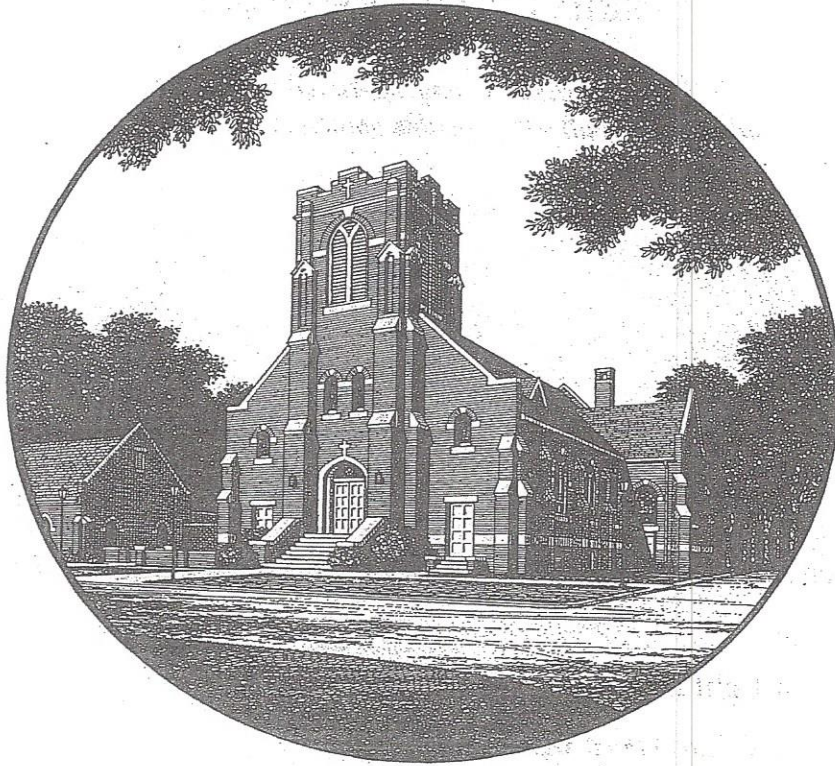


# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15 AND MATTHEW 5:21-37

*“THE EYE”*

*Jesus warns His disciples to not fall to the impulses and desires of the eyes,  
to not risk hell for giving in to evil,  
but to trust Him for strength, guidance and salvation.*

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

*BOLD indicates congregational responses.*  
*\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

*Isaiah 60:1, 4; Psalm 27:1*

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**C: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

P: Lift your eyes and look around:

**C: all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

P: Your sun will never set again.

**C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

P: Your days of sorrow will end.

**C: The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

P: Whom shall we fear?

**C: Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life, whom shall we fear?**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

**ELW #582**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!*

### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**EXODUS 3:1-6, 13-15**

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

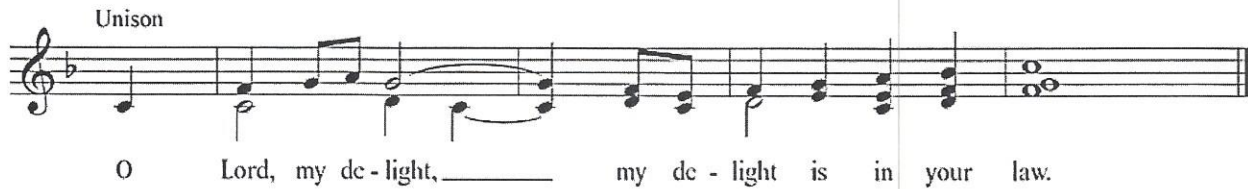
<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

**L: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:1-8



Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord.

Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and see you with all their hearts,

who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully I will keep them.

### [Refrain]

Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

### [Refrain]

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## SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is

jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Claim the gift for yourself!

Creation : Fall : Promise : + Exodus : Conquest : Judges: Kings and Prophets : Exile :  
Restoration : 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

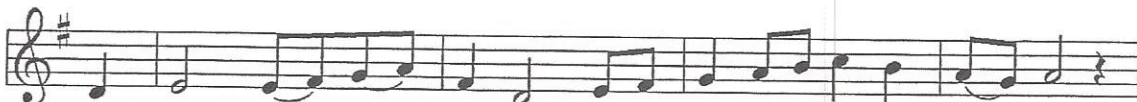
John 1:1, Luke 24:32



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



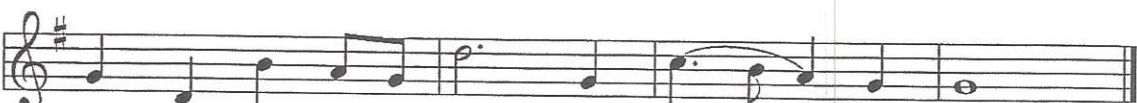
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Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



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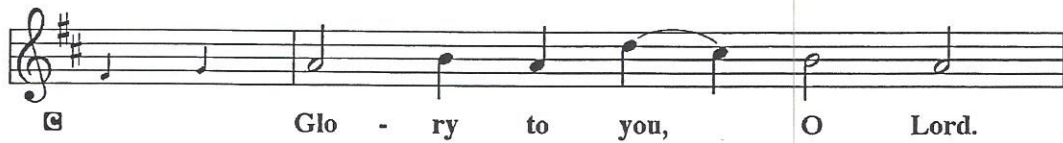
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**\*GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 5:21-37**

*Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.*

Response after the announcement:



*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

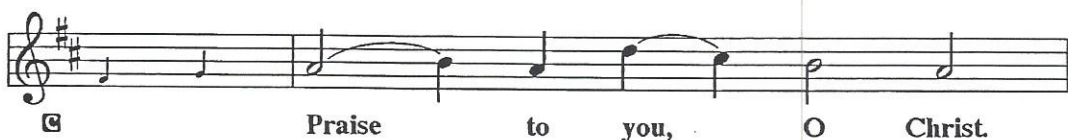
[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## MESSAGE

"The Eye"

### The Revelation to Moses The Eye - Window to the Soul

*The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I give in to the desires of my eye and impulses within my heart.*

*The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus warns us about sin. He gives us strength in trials and forgiveness, grace upon grace.*

*So What?* Turn away from mess. Pray in Jesus' Name for help in the time of temptation and trial. What is your take away for following Christ?

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW #612

#### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and**

**sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"What Wondrous Love"*

**Jeanette Myers**

arr. Gregg Sewell

### **PRAYER**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond Hear our prayers.*

*Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.*

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

**C: Amen.**

#### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**



Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*THE BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*"O Christ, Our Hope"*

ELW 604

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of the God by Bob & Jenny Williamson.

**THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY**

Ministers .....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Rundzieher
Choir Director .....	Kathie Riebe
Organist.....	Lisa Burch
Assistant Minister .....	Nancy Witman
Lector .....	Janie Peak
Acolyte.....	Renwick Royston
Crucifer .....	Harry Swindler
Head Ushers .....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR .....	Peery Linkous

**PARISH NEWS**

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST:** If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

**WELCA:** 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. *Esther Circle* meets the first Monday at 10am of each month in the Fellowship Hall. *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

**OWLS:** Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Lancaster's BBQ in Huntersville on **Thursday, February 16**. *Steve Clark will be driving the church van. Please plan to be at the church by 10:30am.* We hope you'll join us.

**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.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** 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](mailto:churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org).

**COMMITTEE LEADERS:** All 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. Updated reports and membership lists should be emailed to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org by **February 28**. The following is a list of committees and Council Reps:

Christian Ed – Debra Hoffman  
Communication – Jason Sanders  
Endowment – Bettina Royston  
Evangelism/Outreach – Adrian Thornburg  
Stewardship in Mission – Dan Lineberger  
Memorial – Bettina Royston  
Pre School – Nancy Witman  
Property – James Hovis  
Security – Keith Yarborough  
Social Ministry – Steve Ritchie  
Worship and Music – Mark McCauley  
Youth and Family Ministries – Gene Weaver

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2023 offering envelopes for members of the church are available for pickup in the church office, Monday through Thursday from 8:30am until 1:30pm. Please contact Kim (704-864-6491) if these hours are not convenient for your schedule.

Security: Please remember to lock the doors of the church! A few times recently doors have been left unlocked. Let us practice good security together.

Souper Bowl of Caring<sup>2023</sup>. To tackle hunger in our local community, a gift of food or money will be received after the service for Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Prayers and Encouragement for Mr. Bob Thornburg Bob has moved to Peak, Cherryville. Let us pray and encourage him!

Address: Peak Resources  
7615 Dallas Cherryville Hu  
Room 107  
Cherryville, NC 28021

## DAILY PRAYER

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (*Psalm 1:2*) Prayer lists and roster, Psalter readings, daily Bible lessons, and a song of praise are below.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Larry Collins, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Betty Petty, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Bob Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

*Norman Overcash*

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Harry & Fran Angstadt, Sam Bell, Bill & Carol Bridges, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Jill Dieffenbach, Tucker Doyne, Jamison Franklin, Alice Hanks, Jonnie Heavner, Wade Huss, Jackie Mango, Tracy Moore, Rita Pasour, Brooks Reeder, Dakota Shuford, Denise Smith, Charlene Sorenson, and Jeannie Trayband

*To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).*

### FEAST OF PSALMS: Epiphany

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	1, 8	36, 40	46, 47	61, 62	71, 72	87, 93	99, 100
PM	19, 27	41, 45	48, 50	66, 67	84, 86	96, 97	103, 135

### THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 7 February 12, 2023 to February 19, 2023

02/12 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:26-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 13

02/13 Morning Reading: Matthew 26:51-75—Evening Reading: Leviticus 14

02/14 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Leviticus 15, 16

02/15 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:27-50—Evening Reading: Leviticus 17, 18

02/16 Morning Reading: Matthew 27:51-66—Evening Reading: Leviticus 19, 20

02/17 Morning Reading: Matthew 28—Evening Reading: Leviticus 21, 22

02/18 Morning Reading: Mark 1:1-22—Evening Reading: Leviticus 23, 24

02/19 Morning Reading: Mark 1:23-45—Evening Reading: Leviticus 25

**Songs of Praise:** “*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*” ELW #310

“*The Summons*” W&P #137

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This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



**Wednesday, February 15 ~ Evening Prayer with Holy Communion**

Acts 2:38-39 *"On Holy Baptism : Why Once? Why Babies?"*

**Thursday, February 16 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study**

Exodus 3 *"Revelation of I AM*

**Sunday, February 19 ~ Service of the Word**

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21 and Matthew 17:1-9 *"The Transfiguration of our Lord"*

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

- Sun-12** 8:30 am Fellowship  
9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
**11:00 am** Confirmation (Youth Room)  
11:30 am Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-13** 8:30 am Preschool
- Tues-14** 8:30 am Preschool  
10:00 am Garden Club (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday  
7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed-15** 8:30 am Preschool  
6:00 pm Handbells  
7:00 pm Evening Prayers (Chapel)
- Thur-16** 8:30 am Preschool
- 11:00 am** OWLS @ Lancaster's BBQ (arrive at church at 10:30 to ride in van)

