



February 2026

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.

On Lent 2026

Life lived fully is life lived on two planes: attention to God, and attention to the good of the other. In the Christian year, Lent is the wake up call to be mindful of this.

"Each of us should have two pockets. In one should be the message, "I am dust and ashes," and in the other we should have written, "For me the universe was made." (from a commentary on the **Rule of St. Benedict**, Joan Chittister).

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return (Genesis 3:19). Yes.

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith (Galatians 3:26). Yes.

What humble dust we are who will return to dust in our end. What a great gift that we are children of God at the same time. As we go through Lent together, let us remember these truths about our human condition in Christ both grounded in accepting our mortality and inspired in a growing relationship with God that is forever. Please come for Ash Wednesday on February 18 at 6PM and for Vespers on Wednesdays throughout the forty days of Lent.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

Pastor Michael



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 ~ Evening Prayer

Church BUSINESS



FROM THE TREASURER...

| | Actual Nov. 2025 | Actual YTD | 2025 Budget YTD | 2025 Budget Over/(Under) |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | 26,908.01 | 307,810.70 | 356,125.00 | (48,314.30) |
| Distributions | 23,963.86 | 294,748.20 | 349,674.25 | (55,016.50) |
| Net Cash | 2,944.15 | 12,238.00 | | |

| | Actual Dec. 2025 | Actual YTD | 2025 Budget YTD | 2025 Budget Over/(Under) |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | 139,302.66 | 447,113.36 | 388,500.00 | 58,613.36 |
| Distributions | 29,538.02 | 325,110.72 | 381,561 | 56,450.28 |
| Net Cash | 109,764.64 | 122,002.64 | | |

If you have any questions, please contact the treasurer, Jason Sanders



Thank you for serving!

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026

***Pastor Michael Comer** - Emergency Family Fund

***Rob Andrews** - President

***Zac Lentz** - Vice President

***Jenny Williamson** - Past President

***Jason Sanders** - Finance Committee

***Debra Hoffman** - Secretary

Mike Bell

Don Boyette - Evangelism Committee

Mary Ann Burgoon

Drew Carpenter - Communications Committee

Matt Hoffman - Worship and Music

Seth Myers - Preschool

Pam Overcash - Christian Ed Committee

Debi Jean Wankel - Social Ministry Committee

David Zibell

* Executive Committee

LUTHERAN CHAPEL'S DECEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

- Approval of Labor, Service, and Materials to install 12 LED flood lights with alarm bell and motion sensors using existing circuits. Work to be done by Dallas Electric and Plumbing Contractors, Inc. – Cost \$6,800.
- Jenny recognized Gene, Jason, and Perry as their three-year service ended. She thanked them for all they have done.
- Jenny reviewed what the proper procedure was for new members and the budget. We now have four members willing to serve on the council.
- Discussions about how and why the budget and new members were handled over the past 15 plus years and how to handle moving forward. Jenny recognized Gene for the months of hard work in handling the treasures job and figuring things out. The budget today is based on a combination of the budgets in years past and the bookkeeping and account records with the help of Wendy Robinson.
- Jason stated that the need for the activity director can be seen by the amount of people that attended the Christmas Banquet. Activities will attract potential members. Wendy advised that we may be able to use the Robinson Fund to pay for the position. Adjustments were made for additional increasing insurance costs. Office equipment line item includes the new IT service and computers. Evangelism outreach added \$1000 is for backpack ministry program. Anything on the budget with an * beside it can be handled via the Robinson fund. All approved by unanimously vote. Jenny will get the budget out tomorrow with the help of Jason Sanders and Gene Weaver.
- Rob's intention moving forward is to have an active finance committee that monitors our finances and budget and advises the council. Gene advised that check signers are Ervin, Gene, Terry as of 2025. Rob will be addressing the committees in 2026 to see what is needed for the following year.
- Gene reported on homeless. He talked with a friend at the police station and advised them of our homeless situation. We have no trespassing signs on the property so the officers could arrest without us pressing charges.
- Robs goal for next year is to get the committees responsibilities lined up with what our constitution.



Upcoming EVENTS



OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

Thursday, February 19 at 11:00 am
Eagle's Nest
507 N Main St, Clover

For those wanting a ride, the bus
will leave the Church at 10:30 am.



Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Esther Circle will meet on
Monday, February 2 at 10:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

Rebecca Circle will meet on
Monday, February 2 at 7:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall.

FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, February 21 from 9-12 pm.**

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18.**
Worship Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm with Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion.



Pray. Fast. Give. Humble yourself.
Follow Jesus Christ. He transforms
and saves us.

During Lent 2026, a series on the prayerbook of the Bible,
the Psalter will be offered.

A traditional Vespers Service will be offered each
Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

A photograph of a dark cross on a light-colored surface, with green palm fronds and a purple cloth in the foreground.


Lent 2026



Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to us in December.

It is truly a joy to worship alongside you and to create music that honors our Lord. We look forward to continuing our ministries at Lutheran Chapel Church.



Katie

Anna



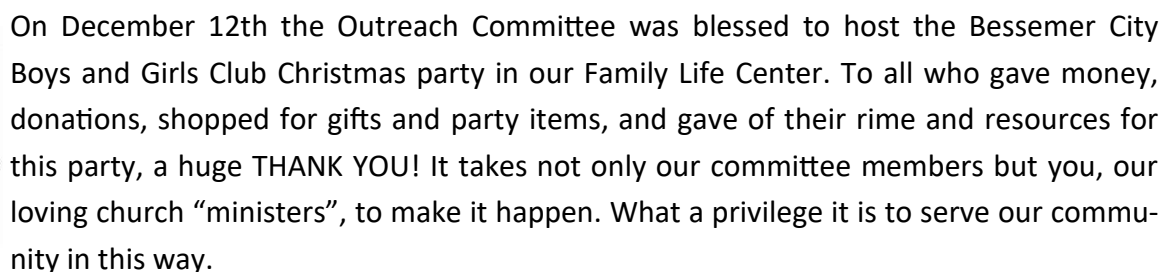
This Month's Recipient: Cancer Services of Gaston County



LOVE OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

The love offering for February will go to the Backpack Weekend Food Program. For the past 14 years, Lutheran Chapel Church, along with other partners, has supported the BWFP in providing meals to needy students in Gaston County. Between 800 and 1,000 students in Gaston County Schools will go home this weekend to a household with very little food to eat or no food at all. The Backpack Weekend Food Program, Inc. (BWFP) is dedicated to providing healthy, non-perishable meals to students to take home on weekends during the school year so they can come to school the following week better nourished and ready to learn. Recent studies indicate nearly 31 percent of children in Gaston County live in low-income households, with nearly 16 percent of children in our county living in households without a reliable source of food. Currently, Lutheran Chapel is providing food for 11 children at Robinson, 4 at Warlick, and 1 child at Hawks Nest. We supply \$341 for Elementary and \$415 per Middle School and High School child per school year.

Thank you,
Outreach Committee



Outreach Committee.

Mrs. Nunez

Ms. Faile and Mrs. Kiser,
Belmont Central

Dr. Jessica Mellon and Mrs. Smith
Grier STEAM Academy

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



Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
-1 PETER 5:7 KJV

Birthdays

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Corbin Brown | 1 |
| Wendy Robinson | 1 |
| Rachel Anthony | 2 |
| Brinkley Finch | 2 |
| Jeff Stokes | 5 |
| Jessica Thornburg | 5 |
| Jason Lineberger | 8 |
| Mary Scott Robinson | 9 |
| Kay Robinson | 10 |
| Ron Behringer | 11 |
| David Mull | 11 |
| Frances Ford | 13 |
| Alexander Goedl | 15 |
| Wes Beam | 17 |
| Elyse Hoffman | 22 |
| Vickie Beam | 24 |
| Katherine Heilig | 26 |
| Henry Hoffman | 28 |

Anniversaries

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Ray & Charlotte Jenkins | 13 |
| Robert & Kelly Andrews | 17 |
| Bob & Jenny Williamson | 27 |
| Wes & Vickie Beam | 29 |



SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



Betty Little
Covenant Village
1351 Robinwood Rd.
Apt. A-205
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*



FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| | February 1 | February 8 | February 15 | February 22 |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Assistant Minister | Jeanette Myers | Adam DeLuca | Sylvia Fogle | Noah Comer |
| Acolyte | Cameron Bell | Corbin Brown | Luke Hoffman | Elena Hoffman |
| Lector | Pam Overcash | Norman Overcash | Mary Ann Burgoon | Jason Sanders |
| Crucifer | Jordan Hoffman | Will Clark | Bram Comer | Maddie Potter |
| First Aid/AED/CPR | Debra Hoffman | Mark Thornburg | Ervin Hoffman | Perry Linkous |
| Council Members of the Month: Pam Overcash & Mike Bell | | | | |

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

FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS





Cost of flowers is \$58.50.

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



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| February 1 | Given to the Glory of God in honor of Corbin's 14th Birthday, given by Josh and Amy Brown. |
| February 8 | Given by Shirley Carpenter in honor of Todd's Birthday. |
| February 15 | Given to the Glory of God in honor of Tob and Kelly Andrew's 30th Wedding Anniversary. |
| February 22 | Given to the Glory of God by Beth and Scott Swindler. |

FEBRUARY

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 2 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 7:00 Rebecca Circle (FH)  | 3 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G) | 4 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Evening Service (C) | 5 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) | 6 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study | 7 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) |
| 8 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 11:00 Confirmation (Y) 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life in Christ (FH,C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 9 8:30 Preschool | 10 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G) | 11 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Evening Service (C) | 12 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) | 13 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study | 14 VALENTINES 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)  |
| 15 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Exec. Council 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 16 8:30 Preschool MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE | 17 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G) | 18 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 Preschool 6:00 ASH Wednesday ©  | 19 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLS Eagles Nest (bus leaves @ 10:30)  | 20 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study | 21 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 9-12 Clothing Closet Giveaway |
| 22 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Table Talk 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life in Christ (FH,C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 23 8:30 Preschool | 24 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (G) | 25 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Vespers Evening Service (C) | 26 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) | 27 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study | 28 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 9:00-12:00 Council Retreat (TBD) |

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