



# Chapel News

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## OCTOBER 2023

### Reformation 2023

A little over five hundred years ago, Martin Luther posted the **95 Theses** on the door of Wittenberg Chapel to debate, to protest abuses and false teaching in the Christian Church of his day. Luther did not get a debate or a parade or a celebration for his posting these **95 Theses**. Instead, he was condemned. He was excommunicated from what we now call the Roman Catholic Church. Then the Pope and Holy Roman Emperor tried their best to have Luther murdered. If they were successful, there probably would not be any Protestant churches and especially any Lutheran churches such as Lutheran Chapel. However, according to God's Providence, Martin Luther lived and the Protestant movement continues to this very day.

How dare you read the Bible for yourself! How dare you trust in Christ alone, by faith alone, by grace alone and not Pope or empire or powers of this broken world!

The truth will set us free ultimately (John 8:32)! The reformation of the Christian Church is still very much needed. Reformation is needed in the Roman Catholic Church, the Baptist churches, the Pentecostal churches, and, yes, most resoundingly in the Lutheran churches. True reformation is about turning again to Jesus Christ together. This is not just once but it is **the** right way to turn to Christ day by day. Let us turn to Jesus Christ anew and trust in Him alone and not in the ways of this world which will not last (Psalm 118:8). Our hope is not in ourselves, our hope is in Jesus Christ and His Word to guide us, comfort us, challenge us and ultimately to save us now and forever.

By grace alone! By faith alone! By Jesus Christ alone! This is what "we believe, teach and confess" (**Formula of Concord**) or as Luther put it in the **Small Catechism** – **this is most certainly true**. Let us celebrate this on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023. Wear red. Let us celebrate our heritage.



Peace in Christ,  
*Pastor Michael*



# Worship Assistants ~ OCTOBER



	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29 Reformation Sunday
<b>Acolyte</b>	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman	Jordan Hoffman
<b>Crucifer</b>	Christian Mull	Lillian Robinson	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Ethan Lineberger
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Sylvia Fogle		Norman Overcash		Sylvia Fogle
<b>Lector</b>	Josh Carpenter	Mark Thornburg	Terry Ratchford	Kelly Andrews	Jason Sanders
<b>Banner Bearer</b>					Noah Comer
<b>Bible Bearer</b>					Luke Hoffman
<b>Torch Bearers</b>					Ethan Lineberger Lillian Robinson
<b>First Aid/ AED/CPR</b>	Crown Hoffman	Tammy Royston	Debra Hoffman	Mark Thornburg	Ervin Hoffman

**Council Members of the Month:** Debra Hoffman & Jason Sanders

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

## OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWERS

**Oct. 1** ~ Given by Keith & Teresa Yarborough in honor of their grandchildren.

**Oct. 8** ~ Given by Scott & Beth Swindler in honor of their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Oct. 15** ~ Given by Josh & Amy Carpenter in honor of their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Oct. 22** ~ Given by Rhonda Putnam in honor of Doug & Marian Rhyne's 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Oct. 29** ~ Given by Josh & Anna Baker in honor of their 20<sup>th</sup> 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



## Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Here is some information about a hymn that we will be singing this month, "*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*", written by Martin Luther and based on Psalm 46.

We think of Martin Luther as a great reformer, bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. But he was also a musician, having been born in an area of Germany known for its music. There in his little Thuringian village, young Martin grew up listening to his mother sing. He joined a boys' choir that sang at weddings and funerals. He became proficient with the flute (recorder), and his volcanic emotions often erupted in song.

When the Protestant Reformation began, Luther determined to restore worship to the German church. He worked with skilled musicians to create new music for Christians, to be sung in the vernacular. He helped revive congregational singing and wrote a number of hymns.

Often he "borrowed" popular secular melodies for his hymns, though occasionally a tune brought criticism and he was "compelled to let the devil have it back again" because it was too closely associated with bars and taverns.

In the forward of a book, Luther once wrote: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits."

\*\* Source: "The Sings My Soul", by Robert J. Morgan, ©2003 Robert J. Morgan

### CIRCLE NEWS

- ⇒ *Esther Circle* will be meeting on Monday, October 2 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ *Rebecca Circle* will meet Monday, October 2 at 7pm at the home of Suzie Ward.

Women of the **ELCA** 

*Pleasant words are like a  
honeycomb,  
sweetness to the soul and  
health to the body.*



*~Proverbs 16:24*

### Congregational Cookout October 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 pm

The Men of the Church will be sponsoring a hamburger & hot dog cookout on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM in the picnic shelter. Plan now to attend.

Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy a good meal, relaxation, and good conversation with your church family. Hope to see you there.



### ATTENTION OWLS!

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

**Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard**  
**Thursday, October 19**  
**11:00am**

**Lunch will be provided by  
Charles & Ann Edwards.**

*If you wish to ride in the church van, it will be leaving the parking lot at 10:30 so please arrive before then.*

## Great News...The Soup Luncheon Is Back!

The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our annual **Soup Luncheon on November 5th following our 10:00 worship service**. We will serve a variety of wonderful soups, sandwiches and of course, delicious desserts. This will also be your opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings. We want to remember those in our community who are less fortunate, by providing them help with their Thanksgiving meal. We are providing families with a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card again this year and serving around 120 families at 14 different Gaston County schools. We began the gift cards during Covid to eliminate contact and found this was a great way to continue to help families in need.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please bring your monetary donations with you to the Soup Luncheon. **You may make a cash donation or write a check to Lutheran Chapel – be sure to mark Thanksgiving meals in the memo section. Our committee will purchase the gift cards – we like to purchase the cards that do not allow alcohol or tobacco products to be purchased with the card.**

We place each card in an envelope with a Thanksgiving blessing from our church. The envelopes are delivered to the Social Workers at each school by our Social Ministry team. Last year, we were able to help families at 14 Gaston County schools have a blessed Thanksgiving.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Soup Luncheon for great fellowship and a delicious meal!



### LUTHERAN CHAPEL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Council made decisions and discussed the following:

- A financial report was provided and it was noted that although expenses for the month of August exceeded receipts, Lutheran Chapel is still under budget overall for the year.
- Discussion was held regarding Dr. Copeland's consultation process and the next steps. Additional gatherings and discussion are needed to provide more definition and guidance to create a longer-term plan. Groups need to reconnect in order to develop SMART goals. Council members to reach out to group members to remind them of ideas discussed.
- Additional candidates have submitted their resumés for consideration of the organist position. Review of the candidates and possible interviews will be forthcoming.
- Roof repairs are almost complete.

The next full council meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2023.

## FROM THE TREASURER...

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 8 months ended 8/31/2023:

	Actual August 2023	Actual YTD	2023 Budget YTD	2023 Budget Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 26,088.74	\$222,565.74	\$246,120.00	\$ (23,554.26)
Distributions	\$ 36,393.86	\$224,691.79	\$ 247,620.66	\$ (22,928.87)
Net Cash	\$ (10,305.12)	\$(2,126.05)		



**Treasurer  
Report**

With the month of August's expenses exceeding donations by over \$10,000, the year to date has a negative balance of over \$2,000. Income is typically lower during the summer months, however, we will continue to carefully watch the budget.

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

### FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



## Clothing Giveaway ~ October 7

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, October 7** 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.

## OCTOBER LOVE OFFERING Backpack Weekend Food Program

Our love offering for the month of October will be the Backpack Weekend Food Program, a ministry of the Outreach Committee. The Backpack Weekend Food Program provides food for the school children on weekends. These children may not have anything to eat over the weekend or holiday.

We are now partnered with Hawks Nest and Robinson Elementary to provide food for those children who may need food when they leave school. Each month, we pick up food at the Backpack Warehouse, we inventory the food, pack, and deliver to the schools. The cost to feed one elementary student is approximately \$295.00 per school year.

With your generous donations, we can provide this food to the children. The number of children may vary throughout the year. The support of the congregation is necessary to continue the ministry.

Thank you for your support.

***The Outreach Committee***





## 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

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Susan Jackson .....	2	Sharon Carpenter .....	19
Chuck Burch .....	3	Jon Berghello, Sr. ....	22
Renee Dockery .....	5	Nancy Hoffman .....	25
Terry Bradley .....	8	Noah Comer .....	26
Pam Overcash .....	9	Katelyn Baker .....	27
Paulette Hale .....	10	Lily Baker .....	27
Ben Nigbor .....	14	Elizabeth Seabrook .....	28
Doug Rhyne .....	16	Michael Finch .....	30
Erin Huffstetler .....	18	Benjamin Hester .....	30
Kelly Andrews .....	19	Jordan Hoffman .....	30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Carolyn Lineberger .....	6
Scott & Beth Swindler .....	7
Don & Debi Jean Wankel .....	9
Josh & Amy Carpenter .....	12
Flay & Susan Anthony .....	14
Sean & McKenzie Rankin .....	14
Steve & Eula Ritchie .....	15
Craig & Adrian Thornburg .....	17
Josh & Anna Baker .....	18





*Anniversaries  
and Birthdays*

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

A quote from **Daniel Webster** provided by **Pastor Peter Homovich**:

*"If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in the country and the people do not become religious, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If truth be not defused, error will be; God and His word are not known and received, the Devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end."*

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>2</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 7:00 Rebecca Circle @ Suzie Ward's Home	<b>3</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 CBS (CR/CH/4 CIRm)	<b>4</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>5</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>6</b> 9:00 CBS (CR)	<b>7</b> 9:00 Clothing Giveaway (set-up begins @ 8am) 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>8</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:05 Luther Choir 11:35 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>9</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>10</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 CBS (CR/CH/4 CIRm) 6:00 Cong. Cookout 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>11</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>12</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>13</b> 9:00 CBS (CR)	<b>14</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>15</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>16</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>17</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 CBS (CR/CH/4 CIRm)	<b>18</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)  <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	<b>19</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 OWLS @ Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard	<b>20</b> 9:00 CBS (CR)	<b>21</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>22</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (YR) 11:05 Luther Choir 11:35 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>23</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>24</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:15 W & M Mtg. (CR) 5:30 CBS (CR/CH/4 CIRm) 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	<b>25</b> 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>26</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>27</b> 9:00 CBS (CR)	<b>28</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>29</b> <i>Reformation            Sunday</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>30</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>31</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 CBS (CR/CH/4 CIRm)  				

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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.