and the work we do in our community to help Gaston County residents living with cancer. Your donation will help make it possible to continue providing prescription assistance, liquid nutrition, medical equipment, wigs, mastectomy bras and prostheses to local cancer patients...Cancer Services of Gaston County, Inc. is a local non-profit agency supported by donation, memorials, fundraiser, charitable foundation and the United Way...Every dollar raised remains in Gaston County to help our neighbors who are battling cancer...Thank you again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,  
*Kim Elmore*  
Executive Director



**Lutheran Services Carolinas** greatly appreciates your contribution of \$365.00 to be used where needed most. Thank you for helping us do the important work we are called to do. It would not be possible without compassionate people like you! LSC works across the Carolinas to protect children through foster care, advocate for those battling severe and persistent mental illness, promote independence for adults with disabilities, help children find loving adoptive homes, welcome refugees seeking sanctuary, and assist families affected by disasters. LSC also offers a wide range of residential options and services to North Carolina seniors...Thank you again for your generous gift. We are grateful for your partnership in helping others live abundantly.

Yours in Christ,  
*Ted W. Goins, Jr.*  
President



### *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.



# OCTOBER CELeBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

Susan Jackson .....	2	Jon Berghello, Sr. ....	22
Chuck Burch .....	3	Nancy Hoffman .....	25
Pam Overcash .....	9	Noah Comer.....	26
Paulette Hale .....	10	Katelyn Baker .....	27
Ben Nigbor.....	14	Lily Baker .....	27
Doug Rhyne .....	16	Elizabeth Seabrook.....	28
Erin Huffstetler .....	18	Ashley Tamberella.....	29
David Tamberella.....	18	Michael Finch .....	30
Kelly Andrews .....	19	Benjamin Hester .....	30
Sharon Carpenter .....	19	Jordan Hoffman .....	30

## annIVERSARIES

Jason & Carolyn Lineberger .....	6
Scott & Beth Swindler .....	7
Don & Debi Jean Wankel .....	9
Josh & Amy Carpenter.....	12
Flay & Susan Anthony.....	14
Sean & McKenzie Rankin .....	14
Steve & Eula Ritchie.....	15
Craig & Adrian Thornburg .....	17
Josh & Anna Baker .....	18



*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

### **Helen McCarter**

ARP Manor  
2900 Union Road, Apt. 114  
Gastonia, NC 28054

### **BT Bradley**

The Greens of Gastonia  
969 Cox Road, Room 405  
Gastonia, NC 28054

### **Betty Petty**

811 Ashbrook Park Road  
Dallas, NC 28034




### **Dru Huffstickler**

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





# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 9:00 Via de Cristo Team Mtgs. (FH/Classrooms/Sanct.)
<b>2</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Anniversary Reception 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>3</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH)	<b>4</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>5</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>6</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>10</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Rebecca Circle	<b>11</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 Cookout (Pavilion) 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>12</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>13</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 5:30 Worship & Music Mtg. (CR)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:45 Chancel Choir 4:00 Council Mtg. (CR) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>17</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>18</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>19</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ Hillbilly's BBQ	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Lemonade on the Lawn 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>24</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>25</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>26</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>27</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>31</b> 8:30 Preschool  					

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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.