



September 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.

Friends in Christ,

We are on a journey to the heavenly country. This hymn by the great Lutheran hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt reminds us that this is not our ultimate home but the best is yet to come for all believers in Christ!

A pilgrim and a stranger, I journey here below;
Far distant is my country, the home to which I go.
Here I must toil and travail, oft weary and oppressed,
But there my God shall lead me to everlasting rest.

There still my thoughts are dwelling, 'tis there I long to be;
Come, Lord and call Thy servant to blessedness with Thee.
Come bid my toils be ended, let all my wanderings cease;
Call from the wayside lodging to the sweet home of peace.

There I shall dwell forever, no more a stranger guest,
With all Thy blood bought children in everlasting rest.
The pilgrim toils forgotten, the pilgrim conflicts o'er,
All earthly griefs behind us, eternal joys before!

Common Service Book, #517

Perseverance in the journey this fall season!
Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sundays

8:30 am ~ Fellowship & Coffee

9:00 am ~ Sunday School

9:00 am ~ Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship

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

Wednesdays

7:00 ~ Evening Worship



Church **BUSINESS**



FROM THE TREASURER...

	Actual July 2025	Actual YTD	2025 Budget YTD	2025 Budget Over/(Under)
Donations	33,106.19	208,998.24	226,625.00	(17,626.76)
Distributions	24,363.71	189,844.64	222,577.25	(32,732.61)
Net Cash	8,742.48	19,153.60		

If you have any questions, please contact Gene Weaver (Interim Treasurer)

Upcoming **EVENTS**



WOMEN
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bride to be

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER
IN HONOR OF

Meredith Andrews

DAUGHTER OF ROB
AND KELLY ANDREWS

SUNDAY
SEPT | 21 | 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
CHURCH IN THE FAMILY
LIFE CENTER

OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

Thursday, September 18 at
11:00 am.
Location TBD



Women^{of the} ELCA CIRCLE MEETINGS

Esther Circle will meet on
Monday, September 8 @ 10:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

Rebecca Circle will meet on
Monday, September 8 @ 6:00 pm
Light salad dinner and discussion of
Theo of Golden at Beth Swindler's
1212 Heatherloch Drive



Please join us for Rally Day on Sunday, **September 14th**
at **9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall, as we gather for
fellowship to "kick-off" a new Sunday School year!
Details to follow.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Women's Circles of Lutheran Chapel would like to send a gift to
our college students. Please send your college students address to the
church office. We would like to continue this ministry and are excited
to show our college students love and care.

Women of the Lutheran Chapel WELCA



****NEW ALTAR FLOWER PRICING****

We have been blessed with our lovely flowers each week from Gaston
Floral. After many years they have had to raise our pricing from \$55.00
to **\$58.50**. Please pay the increased amount on your next Altar Flower
payment.

SUPPLIES PURCHASED FOR WOODHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank our congregational family for your generous donations to help supply children in our area with school supplies. The total collected was \$2,602.31. The supplies were given to Woodhill Elementary School and with the help of teachers, school counselors, and social workers, the children will receive needed supplies. The staff at Woodhill were very grateful for our donations to their students.

- 60 (3-ring) notebooks
- 4000 pencils
- 145 pencil pouches
- 48 pencil boxes
- 264 bound composition notebooks
- 60 spiral notebooks
- 1200 pencil cap erasers
- 192 boxes of crayons
- 72 boxes of colored pencils
- 144 highlighters
- 32 division flash cards
- 30 multiplication flash cards
- 240 glue sticks
- 96 packages of notebook paper
- 180 pairs of scissors
- 48 packages of disinfecting wipes
- 500 headphones for Chromebooks



We pray that this gives each child the same opportunity as other children to begin the school year prepared and proud of their new supplies. This could be the encouragement they need to jumpstart a successful and fun school year. We know this will make a difference in the lives of these children and we are so grateful for your love and support.

Thank you again for all that you do for our community and for families in need!

GOOD TIMES AT THE HICKORY CRAWDADS

Thanks to David Zibell for organizing!





Helping **OTHERS**



This Month's Recipient:



House of Mercy
TRANSFORMING LIVES

Our love offering for **September** will be given to the House of Mercy – a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy. The mission of House of Mercy is to provide care to persons living with advanced AIDS. This ministry cares and provides housing arrangements for those who cannot afford the costs. An environment of complete acceptance and love is provided in a home-like setting. House of Mercy provides a caring structure of regular meals, scheduled medical appointments, and medicines. The program offers individuals the opportunity to deal with spiritual issues and encourages family reconciliation when families are in disarray.

2025 marks the House of Mercy's 34th year of service for persons living with AIDS. Over 350 persons have made House of Mercy their home since 1991. Over the last 5 years, the residents are using antiretroviral meds and have improved lab results with 50% able to move on to independent living.

Without our donations, this ministry could not continue to exist because 80% of their operating budget comes from contributions. We ask that you please remember this ministry in your prayers and monetary offerings.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



LUTHERAN CHAPEL,
Y'ALL ARE SO GOOD
TO US AND WE GREATLY
APPRECIATE IT!!

MANY THANKS!!

& GOD BLESS
from

The Faith Group

THANK YOU'S FROM LOVE OFFERINGS



**THE CATHY MABRY
CLONINGER CENTER**

A Domestic Violence Shelter

Contribution amount: \$811.00

"I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. Your thoughtfulness allows us to continue to provide services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, with this year's funds assisting transportation barriers."

"We are sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity in donating hot dogs, french fries, nuggets, brownies, cookies, spaghetti, garlic bread, grapes, cherries, and tossed salad on July 6, 2025."



Contribution amount: \$265.00

"We are grateful to Lutheran Chapel Church for your generous gift. Your support is truly appreciated and plays a crucial role in helping Habitat continue partnering with more families through out our community."



Contribution amount: \$577.00

"Thank you for your generous gift. Your support is instrumental in helping us continue our mission of empowering our neighbors across North and South Carolina to live healthy, safe and abundant lives. Last year, LSC directly served over 8,900 individuals through a variety of programs and services and touched the loves of countless others."



Contribution amount: \$855.00

"Thank you for your generous gift. All donations benefit the work we do in our community to help Gaston County residents living with cancer. Your donation will help make it possible to continue providing prescription assistance, liquid nutrition, medical equipment, wigs, mastectomy bras and prosthesis to local cancer patients."

Thank You



Many thanks to the musicians who shared their talents with us during July and August. We appreciate their offerings during our worship services.

If you would like to offer your musical gifts, please don't hesitate to contact Kathie through the office.



Celebrating **OUR MEMBERS**

BIRTHDAYS

Ervin Hoffman	3	Craig Thornburg	24
Chris Lowe	4	Bram Comer	25
Katherine Sanders	6	Melissa Darrow	25
Mike Bell	7	Helaina Robinson	27
Matt Hoffman	7	Alfred Lineberger	28
Ben Carpenter	8	Morgan Carpenter McCarthy	28
Amy Lloyd	8	Margaret Hovis	29
Leigh Woody	8	Charlotte Elkin	30
Amy Brown	9	Ann Marie Lentz	30

Caroline Comer	11
Stuart Hester	11
Blair Thornburg	12

ANNIVERSARIES

Sarah Catherine Davis	15	Keith & Teresa Yarborough	1
Katie Moses	18	Henry & Debra Hoffman	7
Lisa Burch	20	Steve & Delana Clark	18
Alex Berghello, Jr.	21	Barry & Sandra Martin	26
Zac Lentz	22	Jason & Katherine Sanders	26
Wesley Baker	23	Rick & Janie Peak	29
James Dean	23		

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

Barbara & Carlton Peacock
151 E Dallas Hwy
Apt. 616
Stanley, NC 28164

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

Serving the *CHURCH*



September Worship Assistants



	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash	Sylvia Fogle	Chris Lowe	Adam DeLuca
Acolyte	Luke Hoffman	Elena Hoffman	Hunter Clark	Renwick Royston
Lector	Debi Jean Wankel	Ginny Comer	Bram Comer	Crown Hoffman
Crucifer	Maddie Potter	Christian Mull	Jordan Hoffman	Will Clark
First Aid/AED/CPR	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark	Crown Hofman	Tammy Royston

Council Members of the Month: Drew Carpenter and Matt Hoffman

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

September Altar Flowers




Cost of flowers is **\$58.50**.

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



September 7	Given by Dan Lineberger in honor of his and Gloria's Wedding Anniversary
September 14	To the Glory of God given by Steve and Delana Clark in honor or their 54th Wedding Anniversary
September 21	To the Glory of God given by Wanda Anthony
September 28	Given by Terry and Trish Ratchford in honor of our beloved grandchildren, Alex and Olivia Berghello

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY Office Closet 	2 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G)	3 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C)	4 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	5 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study	6 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 4-6 Life in Christ (Pavillion)
7 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	8 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle 6:00 Rebecca Circle 	9 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G)	10 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C)	11 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	12 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study	13 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
14 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School Rally Day/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life in Christ (FH,C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	15 8:30 Preschool 7-9 Cantamus Choir	16 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G)	17 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C)	18 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS Location TBD 	19 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study	20 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
21 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Bridal Shower 11:00 Full Council Meeting 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	22 8:30 Preschool	23 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G)	24 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C)	25 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	26 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study	27 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
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