



Chapel News

October, 2024

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.

Choosing the Good in a Broken World

Stress and mess. Anxiety. Depression. Brokenness in our systems, in our relationships in our hearts. Consider the "Good List" and focus on the gifts of God that are always being outpoured upon us day by day

All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast *Proverbs 15:15*
Give afflictions to God in prayer. Put your mind on the cheer not on the tear. Rejoice in the good creation and the promises of Christ.

The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life. *Proverbs 22:4*
Love and respect the LORD. Love and respect your neighbor. Choose to be humble. It takes a lot of the pressure off.

My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to taste. *Proverbs 24:13.*
It is a very good creation. Enjoy the good things day by day.

Choose to stop the fight or flight and instead rest and digest. Some suggestions:

- Walk barefoot in the grass.
- Watch the clouds.
- Meditate on God's Word at sunrise and sunset.
- Listen to the sounds of nature.
- Laugh (Andy Griffith, maybe?).
- Put aside time to play (the hobby, the game, the fun that helps forget oneself and be in the moment).

Add to this list! Enjoy the simple goodness of the creation and grace of God day by day always aware that in the power of Jesus Christ the best is yet to come.

Pastor Comer

Peace in Christ, Pastor Michael Comer

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Just a quick introduction.... My husband and I moved to Belmont from the suburbs of Chicago almost 3 years ago. One by one my three children have joined us here. I worked in marketing prior to our move. **My hours will be Mon, Tues and Thurs 8:00-2:00.**

You will be seeing some changes to the newsletter in the coming months. I would like to include some photos of events or content about how an event went to the newsletter. Maybe a *Did you know?* article including stories of the church, its members or people the church has helped. If you have any suggestions for content, let me know. Please submit the information or photos by the 3rd Monday of the month. With limited in office hours, please contact me by email for the quickest response at churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org. I look forward to working with all of you!

Susan Hibsich



MUSIC NOTES



One of the most difficult aspects of our walk with God is coming through difficult times. Too often we find fault with God and get locked into the questions of “Why”. It is difficult to focus on God’s saving love as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Here is a story of one man’s struggles and the words that helped him respond to God’s love.

Horatio G. Spafford, a forty-three-year-old Chicago businessman, suffered financial disaster in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. He and his wife were still grieving over the death of their son shortly before the fire, and he realized they needed to get away for a vacation. Knowing that their friend Dwight L. Moody was going to be preaching in evangelistic campaigns in England that fall, Spafford decided to take the entire family to England. His wife and four daughters went ahead on the *SS Ville du havre*, and he planned to follow in a few days.

But on the Atlantic Ocean the ship was struck by an iron sailing vessel and sank within twelve minutes. Two hundred and twenty-six lives were lost – including the Spafford’s four daughters. When the survivors were brought to shore at Cardiff, Wales, Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, “Saved alone.”

Spafford booked passage on the next ship. As they were crossing the Atlantic, the captain pointed out the place where he thought the *Ville du Havre* had gone down. That night, Spafford penned the words “When sorrows like sea billows roll . . . It is well, it is well with my soul.”

We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:2-4

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE!

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gifts each of you has received. Peter 4:10-11



OCTOBER Worship Assistants

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Acolyte	Elana Hoffman	Hunter Clark	Renwick Royston	Cameron Bell
Crucifer	Will Clark	Maddie Potter	Olivia Berhelo	Bram Comer
Assistant Minister	Norman Overcash	Sylvia Fogle	Adam DeLuca	Chris Lowe
Lector	Pam Overcash	Lisa Burch	Norman Overcash	Sylvia Fogle
First Aid/ AED/CPR	Tammy Royston	Debra Hoffman	Mark Thornburg	Erin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month: Seth Myers and Adrian Thornburg				

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

OCTOBER Altar Flowers



October 6	Given by Josh, Amy and Walt Carpenter in honor of their 11th Wedding Anniversary
October 13	To the Glory of God in memory of Charles and Bleeka's Anniversary given Sylvia Fogle
October 20	To the Glory of God given by Josh and Anna Baker for their 21st Wedding Anniversary
October 27	Given by Ken and Ann Marie Lentz in appreciation of our church staff

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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

FROM THE TREASURER...

	Actual August 2024	Actual YTD	2024 Budget	2024 Budget Over/(Under)
Donations	\$ 23,854.35	\$242,495.21	\$251,666.67	\$ (9,171.46)
Distributions	\$ 28,981.17	\$213,795.27	\$251,619.33	\$ (36,757.40)
Net Cash	\$ (5,126.82)	\$ 28,699.94		



**Treasurer
Report**

LUTHERAN CHAPEL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER, 2024

- National Suicide action month. Notice those around you that are not behaving the way they normally do. Ask how people are doing in specific ways pertaining to their normal lives.
- Pastor would like the council to put their pictures on the board in the hallway.
- Pastor would like to have a stewardship presentation on November 10th, 2025.
- Debra has obtained a new insurance policy with Brotherhood Mutual. Ervin Hoffman advised as well on this policy. We now have to list drivers on the policy that want to drive the church van.
- New administrative assistant, still getting trained and working towards all needed functions.
- Bible study group "Chosen for a Time Such as This" is meeting at our church, once a month, usually on Thursdays
- Fred Ward recommended that we recognize Janet McKinney for 25 years of service to the Lutheran Chapel Preschool.
- Discussion about addressing the need to have more congregational members participate in the day-to-day functions of the church. Ken Lentz has agreed to serve on the Endowment committee.
- AED Defibrillators need to be inspected regularly or they are not in compliance. Matt Hoffman recommended that we consider getting a "Life Vac" to prevent death by choking. A motion was made and passed to obtain one or two live vacs.
- Rally Day: Next Sunday, if there is not a good response, should we encourage changing something about the structure of Sunday school.
- One of the cameras has been disabled and needs to be repaired. Matt is working on a solution and we are on the "Wide shot" for streaming right now.
- Endowment: Ken Lentz has joined
- Scott Swindler has been able to handle building maintainace without hiring external help. Can we handle other situations in the church the same way?
- Social Ministry: Since the Salvation Army has decreased it's offerings, the committee has been using the \$150 to buy needed items for the homeless and families each month.
- Worship and Music: Meeting time has changed to allow more attendance.
- Homework Assignment: How do we serve our community, our members, our society within the every changing social/political/familial environment?

**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

OCTOBER Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Susan Jackson	2
Chuck Burch	3
Renee Dockery.....	5
Terry Bradley.....	8
Pam Overcash	9
Paulette Hale	10
Ben Nigbor	14
Doug Rhyne	16
Erin Huffstetler	18
Kelly Andrews	19
Sharon Carpenter	19
Jon Berghello, Sr.	22
Nancy Hoffman	25
Noah Comer	26
Katelyn Baker	27
Lily Baker	27
Elizabeth Seabrook	28
Michael Finch	30
Benjamin Hester	30
Jordan Hoffman	30



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Carolyn Lineberger	6
Scott & Beth Swindler	7
Don & Debi Jean Wankel	9
Josh & Amy Carpenter	12
Flay & Susan Anthony	14
Sean & McKenzie Rankin	14
Steve & Eula Ritchie	15
Craig & Adrian Thornburg	17
Josh & Anna Baker	18

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

Wednesday Evening Prayer

All are invited to come for Wednesday night Vespers and fellowship at 7PM in the Chapel!

The historic Vespers liturgy will be sung. The focus in God's Word is the Psalter.

Time for prayer together using Luther's Simple Way to Pray, news on the persecuted Christian Church, and fellowship afterwards are offered too.



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

Come Worship with Us

Simple Evening Prayer / Holy Communion

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Just an early reminder that collection week for Christmas shoeboxes will be November 18th – 25th. We will have boxes available beginning October 6th, so that you can fill your boxes early and get ahead of the Christmas rush.

Boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday November 24th so that we can deliver them to the dropoff location for Gaston County.

Gift suggestions are:

School supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, writing pads, coloring and picture books

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes

Hygiene items: toothbrush, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, brush, washcloth

Other: t-shirt, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hairclips, toy jewelry, flashlights (with extra batteries), plastic cups or storage containers.



Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

We realize that the Christmas season is a busy time and our church family has many commitments during this time. Please know that we are only offering this opportunity because there are families that want to continue this ministry. Please fill a box if you can or choose a different way to help families in need during this time. As always, thank you for your generosity!



CIRCLE NEWS

- **Esther Circle** will be meeting on **Monday, October 7** at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Rebecca Circle** will meet **Monday, October 7** at 6:00 for a light dinner at Kay Mootz's home: 132 Fites Creek Rd, Mt Holly. Meet at the church at 5:30 if you'd like to ride over on the church van.



Women of the Church
Christmas Tea
December 7, 2024 at 12pm
Family Life Center

OWLS

Thursday, October 17 @ 11:00am

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



The Shrimp Boat
(Gastonia)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CHURCH PICNIC
Tuesday, October 15 @ 6:00 pm

Join us in the picnic pavilion. Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, and all the trimmings will be served. This event is sponsored and payed for by the Men of the Church organization and everyone is invited. If you care to, bring a folding chair for your comfort. We look forward to this fall cookout and hope you can attend.



OVER 60 BANQUET

Sunday, October 27th

After a four year hiatus, the **Over 60 Banquet** sponsored by WELCA is back!

Please join us as we celebrate our members who are "Over 60" with a luncheon on Sunday, October 27th immediately following the 10:00am service in the Family Life Center.

A wonderful catered lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a time of food and fellowship!



FREE Clothing Giveaway!!!



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Saturday, October 19

The *Outreach Committee* will be hosting an indoor/outdoor Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, October 19** and could use your help! Many hands make light work for setting up and breaking down.

We need help with setting up beginning at 8:00 am and breaking down at 1:00 pm. Breakfast biscuits, snacks, water and sodas will be available for all volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping with this service to our community.

OCTOBER LOVE OFFERING

BACKPACK WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM



Our love offering for the month of October will be the Backpack Weekend Food Program, a ministry of the Outreach Committee. The Backpack Weekend Food Program provides food for the schoolchildren on weekends. These children may not have anything to eat over the weekend or holiday. We are now partnered with Hawks Nest and Robinson Elementary to

provide food for those children who may need food when they leave school. Each month, we pick up food at the Backpack Warehouse, we inventory the food, pack, and deliver to the schools. The cost to feed one elementary student is approximately \$415.00 per school year. With your generous donations, we can provide this food to the children. The number of children may vary throughout the year. The support of the congregation is necessary to continue the ministry. Thank you for your support.

The Outreach Committee

SOUP LUNCHEON


The Social Ministry Committee is excited to invite you to our annual **Soup Luncheon on November 10th following our 10:00 worship service.** We will serve a variety of wonderful soups, sandwiches and of course, delicious desserts. This will also be your opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings. We want to remember those in our community who are less fortunate, by providing them help with their Thanksgiving meal. We are providing families with a \$25.00 Food Lion gift card again this year.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please bring your monetary donations with you to the Soup Luncheon. **You may make a cash donation or write a check to Lutheran Chapel – be sure to mark Thanksgiving meals in the memo section of our check. Our committee will purchase the gift cards – we like to purchase the cards that do not allow alcohol or tobacco products to be purchased with the card.**

We place each card in an envelope with a Thanksgiving blessing from our church. The envelopes are delivered to the Social Workers at each school by our Social Ministry team. Last year, we were able to help families at 14 Gaston County schools have a blessed Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Soup Luncheon for fellowship and a great meal! We always look forward to this delicious and fun fellowship with our church family!



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers	2 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Fall Vespers (Ch)	3 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	4 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	5 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
6 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	7 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Esther Circle (FH) 6:00 Rebecca Circle— Kay Mootz's	8 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers	9 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Fall Vespers (Ch)	10 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 6:00 Chosen Mission Grp (Pav/Ch)	11 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	12 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
13 8:30 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:05 Luther Choir (FH) 11:40 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	14 8:30 Preschool Newsletter Articles Due	15 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers 6:00 Church Picnic 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	16 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Fall Vespers (Ch)	17 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 Owls—Shrimp Boat (Gastonia)	18 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	19 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 9-12 Clothing Giveaway 4:00 Chosen Mission Group
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