



# Chapel News

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**JUNE 2024**

*From the Pastor...*

## **Do We Ever Really Graduate in this Life? On Growing in the Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

Graduations. Schooling done? Maybe from the perspective of one course of study, but as followers of Jesus we are always learning in this life and indeed into eternal life. We are created to love God and love one another. We are created to grow in these relationships and there are nine fruits of the Holy Spirit that God wants us to grow in day by day. Contemplate these fruits!

- Love - care and compassion and affection for God and one another
- Joy - the deep satisfaction and fun of knowing God and doing what is right
- Peace - calmness, well-being, the Hebrew word is *shalom* and refers to a wholeness in mind, body and spirit that comes by our relationship with the LORD
- Patience - this is the gift to attentively wait, wait looking towards a purpose trusting God will act, God's purpose will be accomplished no matter what mess we go through
- Kindness - this is a spiritual action that can change many broken situations - can you remember the acts of kindness you have received to help you? Can you remember acts of kindness that you have intentionally done?
- Generosity - the Giver of all gives us the opportunity to give, it is fun to help St. Nicolaus, right? God loves a cheerful giver.
- Faithfulness - steadfast, loyal, you show up time after time, you can count on me, count on us!
- Gentleness - this is not yelling and screaming and coercing others by force but it is power under control that respectfully acts - the gentle rebuke corrects and helps, does it not?
- Self-control - the ability to manage and rightly direct our desire and impulses and will according to God's will.

LORD God, grow these works of Your Holy Spirit within us day by day, now and forever, in the Name of Jesus. Amen!

Peace in Christ,  
***Pastor Michael***



# JUNE Worship Assistants



	June 2 Rankin Lake	June 9	June 16 Father's Day	June 23	June 30
<b>Acolyte</b>	N/A	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman	Bryson Lineberger	Elena Hoffman
<b>Crucifer</b>	N/A	Ethan Lineberger	Jordan Hoffman	Will Clark	Maddie Potter
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	N/A	Sylvia Fogle	Open—Would you like to serve?	Adam DeLuca	Open—Would you like to serve?
<b>Lector</b>	Todd Carpenter	Tammy Royston	Pam Overcash	Drew Carpenter	Jenny Williamson
<b>First Aid/ AED/CPR</b>	Tammy Royston	Debra Hoffman	Mark Thornburg	Ervin Hoffman	Peery Linkous

**Council Members of the Month:** James Hovis and Gene Weaver

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

## WORSHIP AT RANKIN LAKE

**June 2, 2024 ~ 10:00**

All are invited to join us for the *Rankin Lake Worship Service* on Sunday, **June 2 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.



## OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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

**Papa's and Beer Mexican**  
(Dallas)

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am**



## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

8:30 am ~ Fellowship

9:00 am ~ Sunday School/Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship in Sanctuary

*We will continue to stream the Sunday Worship Service live for those unable to attend in person.*

### Wednesdays

7:00 pm ~ Chapel

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion

# CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!

## High School

*Mary Scott Robinson*

Gaston Christian School

*Noah Comer*

Forestview High School

*Kaitlyn Anthony*

Forestview High School



We are so proud of their many accomplishments and cannot wait to see where the future takes them!

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

## ALTAR FLOWERS ~ JUNE

**June 2** ~ Worship at Rankin Lake.

**June 9** ~ Given by Henry & Debra Hoffman

**June 16** ~ Given by the children of the church in honor of the fathers of the church.

**June 23** ~ Given by Don & Fay Boyette

**June 30** ~ Given by Wanda Anthony

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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



## FROM THE TREASURER... (APRIL'S FIGURES FROM KEN)

Lutheran Chapel Income Statement Actual vs Budget for 4<sup>th</sup> month of the year ending April 30, 2024.

	Actual April 2024	Actual YTD	2024 Budget YTD	2024 Budget Over/(Under)
Donations	\$ 31,762.52	\$133,410.36	\$125,833.33	\$7,577.03
Distributions	\$26,914.83	\$109,544.67	\$125,809.22	\$ (16,254.55)
Net Cash	\$ 4,847.69	\$23,855.69		



**Treasurer Report**

The fourth month of the year's donations exceeded expenses by almost \$5,000.00, making the first third of 2024, almost \$24,000 in the black. Luthern Chapel Church is presently financially solid.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Obenauf, Treasurer or Terry Ratchford, Finance Committee Chair.

## EXCITING THEOLOGICAL NEWS:

### A Gift to the World: Co-Laborers for the Healing of Brokenness

### The Proposed Full-Communion Agreement between The United Methodist and Episcopal Churches

#### WHAT DOES IT DO?

- Recognizes that each church is a valid part of the one, holy catholic and apostolic church.
- Allows for clergy from one denomination to serve in the other (with the approval of local bishops).
- Requires United Methodist bishops be present at Episcopal consecrations and Episcopal bishops at United Methodist consecrations.

#### WHAT DOES IT NOT DO?

- Merge church government or congregations.
- Change worship and liturgy in either denomination's churches.
- Change the way wine and/or grape juice is used in either denomination.
- Require either denomination to adopt the discipline or moral teaching of the other.

On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that we as Christians might be one (John 17:22). This agreement is yet another step in following our Lord's command. This agreement "Closes the loop." Methodists and Episcopalians are already both in Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern and Southern Provinces). The agreement between The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church is the missing link.

Information from UMC - TEC.ORG

## JUNE LOVE OFFERING

### Lutheran Support Group of Gaston County

Our love offerings for the month of **June** will be for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road property (now known as Camp Centurion) and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. A coalition of Lutheran Churches helps with maintenance and upkeep of these homes and works with Lutheran Services Carolinas and other agencies to provide the use of these properties owned by LSGG for needs in our community.

Mountain Ridge Group Home is still providing help to residents in Gastonia. It is operated by Lutheran Services Carolinas. It is a Medicaid and Medicare certified 6 bed Care Facility for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities and other related conditions. The program provides 24/hour care and rehabilitation to support residents.

Faith Farm in Dallas is currently being used by Lutheran Services Carolinas and Mountain Ridge Group Home as an extended facility for daily activities for their residents.

The Bess Town Road property has been renovated as a home for homeless male veterans. The facility is currently providing 3 veterans a home and hopefully enabling them to eventually move to a home of their own. This property is now known as Camp Centurion. The Lutheran Support group has been working with Camp Centurion to use the Bess Town Road property. Camp Centurion is a non-profit agency whose mission is to provide local veterans who are experiencing a difficult transition from military to civilian life, with the essential secure environment, services and support they need to be able to finally "come home", regardless of the length of time since discharge.

Your generous donations are greatly needed and appreciated as the ministry of these homes continue to serve the needs of our community.

Thank you,  
**Social Ministry Committee**



*Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."*

-Deuteronomy 15:11







### Brief History of the Lutheran Chapel Church Sanctuary Building

In August 1922, a committee of five church members, including the pastor, was elected to investigate whether to build a new church or renovate the existing 1874 structure. A new structure was recommended after securing a \$10,000 donation and unanimously approved by the congregation in September 1922. The project was completed and the first service in the new sanctuary was held June 8, 1924. The cost of the sanctuary, including furnishings, was \$51,000. The sanctuary featured incredible stained-glass windows (see “Our Stained Glass Windows” insert) and a prominent steeple.

Since 1924 the church has undergone several major renovations to enhance access, enrich music programs, and make the building better to meet the needs of the church family and community. Work has been led by committees and funded through member and memorial donations. Care has always been taken to keep the original character of the church in each renovation.

In 1969, all areas of the building were renovated. On the outside, all doors were replaced, and the building was sandblasted to give it a fresh appearance. On the inside, the electrical system was reworked to modern standards, the organ was completely rebuilt, and the furniture/pews were refinished. Access was improved by adding two side entrances and removing the side pews. The basement was renovated with updated bathrooms and a youth lounge. Keeping with the trend of the time, wall-to-wall carpet was added.

In 2008, the organ was completely rebuilt with new pipes and the altar was reconfigured to enhance the sound. The wall-to-wall carpet was removed, wood floors were sanded and refinished, and new carpet was placed down the aisles.

The sound system has been replaced several times and most recently due to the covid pandemic, video streaming equipment was added which extends the reach of our worship services. Currently underway, the courtyard and the plants around the sanctuary are being refreshed.

Even after 100 years, the church continues to serve us well thanks to the love and dedication of the Lutheran Chapel Church family.

## Our Stained Glass Windows

When our church was built in 1924, our forefathers had the forethought to use stained glass windows to awaken the spirit while it beautifies our church.

Families in our church gave each window as a memorial gift. The cost of the large windows was \$700.00 each. The small windows cost \$300.00 each.

The windows all depict scenes in the life of Jesus. The story begins on the left side at the rear of the church, facing the altar. Then it returns to the right rear to continue the story.

As you walk to each window, take this scripture with you to reflect on the life of Christ!

### First Window—The Magnificat

And Mary Said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.” ~ Luke 1:46-49

### Second Window—Jesus in the temple

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” ~ Luke 2:52

### Third Window—Miracles

“the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.” ~ Matthew 11:5

“Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.” ~ Luke 24:31

### Fourth Window—Lily (Over the Door)

“<sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” ~ Matthew 6:28-33

### Fifth Window—I am the Alpha and the Omega (Left Large Window)

“<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.” ~ Psalm 23

**Sixth Window—The Triumphant Entry and Passover (back rear on right facing altar)**

“<sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" ~ Mark 11:9

“<sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ~ 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

**Seventh Window—Jesus on the Cross, Gethsemane**

“<sup>40</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.” ~ Luke 23:46

“<sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ~ Matthew 26:42

**Eighth Window—Appearing to Mary Magdalene and the Other Mary**

“<sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.” ~ Matthew 28:3

“<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." ~ Matthew 28:10

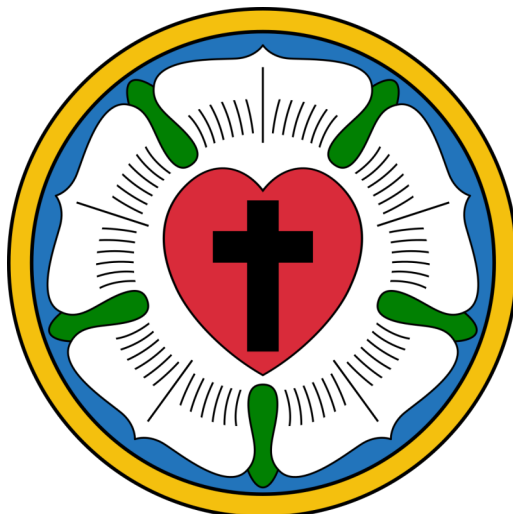
**Ninth Window—Clematis (Window over Door)**

“<sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” ~ John 15:5

**Tenth Window—The Ascension of our Lord, The Great Commission (Large Window on Right)**

“<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” ~ Matthew 28:19-20

As you leave the church, please notice Luther’s Coat of Arms— “The Truth shall make you free.”







## FROM THE MAILBOX...

*The Family of William "Bill" Gene Robinson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy:*

*Thanks to all of you for the love you showed Bill and for the love you showed our family at his death.*

*- Kay and Family*

Dear Lutheran Chapel,

Thank you for your donation! Your contribution helps ensure that our pantry is well stocked to be able to serve our neighbors in a time of need.

Sincerely,

*Crisis Assistance Ministry*

*Dear Pastor and Lutheran Chapel Church,*

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$385.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County received on 12/31/2023. Your support is actively building stronger communities, directly impacting initiatives like the Dixon Village project, where seven families now have a new, sustainable home. Six more are soon to join this thriving community, and more to follow.*

*Your contribution comes at a critical time. The rise in inflation and the cost of building, combined with the population boom our area is experiencing, has made it harder than ever for hardworking families to own their own homes here in Gaston County.*

*Your generosity dovetails with the sustainable solutions provided by our Habitat Gaston ReStore and the Newcombe Event Center, a place where we celebrate achievements and cherish life and each other. Together we can make our community the kind of place where everyone can live, work, grow, and worship: a home.*

*With heartfelt thanks,*

*La Vang*

*Finance Manager*

*thank you*

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.*

*-Psalm 103:13*



**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

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

If you or your family are interested in receiving Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439 to set up an agreeable time for him to visit.



**JUNE CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS**











Judy Anton ..... 1  
Olivia Bradley ..... 1  
Kathie Riebe ..... 1  
Braxton Finch ..... 3  
Margaret Ratchford Berghello ..... 4  
David Lewis ..... 4  
Michael Ellington ..... 5  
Colby Robinson ..... 7  
Crown Hoffman ..... 9  
Lisa Bradley ..... 11  
Lila Gladden ..... 11  
Larry Hoover ..... 13  
Stephen Rankin ..... 13  
Steve Ritchie ..... 14  
Scott Bradley ..... 16  
Joseph Hovis ..... 16  
Kate Hoffman ..... 17  
Payton Taylor ..... 19  
Ashley Bell-Finley ..... 27  
Sherrie Angstadt ..... 29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Ken & Nancy Witman Obenauf ..... 6  
Adam & Heather Moretz Elkin ..... 8  
Josh & Amy Brown ..... 12  
Roger & Jeanette Myers ..... 14  
Matt & Elyse Hoffman ..... 17  
Pat & Barbara Robinson ..... 20  
Ryan & Rachel Anthony ..... 21  
Don & Faye Ann Boyette ..... 22  
Jonathan & Kathy Carpenter ..... 23  
Clayton & Gwen Lewis ..... 23  
Brent & Chris Clark ..... 24  
Todd & Emily Carpenter ..... 27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
ANNIVERSARY**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<h1>JUNE 2024</h1>					<b>1</b> 9:00 Preschool Graduation (FLC/Kit) 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>2</b> 10:00 Worship at Rankin Lake 8:00 Faith Group (FH) 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>5</b> 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>6</b> 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)	
<b>9</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>12</b> 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>13</b> 10:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)	
<b>16</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>17</b> <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	<b>18</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>19</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>20</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLs Gathering 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)	
<b>23</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>26</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>27</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)							



## MUSIC NOTES

This Month, Lutheran Chapel celebrates a big anniversary. In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Sanctuary building, we have focused our music choices on music that not only connects with the readings of the day but also connects to music available in 1924, with one notable exception. Here is a little information about this music.



The prelude was published in 1923 and written by Theodore DuBois, born Clément François Théodore Dubois (1837 – 1924). He was a French Romantic composer, organist, and music teacher who spent most of his career at The Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde, Conservatoire de Paris and the Church of the Madeleine.

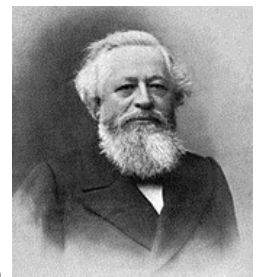
The tune for our first hymn, SLANE, in a traditional Irish melody that was first published in 1909. It was arranged into hymnody in 1919.

The Musical Offering, “O God Beyond All Praising”, while arranged by Hal H. Hopson with a text by Michael A. Perry (1982) is set to music from the Jupiter movement in “The Planets” written by Gustav Holst between 1914-1916.



Our last hymn, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”, while the music (Ar hyd y nos) was first published in 1906, the words were written by Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919 – 2008). This hymn was specifically chosen to mark our connection to our past (when the building was built) as well as our future that we are creating with God’s help.

Finally, the postlude, “Grand Chorus”, was written by **Félix-Alexandre Guilmant** ; 1837 –1911. He was a French organist and composer. He was the organist of La Trinité, helped found the Schola Cantorum de Paris and was Professor of Organ in the Conservatoire de Paris. Guilmant was an accomplished and extremely prolific composer. Unlike others who produced music in all the main genres, Guilmant devoted himself almost entirely to works for his own instrument, the organ. His music continues to be well-received.





# 2024 Summer Recital Series

Recitals begin at 4:00 pm unless otherwise noted - Free Admission.

A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital to support the Stigall Scholarship Fund, which helps offset private organ instruction tuition for organ students in grades 6 –12.

Please refer to our website for the most up-to date schedule. [www.charlotteago.org](http://www.charlotteago.org)

<b>June 2</b>	<b>Stigall Scholars (5 students)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Cathedral</b> 1621 Dilworth Road E, Charlotte
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Scott Foppiano</b>	<b>St. James Lutheran Church</b> 104 Union St, Concord, NC
<b>June 16</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Bach Akademie Charlotte</b> <b>Jonathan Moyer, organist</b>	<b>Saint Peter's Episcopal Church</b> 115 West Seventh Street, Charlotte
	<i><a href="https://tickets.bacharlotte.com/cbf24-organ-mass">https://tickets.bacharlotte.com/cbf24-organ-mass</a> (general admission \$25)</i>	
<b>June 23</b>	<b>Mark Johanson (Hymn Festival)</b>	<b>Christ Lutheran Church</b> 4519 Providence Road, Charlotte
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Stigall Scholars (4 students)</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Cathedral</b> 1621 Dilworth Road E, Charlotte
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Larry Stratemeyer</b>	<b>Providence Baptist Church</b> 4921 Randolph Road, Charlotte
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Open Date</b>	
<b>July 21</b>	<b>Jerrick Cavagnaro</b>	<b>Providence United Methodist Church</b> 2810 Providence Road, Charlotte
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Andrew Pester</b>	<b>Saint Peter's Episcopal Church</b> 115 West Seventh Street, Charlotte
<b>August 4</b>	<b>Katie Ann McCarty</b>	<b>Morning Star Lutheran Church</b> 12509 Idlewild Road, Matthews
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Ray Weidner</b>	<b>Myers Park Presbyterian Church</b> 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Les Ackerman</b> <b>with Gabriel Slesinger, Trumpet</b>	<b>St. Mark's Lutheran Church</b> 1001 Queens Road, Charlotte
<b>August 25</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Myers Park UMC Chancel Choir</b> <b>with Hugh Floyd and Evan Currie</b>	<b>Myers Park United Methodist Church</b> 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte



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**MISSION STATEMENT:** We at Lutheran Chapel Church are called by God to PROCLAIM Christ as Lord and Savior; to SEEK and 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.