



Chapel News

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AUGUST 2023

From the Pastor...

Dr. Keith Copeland has been our guide and church consultant as we seek renewal as a church. To this point what has happened?

First, from the Identity Café, the question of our identity, who are we as followers of Jesus? *We are children of God* (1 John 3:2).

Second, from the Verb Café, what is our purpose, our action in this time and place? *The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love*. You may have noticed this being repeated as we gather Sunday by Sunday?

Third, in a session with our Church Council, how are we to share God's love? *We are to share God's love by nurturing, connecting, and serving*.

The plan in August, during the Sunday Services, each gathering will explore and define what this means in terms of specific actions going forward.

⇒ On Sunday, August 13: What can we do to share God's love by nurturing?

⇒ On Sunday, August 20: What can we do to share God's love by connecting?

⇒ On Sunday, August 27: What can we do to share God's love by serving?

A lunch will be offered after the Sunday, August 27 Service with Dr. Copeland joining us to complete the action plan formation. For those gathered that day, each disciple will be asked to stand up for the specific action they will support. From there we will implement what the fellowship has decided to do.

May our Father in Heaven bless this process of mutual discernment leading to reform and renewal of His on-going mission at Lutheran Chapel.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Michael



AUGUST Worship Assistants



	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Acolyte	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer	Ethan Lineberger	Christian Mull	Will Clark	Lillian Robinson
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle	<i>Contact Pastor Michael if you are available to serve.</i>		Nancy Witman
Lector	Todd Carpenter	Jeanette Myers	Pam Livingston	Janie Peak
First Aid/AED/CPR	Tammy Royston	Debra Hoffman	Mark Thornburg	Ervin Hoffman

Council Members of the Month: James Hovis & Bettina Royston

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

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ AUGUST

August 6 ~ Given by Ron & Ann Behringer in honor of their anniversary.

August 13 ~ Given by Pat Lindler in memory of Gary.

August 20 ~ Given by Shirley Carpenter in memory of Jerry.

August 27 ~ Given by Keith & Teresa Yarborough in honor of their anniversary.



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.



ATTENTION OWLS!

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



**Sweet Caroline's
(McConnells, SC)
Thursday, August 17
11:00am**

*Steve Clark will be driving the church
van. Be at the church before 10:00 if you
plan to ride in the van.*

Clothing Giveaway

August 5

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an
indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on
Saturday, August 5 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.

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



AUGUST LOVE OFFERING Crisis Assistance Ministry

Our love offering for **August** will be for Crisis Assistance Ministry. This ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations, and volunteer hours that 48 congregations in our county provide. The participation of our congregation is essential to ensure that CAM has an adequate food supply and enough money to meet the requests for assistance that they receive. CAM provided 37,042 bags of food to feed 5,116 people in 2021. During the past two years of the pandemic, our church family has continued to generously give bags of food to CAM. In 2020, we donated 1,051 bags and in 2021 we delivered 301 bags of food and they have been so grateful for our contributions. Thank you to all who have placed food in our food collection box which we have moved to our blue CAM box in the hallway outside the youth leader's office. Social Ministry Committee will continue to deliver to CAM as donations are given.

It is vital to our community of neighbors that suffer under the burden of poverty and for those in financial crisis that we continue to support this ministry. CAM is continually tweaking their programs to improve the way that the needs of our community are met. The fact that CAM is very successful in meeting the needs of families and individuals is the very reason we need to continue to support them.

Please prayerfully consider your donation and help CAM to meet the essential life needs of food, rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescription medicines of people in need. Our congregation is always very generous each month to our love offerings and we appreciate the support and love that you give to ministries as they work to stop the suffering of our neighbors.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



MUSIC NOTES: Top Ten Reasons to Join the Choir



It's August and time to start thinking about the new program year. How are you serving our Lord? Are you feeling a tug to step into the music program and offer the gifts God has given you to His glory? Please consider joining us this year. Here are 10 reasons why you should:

1. Friends! You will no longer be able to complain, "Church is so impersonal. I don't know anyone in my parish."
2. Psalm 100 will come to life for you as you make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
3. Intellectual stimulation--when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously.
4. Serving the Lord--considering all He does for us, it's just a little giving back to Him.
5. Serving others--the congregation really loves it when the choir leads the singing.
6. Every once in a while, you might catch a glimpse of heaven's choir singing along with you. I'm not kidding.
7. You never know--your music director might decide to take the choir to Rome to sing for the Pope!
8. Choir parties--they're fun!
9. You will be setting a good example for all the children and teenagers.
10. Romance possibilities--at least one couple met through the choir, and married.

For more information contact Kathie by email at music@lutheranchapelchurch.org or call the music office.

Chancel Choir



*Rehearsals on Sundays from 11:30-1:00
in the Sanctuary.*

*We lead the congregation and provide
special music at the 10:00 Worship
Service as well as Christmas Eve, Ash
Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and
Good Friday. We take a hiatus during
July and August.*

Rehearsals begin September 3.



This group gathers on Wednesday
evenings from 5:30 – 6:45 in the Chapel.

We learn to play the English Handbells
while we learn music. No previous
musical experience is necessary to play
this fun instrument.

We welcome you to join us as we Ring in
Worship of God.

Rehearsals begin August 30.



This group of instrumentalists offers music for Christmas, Easter and other

special occasions. They also provide solos and small group offerings throughout the year.

We practice Sundays at 12:45 3 weeks before Christmas, 3 weeks before Easter, and other times as needed. Knowledge of your instrument is required.

If you are interested in joining this ensemble, please contact Kathie in the music office.

Chapel Ringers Workshop

August 19 ~ 9:30-1:30

in the Sanctuary

Lunch will be provided.

See you there!

Rehearsals begin August 30.



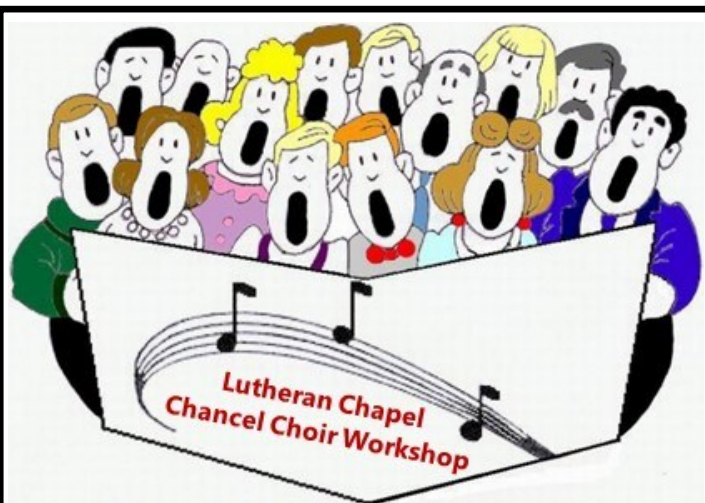
Luther Choir

Students 3rd - 8th grade are welcome to learn to sing with this exciting group.

Practices are 2nd and 4th Sundays after worship.

Meet in the Choir Room.

Come and see how fun it is to make music in this special group.



August 26 from 9:30 - 3:00
in the Choir Room.

Lunch will be provided.

See you there!

Rehearsals begin September 3.



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

Aug 6 Marya Fancey 7 pm

Christ Church Episcopal
1412 Providence Rd. Charlotte

Aug 13 Stigall Scholars 7 pm

St. Patrick's Cathedral
1621 Dilworth Rd. E. Charlotte

**Aug 20 Ed West, Matthew Manwarren,
Chip Mays, Greg Reynolds 4 pm**

Oakland Ave Presbyterian Church
421 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, SC

LCC Preschool News

- ◇ The Summer Session ends August 10.
- ◇ There will be Open House on Thursday, August 17 from 6-8pm.
- ◇ The Fall Session begins August 28.



SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

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

Helen McCarter
ARP Manor
2900 Union Road
Apt. 114
Gastonia, NC 28054

Betty Petty
811 Ashebrook Park Rd.
Dallas, NC 28034

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Carpenter.....	1	Steve Jackson.....	19
Ann Behringer	2	Carlton Peacock	19
Kimberly Bell	2	Emily Carpenter	21
Chris Angstadt	5	Ginny Comer.....	22
Rachel Carpenter	5	Jason Sanders	22
Steve Bell.....	7	Charles "Four" Heilig	27
Janie Peak	7	Lucinda Thornburg	27
Susan Cooper-Cox.....	8	Baker Sanders	30
Olivia Berghello	10	Faye Ann Boyette	31
Thomas Beutler.....	15	Barbara Robinson	31

ANNIVERSARIES



Ron & Ann Behringer.....	1
Cody & Erin Huffstetler.....	3
David & Susan Lewis	7







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



*As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night
shall not cease. ~Genesis 8:22*

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	2 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	3 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	4	5 9:00 Clothing Giveaway (set-up begins @ 8am) 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
6 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	7	8 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	9 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	10 8:30 Preschool-Last day Summer Session 11:00 Bible Study (L)	11	12 9:30 Hungry Peeps (Ch)
13 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 12:00 Private Event 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	14	15 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:15 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg. (CR)	16 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	17 10:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS @ Sweet Caroline's 6:00 Preschool Open House	18	19 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 9:30 Chapel Ringers Workshop (Kit./FH/Sanc.) 
20 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 CBS Banquet (FLC/Kit.)	23 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	24 11:00 Bible Study (L)	25	26 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 9:30 Chancel Choir Workshop (Kit./FH/Sanc.) 
27 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Luncheon 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	28 8:30 Preschool-1 st day Fall Session 	29 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 CBS (CR/Ch/CIRms)	30 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	31 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)		

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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.