



Chapel News

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On Independence Day 2023

Pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-6). Here are some prayers that may be worth considering as you take up this biblical calling to pray for our nation in days of challenges especially from political polarization.

Father in Heaven, we pray for the United States. **Guide** all elected leaders to work together in true wisdom. **Bless** all who serve in our military to keep us safe and free. **Open our eyes** to see beyond divisions and to work for the common good. **Lead us to stand up for the founding principles of our nation** that all human beings are created equal under You and to respect life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This 4th of July, the 247th birthday of America, let us **celebrate** our nation. We pray these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage.

Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.

Make us who came from many nations with many different languages, a united people.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(**Lutheran Book of Worship**, "Our Country", pg. 42)

Let us be a fellowship devoted to prayer and action for the good of our nation always.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



JULY Worship Assistants



	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman	Jordan Hoffman	Bryson Lineberger	Elena Hoffman	Hunter Clark
Crucifer	Christian Mull	Olivia Berghello	Lillian Robinson	Bram Comer	Will Clark
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle	Pam Overcash	Nancy Witman	Nancy Witman	Sylvia Fogle
Lector	Ann Edwards		Baker Sanders	Ken Obenauf	Mason Swindler
First Aid/ AED/CPR	Peery Linkous	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark	Crown Hoffman

Council Members of the Month: Crown Hoffman & Steve Ritchie

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ JULY

July 2 ~ Given by Sylvia Fogle.

July 9 ~ Given by Terry & Trish Ratchford in honor of Alex & Olivia Berghello.

July 16 ~ Given by Ken & Ann Marie Lentz.

July 23 ~ Given by Chuck & Lisa Burch in honor of Amy's birthday.

July 30 ~ Given by Wanda Anthony.



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

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.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

Congratulations to our confirmands, *Will Clark* and *Lillian Robinson* on this most important milestone of their life. Wishing them God's blessings and guidance. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith and trust that God has a plan for their life.

Thank you to Pastor for his leadership, mentoring and love during confirmation classes. Also, thank you to Sharon Carpenter for making the beautiful confirmation stoles to serve as a gift and reminder of their special day.



LUTHERAN CHAPEL COUNCIL MINUTES — MAY 22, 2023

Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- A financial report was provided and it was noted that our financial standing is good.
- An Education Fund was created using \$5,000 of earned interest from the Robinson Fund.
- Request to receive John and Pam Livingston as members of Lutheran Chapel was unanimously approved. Will Clark and Lillian Robinson to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.
- Funds to repair roof will come from the Endowment Fund. Ladies choir area and hall are still flooding with heavy rains.
- Hoping to schedule some youth events to be held in the Youth Hut during the summer months.
- The search for a new organist is underway.
- Dr. Copeland was present for a portion of the meeting to discuss the outcome of the two Cafés and to assist in defining how to move toward the mission of sharing God's Love. Council completed exercises to determine actions and developed the following mission statement: *The mission of LCC is to share God's love by nurturing, connecting, and serving.*

The next full council meeting is scheduled for July 23.

FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 5 months ended 5/31/2023:

	Actual May-23	Actual YTD	2023 Budget YTD	2023 Budget Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$21,535.00	\$148,457.96	\$150,000.00	(\$1,542.04)
Distributions	\$25,246.66	\$136,316.83	\$154,762.50	(\$18,445.67)
Net Cash	(\$3,711.66)	\$12,141.13		



**Treasurer
Report**

Although the expenses for the month of May exceeded donations by over \$3,700, the year to date has a positive net cash value of over \$12,000.

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



OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

Ole Carolina BBQ

(Union Rd., Gastonia)

Thursday, July 20 @ 11:00am



Ladies Night

December 2, 2023

6:00pm

Hosted by the Men of the Church

Mark Your
CALENDAR



Music Notes



I am sure you have heard the saying, "It takes a village . . ." That little phrase is so very true in a church music department.

Here at Lutheran Chapel we have a team of music ministers who are dedicated, loyal, talented and willing to do what is needed to praise our Lord with the best music possible.

As the 2022/23 program year ends, we give our deepest thanks to those who offer the talents given them by our creator back to the glory of God. We have had an amazing year. So we thank you Chancel Choir, Chapel Ringers, Instrumentalists and our Luther Choir.

July and August may seem a little different. The choir is going on hiatus as they enjoy a well-earned break. They will be leading us every Sunday during worship but the Musical Offering will be provided by small groups or soloists. We are very excited to enjoy the gifts of these sisters and brothers.

Kathie Riebe

music@lutheranchapelchurch.org

JULY LOVE OFFERING ~ HOLY ANGELS

July's love offering will be sent to Holy Angels. This ministry was founded in 1955 by the Sisters of Mercy and continues today to provide the highest quality programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry, offers families the peace of heart and mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.

Holy Angels currently serves 80 children and adults in the residence program. Some of the residents receive vocational training and enjoy employment at Cherubs Café and Cotton Candy Factory – two small businesses established by Holy Angels in downtown Belmont. Also, Spruced Goose in McAdenville offers employment to Holy Angel residents. Bliss Gallery was established to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists.

Like the individuals that depend on their care, Holy Angels, depends on the support of others to provide the highest quality of care. All contributions are welcomed from each individual and from corporate donations. Holy Angels continues to strive to provide loving care and is committed to helping and challenging residents to reach their highest potential. At Holy Angels, it is about little miracles. Please prayerfully consider, making a contribution to Holy Angels and their special family.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



HOLY ANGELS

Loving, living and learning for the differently able.®



2023 Summer Recital Series

Recitals begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted - Free Admission. A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital to support the Stigall Scholarship Fund, which helps offset private organ instruction tuition for organ students in grades 6 –12.

Please refer to our website for the most up-to date schedule.
www.charlotteago.org

July 2	Chase Douthit 7 pm 2023 Baylor University Graduate	St. James Lutheran Church 104 Union St. Concord
July 7	Stephen Williams 7 pm First Friday Concert Series	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 1313 W. Council St. Salisbury
July 16	No Program	
July 23	Royal School of Church Music Closing Service 4 pm	Myers Park Presbyterian Church 2501 Oxford Pl. Charlotte
July 23	Monty Bennett 7 pm	St. John's Baptist Church 300 Hawthorne Ln. Charlotte
July 30	Kevin Haney, M. L. Marley 5 pm	First Methodist Church of Conover 410 1st Ave N. Conover



SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



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

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

Betty Petty
811 Ashebrook Park Rd.
Dallas, NC 28034



JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Betty Petty	1	Ray Martin	23
Christa Heilig.....	5	Amy Carpenter.....	24
Maria Mull.....	7	Allison Robinson	24
Austin Bradley.....	8	Susan Lewis	26
Elena Hoffman.....	8	Shirley Carpenter	27
Brent Clark	11	Wally Rhyne	27
Delana Clark.....	14	Jane Thornburg	28
Sylvia Fogle.....	15	Steve Clark.....	29
Ken Lentz	15	Sara Carpenter.....	30
Will Clark	21	Lillian Robinson	30
Monica Goedl	21	Cameron Bell	31

annIVERSARIES



Terry & Shirley Bradley	2
Rahat & Erindira Rameez	14
Ervin & Nancy Hoffman.....	21






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



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord

-Psalm 33:12

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
2 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 	5 8:30 Preschool	6 8:30 Preschool	7	8 9:30 Hungry Peeps (Ch)
9 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	10	11 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	12 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	13 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	14	15 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
16 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	17	18 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	19 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch) <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	20 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ Ole Carolina BBQ	21	22 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
23 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Council Mtg. (CR) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	24	25 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	26 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	27 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	28	29 9:30 Hungry Peeps (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.