



# Chapel News

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**JULY 2024**

## *From the Pastor...*

### Why the Historic Liturgy?

I used to think that there are simply different worship styles. Contemporary. Traditional. Lutheridge camp. High liturgy. In your Christian freedom, you like what you like and go with it, right? Maybe as a church we can even have the best of both ways of praising God?

Then in daily prayer studying Bonhoeffer, Luther, and the old Common Service Book for our 100<sup>th</sup> Sanctuary celebration I began to wrestle with this quote:

The richness of the Word of God ought to determine our prayer, not the poverty of our heart. From **Psalms – The Prayerbook of the Bible**, Bonhoeffer.

Is it not true that the Holy Spirit has passed down to us a biblical liturgy now used over the millennia in many and various places of the Christian Church? That liturgy has had to be reformed from time to time. I did mention Luther, right? The music used, the translations used may be many and varied. Nevertheless, these are biblical texts, Psalms, Canticles, the Word of God sung are a gift from Tabernacle to Temple to Church to us here and now.

One may continue to think it is just a matter of style to choose what you want. But to do so ignores the concrete gifts of the Word for us. I have changed. I am determined to share with Lutheran Chapel the best of the historic liturgy and to engage the whole Bible Sunday by Sunday. If you want rock bands and whatever is popular now that is not hard to find. But let us not rob ourselves of the ancient praise, the wisdom of the ages and the gifts of Jesus' Word and Sacrament given to His people, to all who will gather. So, this summer a simpler liturgy of Antecommunion and Holy Communion will be kept Sunday by Sunday. Vespers will be kept Wednesday by Wednesday. Finally, the Bible in a Year discipline will be printed to for our daily prayers that we may read "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:26-27) for ourselves. Let us receive the gifts of God together.

Peace in Christ,  
**Pastor Michael**



# JULY Worship Assistants



	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>Acolyte</b>	Hunter Clark	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell	Corbin Brown
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bram Comer	Olivia Berghello	Christian Mull	Maddie Potter
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Sylvia Fogle	Open	Adam DeLuca	Chris Lowe
<b>Lector</b>	Kelly Andrews	Debra Hoffman	Lucinda Thornburg	Ginny Comer
<b>First Aid/ AED/CPR</b>	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark	Crown Hoffman

**Council Members of the Month:** Peery Linkous and Gene Weaver

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS ~ JULY

July 7 ~ Given by Sylvia Fogle

July 14 ~ Given by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz

July 21 ~ Given by Chuck and Lisa Burch

July 28 ~ Given by Lucinda Thornburg



# Altar Flowers

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

## OWLS

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



**Sweet Caroline's  
(McConnell's SC)**

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am (Meet at church at 9:45 to ride church bus or carpool.)**



## 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

## 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)
<b>Donations</b>	\$ 31,762.52	\$133,410.36	\$125,833.33	\$7,577.03
<b>Distributions</b>	\$26,914.83	\$109,544.67	\$125,809.22	\$ (16,254.55)
<b>Net Cash</b>	\$ 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. Lutheran Chapel Church is presently financially solid.

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



## FROM THE MAILBOX...

*Dear Pastor Comer & the church,*

*I just wanted to say thank you for the graduation prayer & the gift of the Book of Proverbs! I know its wisdom will help to guide me on this new journey in college!*

*Love, Kaitlyn Anthony*

*Dear Friends at Lutheran Chapel,*

*What a blessing to join you in celebrating 100 years of worship in the historic Lutheran Chapel Sanctuary.*

*As a seminary intern (1991-1992) I learned to preach and lead worship in that beautiful sanctuary. My husband, Robert, and I were married in the chancel there almost 32 years ago. Lutheran Chapel—not only the building, but the people— will always be precious to us.*

*Although we are unable to be with you on Sunday, June 9, we will keep you close in our hearts at this time of celebration and thanksgiving.*

*Blessings,*

*Rev. Janis R. Kinley*



*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for the prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards during my recent illness. I appreciate your love and concern shown to me during this time and feel so fortunate to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation.*

*-Ruby Cook*

*thank you*

## JULY LOVE OFFERING

### HOLY ANGELS

July's love offering will be sent 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 mental retardation; 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, offers 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 will soon begin 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.

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 welcomed 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**



*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



**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.



**JULY CELEBRATIONS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Christa Heilig ..... 5  
 Maria Mull..... 7  
 Austin Bradley..... 8  
 Elena Hoffman ..... 8  
 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  
 Ashley Bell-Finley..... 27  
 Sherrie Angstadt..... 29  
 Lillian Robinson..... 30  
 BB Bell..... 31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Terry & Shirley Bradley ..... 2  
 Rahat & Erendira Rameez..... 14  
 Ervin & Nancy Hoffman..... 21



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
ANNIVERSARY**



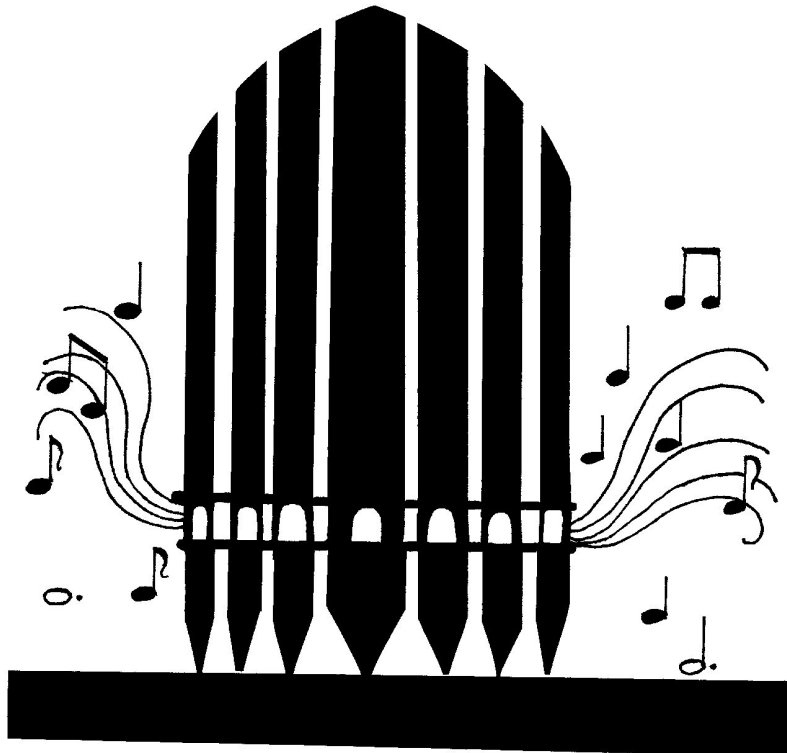
*If we missed your birthday or anniversary,  
please let the office know so that we can enter it into the database.*






# 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>July 7</b>		
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Larry Stratemeyer</b>	<b>Providence Baptist Church</b> 4921 Randolph Road, Charlotte
<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> with Gabriel Slesinger, Trumpet	<b>St. Mark's Lutheran Church</b> 1001 Queens Road, Charlotte
<b>August 25</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Myers Park UMC Chancel Choir</b> with Hugh Floyd and Evan Currie	<b>Myers Park United Methodist Church</b> 1501 Queens Road, Charlotte



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>3</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>4</b> Office CLOSED 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>7</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>10</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>11</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>14</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>15</b>  <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	<b>16</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>17</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>18</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 OWLs Gathering (Sweet Caroline's)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>21</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Full Council (CR) 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>24</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)	<b>25</b> 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
<b>28</b> 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday	<b>31</b> 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (Ch)			

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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.