



Chapel News

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FEBRUARY 2023

Lutheran Chapel Identity Café **January 8, 2023**



Who is Lutheran Chapel?

Lutheran Chapel Church is Christ centered and identified as:

Traditional

Heritage/History
Biblically Based

Loving

Welcoming/Hospitable
Supportive/Caring

Family

Friendship
Invested

Musical

Liturgical/Hymnody
Beautiful

Why Does Lutheran Chapel Exist?

Lutheran Chapel Lutheran Church exists to:

Worship Together

Share God's Word
Make a joyful noise

Serve God

Serve in the name of Christ
Do His work
Clothe our community

Bring Others to Christ

Reach out to the community
Share the love of Christ

Nurture Spiritual Growth

Teach the Word of God
Share truth and love through Christ

A letter from our Organist...

Dear Lutheran Chapel Church Family,

After prayerful consideration, I have made the decision that it is time to move on to the next chapter of my life journey. Please accept my resignation as Organist of Lutheran Chapel Church effective Sunday, April 30, 2023.

I am grateful for the time I have spent serving as your organist. The last 15 years as organist have been a true blessing to me in my spiritual journey. Over the years the choir members have been very forgiving of my missed notes and quick tempos. Their love and support have gotten me through many a service. I have enjoyed serving alongside each of them, as well as Pastor Michael, as we led the congregation in worship and song.

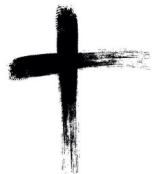
I will always reflect on my time here with fond memories and gratitude. It is hard to leave the position behind, but I look forward to having more time for family and my next chapter.

May God bless all Lutheran Chapel members with faith, hope and love in the new year.

Peace to All,



Lisa Burch



ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 22

7:00 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. -Ecclesiastes 3:20

ALTAR FLOWERS **FEBRUARY**

Feb. 5 ~ Given by Josh & Amy Brown in honor of Corbin's birthday.

Feb. 12 ~ Given by Jenny & Bob Williamson.

Feb. 19 ~ Given by Debra, Crown, Matt & family in honor of Henry's birthday.

Feb. 26 ~ Given by Othell Carpenter's family in her memory.



Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

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 live for those unable to attend in person.

Wednesdays

7:00 pm ~ Chapel

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion



Come Worship with Us



Worship Assistants ~ FEBRUARY



	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Acolyte	Hunter Clark	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	Will Clark	Harry Swindler	Lillian Robinson	Bram Comer
Lector	Josh Carpenter	Janie Peak	Alex Berghello	Sylvia Fogle
Assistant Minister	<i>Contact Pastor Michael if you are available to serve as Assistant Minister.</i>			
First Aid/AED/CPR	Ervin Hoffman	Peery Linkous	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman

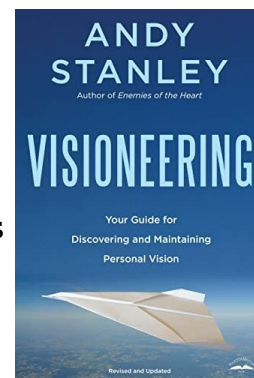
Council Members of the Month: Crown Hoffman & James Hovis

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

Book Study: Visioneering by Andy Stanley

Wednesday Evenings during Lent ~ Begins March 1

During the Lenten Season, the Wednesday Evening Services will use the Holden Evening Prayer and focus on the Book of Nehemiah and Restoration. Following the services, for those who wish to participate, Pastor Michael will lead a study of the book Visioneering by Andy Stanley. "God has crafted a unique vision for each of our lives---a voyage of discovery filled with fantastic riches that are embedded in the very journey itself. By exploring the ordinary life of Nehemiah and his vision for accomplishing the extraordinary, Visioneering by Pastor Stanley provides direction, motivation, and encouragement for your own amazing odyssey of self-discovery." (Taken from the Christianbook website.)



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Attention Lutheran Chapel Members! Please check the current church directory and make sure all your contact information is correct — address, home phone and/or mobile phone number and email address.

Send updates/corrections to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org.



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2023

Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- Lisa Burch presented her resignation as of Sunday, April 30, 2023.
- A financial report was provided and it was noted that our financial standing is good.
- Council agreed to continue meeting every other month and decided to meet right after worship. Meeting dates will be determined based on members' availability. Executive Council will continue to meet on the off months.
- Pastor requested a council member to serve as security for Wednesday evening services.
- Request to receive Bill and Fabiola Carroll as members of Lutheran Chapel has been approved.
- Council agreed that the Identity Café went well. Dr. Copeland will return in the spring.
- Council representatives were assigned/renewed for church committees.
- Council voted on and unanimously approved to have CBS meet in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 9:30pm.
- The flat roof needs to be replaced as well as some of the church roof tiles. Quotes are being obtained.
- Council voted on and unanimously approved developing a program aimed at reaching out to families of the MMO/preschool. Specifics of the program are being explored.
- The ribbon cutting of the renovated Youth Hut will be held on March 19.
- Lenten services are scheduled for 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 at 7:00pm.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross scheduled for noon. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7am in the cemetery or Sanctuary, depending on weather, with breakfast afterwards.

The next full council meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2023.

2023 YEARBOOK

Attention Committee Leaders: Please provide your Council Representative with an updated committee report and membership list. This is towards getting a 2023 Church Yearbook in good order. The following is a list of committees and Council Representatives:

Christian Ed – Debra Hoffman

Communication – Jason Sanders

Endowment – Bettina Royston

Evangelism/Outreach – Adrian Thornburg

Memorial – Bettina Royston

Pre School – Nancy Witman

Property – James Hovis

Security – Keith Yarborough

Social Ministry – Steve Richie

Worship and Music – Mark McCauley

Youth & Family Ministries – Gene Weaver

Updated reports and membership lists should be emailed to Kim in the church office by **February 28** (churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org) in order to have the 2023 Yearbook completed and ready for distribution in March.

CIRCLE NEWS

After identifying our many strengths and talents on January 8, 2023, we as women of Lutheran Chapel WELCA would like to encourage all women to visit one of our meetings to enjoy meaningful programs and a great time of fellowship.

- o *Esther Circle* meets the first Monday at 10am of each month in the Fellowship Hall.
- o *Rebecca Circle* (night circle), also meets the first Monday of each month. Normally we meet in homes. Times and locations will be shown in the bulletins.

We feel in order to continue to be a strong church we should support the programs offered within our church.

Judy Anton and Suzie Ward
Co-Presidents, WELCA



February Meetings

- ⇒ *Esther Circle* will be meeting on Monday, February 6 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ *Rebecca Circle* will meet at the home of Delana Clark on Monday, February 6 at 7pm.



OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

Lancaster's BBQ (Huntersville)
Thursday, February 16

*Steve Clark will be driving the church van.
Plan to be at the church at 10:30am.*



"This is the 'bestest' Christmas ever!" are words from a young boy while we were at the Bessemer City Boys and Girls Club very early in our association with them. We will never forget hearing those very sincere words! What a wonderful experience sharing the Bible story of Jesus' birth, doing crafts, singing Christmas carols, eating pizza, surprising them with treats, sharing conversation and giving gifts.

Our congregation is amazing! Thank you all for being part of this wonderful experience by supporting the Angel Tree, giving monetary gifts, volunteering to serve and sharing your amazing talents.

"God's love is Free."

The Outreach Team

Clothing Giveaway

February 25

Weather Permitting

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, February 25** 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.



Music Notes

This past Fall celebrated the 40th anniversary of the English handchime. While we didn't honor that occasion in the Fall, we are playing a wonderful piece this month that features the handchime. So this seems a very appropriate time to share the history of the handchime.

In 1977, an English handchime was developed by Toby Harris Smith and was described in David Sawyer's article "Vibrations" published by Cambridge University Press. This instrument used an external "spring metal ringer." However, there was a flaw in the design that Mr. Smith was unable to resolve. The handchime was made in England and distributed by Schulmerich Carillons in the United States. Mr. David Ward, a therapist in England, used the handchimes in his music classes and in rehabilitative therapy sessions. He felt that the handchime would be a very useful addition in therapy sessions and contacted Dr. Paul Rosene, his friend in the United States. Dr. Rosene toyed with the idea of the "handchime" and consulted with Jacob Malta at Malmark, Inc. In 1981, they started experimenting with different designs, using rounded and squared tubes, using different combinations of aluminum and tin and developing a way to attach a clapper mechanism, similar to ones used in the Malmark handbells. In 1982, Jacob Malta introduced the Choirchime (R): they had found the right combination of metals to produce a "pure" tone, based on the principals of the tuning fork with an external clapper mechanism. "The sound of the Choirchime (R) is mellow, peaceful and gentle;" "a heavenly sound." There were some slight modifications in that design over the following 10 years but we are still using this design today.

Manufacture of Chime Instruments

Chime instruments use a combination of tin and aluminum alloys and are extruded aluminum tubes which are made in various diameters and lengths and then have an external clapper mechanism attached to the body of the instrument. The ratio of the combination of the alloys, the size, length and diameter of the tube, along with the internal stop block determines the pitch of the instrument.



Research taken from olypen.com/nwbell/handbell/sidenote/chime_history.html

FEBRUARY LOVE OFFERING

With Friends, Inc. - Youth Crisis Shelter

February's love offering will be sent to With Friends, Inc. – Youth Crisis Shelter. With Friends is a not-for-profit, comprehensive, community-based youth serving organization. A team of trained staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist youth and their families. Their mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people ages 7 – 21, who are homeless, in crisis, or at risk. With Friends provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, outreach services, skill building, spiritual enrichment, recreation, follow-up and referral services – all working to promote family involvement and working to reunite and strengthen families. The shelter has proven to be effective in preventing youth from ever entering the foster care system and juvenile justice system. Free services are available for youth in Gaston County as well as surrounding counties. Thanks to caring contributions, the shelter is able to provide services to many youth each year. Their dedicated and committed staff needs our help to continue to serve our troubled youth. We appreciate your help and donations to this organization.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



Communion and Friendship with God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30



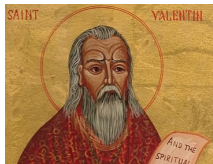
Loving with all the heart ~ The heart is the center of personhood and will. In Jesus, the love of God for me is made known and His will to save me is made known on the Cross. What is the focus of my will? How will I love God today?

Loving with all the soul ~ The soul is our breath and being. The Holy Spirit is given to us in our baptism that we may belong to Him and abide with Him. What is the focus of my soul? How will I abide in Him today breath by breath, aware of Him in me and in the midst of His people?

Loving with all the mind ~ The mind is our awareness and understanding. In Jesus, the Word of God is given that we may grow in understanding “thy Word is lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path” (re: Psalm 119:105). What is God’s Word saying to me? Hearing the gift of His Word, how will I now live?

Loving with all strength ~ The strength is our energy and power to act. God gave strength to David to slay Goliath and God gave the drive to Paul to share the Gospel with the Gentiles. What is the focus of my strength? What will I do now to glorify God?

Warning: As you explore your friendship with God beware that you do not make up a god or put god in a box to fit your own ideas. Remember Aaron, the first high priest, made the golden calf and he did this to please people (re: Exodus 32). God is free to act and will surprise you. Be still and know the LORD!



February 14 — St. Valentine, Martyr

A physician and priest living in Rome during the rule of Emperor Claudius, Valentine became one of the noted martyrs of the third century, occurring in 270 AD. Tradition suggests that Valentine left a note of encouragement for a child of his jailer written on an irregularly shaped piece of paper. This greeting became a pattern for millions of written expressions of love and caring that now are part of Valentine’s Day in many nations.

FROM THE MAILBOX...

Dear LCC Family,
Thank you so much for your generous gift. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a caring and supportive church family. I appreciate your kindness and your trust in me to lead the preschool. I wish you all blessings and happiness for the new year.

Love in Christ,

Ms. Janet

*Thank
you*



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you all very much for the love and support you have given us during the recent passing of B.T. It is very uplifting and very much appreciated! I also want to thank the men, especially Ervin and Steve, who helped to get B.T. into and out of the church for services in the past three years since he had a stroke!
Peace in Christ,
Pauline & Family*

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Corbin Brown	1	David Mull	11
Wendy Robinson.....	1	Frances Ford.....	13
Rachel Anthony	2	James Hovis	13
Brinkley Finch	2	Alexander Goedl	15
Jeff Stokes.....	5	Wes Beam	17
Jessica Thornburg	5	Elyse Hoffman	22
Jason Lineberger.....	8	Lynda Ellington.....	23
Mary Scott Robinson	9	Vickie Beam.....	24
Kay Robinson	10	Katherine Heilig.....	26
Ron Behringer.....	11	Henry Hoffman	28

annIVERSARIES

Drew & Katie Carpenter	12
Ray, Jr. & Charlotte Jenkins.....	13
Robert & Kelly Andrews.....	17
Bob & Jenny Williamson	27
Wes & Vickie Beam.....	29



Let's Celebrate!

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

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

Betty Little
Covenant Village
1351 Robinwood Rd.
Apt. A-205
Gastonia, NC 28054

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

Betty Petty
811 Ashbrook Park Rd.
Dallas, NC 28034

February Birthdays at Heritage Oaks

Clyde Rainey.....	19
Robert Campbell	27
Kathy Baldwin	27





Happy Birthday wishes can be mailed to:



Heritage Oaks
916 S. Marietta Street
Gastonia, NC 28054

H A P P Y
Valentine's Day

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evening Prayers (Ch)	2 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 	3	4
5 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	6 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 7:00 Rebecca Circle	7 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	8 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evening Prayers (Ch)	9 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 5:30 W & M Mtg. (CR)	10	11
12 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (YR) 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	13 8:30 Preschool	14 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Garden Club (FH) 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH) 	15 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Evening Prayers (Ch)	16 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ Lancaster's BBQ <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	17	18
19 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	20 8:30 Preschool	21 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Evening Service w/ Holy Communion (S) 	23 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	24	25 Clothing Giveaway (set-up begins @ 8am)
26 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	27 8:30 Preschool	28 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)				

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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.