

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



JOB 19:1-27 AND JOHN 15:1-8

“ABIDING IN JESUS”

*The risen Jesus is the Vine and we are His branches.
Let us abide in Him now and forever..*

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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

“Air”

Henry Purcell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Awake O’ Sleeper, Rise from Death”

ELW #452

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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LITANY *Psalm 145:1-2, 146:6-8, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Numbers 6:26*

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

***THE NICENE CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock.



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts.



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - fresh - ed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: “The Lord has saved his peo - ple!”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOB 19:1-27

Suffering. Pain. Loss. Why? Job gives a vision of ultimate hope about the Redeemer.

¹Then Job answered: ²"How long will you torment me, and break me in pieces with words? ³These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me? ⁴And even if it is true that I have erred, my error remains with me. ⁵If indeed you magnify yourselves against me, and make my humiliation an argument against me, ⁶know then that God has put me in the wrong, and closed his net around me. ⁷Even when I cry out, 'Violence!' I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice. ⁸He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness upon my paths. ⁹He has stripped my glory from me, and taken the crown from my head. ¹⁰He breaks me down on every side, and I am gone, he has uprooted my hope like a tree. ¹¹He has kindled his wrath against me, and counts me as his adversary. ¹²His troops come on together; they have thrown up siegeworks against me, and encamp around my tent. ¹³He has put my family far from me, and my acquaintances are wholly estranged from me. ¹⁴My relatives and my close friends have failed me; ¹⁵the guests in my house have forgotten me; my serving girls count me as a stranger; I have become an alien in their eyes. ¹⁶I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer; I must myself plead with him. ¹⁷My breath is repulsive to my wife; I am loathsome to my own family. ¹⁸Even young children despise me; when I rise, they talk against me. ¹⁹All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me. ²⁰My bones cling to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. ²¹Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! ²²Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? ²³"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵**For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;** ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

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 from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. A **memory verse is in bold.** A weekly Bible study is available as an in-person study on Sundays at 9am in Sunday School or Thursdays at 11am as well as online at lutheranchapelchurch.org. There are also printed copies in the prayer racks. Claim the gift for yourself!

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

PSALM 22

“I Will Praise You, Lord”

Michel Guimont



I will praise you, Lord, in the as - sem - bly of your peo - ple.

My vows I will pay before those who fear God.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord.
May their hearts live for ever and ever.

Refrain

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord
all families of the nations shall bow down in awe;

They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth,
all who must die and go down to the dust.

Refrain

My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come;

declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God.
These things the Lord has done.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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

Response after announcement:

C: Glory to you, O Lord

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it

will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

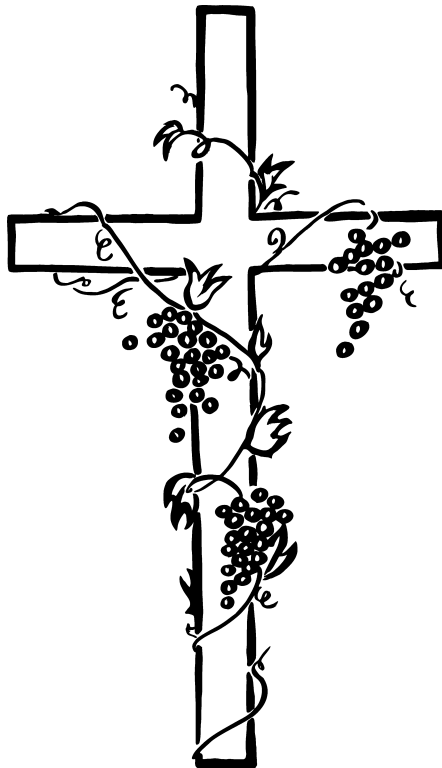
The Horror and the Hope in the Journey of Job

What Does it Mean to Abide?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus’ saving power: I forget that I belong to the risen Jesus so quickly.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus’ ultimate saving power: The risen Jesus abides with and among us that we may bear fruit for His Kingdom and rejoice now and always.

So What?: Lament and pray questions in the midst of brokenness—the example of Job for us! Serve the Kingdom of God as you abide in Jesus to the glory of the Father by the power of the Spirit in your family, work, this church, and community day by day.



Refrain - All Fine

Mer - cy, we a - bide in you. Stir in us, we pray.

- 1 In peace, may we assemble.
In peace, may we unite.
In peace, may we be whole.
Move within each heart. *Refrain*
- 2 For all who suffer in war,
for all who struggle for comfort,
for all who slumber in ease.
Move within each heart. *Refrain*
- 3 We are broken, longing for peace,
forgiveness, flow among us.
May we be reconciled.
Move within each heart. *Refrain*

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PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

"The Fruit of the Spirit"

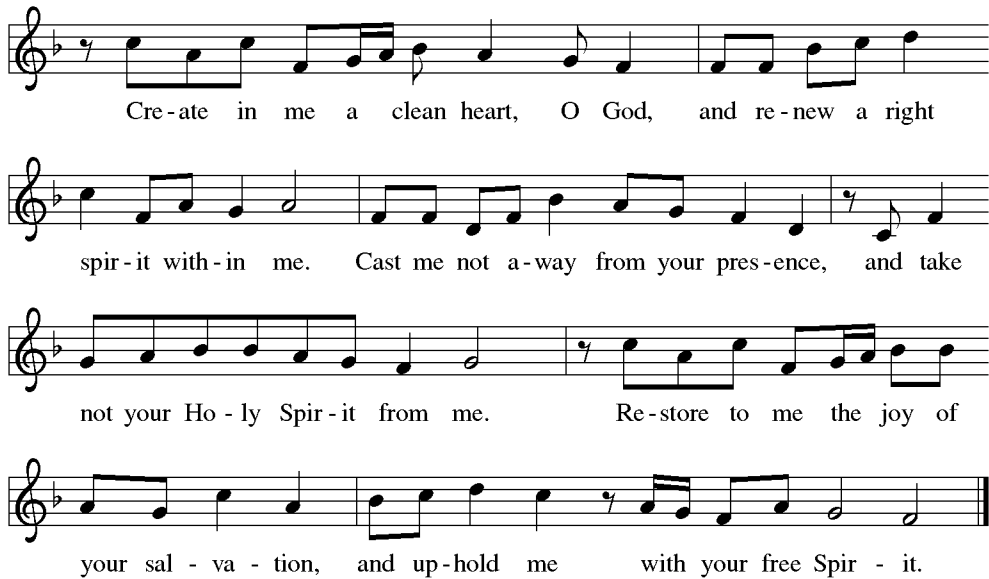
Dan Forrest

He that abideth in me, and I in him,
The same bringeth forth much fruit:
Love, joy, peace, patience, tenderness,
Goodness, faith, meekness and self-control.

***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, our risen Lord.

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.**

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.



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

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OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dan Jenkins in memory of Bill Anton.

THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Becky Shaw
Director of Music	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Jeanette Myers
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogle
Lector.....	T. Ratchford
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman
Crucifer.....	Will Clark
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Peery Linkous
Council Members of the Month.....	Drew Carpenter & Steve Ritchie

PARISH NEWS

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.

CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: Please plan to attend a cookout on **Tuesday, May 14 @ 6:00pm** under the picnic shelter sponsored by the Men of the Church. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings. If you desire, bring a lawn chair, and come for a good meal, relaxation, and conversation with our church family. Hope to see you there!

OWLS: Our next *OWL-standing* time of fellowship will be held at Georgio’s (Cramerton, NC) on **Wednesday, May 15 at 11:00 am**. *Please note the change of day for May’s gathering.*

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: If there are any high school or college graduates that would like to be recognized in the *June Newsletter*, please contact the Church Office by Friday, **May 15**. Thank you!

WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE: All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, **June 2** 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.

JUNE NEWSLETTER: Articles for the June newsletter are due by Wednesday, **May 15**.

ESTHER CIRCLE: Esther Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, May 6 at 10:00 AM**

REBECCA CIRCLE: Rebecca Circle will meet **at the church** on **Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm**. *(Please note the location change.)*

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 (*Psalms 1*). A simple order is: **Sign of the Cross + Psalms + Bible in a Year + Canticle + Hymns + Prayers + Blessing.**

FEAST OF PSALMS: *Easter*

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
AM	9, 16	30, 33	66, 93	99, 100	114, 115	118, 124	147, 148
PM	23, 24	47, 49	96, 98	111, 113	116, 117	145, 146	149, 150

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 18 April 28 to May 5, 2024

04/28 Morning Reading: Luke 20:1-26—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 3, 4, 5

04/29 Morning Reading: Luke 20:27-47—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 6, 7

04/30 Morning Reading: Luke 21:1-19—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 8, 9

05/01 Morning Reading: Luke 21:20-38—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 10, 11

05/02 Morning Reading: Luke 22:1-20—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 12, 13

05/03 Morning Reading: Luke 22:21-46—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 14, 15

05/04 Morning Reading: Luke 22:47-71—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 16, 17, 18

05/05 Morning Reading: Luke 23:1-25—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 19, 20

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

Traditional Song: “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*” ELW #365

Sing a New Song: “*This is the Day*” W&P #141

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Steve Bell, Olivia Berghello, Faye Anne Boyette, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Charles Edwards, Kathy Finch, Henry Hoffman, Ashton Knauf, Jeanette Myers, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Eula Ritchie, Kay Robinson, Pat Robinson, Barbara Robinson, Jessica Thornburg, Joe Veale, and Gene & Myra Weaver

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Sheila Abernathy, John Austin, Rick Belton, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Mary Collins, Carol Coutant, Tucker Doyne, Jameson Franklin, Mark Harrelson, Hanna Hayes, Wade Huss, Michael Jemison, Rick Knowles, Bill Lankford, Pastor Terrell Long, Cathy Moore, Karen Moore, **Family of Jerry Moore**, Paul Nordberg, Rita Pasour, Josie Putnam, Randy Reel, Holt Robinson, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Denise Smith, Marshall Snelgrove, Charlene Sorenson, Becky Van Dyke, and Anthony Wynn.

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, May 1 ~ Evening Prayer

Psalm 21 *“Our Righteous King*

Thursday, May 2~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Job 19:1-27 *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”*

Sunday, May 5 ~ Holy Communion

Psalm 1 and John 15:9-17 *“Promise of the Holy Spirit”*

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - SATURDAY, MAY 04, 2024

- Sun-28** 8:30 am Fellowship
- 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:05 am** **Luther Choir**
- 11:35 am Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

- Mon-29** 8:30 am Preschool

- Tues-30** 8:30 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday
- 7:00 pm Men’s CBS Fellowship/BBQ (Conference Room, Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

- Wed-01** 8:30 am Preschool
- 5:30 pm Chapel Ringers
- 7:00 pm Evening Service (Chapel)

- Thur-02** 8:30 am Preschool
- 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)

- Fri-03** 2:30 pm Private Event Setup (Chapel, Family Life Center, Kitchen)

- Sat-04** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 pm Private Event (Chapel, Family Life Center, Kitchen)