



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

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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 ~ 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.



FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

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

Lent 2026



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.



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.

Kathie

Anna



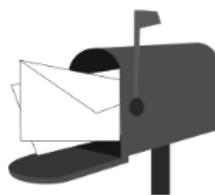
This Month's Recipient: Cancer Services of Gaston County

LOVE OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

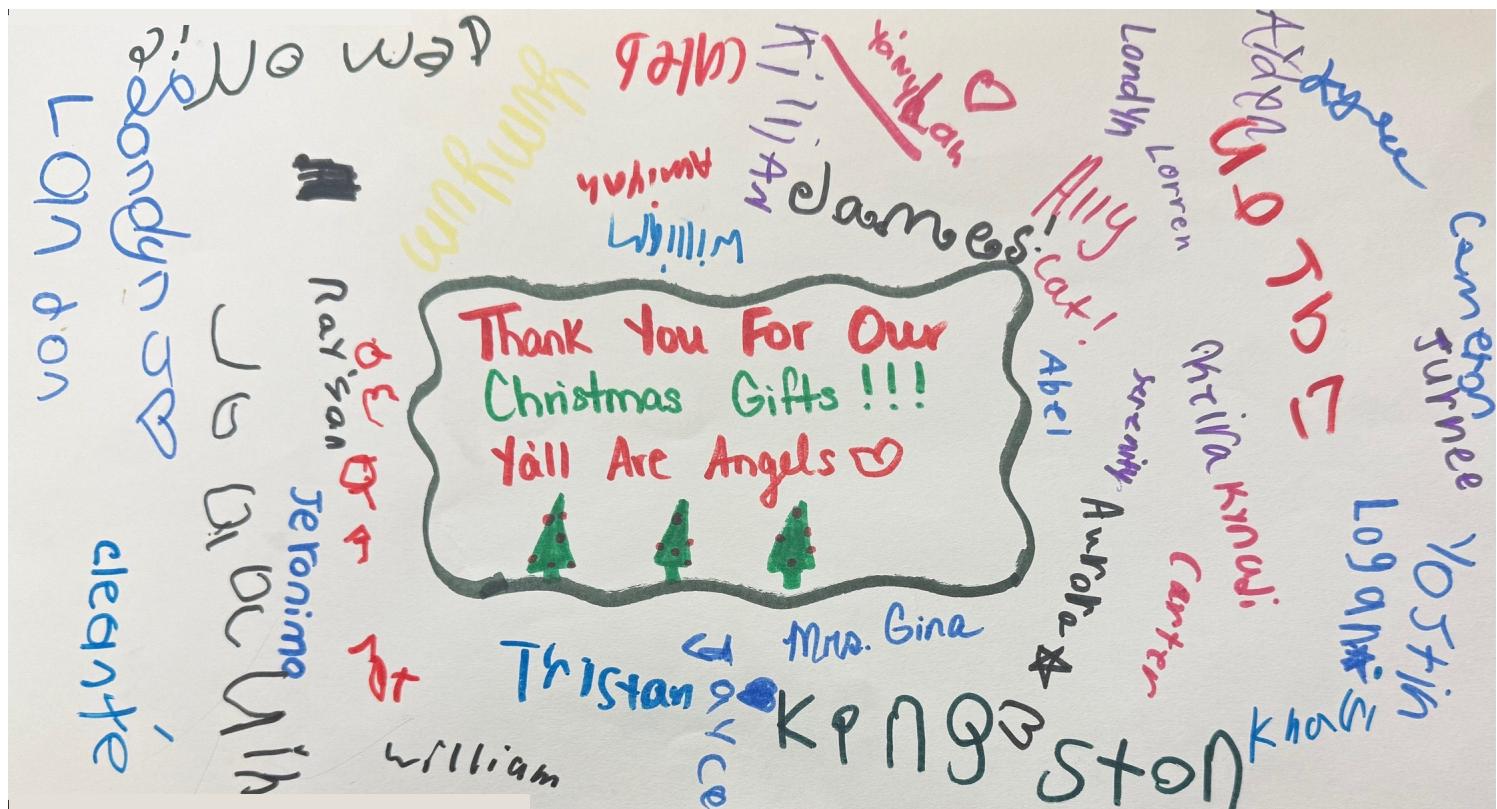


The love offering for February will go to the BackPack Weekend Food Program. For the past 14 years, Lutheran Chapel Church, along with other partners, has supported the BWFP in providing meals to needy students in Gaston County. Between 800 and 1,000 students in Gaston County Schools will go home this 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



From the
MAIL BOX



thank
you

On December 12th the Outreach Committee was blessed to host the Bessemer City Boys and Girls Club Christmas party in our Family Life Center. To all who gave money, donations, shopped for gifts and party items, and gave of their time and resources for this party, a huge THANK YOU! It takes not only our committee members but you, our loving church “ministers”, to make it happen. What a privilege it is to serve our community in this way.

Thanks again,

Outreach Committee

This brief note is to express my deepest gratitude for your leadership and your congregation's support in providing Thanksgiving meals for our families in need. This year's support is especially meaningful as many families are still trying to catch up after the good program funds were shut down. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

Mrs. Nunez

Thank you so much for your generous donation of Thanksgiving gift cards to the families at Belmont Central. Your kindness will be a true blessing and will help make this season brighter for those in need.

Mr. Faile and Mrs. Kiser,
Belmont Central

Your kindness, compassion and willingness to share during this Thanksgiving season have made a meaningful difference in our community. There is so much to be thankful for and your church family certainly is on our list. Thank you again for your continued support. May heaven continue to smile upon you.

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



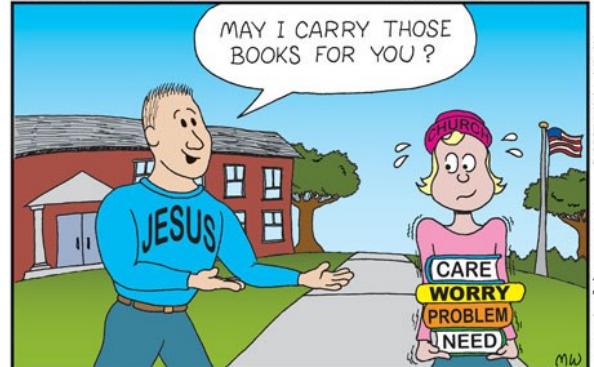
Celebrating OUR MEMBERS

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



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

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**



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

Matthew 5:16



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**.



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)
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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 	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 8:30 Vespers Evening Service (C)	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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