



Chapel News

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From the Pastor...

A Song of Pentecost For Us

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of Thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee of both to be but One;
that through the ages all along Thy praise may be our endless song!

*(Come, Holy Ghosts our Souls Inspire attributed to Rhabanus Maurus **Lutheran Book of Worship #473)***

Stir up in Your fellowship at Lutheran Chapel the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your Presence, both now and forever. Amen!

May the Holy Spirit comfort, guide, strengthen and lead us into His future. Happy Pentecost 2023!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael





JUNE Worship Assistants



	June 4 Rankin Lake	June 11	June 18 Father's Day	June 25
Acolyte	N/A	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown
Crucifer	N/A	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Ethan Lineberger
Assistant Minister	<i>Contact Pastor Michael if you are available to serve.</i>			
Lector	Lisa Burch	Fred Ward	Josh Carpenter	Amy Brown
First Aid/AED/CPR	Tammy Royston	Debra Hoffman	Mark Thornburg	Ervin Hoffman

Council Members of the Month: Mark McCauley & Nancy Witman

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

WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE

June 4, 2023 ~ 10:00

All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, **June 4 at 10:00**.

A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park.



ALTAR FLOWERS ~ JUNE

June 4 ~ Worship at Rankin Lake.

June 11 ~ Given by Norman & Pam Overcash.

June 18 ~ Given by the children of the church in honor of the fathers of the church.

June 25 ~ Given by Bob & Lucinda Thornburg.



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

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES!

High School

Charles "Four" Heilig

Gaston Day School

Thomas Snowden Morrison

Gaston Day School

Harrison Swindler

Gaston Day School

College

Landon Goedt

Lenoir-Rhyne University

(December '22)



We are so proud of their many accomplishments
and cannot wait to see where the future takes them!

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope
and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

We hope you'll join us
for our next OWL-standing
time of fellowship!



BrightStar Grill
(Mt. Holly)

Thursday, June 15
11:00am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A one-day whirlwind VBS!

Saturday, June 10, 2023

A Family Cookout will begin at 5pm.

For children who have completed K-5th grade.

I ♥ VBS

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 4 months ended 4/30/2023:

	Actual	2023 Budget	Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 42,508.32	\$30,765.00	\$ 11,743.32
Distributions	\$ 26,053.15	\$ 30,952.50	\$ (4,766.02)
Net Cash	\$ 16,455.17	\$ (187.50)	\$ 16,509.34



With the month of April's donations exceeding the expenses by over \$16,000, the Church finances for the first quarter of the year have shifted back into the black.

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

Hungry Peeps Support Group

March 25, 2023, WW in Gastonia closed their doors leaving a group of folks needing support. Out of this need came the inspiration for the Hungry Peeps Support Group. The idea for Hungry Peeps Support Group is that it is open to the entire community and not affiliated with any corporation. It is not WW. Anyone can participate, any weight management program is acceptable. We are not charging any fees but do accept love offerings to offset expenses. We are friends wanting to meet for accountability and support. The group meets at LCC Saturdays starting at 9:45 AM for weigh-in followed by a meeting ending by 11AM.

Christine Cameron is the coordinator of the group. She is a 23 year member of Weight Watchers and was also an employee for 14 years until COVID hit. She is passionately connected with the Gaston Area people that are trying to live a weight loss journey. She has the skills, enthusiasm and knowledge of how to make this a Support Group for all of us. To emphasize, this is not WW or associated with any corporate weight management program. Thank you.



Dear Lutheran Chapel Family,

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the gift and reception that you gave in my honor.

The special music, cards and gifts from all touched my heart and made me feel truly appreciated for my years of serving as your organist. It was a bittersweet moment, leaving a role that I have loved for so long, but the service and reception made the transition much easier.

I am so grateful for the wonderful memories and experiences that I will carry with me forever. And I am especially grateful for the friendships that I have made with the chancel choir members over the years. You have made a lasting impact on my life, and I will cherish those memories forever.

Again, thank you for everything. I am truly blessed to have had such a warm and meaningful send-off.

Sincerely,
Lisa

thank you

Music Notes



Last month, we sang “Hymn of Promise”. I understand it is a new hymn to many of you. And since a hymn means so much more to us if we know a little about it, I offer you this information.

Hymn of Promise was written by Natalie Sleeth who wrote over 180 highly successful anthems for church and school choirs. She wrote the following text in *Adventures for the Soul*, 1987:

This was created when I seem to have been much involved in pondering the ideas of life, and death, spring and winter (which Denver weather was exhibiting about then on alternating days!), Good Friday and Easter, and the whole reawakening of the world that happens every spring. . . . One evening, we entertained a friend for supper, and he, too, had been pondering such themes, and, even shared a work by T.S. Eliot in which there was a phrase something like “In our end is our beginning.” That was virtually the catalyst for the form of the text of “Hymn of Promise” which I wrote the next day or two. . . .

I worked on the words very carefully, choosing just the right “pairings,” attempting to get across the idea of something inherent in something else even though unseen, and I even bought a tulip plant (though it was in bloom and bright yellow) to contemplate the idea of the “bulb” leading to the flower even though the bulb itself seems “dead.” (Sleeth 1987, 113-15)

“Hymn of promise” was first performed in anthem form at the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 1985, during a festival weekend and concert of the author’s music. Since the word “hymn” is in the title, this “suggests that perhaps a congregation could sing it, and since it is basically a unison number (with Alleluia descant on the last verse) that is possible.” (Sleeth 1987, 115)

The author included this epilogue:

Soon after writing “Hymn of Promise,” my husband [Ronald] became ill with what turned out to be a terminal malignance. As the end neared he asked me to use “Hymn of Promise” as one of the anthems at his funeral service – which was done – and I subsequently (at publication) dedicated the piece to him. Again, a “mysterious” set of circumstances, but – perhaps again – a sort of “preparation.” (Sleeth 1987, 115)

** Information from *Companion to The United Methodist Hymnal*

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JUNE LOVE OFFERING

Lutheran Support Group of Gaston County

Our love offering for the month of June will be for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. A coalition of Lutheran Churches helps with maintenance and upkeep of these homes and works with Lutheran Services Carolinas and other agencies to provide the use of these properties owned by LSGG for needs in our community.

Mountain Ridge Group Home is currently operating in Gastonia. It is operated and owned by Lutheran Services Carolinas. It serves adults with developmental disabilities.

Faith Farm in Dallas had been serving as transitional housing for the rehabilitation of women veterans. However, the Veterans Administration made the decision to stop funding this project. Therefore, the facility was closed due to lack of funding. Currently, Mountain Ridge Group Home is utilizing Faith Farm as an extended facility for daily activities for their male residents.

The Bess Town Road property is still in the process of being renovated as a home for homeless male veterans. The facility will provide the men a home and enable them to eventually move to a home of their own. This property will be known as Camp Centurion - Gaston Barracks. The Lutheran Support group is working with Camp Centurion to use the Bess Town Road property. Camp Centurion is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide local veterans who are experiencing a difficult transition from military to civilian life, with the essential secure environment, services and support they need to be able to finally "come home", regardless of the length of time since discharge. Supportive housing will be provided in a secure environment that is structured and supervised. Every veteran will have a personalized plan. There is not a definite date for the opening of this facility, however work is continuing at this property.

Your generous donations are greatly needed and appreciated as the ministry of these homes continue to serve the needs of our community.

Thank you,
Social Ministry Committee



Thank You!

Thank you to our wonderful church family for your gifts of food for Crisis Assistance Ministry. Each month, a church is assigned by Crisis Assistance and asked to prioritize that month for food gifts. April is our assigned month and to date we have donated 153 bags of food. Your continued support to help feed our community is so appreciated.

Please continue to place your food donations in the blue box in the Sunday School hallway throughout the year. Anytime you are able to find a sale at your grocery store is a great time to buy and contribute to this ministry. The Social Ministry Committee will continue to deliver to CAM.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pondering the Resurrection of the Body and the Life + Everlasting

Third Article – On Being Made Holy

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.

Life after death is a misleading expression if it is allowed to imply that the new life of the resurrection is postponed until after death. A better way to express the Christian belief would be to say that we believe in life GREATER than death...Christians believe there is nothing they can run into that will prove greater than this life than Jesus who is this Life.

-St. Augustine's House Newsletter, Fr. Richard Herbel

There is no continuation of life beyond death to which we have access through our own being or conduct. If there is hope beyond death, it can only be grounded by concluding that the God whom we have experienced graciously in this life will also be gracious to us beyond death. The resurrection of the dead is not a matter of fact but results from God's undeserved grace. God will give us new life beyond death. **-What Christians Believe**, Hans Schwarz

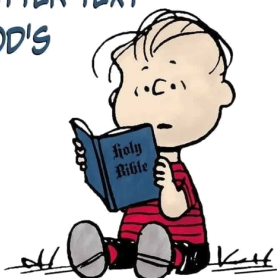
The hope of resurrection in the Triune God is perpetual discovery and communion..."the beauty of God is constantly being discovered anew and is always seen as something new and strange as God continues to reveal Himself the human being begins to wonder and we never exhaust our desire to see more. **-Life of Moses**, Gregory of Nyssa

There we shall be still and see; we shall see and we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise. Behold what will be in the end, without end! For what is our end but to reach that kingdom which has no end? **-City of God**, Augustine

This life therefore is not righteousness but growth in righteousness; not health but healing; not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

-Defense and Explanation of All the Articles, Martin Luther

**THERE IS NO BETTER TEACHER
THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT
& NO BETTER TEXT
THAN GOD'S
WORD.**



JESUS IS MY ROCK

THANK YOU, PEANUTS.

*As a father has compassion
on his children,
so the Lord has compassion
on those who fear him.*

-Psalm 103:13





SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Dru Huffstickler
Morningside of Gastonia
2755 Union Rd.,
Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Klimek
Park Pointe Village
3025 Chesbrough Blvd.
Rm 510
Rock Hill, SC 29732

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Covenant Village
1351 Robinwood Rd.
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Gastonia, NC 28054

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2900 Union Road
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811 Ashebrook Park Rd.
Dallas, NC 28034

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

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

annIVERSARIES





Judy Anton 1
Olivia Bradley 1
Kathie Riebe..... 1
Braxton Finch..... 3
Margaret Ratchford Berghello 4
David Lewis 4
Michael Ellington..... 5
Colby Robinson..... 7
Crown Hoffman 9
Lisa Bradley 11
Lila Gladden..... 11
Larry Hoover 13
Stephen Rankin 13
Steve Ritchie 14
Scott Bradley 16
Joseph Hovis 16
Kate Hoffman..... 17
Payton Taylor 19
Ashley Bell-Finley 27
Sherrie Angstadt..... 29

Derk & Sue Beutler.....2
Ken & Nancy Witman Obenauf.....6
Adam & Heather Moretz Elkin.....8
Josh & Amy Brown12
Roger & Jeanette Myers14
Matt & Elyse Hoffman17
Pat & Barbara Robinson20
Ryan & Rachel Anthony.....21
Don & Faye Ann Boyette22
Jonathan & Kathy Carpenter.....23
Clayton & Gwen Lewis23
Brent & Chris Clark24
Todd & Emily Carpenter27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ANNIVERSARY**

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

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	2	3 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
4 10:00 Worship at Rankin Lake 8:00 Faith Group (FH) 	5	6 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	7 6:00 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	8 11:00 Bible Study (L)	9	10 9:30 Hungry Peeps (Ch) 
11 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	12	13 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	14 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	15 10:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ BrightStar Grill	16	17 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	19	20 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday Newsletter Articles Due	21 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch) 	22 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	23	24 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
25 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:45 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	26	27 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	28 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	29 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	30	

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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.