



May 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.

A SONG OF PENTECOST FOR US



Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of Thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee of both to be but One;
that through the ages all along Thy praise may be our endless song!

Come, Holy Ghosts our Souls Inspire.

attributed to Rabanus Maurus **Lutheran Book of Worship #473**

Stir up in Your fellowship at Lutheran Chapel the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in Your Presence,
both now and forever. Amen!

May the Holy Spirit comfort, guide, strengthen and lead us into
His future.

Happy Pentecost 2026!

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 ~ Suffrages & Chosen

Church BUSINESS



Revenue and Expense Summary

March 2026	Actual	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Over/(Under)
Receipts	28,689	73,307	93,000	(19,692)
Expenses	31,017	80,026	92,827	(12,800)
Net Gain / (Loss)	(2,327)	(6,718)	173	(6892)

Council Minutes from March

- Committee chairpersons will meet to discuss the proposed changes to the bylaws.
- Motions were made that all Baptisms and New Members should be approved since the Pastor has already met with them before recommendations are brought to the council.
- Pastors' report - Backpack ministry. We need to raise more money if we plan to continue to support 15 children. We would need \$ 5,000 to \$ 7,000 per year to support this effort. Pam will do a temple talk regarding the money needed for the Backpack Ministry. A long-term plan is needed to support this ministry.
- Committee Updates:

Property Committee

Getting additional quotes for the ramp to the house.

Bamboo has been cut down.

Worship and Music

May 31st is the Rankin Lake service. To provide a healthier meal, potato salad will be omitted and replaced with coleslaw. There will be grilled and fried chicken.

Personal

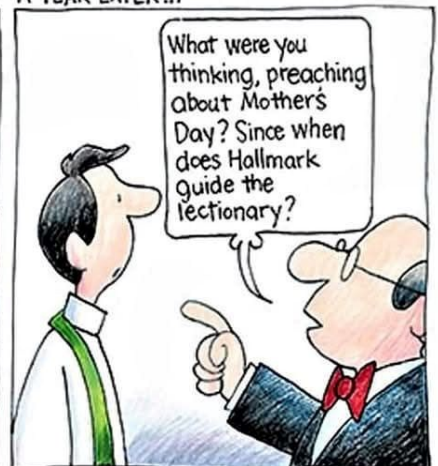
Executive Council approved \$420 from the love offering for funeral leave for James Dean.



PREACHING ON MOTHERS DAY



A YEAR LATER...



Upcoming EVENTS

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Esther Circle will meet on
Monday, May 4 at 10:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Rebecca Circle will meet on
Monday, May 4 at 6:00 pm
1212 Heatherloch Dr., Gastonia
Hosted by Elizabeth Seabrook

WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE

All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, **May 31 at 10:00 am.**

A catered meal from Grandma Hoyt will be provided. Please bring chairs and anything needed to enjoy time together at the park.



CONFIRMATION



Youth Confirmation will take place during the Sunday Service on June 24.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

If there are any high school or college graduates that would like to be recognized in the *June newsletter*, please submit their name and future plans (for example college and major or job) to the Church Office by **Monday, May 18.**



CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT

Please plan now to attend a cookout on Thursday, **May 21 at 6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center, sponsored by the Brotherhood Committee.

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the trimmings. If you desire, bring a lawn chair, and come to have a good meal, relaxation, and conversation with our church family. Hope to see you there!



CELEBRATING MS. JANET!

**25 YEARS
of Service & Love**
at Lutheran Chapel Preschool

 **Sunday, June 7th**
10:00 AM Recognition Service

 **Reception to Follow**

**Lutheran
Chapel
Preschool**

Contact Seth or Hannah Myers for details.

THE LAST STORY OF EASTERTIDE

The last story of Eastertide is the physical ascension of our Lord Jesus to the right hand of God the Father. Why is this important?

The ascended Jesus now reigns in all authority and all power over the nations, over the cosmos (Psalm 47:8). Let us clap and shout!

The ascended Jesus is at the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16), that in the gift of prayer we may lift up all needs and all concerns in His Name.

The ascended Jesus gives a promise for all who believe. "I shall come again and take you to Myself so that where I AM you shall be also" (John 14:3). For you and me who trust in Jesus, we are with him now by faith and forever are coming.

The ascended Jesus will yet act – it may be today, it may be next week, it may be another 1,000 years – but Jesus promises to come and judge the living and the dead. Let all with ears to hear listen to this warning and this promise that all things will be put right.

After the Ascension Gospel and homily, the paschal candle is extinguished. Why? We recall Jesus is no longer physically here with us, yet we look forward to His future coming in the promised fulfillment.

Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout – clap your hands, O people, shout to our God!



This Month's Recipient: Habitat for Humanity

LOVE OFFERING FOR MAY

Our love offering for May will be sent to Habitat for Humanity – Charlotte Region. What began as a mission to provide affordable homeownership one house at a time has evolved into something much greater. Habitat Charlotte Region has grown from building individual homes to developing entire neighborhoods—creating vibrant, thriving communities where families can build stability and a brighter future.

Habitat Charlotte Region addresses the challenges of affordable homeownership, critical home repair, and fair housing head on—leading partners and supporters in building communities with equitable access to housing. Since 1983, they have empowered over 5,000 families in Mecklenburg, Iredell, and Gaston counties by developing affordable communities, advancing financial literacy, and promoting intergenerational wealth.

In addition to serving local families, Habitat Charlotte Region partners with Habitat affiliates in Cambodia, Guatemala, and El Salvador to help build safe, affordable homes. Each year, 10% of their unrestricted income supports these international partnerships.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry so that Habitat can continue to grow and help even more families achieve the opportunity to become homeowners.

Thank you!

Social Ministry Committee



HICKORY CRAWDADS BASEBALL OUTING



Game Date and Time: Friday, June 5, 2026 at 7:00pm

INCLUDES A FIREWORKS SHOW AFTER THE GAME!!

Price also includes ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT picnic at the game serving hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, baked beans, chili, slaw, chips, ice cream, Pepsi products, and water.

First pitch is at 7:00pm. Buffet begins a half hour before the game begins and lasts an hour into the game. Our group will be seated in a designated picnic pavilion area.

Cost: \$34.00 per person

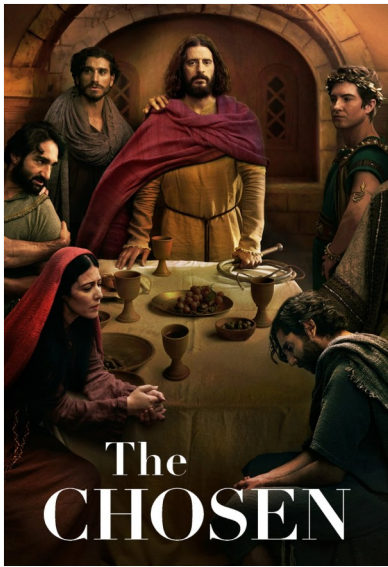
Game Location: L. P. Frans Stadium—2500 Clement Blvd. NW – Hickory, NC 28601 (Bus will leave the church at 5:00pm sharp.) Bus reservations limited to 14 people.

People driving themselves will meet the church group In front of the ballfield entrance.

**Parking at the ballfield is free for anyone purchasing a ticket in our group.*

Make check payable to "Hickory Crawdads" — Cash or Check due by June 1st.

# of People	Names	# Riding The Bus	Amount Enclosed
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SUFFRAGES & THE CHOSEN

All are invited on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel for prayer and to watch an episode of the Chosen, a series on the Life of Jesus.

Season 5

- May 6 - Episode 3 "Woes"
- May 13 - Episode 4 "The Same Coin"
- May 20 - Episode 5 "Because of Me"
- May 27 - Episode 6 "Reunions"



Celebrating OUR MEMBERS

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

Birthdays

Clayton Lewis	4
Evan Escobedo	7
Keith Yarborough	9
Josh Carpenter	10
Anna Myers	10
Zachary Beam	12
Marty Lineberger	13
David Zibell	13
Jesse Beam	15
Hannah Myers	16
Andrew Bell	17
Debi Jean Wankel	23

Anniversaries

Michael & Star Finch	2
Charles & Christa Heilig, III	8
Doug & Heather Nigbor	15
Carlton & Barbara Peacock	19
Jason & Lisa Bradley	22
Michael & Ginny Comer	22
Ben Bryant & Mark McCauley	25
Leon & Kay Moretz	27
Blair & Pam Thornburg	31

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



It is through service that we can truly express our love for God,
for His creation and for one another.



MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	Assistant Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Crucifer	First Aid
May 3	Norman Overcash	Luke Hoffman	Debra Hoffman	Maddie Potter	Perry Linkous
MOTHER'S DAY May 10	Jeanette Myers	Elena Hoffman	Mark Thornburg	Hunter Clark	Gene Weaver
May 17	Chris Lowe	Cameron Bell	Norman Overcash	Bram Comer	Matt Hoffman
May 24	Sylvia Fogle	Renwick Royston	Alex Berghello	Corbin Brown	Steve Clark
RANKIN LAKE May 31	None	Luke Hoffman	Bram Comer	Will Clark	Crown Hoffman

Council Members of the Month: Rob Andrews and Matt Hoffman

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

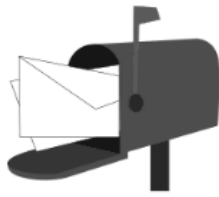
MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost of flowers is \$58.50.

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



May 3	Given in memory of Bill Anton by Dan Jenkins to the Glory of God.
MOTHER'S DAY May 10	Given to the Glory of God by the children of the church.
May 17	Given in honor of Anna Leigh Myer's third birthday by Papa and Mimi Myers.
May 24	Given in Memory of Bob Thornburg by Lucinda Thornburg.
RANKIN LAKE May 31	None



From the MAIL BOX

Together, We Have Enough

2025 Mission Support



to the members of
Lutheran Chapel Evangelical Church

of the North Carolina Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
in grateful appreciation for giving
\$6,129.00

for Mission Support beyond the congregation
for synod and churchwide ministries of the ELCA.

Emily K. Hartner

Bishop, North Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Julia

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



North Carolina Synod
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Dear Lutheran 3/2026
Chapel Church ~

We want to send our
sincerest thanks for
your gracious donation
of \$522.70 to The Arc
of Gaston County.

We will use this funding
for supplies for our

summer camp this
year as we will be
celebrating the 20th
Anniversary!





We are so grateful
for your support +
generosity.

Blessings to you,
Sara Osborue

THANK YOU



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	 4 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 6:00 Rebecca Circle (FH) 	5 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S)	6 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	7 8:30 Preschool	1 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (L)	2 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
10 MOTHER'S DAY 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)	11 8:30 Preschool	12 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	13 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	14 8:30 Preschool/Hot Dog Lunch (FLC,K)	15 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (L)	16 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
17 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 11:00 Full Council (C) 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	18 8:30 Preschool June Newsletter Articles Due	19 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	20 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	21 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Church Picnic (FLC)	22 Office Closed 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (L)	23 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
24 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) / Confirmation/Graduates 11:30 Chancel Choir (S) 4-6 Life in Christ (FH,C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	25 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed 	26 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers (S) 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	27 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	28 8:30 Preschool	29 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (L)	30 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 10:00 Preschool Graduation (FLC)
31 RANKIN LAKE 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH) 						

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