



Chapel News

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APRIL 2023

Easter and Eastertide 2023

For the Christian churches that follow the Christian year, Easter is not just a day but a fifty day season. It is the Feast of feasts and lasts seven weeks. You may note the Bible is replete with “seven” as a symbolical number representing wholeness, completion, etc.

So how do you feast for fifty days? I mean how do you balance a faithful feasting and celebrating without becoming unhealthy? Isn't it strange how virtues and vices may tumble into one another? I love banana pudding. Too much banana pudding is bad for me. But the right taste, right time, right is just so right! In excess, the wrong act, the wrong time, wrong is just so wrong! Make sense?

Going through Eastertide, I hope to offer a feast of jokes and quotes and Psalms and songs and a place with good eats to consider as a treat in your celebrating through our weekly church email. Let us keep these fifty days of Eastertide:

Easter Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service in the Cemetery at 7AM and Easter breakfast in the Family Life Center

Festival Service of Holy Communion at 10AM

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 16

Holy Humor Sunday at 10AM

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 23

Verb Café Lunch led by Dr. Copeland after the Service

4th Sunday of Easter, April 30

Good Shepherd Sunday at 10AM

5th and 6th Sundays of Easter, May 7 and 14

Life Makes More Sense Looking Back on It – Farewell Discourse of our Lord

Ascension of our Lord Jesus, transferred to Sunday, May 21

Psalm 47 – Let us shout for joy at our Ascended Lord!

Finally, an Easter verse - “This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). Let us live in the now He gives us this Easter 2023. Rejoice in the risen Jesus Christ now and forever.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael





APRIL Worship Assistants



	April 2 Palm Sunday	April 9 Easter	April 16	April 23	April 30
Acolyte	Hunter Clark	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Will Clark	Ethan Lineberger	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Ethan Lineberger
Lector	Josh Carpenter	Jason Sanders	Nancy Witman	Ken Obenauf	Katherine Sanders
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle	Norman Overcash	Pam Overcash	<i>Contact Pastor Michael if you are available to serve.</i>	
Banner Bearer	Noah Comer	Lillian Robinson			
Bible Bearer	Jordan Hoffman	Luke Hoffman			
Torch Bearers	Harry Swindler Bram Comer	Jordan Hoffman Christian Mull			
First Aid/AED/CPR	Mark Thornburg	Crown Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	Ervin Hoffman	Perry Linkous

Council Members of the Month: Debra Hoffman and Gene Weaver

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ APRIL

April 2 ~ Palm Sunday

April 9 ~ Given by Sylvia Fogle & Cathy Robinson.

April 16 ~ Given by Gene & Myra Weaver.

April 23 ~ Given by Steve & Susan Jackson in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

April 30 ~ Given by Lisa Burch.



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

(Resumes April 19)

7:00 pm ~ Chapel

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion



Come Worship with Us

Holy Week 2023

The solemnity of Holy Week and the call to Hallelujah (Psalm 118), to celebrate the risen Lord Jesus for the great fifty days of Easter is upon us.

Palm Sunday, April 2

10:00 Holy Communion

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Jesus dies on the cross for us. Why? He is innocent. We are not.



Maundy Thursday, April 6

From Passover to Last Supper, We Remember!

7PM Service of Holy Communion with Foot Washing in the Sanctuary

As Jesus has loved and served us,
so we are to love and serve one another -and all the world in His Name.



Good Friday, April 7

The Death of Jesus For Us

Noon - Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Chapel

7:00 Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary



Easter Sunday, April 9

The Resurrection of our Lord

7AM Sunrise Service in the Church Cemetery

Breakfast to follow in the Family Life Center

John 20:1-18 *The Encounter in the Garden*

Let us rejoice and serve together in the Kingdom of God now and forever.

10:00 Festival Service of Holy Communion

2 Samuel 11 and Matthew 28:1-10 *Great Joy*

This feast of feasts let us receive with great joy in Christ who has conquered sin,
death and devil that we may be with Him forever.



Holy Humor Sunday ~ April 16

God had the last laugh by raising Jesus from the dead Easter morning. Holy Humor Sunday allows Christians to continue the celebration of Jesus' resurrection with laughter and praise to God.

Do you have any jokes you'd like to share on Holy Humor Sunday? If so, send them to Pastor Michael (michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org). Here's a few to get the laughter started:

I ordered a book about puns last week but didn't get it.

What did the cook say to the dough? I knead you.

What animal is the least interesting? A boar

A happy heart makes the face cheerful (Prov. 15:13)



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.



GIFTS FOR HERITAGE OAKS

Items that are always needed:

- ♦ Bathing wipes
- ♦ Body wash
- ♦ Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- ♦ Mouth rinse
- ♦ Rash care cream

Items can be placed in the box outside of the church office. *Give as God leads you!*



CIRCLE NEWS

April Meetings

- ⇒ *Esther Circle* will be meeting on Monday, April 3 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ *Rebecca Circle* will meet at the home of Ann Behringer Monday, April 3 at 7pm. Gwen Lewis will provide the program.

OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)



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

The Captain's Cap (Belmont)

Thursday, April 20

11:00am

CAM Food Drive

During the month of April, our church family will participate in our major food collection for Crisis Assistance Ministry. Crisis Assistance Ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations and volunteer hours that our congregation and other churches provide. Our participation helps ensure that CAM has an adequate food supply and enough money to meet the requests for assistance that they receive each month. Crisis Assistance Ministry feeds an average of over 500 people per month. Also, CAM provides utility, rent or mortgage, and prescription assistance.

Food donations can be brought to church during the month of April or anytime that is convenient for you. Bags can be placed in the blue CAM food box located in the back hallway of our Sunday School classrooms. **Of course, we collect food year-round for CAM, with April being our assigned month to emphasize the importance of our food donations.** The Social Ministry Committee will deliver the food to Crisis Assistance. We are always proud of the generosity of our church family, and we know that we can count on all of you to make our food drive a successful one.



Current needs are:

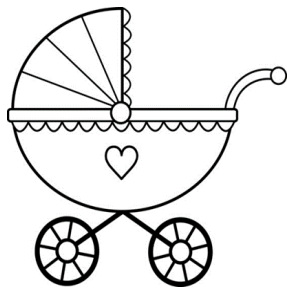
- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups & Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Rice
- Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles
- Grits & Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Personal Care Items

You're Invited...

Mozart called the organ the "king of instruments." Lutheran Chapel has a great organ and has been abundantly blessed for many years with its sacred music thanks to the faithful diligence of **Lisa Burch**.



Please plan to attend the Retirement Reception for Lisa on **Sunday, April 30** immediately following worship to honor and thank her for serving God and His people in this place.



Please join us for a baby shower honoring

Hannah Myers

Sunday, April 16, 2023

in the Family Life Center immediately following
the 10:00am worship service

Proud parents Hannah and Seth are expecting a little girl,
Anna Leigh Myers, in May.

They are registered at Amazon and Babylist.

Proud grandparents are Jeanette and Roger Myers.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 2 months ended 02/28/2023:

	Actual	2023 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 26,119.42	\$30,765.00	\$ (4,645.58)
Distributions	\$ 30,393.70	\$ 30,952.50	\$ (425.47)
Net Cash	\$ (4,274.28)	\$ (187.5)	\$ (4,220.11)



**Treasurer
Report**

Financial results are trending negative at this point, which is typical for this time of the year. Revenues will potentially rise more closely during the first quarter. Our church is financially stable and is adequately funded, however we will continue to watch the budget.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Obenauf, Treasurer or Terry Ratchford, Finance Committee Chair.

Music Notes

Such wonderful events are available for us to enjoy and explore music!



The **Raleigh Ringers** concert is at Christ Lutheran Church on Providence Road in Charlotte at **4:00 on May 7**. If you want to join the group that is going, please contact me before April 10. If you make plans after that, tickets are available through the Christ Lutheran Church office (704-366-1595).



The **Summer Music Week** is also at Christ Lutheran on Providence. This is a week of exploration and learning for rising 3rd-12th graders. We are hoping to get enough students participating to travel together. Let me know if you have a student interested in participating.



Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kathie Riebe

music@lutheranchapelchurch.org



APRIL LOVE OFFERING

Lutheran Services Carolinas

Our love offering ministry for April will be Lutheran Services Carolinas. Lutheran Services is an agency of the North and South Carolina Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is one of the largest non-profit child and family service agencies in the Carolinas, serving thousands of people annually through the following services:

- ♦ Adoption - regular and special needs
- ♦ Adult Residential Services
- ♦ Child and Youth Residential Services
- ♦ Disaster preparedness and response
- ♦ Family and individual counseling
- ♦ Foster care - family, therapeutic and medically fragile
- ♦ Homelessness prevention
- ♦ Refugee and resettlement and immigration
- ♦ Veterans services



LSC serves in **Gaston County** through foster care, services to people with developmental disabilities, its partnership in Senior TLC program and Dallas High School Apartments.

- ♦ Lutheran Services Carolinas has purchased the Dallas High School Apartments which provide 30 low-income Gaston citizens with a nice, comfortable, safe place to live.
- ♦ LSC is a founding partner of the Senior TLC Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which serves Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties - now serving 240 low-income seniors in their homes.
- ♦ Mountain Ridge group home in Gastonia provides a safe home for six adults with developmental disabilities and six foster children have been placed in a safe home in our community.

Lutheran Services Carolinas works in partnership with congregations, governmental agencies, and other human service providers to promote healing and wholeness for the Carolinas' most vulnerable people.

Please consider contributing a love offering to support Lutheran Services Carolinas so that they may continue their ministry and strengthen their outreach to people in need.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Dru Huffstickler
Morningside
2755 Union Rd.,
Apt. 243
Gastonia, NC 28054

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

Betty Petty
Peak Resources
7615 Dallas Cherryville Hwy.
Room 709
Cherryville, NC 28021

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

Bob Thornburg
Peak Resources
7615 Dallas Cherryville Hwy.
Room 107
Cherryville, NC 28021

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BIRTHDAYS

Meredith Andrews	2	Nancy Rankin	16
Hunter Clark	3	Gwen Lewis	18
Robert Andrews	4	Sara McArver Halfhill	19
Amanda Angstadt	4	Nancy Homovich	20
Ben Bryant	5	Isabella Mull	20
Chris Clark	5	Kathy Finch	21
Sue Beutler	8	Laura Lilly	21
Seth Myers	9	Vicki Stokes	21
Suzie Ward	9	Mark Thornburg	21
Hunter Angstadt	10	Pam Thornburg	21
Flay Anthony	10	Madison Potter	23
Craig Behringer	10	Adrian Thornburg	23
Pauline Bradley	10	Ariel Burgoon	24
Zoe Bradley	11	Heather Moretz Elkin	24
Weslee Davis	11	Eula Ritchie	24
Betty Little	11	Jennifer Tamberella	24
Cathy Robinson	12	Adam DeLuca	25
Rick Peak	13	Carolyn Lineberger	26
Trish Ratchford	13	Rhonda Putnam	26
Jake Rhyne	13	Kelly Stokes	26
Dan Lineberger	14	Dana Bird	28
Elliott Anthony	16	Beth Swindler	29

annIVERSARIES

Chris & Ann Lowe	8
John & Kathie Riebe	16
Crown & Kate Hoffman	22
Steve & Susan Jackson	27
Scott & Wendy Robinson	30

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the office know so that we can enter it into the database.



April Birthdays at Heritage Oaks






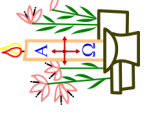
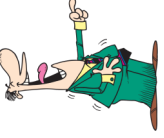



Birthday wishes can be mailed to:

Heritage Oaks
916 S. Marietta Street
Gastonia, NC 28054

Ernest Lee, Jr.	11
Brenton Neal	11
Dorene Sellers	21
Jarvis Oglesby	22
John Wright	24
James Avery	28

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 12:45 Instrumental Reh. 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	3 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 7:00 Rebecca Circle @ Behringer Home	4 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	5 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Chapel Ringers	6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:30 Preschool 10:45 Preschool Luncheon (FLC) 7:00 Service w/ Holy Communion & Foot Washing (S)	7 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 Stations of the Cross (Ch) 7:00 Tenebrae Service(S) 	8 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 
9 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:00 Breakfast (FLC) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	10 <i>Easter Monday</i> Office Closed	11 NO Preschool 10:00 Garden Club (FH) 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	12 NO Preschool	13 NO Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	14	15
16 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Baby Shower (FLC) 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	17 8:30 Preschool <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	18 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	19 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Prayer (Ch)	20 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ The Captain's Cap	21	22
23 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (YR) 11:15 Children's Choir 12:00 Verb Café (FLC) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	24 8:30 Preschool	25 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	26 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Prayer (Ch)	27 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	28	29 Private Event (FH)
30 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Reception (FLC) 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)		 Holy Humor Sunday April 16				

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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.