



Chapel News

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Give Thanks in All Circumstances

Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Really? Maybe when things are going well and the sun is shining this makes sense. However, when the dark clouds come in this broken world with so much sorrow, hurt, evil, and loss – how can we give thanks? Isn't that impossible?

Consider the sacred song *Now Thanks We All Our God* by Martin Rinkhart (**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**, #840). Pastor Rinkhart was the only pastor in the town of Eilenburg during the Thirty Years War. Famine and plague broke out in the city in 1637. He was called upon to bury up to forty to fifty people some days. The eight thousand men, women, and children who died during this one year included the death of his own wife. Yet in the midst of loss beyond comprehension, Pastor Rinkhart bore the cross and followed in the way of Jesus through it all. During these days of sorrow, he wrote the great hymn giving thanks:

“Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices:
who, from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.”

The beauty of life shared, the precious gift of mother, father, wife, friend, neighbor, and community, the hope of resurrection life in Jesus Christ – Pr. Rinkhart still gave thanks probably in the midst of tears.

Consider the Pilgrims from that first Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims came to America to worship God and start afresh in the New World after persecutions in England. Yet the harsh environment and cold proved catastrophic to them. Of the original one hundred and two passengers on the Mayflower, nearly half of their number died due to the harsh winter and sickness. Yet those who survived, those who shared in the harvests that fall and benefited from the counsel and help of the Wampanoag Indians, they gave thanks to God for daily bread, for loved ones and their dead in Christ. This first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621.

Give thanks in all circumstances teaches the Apostle Paul in his own days of trial as he shared the Gospel to the small church in Thessalonika. This transcendent hope in Christ, this awareness of love shared on Earth and looking to the Love that promises all who believe Heaven above, this faith in Christ may make it possible for us to still give thanks like the saints of old. These two events both in the 1600's are part of our Church and our National story testifying to our generations about a hope that may sustain us today. Even in tears, let us sing, let us pray, let us love and let us give thanks in the Name of Jesus Christ. Happy Thanksgiving 2022!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael





Worship Assistants ~ NOVEMBER



	November 6 All Saints Sunday	November 13	November 20	November 27 1 st Sunday in Advent
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger	Harry Swindler	Will Clark	Lillian Robinson
Lector	Brent Clark	Nancy Witman	Norman Overcash	Pam Overcash
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash	Pam Overcash	Nancy Witman	Sylvia Fogle
First Aid/ AED/CPR	Crown Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	Tammy Royston	Debra Hoffman

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



COMMITMENT SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 20TH

Bring your pledge card to Worship if you are able.

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

Wednesdays

7:00 pm ~ Memorial Chapel

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion



Come Worship with Us

NOVEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 6 ~ Given by Bob & Lucinda Thornburg to the Glory of God.

Nov. 13 ~ Given by Rhonda Putnam in honor of Doug & Marion Rhyne's 66th anniversary.

Nov. 20 ~ Given by Barbara Robinson in honor of the birthdays of Steve, Deborah, Charlene and Patrick.

Nov. 27 ~ Poinsettias

2023 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

If you'd like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2023, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.



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



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.



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2022

The Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- o Council voted on and approved Ken Obenauf to serve as Treasurer.
- o Bettina Royston has agreed to fill Ed Robinson's position on church council and will be the representative for the Endowment and Memorial Committees.
- o Commitment Sunday is scheduled for November 20, 2022.
- o The Annual Congregational Meeting will be December 4, 2022 to approve the 2023 budget and new council members.
- o Council voted on and approved to have a guardian angel statue in memory of Ed Robinson placed in the Clothes Closet azalea garden.
- o The Youth Hut workday was a great success. Plumbing issues are being looked into. Internet connection will be needed. Ready to move forward and purchase furniture, etc.
- o Internet and phone connections are needed in the music director's office located in basement of the church. Kathie will be working in the office several days of the week.
- o A refund is being asked for the cement work done at the entrance of the Education Building and other avenues of repair are being researched.
- o The ice machine is being repaired and paid for by an anonymous donor.
- o The church bus had to be repaired again due to the lines being chewed by rodents.
- o Revenues as compared to expenses through September 30, 2022 reflect a positive balance of \$29,675.40.

The next scheduled Council meeting is November 20, 2022.

Meet Our New Choir Director, Kathie Riebe...

Happy November.

I am so happy to be here at Lutheran Chapel Church.

I know that I was introduced during the worship service on October 16 but here is a little more about me. I was born and raised in Northern California. I went to college in Sacramento and made that my home after graduation. My husband was in the Air Force when we met and married in the late 80's. With an expected and soon realized end of the cold war, we began moving often as B-52 units and bases were closed. During that time we lived in Guam, Blytheville, AR and Rapid City, SD. During the summer of 1992 my husband left the Air Force and we moved to Berkeley, CA where he attended seminary. Since that time, we have lived in Elk Grove, CA (a feeder/farm community of Sacramento), Waxahachie, TX and Bakersfield, CA. We moved here in 2015 to help John's parents with their health issues.

Although I was raised Episcopalian and am now an Anglican, I have worked at Episcopal, Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches and a base chapel. I have also been a part of music education on pre-school, elementary, high school and college levels.

We have two children, one son-in-law and the most precious granddaughter ever. Since they all live in the Los Angeles basin, we are very happy to be able to take advantage video chatting.

I am really looking forward to meeting and getting to know you. One of the things that the Lord has planted on my heart is a focus on helping people make a joyful noise in the worship of our great God. No matter what level of "musicality" you feel you have or don't have, there is a place in God's house for you to open up and worship. I hope we can discuss that soon.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds. Psalm 68:4



Calling all Instrumentalists



Do you play an instrument?



We welcome you to offer that gift to God's worship.

Please contact Kathie to talk about sharing your music: music@lutheranchapelchurch.org



Are You Feeling Called to Sing?



Please consider joining the choir.
We would love to have you join us.
Please contact Kathie for details:
music@lutheranchapelchurch.org



Bell Choir Invitation

New and experienced ringers are invited
to join our Bell Choir

Rehearsals:

6:00 Wednesdays beginning Nov. 2
In the Choir Room

Contact Kathie with questions:
music@lutheranchapelchurch.org

Clothing Giveaway ~ November 5 ~ 11am to 1pm

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, November 5** and could use your help! Volunteers are needed to help with setting up beginning at 8:00 am and breaking down at 1:00 pm. Breakfast biscuits, snacks, and drinks will be available for all volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping with this service to our community.

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



Ladies Night Celebration Saturday, December 10 ~ 6:00pm



Please plan now to join us at our *Ladies Night Celebration* on **Saturday, December 10th @ 6PM in the Family Life Center**. After a couple of years without our annual celebration due to Covid, the Men of the Church are anxious to once again put together a night of good food, fellowship, and great entertainment. Tickets are available for sale. If anyone is wishing to donate a door prize it would be greatly appreciated.

Let's all make a good effort to come and enjoy a great night together.



Youth Christmas Program ~ December 11, 2022

It's almost time! Yes, it's almost time for our Annual Children's Christmas Program here at Lutheran Chapel Church. The program will be held this year on December 11 during our worship service right here at the church! Mark your calendars for this awesome event.

This year's program is a skit called "The Birth of Jesus". There are no speaking parts, just a narrator. We need youth of all ages from the smallest to the seniors in high school to participate. More information to follow regarding rehearsal times, etc.

What a wonderful time it is for our youth as they share the story and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dear friends in Christ,

Sunday October 2 was such an emotional day for the Ritchie family. Our daughter Amy had meticulously planned a beautiful celebration after church services for our 50th wedding anniversary. That morning at 4:35 we received the phone call we knew might come. Steve's sister, our beloved Paula, had passed away. We proceeded with the reception and you folks showed us so much love and compassion!

Thanks to all who helped Amy and to those who have given or sent us cards, gifts, hugs, prayers and kind, comforting words of both support and congratulations. We are so glad that we joined Lutheran Chapel and very thankful for the many friendships we now have.

Blessings to all,

Steve and Eula

FROM THE MAILBOX...



OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



R.O.'s Bar-B-Cue

Thursday, November 17

11:00am

CIRCLE NEWS

⇒ *Esther Circle* will be meeting on Monday, November 7 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

⇒ *Rebecca Circle* will NOT be meeting in November.

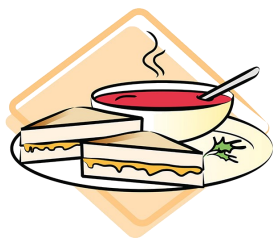
Women of the **ELCA** 

Santa's Toy Sack

The Outreach Committee is now accepting any used, but in good condition, toys, games, and/or books for a **giveaway December 3rd**. (Please do not purchase new ones.) An orange tub has been placed outside the church office for your donations. Thank you for helping to serve our community!



Great News! The Soup Luncheon Is Back!



The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our annual **Soup Luncheon on November 6th 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 14th – 20th. We will have boxes available on October 23rd and 30th 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 20th 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!

NOVEMBER LOVE OFFERING ~ Crisis Pregnancy Center

Our love offering for November is the Crisis Pregnancy Center. CPC has been in Gaston County since 1986 and has served over 65,000 women, men, and their families. During the 35 years of service, as a result of their ministry, they have seen more than 8,700 babies saved. Their mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, abortion education - procedures, risks and alternatives, post abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives. Each year, more than 300 clients accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives – praise be to God!

In addition, the center provides things such as material assistance for babies (diapers, clothing, blankets), material assistance for moms, (pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, necessities for nursing), car seats for infants provided by Speedway Charities and local fire departments, referrals for adoption to Lifeline and other Christian agencies.

We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



Grateful Thankful Blessed



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BIRTHDAYS

Peter Homovich.....	2	Kay Moretz	17
Charlotte Jenkins	2	Pat Robinson	18
Katie Potter.....	3	Chrystal Davis.....	20
Kaitlyn Anthony	7	Elizabeth Lagos.....	20
Ray Jenkins, Jr.....	7	Sandra Martin	21
Mayada Besancon.....	8	Bryson Lineberger	22
Ann Lowe	8	Drew Carpenter	24
Renwick Royston	12	David Comer.....	24
Norman Overcash.....	14	Charlotte Carpenter	25
Terry Ratchford.....	15	Don Wankel	25
Scott Swindler	15	Heather Nigbor	26
Joy Setzer-Henderson.....	16	Katie Carpenter	29
Helen McCarter	17		

annIVERSARIES

Fred & Suzie Ward.....	13
Doug & Marion Rhyne.....	17
James & Margaret Hovis.....	22

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
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Apt. 114
Gastonia, NC 28054

Dru Huffstickler
Morningside
2755 Union Rd.
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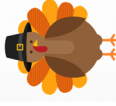
Daylight Saving
Time Ends
November 6

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.*



~Psalm 100:4

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 November 6		1 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	2 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	3 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	4	5 11:00 Clothing Giveaway (set-up begins @ 8:00) Soup Luncheon Set-up
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Soup Luncheon TBA Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	7 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 6:30 Via de Cristo (FH)	8 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 10:00 Garden Club (FH) 6:00 Brotherhood @ Shrimp Boat 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	9 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	10 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 5:30 Worship & Music Mtg. (CR)	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 	12
13 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (VR) TBA Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	14 8:30 Preschool	15 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	16 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	17 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ R.O.'s Bar-B-Cue <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	18	19
20 <i>Commitment Sunday</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Sprouts (K/FH/FLC) 4:00 Council Mtg. (CR) TBA Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	21 8:30 Preschool	22 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	23 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells	24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 11:00 Private Event (Kit/FLC) 	25	26
27 <i>1st Sunday Advent</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship TBA Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	28 8:30 Preschool	29 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	30 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Advent Service (S)			

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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.