



# July 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.

## 250TH ANNIVERSARY

As disciples of Jesus, we are first to see the big picture – we serve Jesus Christ first and foremost, He is the Lord of all nations, and His Providential will shall **ultimately** be done. Then we are to be prayer warriors and strive to be good citizens, building up this country, the United States. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation, here is a historic prayer to keep in your daily prayers.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage.

Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education,  
and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;  
from pride and arrogance,  
and from every evil course of action.

Make us who came from many nations with many different languages,

a united people.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted,  
with the authority of the government, the spirit of wisdom,  
that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and,  
in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord  
(*Lutheran Book of Worship, "Our Country", pg. 42*).

**May you all celebrate and rejoice this 4th of July!**  
**May God bless America!**

Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Michael*

Pastor Michael



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE



#### Sundays

8:00 am ~ Morning Prayer  
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



## REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

April 2026	Actual	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Over/(Under)
Receipts	\$ 31,701.00	\$ 105,008.00	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 18,992.00
Expenses	\$ 25,873.00	\$ 105,899.00	\$ 123,769.00	\$ 17,870.00
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$ 5,828.00	\$ (891.00)	\$ 231.00	\$ 1,122.00

## COUNCIL MINUTES MAY

### Treasurer's Report

- The current budget is approximately \$800 in the negative. Historically, the church tends to run a deficit during the summer months and recovers later in the year. Rob Andrews will meet with the Finance Committee to review the budget.

### Old Business

- The revised bylaws were approved unanimously. Rob Andrews will provide the revised bylaws to Susan and schedule a congregational meeting for June 7, 2026.

### New Business

- Roger and Jeanette have agreed to provide music for the new 8:00 am service. They will receive compensation of \$200 per week.
- Discussion were had regarding the Lutheridge/Lutherock scholarships. Rob Andrews advised the pastor to announce the opportunity and determine how many individuals are interested before further action is taken.
- Pastor Michael Comer reported that he drafted a letter to notify the congregation about the early service. The letter was revised and approved by the council.
- Debi Jean Wankel reported that the Gastonia Senior Center has relocated to the former Salvation Army building. Pastor Comer will ask Susan to create a flyer promoting church activities for distribution at the new facility.

## Committee Reports

### Christian Education

- Pam Overcash has agreed to serve as Council Liaison.

### Property

- Construction of the ramp is underway. Security light installation is being addressed.

### Evangelism

- Bylaws related to this committee have been corrected.
- Pastor Comer announced that the early morning service will begin on June 7, 2026.

### Facilities

- The basement is currently being used only for storage. Pam Overcash and Rob Andrews cleaned out the Activities Director's office. Britannia Borders ("Britt") has been hired as the new Activities Director.

### Digital Ministries

- Debra Hoffman reported that the Activities Director's computer is being set up. An email account has been established: [activities@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:activities@lutheranchapelchurch.org). A photo and biography have been requested from Britt for inclusion on the church website. Access to printers and other necessary resources is being arranged.

# Upcoming EVENTS



## OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

Thursday, June 18 at 11:00 am

Strawberry Hill

3092 Hwy 11 West, Chesnee, SC

Bus/Carpools leaving the church at 9:30 am



## HOMEcoming SUNDAY / INVITE A FRIEND

Join us for Homecoming /  
Invite a Friend service on  
**September 27**. Invite a  
friend, associate, or neighbor to worship  
Christ together in fellowship and cele-  
bration. We are honored to welcome  
guest **Pastor Dennis Bolton** for a special  
message you won't want to miss.

## Chapel EVENTS



### CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC - May 21



### RANKIN LAKE - May 31



## CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC - May 21



## CONFIRMATION - May 24



*Congratulations to our Confirmands*

- ◆ Cameron Bell
- ◆ Corbin Brown
- ◆ Hunter Clark
- ◆ Jordan Hoffman
- ◆ Bryson Lineberger

## CRAWDADS BASEBALL GAME - June 5



# Serving the CHURCH



## JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	Assistant Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Crucifer	First Aid
July 5	Chris Lowe	Elena Hoffman	Lucinda Thornburg	Corbin Brown	Perry Linkous
July 12	Adam DeLuca	Cameron Bell	Sylvia Fogle	Will Clark	Gene Weaver
July 19	Sylvia Fogle	Renwick Royston	Pam Livingston	Jordan Hoffman	Matt Hoffman
July 26	Norman Overcash	Luke Hoffman	Crown Hoffman	Maddie Potter	Steve Clark

**Council Members of the Month: Mary Ann Burgoon and Pam Overcash**

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

## JULY ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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



July 5	Given by John and Pam Livingston, to the Glory of God for the countless blessings in our lives.
July 12	Given by Nancy Rankin, in memory of Tom, Bill and Betty Petty.
July 19	Given by the Lentz family in honor of Ken's Birthday on the 15th and in memory of Thad's Birthday on the 18th.
July 26	Given to the Glory of God in honor of Kay's Birthday, given by Alfred Lineberger.

## Lost & FOUND



Are these yours? Last Chance to claim these items found in the church. You can pick them up in the church office.



# Helping **OTHERS**



## This Month's Recipient



## HOLY ANGELS

Loving, living and learning for the differently able.®

July's love offering will be donated to Holy Angels. This ministry was founded in 1955 by the Sisters of Mercy and continues today to provide the highest quality programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of intellectual disability; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, social work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training, and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry offer families the peace of heart and mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.

Holy Angels currently serves more than 80 children and adults in the residence program. Some of the residents receive vocational training and enjoy employment at Cherubs Café and Cotton Candy Factory – two small businesses established by Holy Angels in Downtown Belmont. Also, Spruced Goose in McAdenville offers employment to Holy Angel residents. Bliss Gallery was established to offer persons who are differently able the opportunity to share creative abilities and showcase their art alongside the works of guest artists.

Holy Angels has begun a \$20 million expansion to add three new six-room homes, and a community center which includes a wheelchair accessible pool, and a learning center. The new rooms will have specialty medical equipment and oxygen available for the medically fragile residents.

Camp Hope Recreational Facility provides an opportunity for residents to enjoy the outdoors. Like the individuals that depend on their care, Holy Angels depends on the support of others to provide the highest quality of care. All contributions are welcome from each individual and from corporate donations. Holy Angels continues to strive to provide loving care and is committed to helping and challenging residents to reach their highest potential. At Holy Angels, it is about little miracles. Please prayerfully consider contributing to Holy Angels and their special family.

Thank you!

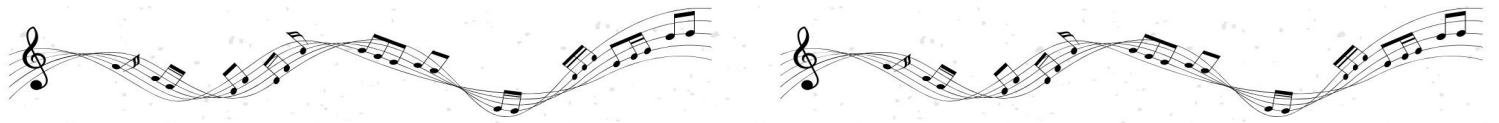
*Social Ministry Committee*

## CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY



Please remember that we continue to collect food for Crisis Assistance Ministry throughout the year. You may place food in the blue collection box in the hallway near our fellowship hall and in the CAM basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. The Social Ministry team will deliver to CAM when the box is full – so keep us busy! Thank you so much!

*Social Ministry Committee*



# Thank You

To our Chancel Choir and  
Chapel Ringers for their  
dedication to making our  
Music the best it can be.

They are now on hiatus and  
will be back in September.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful reception to help me celebrate 25 years of service as your pre-school director. Thank you also for your incredibly generous gift. I could no have reached this 25 year mark without the support, encouraging words, and the prayers that you have spoken for this program. I also have to give credit where it's due. I could not do this without a staff that cares and loves this program and all the children as much as I do.

Thank you again for the reception and all those that had a hand in putting it all together. I had an amazing Day!

Love in Christ,

*Ms. Janet*





*Celebrating*  
**OUR MEMBERS**



<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>	
Maria Mull	7	Terry & Shirley Bradley	2
Austin Bradley	8	Ervin & Nancy Hoffman	21
Elena Hoffman	8	Tim & Joy Henderson	24
Brent Clark	11		
Delana Clark	14		
Sylvia Fogle	15		
Ken Lentz	15		
Will Clark	21		
Monica Goedl	21		
Ray Martin	23		
Amy Carpenter	24		
Allison Robinson	24		
Susan Lewis	26		
Shirley Carpenter	27		
Wally Rhyne	27		
Jane Thornburg	28		
Steve Clark	29		
Lillian Robinson	30		
Sarah Carpenter	30		
Cameron Bell	31		



**SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**



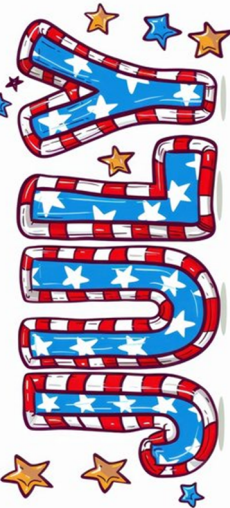

**George Cashion**  
515 S. Generals Blvd.  
Room # 210  
Lincolnton, NC 28093

**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.*

# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>5</b> 8:00 Morning Prayer 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	<b>1</b> 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4 250 Anniversary</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>12</b> 8:00 Morning Prayer 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 4-6 Life in Christ (FH,C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	<b>8</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	<b>9</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>10</b> Office Closed	<b>11</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>19</b> 8:00 Morning Prayer 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 11:00 Full Council (C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	<b>15</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C) 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday August Newsletter Articles Due	<b>16</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 OWL's	<b>17</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>26</b> 8:00 Morning Prayer 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship (S) 4-6 Life in Christ (FH,C) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 6:00 Pickup Basketball (FLC)	<b>22</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	<b>23</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
	<b>29</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	<b>30</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>29</b> 8:30 Preschool 6:00 Suffrages & Chosen (C)	<b>30</b> 8:30 Preschool	<b>31</b> Office Closed	

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