

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



GALATIANS 5:16-24 AND MATTHEW 25:1-13

“ON THE PARABLE OF THE VIRGINS”

Are we vigilant for the coming of the Lord? Watch! I AM.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

BOLD indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER

WELCOME

Who are you? We are children of God (1 John 3:2). What is our mission? The mission of Lutheran Chapel is to share God's love.

PRELUDE

“Cornet Voluntary”

Unknown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732



1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Evvy Veverka

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Evvy baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring Evvy to receive the gift of baptism you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Evvy may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God has made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Evvy grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors or godparents.

P: Do you promise to nurture Evvy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Holy Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support them and pray for Evvy in her new life in Christ.

Response: We do and we ask God to help us.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer is lifted up recalling God's mighty works from creation to the days of Noah, the Exodus, the baptism of our Lord Jesus, and the Great Commission given to the church and leading up to now.

Administration of Baptism and Welcome

Holy Baptism is administered by water poured on the head or immersion into the waters.

P: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized and may anoint with oil.

P: Evvy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen!

A lighted candle may be given to the family of the newly baptized sharing the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13.

Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Amen!

The peace of Christ may be shared by the assembly as the Service continues.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children who want to come forward for the Children's Message at the front of the church are welcome to do so. Let the little children come unto our Lord always!

FIRST LESSON

AMOS 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

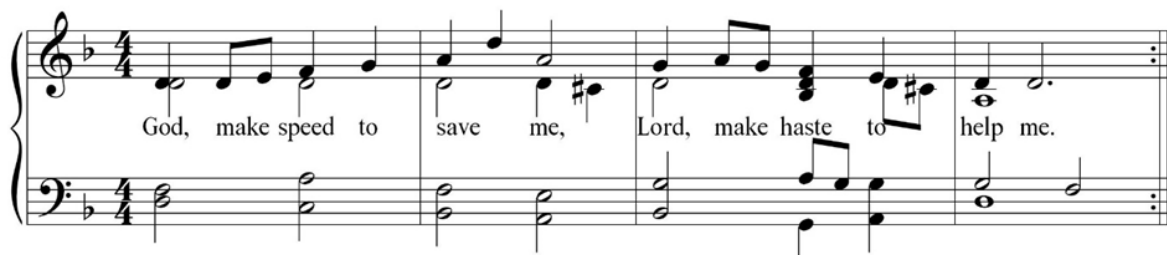
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70



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1. Be please, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord make haste to help me.
2. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3. Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

Refrain

4. Let all who seek you and rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
5. But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Refrain

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

GALATIANS 5:16-24

God is working in us and among us. Consider the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²**By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.** ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson and Bible in a Year readings from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A memory verse for the week is in bold. Claim the gift for yourself!

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : Judges : Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : + **Apostles** : Last Day : New Creation*

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“On the Parable of the Virgins”

Fruits of the Holy Spirit within the Believer

Ready?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I fail to live awake, ready for Your promised second coming.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The Holy Spirit gives faith, oil that the Church on Earth may look for and love Jesus now to the coming of the promised Day.

So What? Choose to live in the awareness that the Last Day is coming. Practice your faith daily -pray, work to God’s glory, meditate, help who you can help serving the neighbor God gives you. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning!

*HYMN OF THE DAY

”Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #685

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10, Matthew 23:23, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

“For the Least”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Wayne L. Wold

What can we offer to a God who lacks nothing?
How are we to serve a God our eyes cannot see?
Jesus has given us an answer to ponder:
“What you do unto others, you do unto me.”

For the least of our brothers and the least of our sisters
have a place that is special in our Savior’s heart.
As we welcome and greet them, as we clothe them and feed them,
We serve Jesus, who calls us now to listen and do our part.

Hear our vows and our pledges to serve those at the edges,
Those who suffer and cower in the dark of night.
May God give us the Spirit, may we all clearly heart it:
How our God is still calling us to listen and make things right.

Find the lost, find the least, make them welcome at the feast.
“What you do unto others, you do unto me.”

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Psalm 51

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE “Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us”
2 Timothy 2



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the



dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.



1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



2 In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy. In



him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.



3 In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace. In



him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"We Are Called"

ELW #720



1. Come! Live in the light! Sing with the joy and the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when



love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to
all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-less so
all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an - oth - er,



to walk hum - bly with God.

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Impromptu Op 90, Number 4 in Ab Major”

Franz Schubert

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Susanne & Henry Gaines in memory of Marianne Barth.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

- Ministers People of Lutheran Chapel
- Pastor Michael Comer
- Administrative Assistant Kim Rundzieher
- Director of Music Ministries Kathie Riebe
- Asst. Director of Music Ministries Juan Lopez
- Assistant Minister.....
- Lector..... Lisa Burch
- Acolyte Elena Hoffman
- Crucifer..... Lillian Robinson
- Head Ushers..... Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
- First Aid/AED/CPR..... Gene Weaver
- Council Members of the Month Mark McCauley & Keith Yarborough

COMMITMENT SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 19TH
 Bring your pledge card to Worship if you are able.

PARISH NEWS

NURSERY ATTENDANTS BY REQUEST: If your family is in need of a nursery attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our standby attendants.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES: Shoeboxes are still available in the Narthex! *Collection week for Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes will be November 13th – 19th*. **Boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 19th** so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: In keeping with the protocol approved by the LCC congregation regarding Church Council elections, Council is accepting nominations for persons interested in serving a three-year term on the LCC Church Council. This is a self-nominating process. All interested members should contact Crown Hoffman - DrCrownDc@gmail.com, Jason Sanders - Jason.Sanders@cBEYONData.com or Pastor Comer - 704-787-6439 or michael.comer@lutheranchapelchurch.org. **Deadline for nominations is TODAY.** At its November 19 meeting, Council will determine the list of persons for the Church membership to consider. Council election is held in December.

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at **Hillbilly's BBQ & Steaks** on **Thursday, November 16 at 11:00am**. We hope you'll join us.

NEWSLETTER: Please submit articles for the December newsletter by **November 20**.

ANGEL TREE: The Angel Tree for the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club will be up in the Narthex of the church beginning Sunday, November 5th. Please take an Angel, record the number of the Angel(s) you have taken in the book and **return the gifts by Sunday, December 3rd**. If you cannot shop but would like to give a donation, please make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel Church and mark *Boys & Girls Club Angel Tree* in the memo line. The Outreach Team will be going to the Club in December for a Christmas party that will include the Christmas Story, crafts, cookie decorating, games, Christmas carols and finally a visit from Santa. Let's make this special for the 57 boys and girls at the Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club. Thank you so very much...God's Love Is Free! -The Outreach Team

LADIES NIGHT 2023: Plan now to attend the annual Ladies Night banquet that will be held on **Saturday, December 2nd beginning @ 6 PM in the Family Life Center.** Tickets will be available beginning around November 12th and the cost will remain the same as last year at \$18. Tickets can be purchased from Terry Ratchford, Rick Peak, Steve Clark, Charles Edwards or Fred Ward. Those of you who attended last year had the opportunity to enjoy the music of Adam Rose and many have asked if we could have him return. We were able to but we had to shift our normal 2nd Saturday in December to accommodate his busy schedule. Rick Peak is planning a wonderful meal for us and Terry Ratchford will be our master of ceremonies - expect laughs and chuckles. Door prizes will be given to the lucky winners. If you would like to donate a door prize it would be most appreciated. As always, we look forward to a wonderful night together.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you'd like to sign up to donate altar flowers for a special Sunday in 2023, please call or text Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451.



DAILY PRAYER

A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Each morning and evening, pray to the LORD. Sunrise, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Psalter Book Four*

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AM	90	92, 93	95	97	100	102	104, 105
PM	91	94	96	98, 99	101	103	106

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 46 November 12 to November 19, 2023

- 11/12** Morning Reading: Hebrews 9—Evening Reading: Jeremiah 51, 52
11/13 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:1-18—Evening Reading: Lamentations 1, 2
11/14 Morning Reading: Hebrews 10:19-39—Evening Reading: Lamentations 3, 4, 5
11/15 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:1-19—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 1, 2
11/16 Morning Reading: Hebrews 11:20-40—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 3, 4
11/17 Morning Reading: Hebrews 12—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 5, 6, 7
11/18 Morning Reading: Hebrews 13—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 8, 9, 10
11/19 Morning Reading: James 1—Evening Reading: Ezekiel 11, 12, 13

Morning: “*Song of Zechariah*” (*Luke 1:68-79*) **Evening:** “*Song of Mary*” (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Traditional Song: “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*” ELW #632

Sing a New Song: “*Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil*” W&P #52

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Faye Anne Boyette, **Shirley Bradley**, Buddy Carothers, Kathy Finch, Ervin Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Susan Jackson, Leon Moretz, Carlton Peacock, Nancy Rankin, Doug Rhyne, Bill & Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson, Joe Veale, and Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Sam Bell, Rick Belton, C.R. Bergfeld, Deborah Carpenter, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Jonnie Heavner, **Alfred Helms**, Joyce Hoffman, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Joyce Lowery, Pastor Charles McManus, Sherry Meek, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Randy Reel, Dakota Shuford, Christy Carpenter Smith, and Charlene Sorenson

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



Wednesday, November 15 ~ Holy Communion

Psalm 10 *“On Justice”*

Thursday, November 16 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Galatians 5:16-24 *“On the Fruits of the Holy Spirit”*

Sunday, November 19 ~ Holy Communion ~ Commitment Sunday

Ephesians 5 and Matthew 25:14-30 *“On the Parable of the Talents”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

- Sun-12** 8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
11:05 am Luther Choir
11:35 am Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
- Mon-13** 8:30 am Preschool
6:30 pm Via de Cristo (Fellowship Hall)
- Tues-14** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
5:15 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)
7:00 pm CBS (Conference Room, Chapel, Classrooms)
7:00 pm Cantamos Choir (Fellowship Hall)
- Wed-15** 8:30 am Preschool
5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)
- Thur-16** 8:30 am Preschool
10:00 am Bible Study (Library)
11:00 am OWLS @ Hillbilly's BBQ
- Fri-17** 9:00 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat-18** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 pm Private Event (Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)