



November 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,

2025 has been a year for me to read and explore more and more of the traditions of the Christian Church. The big one (I hope you remember) was the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed – we marked that on Holy Trinity Sunday. I ran across the Exhortation of the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne in studies over Augustine's right use of force. Maybe you will find such a speech good as well for these days and times?

The Exhortation of Charlemagne, 800AD

- † Love God Almighty with all your heart and all your powers.
- † Love your neighbor as yourself. Give alms to the poor as ye are able.
- † Entertain strangers. Visit the sick. Be merciful to prisoners.
- † Do ill to no man, nor consent unto such as do, for the receiver is as bad as the thief. Forgive as ye hope to be forgiven.
- † Redeem the captive. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of the widow and orphan. Render righteous judgment.
- † Do not consent to any wrong. Persevere not in wrath.
- † Shun excess in eating and drinking. Be humble and kind.
- † Serve your liege lord faithfully. Do not steal. Do not perjure yourself, not let others do so.
- † Envy, hatred, and violence separate men from the Kingdom of God.
- † Defend the Church and promote her cause.

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

6:00 ~ Suffrages & Chosen

Church BUSINESS



FROM THE TREASURER

	Actual September 2025	Actual YTD	2025 Budget YTD	2025 Budget Over/(Under)
Donations	25,736.47	255,963.53	291,375	(35,411.47)
Distributions	31,585.76	247,252.24	286,170.75	(38,918.51)
Net Cash	(5,849.29)	8,711.29		

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

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

In keeping with the protocol approved by the LCC congregation regarding Church Council elections, the Council is accepting nominations for persons interested in serving a three-year term on the LCC Council. This is a self-nominating process. All interested members should contact:

Jenny Williamson (wmsonjen@gmail.com/ 972-998-6690),
Rob Andrews (robertandrews.ncsu92@gmail.com/ 704-861-2705) or
Pastor Comer (pastor@lutheranchapelchurch.org/ 704-787-6439).

Deadline for nominations is **Sunday, November 16th, 2025.**

At its November meeting, the Council will determine the list of persons for the Church Membership to consider when the Council election is held at our Congregational meeting on Sunday December 7th, 2025.



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

2026 is approaching. As you consider the teaching and your personal planning, please consider supporting the on-going mission at Lutheran Chapel Church. Commitment Sunday will be on November 23. Look for your letter coming in the mail soon.



Love. Grow. Serve.

ADVENT 2025 - HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

All are welcome for the Wednesday Advent Services in the Sanctuary beginning on December 3 at 6PM. The focus from the Word of God will be the Psalter and focus on the Advent themes of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, who was, who is and who is to come. What is the Word of God saying to you? Hearing His Word, how then shall you live?



6:00 Holden Evening Prayer

Psalm 93 *"The LORD Reigns – Past, Present, and Future"*

6:00 Holden Evening Prayer

Psalm 94 *"The Blessing of Discipline"*

6:00 Holden Evening Prayer

Psalm 95 *"Will We Listen to His Voice?"*



This Month's Recipient: Crisis Pregnancy Center

Crisis Pregnancy Center has been in Gaston County since 1986 and has four locations to serve our community. They have served over 60,000 clients: women, men, and their families. During the 39 years of ministry, they have saved thousands of babies. Their mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, abortion education- procedures, risks and alternatives, post abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives. Each year, more than 300 clients accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior – praise be to God!

In addition, the center provides things such as material assistance for babies (diapers, clothing, blankets), material assistance for moms (pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, necessities for nursing), car seats for infants provided by Speedway Charities and local fire departments, and referrals for adoption to Lifeline and other Christian agencies.

We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Just an early reminder that collection week for Christmas shoeboxes will be November 17th – 24th. Boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, November 23rd so that we can deliver them to the drop-off location for Gaston County.

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL and PERSONALIZED** - you can personalize by adding a photo and personal note.



GIFT SUGGESTIONS ARE:

- **WOW ITEMS:** Small backpack, soccer ball and pump, stuffed animal, hobby kit, purse, and doll.
- **School supplies:** pens, pencils, crayons, markers, writing pads, tape, ruler, glue and drawstring bag
- **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, Lego's, slinkies, toy cars, finger puppets, yo-yos and jump ropes.
- **Personal care items:** toothbrush, washcloth, comb and brush, nail clipper and file, water bottle and flashlight.
- **Clothing & accessories:** flip-flops or shoes, sunglasses, hats, wristwatch, costume jewelry, hair accessories, clothing, under garments, scarves and mittens.
- **Games & activities:** Puzzles, coloring books, dry water color set, musical instruments, chalkboard and chalk, jump rope, binoculars and compass, stickers and games.



INCLUDE:

- Used or damaged items.
- Soap or toothpaste.
- Scary or war-related items, or camouflage.
- Food, candy or gum, seeds or organic matter.
- Liquids.
- Medication.
- Money.
- Liquids or lotions, toothpaste, medications or vitamins.
- Breakable items.
- Knives, saws or razor blades or matches fire starter or aerosols.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



After receiving an Operation Christmas Child gift as a 12-year-old, Johan, now age 18, is a part of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with other shoebox recipients in his town.

HOLY EUCHARIST with the RITE OF INSTALLATION



Your prayers and presence are requested at the service of Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Installation for the Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, Reverend Emily K Hartner on:

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Christ Lutheran Church

4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 288226

with reception to follow.



LESSONS *and* CAROLS

This Christmas season, we warmly invite you to experience the magic and wonder of our annual Christmas Cantata. Mark your calendars for December 14th, at 10:00 AM, during our worship service, as our choir and musicians fill the sanctuary with the uplifting sounds of the season.

Immerse yourself in the spirit of Christmas with beautiful carols, the promise of the newborn Christ, and a message of hope and peace. Whether you come alone or with loved ones, this is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrate the joy it brings.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to sharing this special time with you. Let the wonder of the season uplift your heart and soul. We can't wait to see you there!



Upcoming EVENTS



OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

Thursday, November 20
at 11:00 am

Dino's
610 Gastonia Hwy, Bessemer City



Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Esther Circle will meet on
Monday, November 3 at 10:00 am in the Fel-
lowship Hall.

Rebecca Circle will meet on
Monday, November 3 at 7:00 pm
at the Church

SOUP LUNCHEON

The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our annual **Soup Luncheon on November 9th 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 with help for their Thanksgiving meal. We are providing families with a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card again this year.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may donate at any time or 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 of our check.**

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 our Soup Luncheon for fellowship and a great meal! We always look forward to this delicious and fun fellowship with our church family!



THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Our Heavenly Father, We are thankful for all Your blessings, goodness and mercy on us. We are thankful for all the people in our lives who make our life meaningful and beautiful. Thank you for watching over us and giving us time to spend with our loved ones for the holiday. Let your blessing be upon us. In Jesus mighty name, we pray. AMEN!

Holiday Happenings

SANTA LUNCH

The Christian Ed, Youth & Family and Worship & Music committees would like to invite everyone to stay for a Santa Lunch and birthday celebration for Jesus immediately following the **December 14th**

Cantata Worship Service. We will have a yummy lunch, birthday cake and even a very special guest! We hope everyone will mark your calendars and plan to join your Lutheran Chapel family as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 13 at 6
Dinner and Live Music, please plan to join us!



BE A BLESSING, ADOPT AN ANGEL

Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club

The Outreach Committee will be hosting the annual Boys and Girls Club of Bessemer City Christmas party on **Friday, December 12th**. The angel tree will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 9. Please take angel(s) and sign the sheet. You do not need to buy everything on their list and if you would rather donate funds instead of shopping, please designate club party on your check/giving. Gifts need to be returned by **Sunday, December 7th**, in a shopping bag with the angel tag attached.

We will do the wrapping. Thank you for being a part of our outreach for the Boys and Girls Club!





TABLE TALKS

Lutheran Chapel is united by our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and by our theology based in the Lutheran Confessions. In short, the Lutheran churches are connected by ideas. Consider coming for a monthly Table Talk to explore these ideas. *What is this?* A central topic from Scripture and Confessions. A simple meal. Fellowship time. The 1st Table Talk on

the Ten Commandments will be on **Sunday, November 16** immediately following the Service from 11AM to Noon or so. If you are interested, please share with Pastor or indicate on the registry of attendance.



To our Lutheran Chapel Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and notes that were sent to James during his illness and then to us after his passing. Each time we received a card it provided us with so much comfort during this difficult time. We also are so appreciative of the support and lovely reception we had at his service on October 11th.

With gratitude, Margaret Hovis and family (Joseph, Olivia and Mackenzie)



Poinsettia Order

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the church office by **Sunday, November 23rd**. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel. Please be sure to pick up your flowers after the Christmas Eve Service.

Please Print

Quantity: _____ @ \$12.00 each = Total \$ _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26



Celebrating OUR MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Jenkins	2
Katie Potter	3
Kaitlyn Anthony	7
Ray Jenkins, Jr.	7
Mayada Besancon	8
Ann Lowe	8
Norman Overcash	14
Terry Ratchford	15
Scott Swindler	15
Joy Setzer-Henderson	16
Helen McCarter	17
Kay Moretz	17
Pat Robinson	18
Chrystal Davis	20
Sandra Martin	21
Bryson Lineberger	22
Drew Carpenter	24
David Comer	24
Don Wankel	25
Katie Carpenter	29
David Harrill	30



ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Suzie Ward	13
Doug & Marion Rhyne	17

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*



Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.
Matthew 5:16



November Worship Assistants

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Assistant Minister	Chris Lowe	Adam DeLuca	Sylvia Fogle	Jeanette Myers	Norman Overcash
Acolyte	Hunter Clark	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman
Lector	Gene Weaver	Noah Comer	L. Thornburg	Norman Overcash	Pam Overcash
Crucifer	Will Cark	Bram Comer	Maddie Potter	Christian Mull	Jordan Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark	Crown Hoffman	Tammy Royston
Council Members of the Month: Jenny Williamson and Debi Jean Wankel					

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

November Altar Flowers

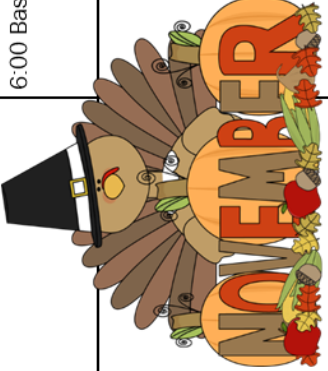
Cost of flowers is **\$58.50**.

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



November 2	Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gene Carpenter given by Sara Carpenter
November 9	To the Glory of God in memory of Charles Patrick Wilson given by Sylvia Fogle
November 16	Given to the Glory of God in honor of Doug and Marion's 69th Wedding Anniversary given by Rhonda Putnam
November 23	In memory of Rev Charles and Ann McManus given by Sudonna Handy
November 30	Poinsettia's

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible St 10:00 Worship (S) 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life In Christ 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	3 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Rebecca Circle (C) 	4 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Basketball (G)	5 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Evening Service (C)	6 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	7 Office Closed	1 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
9 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible St 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life In Christ 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	10 8:30 Preschool 7-9 Cantamus Choir (FH)	11 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Basketball (G)	12 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Evening Service (C)	13 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	14 Office Closed	15 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
16 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible St 10:00 Worship 11:00 Table Talks 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	17 8:30 Preschool 7-9 Cantamus Choir (FH)	18 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Basketball (G)	19 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Evening Service (C)	20 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS Dino's 	21 Office Closed	22 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
23 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible St 10:00 Worship (Commitment) 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life In Christ 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	24 8:30 Preschool 7-9 Cantamus Choir 	25 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Basketball (G)	26 8:30 Preschool	27 THANKSGIVING Office Closed 	28 Office Closed	29
30 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible St 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (Y) 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)						

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Michael C. Comer, Pastor

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