



July 2025

CHAPEL NEWS

We at Lutheran Chapel Church are called by God to PROCLAIM Christ as Lord and Savior, to SEEK and to 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.

HOW DO I KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESENT?

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:4-7).

You are baptized in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given in our baptism and is working in you and around you for good.

No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3).

*In the Christian Church, where Jesus continues to give His gifts of Word and Sacrament for us, **the Holy Spirit is with us.** Whether it be two or three gathered in His Name at the little church or a thousand in a cathedral – God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit is with us (re: Matthew 18:20 and 28:20).*

Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being (Genesis 2:7)...Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any they are retained (John 20:22-23).

God gives us life breath by breath. The risen Jesus gives to His people the Holy Spirit by His breath. Breathe. Receive. Believe. Be still and know His Presence in you (re: Psalm 46:1).

But the Advocate (also translated Helper, Comforter, Companion), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will in My Name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you (John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit, in and around you and His community, will teach us and remind us of Jesus' words given to us. Listen. Be open.

The Holy Spirit will help us through this broken world day by day to forever.

May we trust the Holy Spirit leading us according to the words of Jesus and the glory of our Father in Heaven!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 am ~ Fellowship

9:00 am ~ Sunday School/Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Service is streamed live for those unable to attend in person.

Wednesdays

7:00 Evening Service

EMILY HARTNER ELECTED BISHOP OF THE ELCA NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD



The Rev. Emily Hartner, Charlotte, N.C., was elected May 31 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, May 29-31 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, N.C.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Charlotte, since 2017. Hartner served as a pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, from 2010 to 2017.

Hartner earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology and French from Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., in 2003; a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Conn., in 2007; and a Master of Sacred Theology in Lutheran Studies from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 2012. United is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

She will take office on Aug. 1 and will be installed at Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. At her election, Hartner said, "I don't have a lot to say except I love you and the Lord Jesus. I look forward to our time together." "I plan to spend a good portion of the next month saying goodbye to my current congregation and then familiarizing myself with the synod office and particularities of the role of bishop. "As I shared during the assembly, I really envision a synod that leans into the work of collaboration, sharing the gifts we have with one another, and recognizing the abundance of what God has given us." The Rev. Timothy M. Smith is retiring after having served as synod bishop since 2015.

Upcoming EVENTS



OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



Thursday, July 17 at 11:00 am.

Love's Fish Box - 1104 Shelby Rd, Kings Mountain
The bus will be leaving the church at 10:30.



The clothing closet is in great need of spring and summer clothing and shoes. Do you have some clothes that you don't like or that don't fit anymore? Please consider going through your closet and sharing!

HICKORY CRAWDADS BASEBALL OUTING

Come join the fellowship at the Hickory Crawdads Baseball Outing on **Tuesday, July 22nd**.

\$25 ticket includes ALL-YOU-CAN- EAT picnic.

Bus leaves the church at 5:00 PM (limited to 14 people)

Buffet from 6:30-8:00

First pitch at 7:00

More details and the sign up form are in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please submit to the church office no later than July 15th.



~CHARLOTTE CHAPTER~
American Guild of Organists
HONOR THE PAST
EMBRACE THE PRESENT
REACH FOR THE FUTURE

2025 Summer Recital Series

Recitals begin at 4:00 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 6	Stigall Scholars	Cathedral of St. Patrick 1621 Dilworth Rd E, Charlotte
July 13	Kevin Estes Bach, Guilman and Estes: "Suite for Timpani and Organ" (World-Premier) with Jacob Lipham, principal timpanist (CSO)	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church 3400 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte
July 20	Matthew Noonan Bach 275th Anniversary (d. 1750)	Selwyn Ave Presbyterian Church 2929 Selwyn Ave, Charlotte
July 27	Don Kaufhold	First Presbyterian Church 700 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC
August 3	Greg Reynolds/Organ & Bells	Neely's Creek ARP 974 Neelys Creek Rd, Rock Hill, SC
August 10	Kevin Haney/Kathie Riebe	St. John's Baptist Church 300 Hawthorne Ln, Charlotte
August 17	Lester Ackerman with Alex Wilborn & Jon Kaplan, Trumpets (CSO)	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 1001 Queens Rd, Charlotte
August 24	Evan Currie	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church 3400 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte



This Month's Recipient:



HOLY ANGELS

Loving, living and learning for the differently able.®

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 more than 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.

Holy Angels has begun a \$20 million expansion to add three new six-room homes, and a community center which includes a wheelchair accessible pool, and a learning center. The new rooms will have specialty medical equipment and oxygen available for the medically fragile residents.

Camp Hope Recreational Facility provides an opportunity for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

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 contributing to Holy Angels and their special family.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



**CRISIS
ASSISTANCE
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Please remember that we will continue to collect food for Crisis Assistance Ministry throughout the year. You may place food in the blue collection box in the hallway near our fellowship hall and in the CAM basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. The Social Ministry team will deliver to CAM when the box is full – so keep us busy! Thank you so much!

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and
give glory to your Father in heaven.*

MATTHEW 5:16



Celebrating **OUR MEMBERS**

July 

BIRTHDAYS

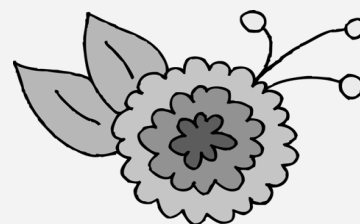
Christa Heilig	5
Maria Mull	7
Austin Bradley	8
Elena Hoffman	8
Brent Clark	11
Delana Clark	14
Sylvia Fogle	15
Ken Lentz	15
Will Clark	21
Monica Goedl	21
Ray Martin	23
Amy Carpenter	24
Allison Robinson	24
Susan Lewis	26
Shirley Carpenter	27
Wally Rhyne	27
Jane Thornburg	28
Steve Clark	29
Ashley Bell-Finley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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



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

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

Serving the *CHURCH*



*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gifts each of you has received.*

Peter 4:10-11



July Worship Assistants

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash	Noah Comer	Sylvia Fogle	Chris Lowe
Acolyte	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman
Lector	Pam Overcash	Debi Jean Wankel	Gwen Lewis	Kailey Perkins
Crucifer	Christian Mull	Jordan Hoffman	Will Clark	Bram Comer
First Aid/AED/CPR	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark	Crown Hoffman
Council Members of the Month: James Hovis and Seth Meyers				

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

July Altar Flowers

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

*Please be sure to note your payment is for **Altar Flowers**.*



July 6	In memory of John Carpenter, given by Susan Cooper Cox
July 13	Given by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz to the Glory of God in honor of Ken's birthday, July 15 and
July 20	In loving memory of Bob Thornburg given by Lucinda Thornburg
July 27	Given by Chuck and Lisa Bruch in honor of Amy's Birthday



BackPack
Weekend Food Program

"We want to express our deepest gratitude for Lutheran Chapel's support of the BWFP and Robinson elementary, Hawk's Nest and Warlick. Your support has been tremendous and we are truly thankful."

Suzanne Jones

Some comments we received from the staff at the schools on the survey we sent to the schools recently:

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We have a particular student in first grade that loves to receive his bag every week. He recently moved in with his grandparents who struggle to provide for him and his older sister. He waits for his bag each week. I try to deliver them to the classrooms on Thursday morning. If, for some reason I don't get them out Thursday morning, as soon as I see him he asks if he is getting a bag this week. I am able to give him a hug and assure him that he will receive his bag later in the day.

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I see such a difference in our kiddos who receive food from the backpack program. Everything from their concentration in class, to behavior is so much better when they are not hungry!

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My student is living with grandparents and the backpack program has been a huge help for this family. Grandparents went from having to feed 2 people to 5 when the 3 grandchildren started living with them. They have no other support because the children aren't in foster care and the parents don't provide any financial support. This family would really struggle to feed everyone without the backpack program.

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One of my students is living in a very poor household where the mom is attempting to leave the abusive father. The food program has allowed the mom to save more money to be able to leave, and has helped the child's attendance greatly.

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HOLY COMMUNION: THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Put these bold words in your heart! Study them at Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-30, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-32. Do you think something repeated in God's Word four times might be important?

In the night in which He was betrayed,

Contemplation: What do you do when you are betrayed? What did Jesus do?

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Contemplation: Are your eyes open to give thanks to God for the gift of life? for the gift of daily bread (blessings received each appointed day)? for the sacrificial love of Jesus given for you?

Take and eat; this is My Body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Contemplation: Do you remember the death of Jesus for your sins? The Real Presence of Jesus is in, with, and under this bread for you – are you aware of His Presence in the Holy Communion for you and for us?




Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the New Covenant in My Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Contemplation: Do you remember the blood of Jesus shed for you? Are you aware of your sins (re: the Ten Commandments are a mirror to show our sins) and do you take them to Jesus that you may be forgiven? Do you live in the new covenant (re: baptismal vows) each day given?

Jesus, Lamb of God, to which all the Passover lambs pointed, is given that you may be fed, forgiven and live in the Kingdom of God forever. Receive His Word and Sacrament throughout your journey of life to forever.



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	2 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C)	3 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	4 	5 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
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20 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Full Council Mtg (CR) 11:30 Instrument Ensem- ble Rehearsal 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Work- day 6:30 Hickory Crawdads baseball outing	23 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C)	24 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	25	26 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
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