



Chapel News

November, 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.

Friends in Christ,

Why does Luther commend in the Catechism praying the Lord's Prayer daily? The ancient liturgies of Morning and Evening Prayer contain the Lord's Prayer too. Is this the will of the Holy Spirit? If so, why? Might it be because these words of Jesus are to transform and grow our souls?

Our Father who art in Heaven

We are children of our Father in Heaven. Never forget who and whose you are.

Hallowed be Thy Name

The divine purpose given us is to daily hallow our Father's Name in family, in daily work, in church and community. Never forget your God given purpose.

Thy Kingdom come

Our ultimate future is life forever in our Father's eternal Kingdom. Don't get confused by stress and mess of this world's values that will not last.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Not my will be done. Not any human will be done. Instead, to the best of my ability and understanding, we are to do our Father's will.

Give us this day our daily bread

Our Father in Heaven has made a life bearing world. Enjoy the daily bread given meal by meal from seed to farm to truck to grocery store.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

In Jesus we repent, confess sin, and receive forgiveness regularly. May our Father in Heaven give us strength to forgive the grudge, the wrong, the hurt done to us.

Lead us not into temptation

May our Father in Heaven keep us safe from the temptations of thought, word, and deed.

Deliver us from evil

We conclude this daily prayer asking our Father in Heaven to save, deliver, and rescue us from the evil one.

Does it help you to repeat these petitions daily? Let us be diligent in such prayer. May the Holy Spirit grow us in Christ to the glory of our Father in Heaven prayer by prayer, now to forever.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 am ~ Fellowship

9:00 am ~ Sunday School/Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Service is streamed live for those unable to attend in person.

Wednesdays

7:00 pm ~ Chapel

Vespers



CHURCH PICNIC

Though the weather may not have cooperated, we had a great turn out at the Church Picnic. Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the time of fellowship.



Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

SAMARITAN'S PURSE DONATION

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we were able to send our first love offering in the amount of **\$ 8,245** to Samaritan's Purse for their hurricane relief efforts in the North Carolina Mountains. This is an ongoing collection and there will be additional donations sent.

FROM THE TREASURER...

	Actual August 2024	Actual YTD	2024 Budget	2024 Budget Over/(Under)
Donations	\$ 31,248.80	\$273,744.01	\$283,125.00	\$ (9,380.99)
Distributions	\$ 27,352.33	\$241,147.60	\$283,071.75	\$ (40,724.15)
Net Cash	\$ 3,896.47	\$ 32,596.41		



**Treasurer
Report**

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

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

In keeping with the protocol approved by the LCC congregation regarding Church Council elections, the Council is accepting nominations for persons interested in serving a three-year term on the LCC Church Council. This is a self-nominating process. All interested members should contact Jason Sanders - bakersanders@earthlink.net, Jenny Williamson – wmsonjen@gmail.com, or Pastor Comer - pastor@lutheranchapelchurch.org or 704-787-6439. **Deadline for nominations is Sunday, November 10, 2024.**



At its November 17 meeting, the Council will determine the list of persons for the Church membership to consider when the Council election is held at our congregational meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

OCTOBER'S CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Pastor's Report

- There are an abundance of books in our library. Books from our library available to our membership and can then give to the library for sale.
- The synod wants more money from LCC. They are suggesting 10% per member. Steve Richie suggested that we make the congregation aware and let the them individually decide how they chose to give. The Finance Committee will be asked to consider a line item for donations. The pastor will prepare a note for council approval for the congregation.
- Sunday school is underway. Wanda Anthony is no longer serving as our Superintendent. Jason or Katherine Sanders will see if Amy Brown with take over this position with Henry Hoffman as a backup.
- Recommendation was made to move the worship service to 10:30 with Sunday school at 9:30 as we have done in the past to encourage more attendance at Sunday school.
- It was suggested that we do a cookout or some sort of social event once a month since we have had great turnout for these events.

Financial Report

- James Hovis reported that we were over budget in the month of August but are back in the black by \$32, 600.
- The question was raised as to whether we should we keep the youth and family ministries line item in the budget. Council decided to leave in at this time.

Old Business

- Janet McKinney will be recognized next year for her 25 years of service at LCC
- AEDs has been updated and are working correctly.

New Business

- New council members were suggested to replace the four that are rotating off.
- We have a Laptop and computer that is not being used at the church, they will be offered to the congregation.
- Our Netgear modem is having issues and needs to be replaced. Matt will get a proposal together.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – We will be doing a new two column format bulletin during Advent and it will include both lessons and the gospel. Rankin Lake Service is scheduled for 6/1/2025.

Social Ministry – Steve Richie reported that they are working with the schools for the distribution of the Food Lion gift cards. The soup lunch is scheduled for November 10th and the committee will be working with the Salvation Army to help with food donations. They will be setting up a donation box for eyeglasses.

Property Committee – Perry Linkous reported that a lot of projects have been completed, some have been put on hold, and quotes have been requested for repairs, cutting the grass, trimming and cleanup work.

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1st

Advent is a season in the church calendar dedicated to the hopeful anticipation for the arrival or “advent” of Jesus during the three week period leading up to Christmas. We will engage in prayer, meditation and scripture study that emphasizes *Joy, Hope, Love and Peace*.

Join us **Wednesday** evening in **December 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 @ 7pm** in the Sanctuary as we slow down and focus on preparing for Christmas. The focus will be on Psalms.



CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY



All ladies of LCC are invited to a Christmas Tea Party and Parade with beautifully decorated tables.

Saturday, December 7th @ 12:00 pm.

This is a “High Tea”, so hats and classy clothing are welcomed! Prizes will be awarded for the best hat, best outfit and prettiest table!

In order to prepare food for this event, we **MUST** have your reservation no later than **Saturday, November 30**. Please RSVP to Judy Anton 714-867-1309.

Sponsored by the Women of the Church

SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Collection for Christmas shoeboxes will be November 18th – 25th. Boxes are now available, 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 drop-off location for Gaston County.

Gift Suggestions

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.





POINSETTIAS

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the church for the Christmas season, please fill out the form below and return it along with your payment to the church office by **Sunday, November 17^h**. Make your check payable to Lutheran Chapel. Please be sure to pick up your flowers after the Christmas Eve Service.

Please Print

Quantity: _____ @ \$15.00 each = Total \$ _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Placed by: _____

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please join us for a Christmas Luncheon on **Sunday, December 8th** following the Christmas Cantata worship service. Mark your calendars so you can join your Lutheran Chapel family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



CIRCLE NEWS

- **Esther Circle** will be meeting on **Monday, November 4** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Rebecca Circle** will meet **Monday, November 4** at 6:00 pm at the Church, hosted by Jenny Williamson.

OWLS

Thursday, November 21 @ 11:00am

(Older Wiser LutheranS)

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



**The Captains Cap
(Belmont)**

NOVEMBER LOVE OFFERING ~ Crisis Pregnancy Center

Our love offering for November is the Crisis Pregnancy Center. CPC has been in Gaston County since 1986 and have four locations to serve our community. They have served thousands of women, men, and their families. During the 38 years of service, as a result of their ministry, they have saved thousands of babies. Their mission is to affirm the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: pregnancy counseling, abstinence education, limited ultrasounds and various other medical services, adolescent parenting programs, abortion education- procedures, risks and alternatives, post abortion counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives. Each year, more than 300 clients accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives – praise be to God!

In addition, the center provides things such as material assistance for babies (diapers, clothing, blankets), material assistance for moms, (pregnancy tests, maternity clothes, necessities for nursing), car seats for infants provided by Speedway Charities and local fire departments, referrals for adoption to Lifeline and other Christian agencies.

We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting this ministry.

Thank you!

Social Ministry 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!



²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—when you already have it with you. *Proverbs 3:27-28*

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*



NOVEMBER Worship Assistants

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Acolyte	Corbin Brown	Luke Hoffman	Bryson Lineberger	Elena Hoffman
Crucifer	Christian Mull	Maddie Potter	Jordan Hoffman	Bram Comer
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle	Chris Lowe	Adam DeLuca	Chris Lowe
Lector	Janie Peak	Josh Carpenter	Pam Livingston	Lucinda Thornburg
First Aid/ AED/CPR	Perry Linkous	Gene Weaver	Matt Hoffman	Steve Clark
Council Members of the Month: Matt Hoffman and James Hovis				

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

NOVEMBER Altar Flowers



November 3	To the Glory of God in memory of Gene Carpenter, given by Sara Carpenter
November 10	To the Glory of God in memory of BT Bradley, given by Pauline and his loving family
November 17	To the Glory of God honor of family birthday's, given by Pat and Barbara Robinson
November 24	To the Glory of God in honor of Doug and Marion's 68th Anniversary, given by Rhonda Putnam

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

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



FROM THE MAILBOX...

The family of Faye Anne Hoffman Boyette would like to thank you for the many phone calls of encouragements, the get well wishes and birthday cards, during her 18 months in treatment. Thanks also, for the meals furnished by various members. She appreciated all the support that the Lutheran Chapel provided during her illness. The family acknowledges your kind expressions of sympathy and the love that was shown to our family at her death. Thank you,

Thank you

Deen Boyette and Family

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.

Crisis Assistance Ministry



NOVEMBER Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

Peter Homovich	2
Charlotte Jenkins	2
Katie Potter	3
Kaitlyn Anthony	7
Ray Jenkins, Jr.	7
Mayada Besancon	8
Ann Lowe	8
Norman Overcash	14
Terry Ratchford	15
Scott Swindler	15
Joy Setzer-Henderson	16
Helen McCarter	17
Kay Moretz	17
Pat Robinson	18
Chrystal Davis	20
Sandra Martin	21
Bryson Lineberger	22
Drew Carpenter	24
David Comer	24
Don Wankel	25
Katie Carpenter	29
David Harrill	30

ANNIVERSARYS

Peter & Nancy Homovich	10
Fred & Suzie Ward	13
Doug & Marion Rhyne	17
James & Margaret Hovis	22



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

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

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

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3  All Saints' Day 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship (All Saints) 11:30 Chancel Choir (FH) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)					1 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	2 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
10 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship *Poinsettia Money Due 11:00 Soup Luncheon 11:05 Luther Choir (FH) 11:40 Chancel Choir (FH) 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	6 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Vespers (Ch)	7 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 6:00 Worship and Music Meeting (Co)	8 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	9 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
17 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Confirmation (FH) 11:00 Council Mtg. (CR) 11:10 Luther Choir (FH) 11:40 Chancel Choir (FH) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	11 8:30 Preschool 6:30 Via de Cristo (FH) Newsletter Articles Due	12 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	13 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Vespers (Ch)	14 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L)	15 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	16 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
24 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir (FH) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	18 8:30 Preschool	19 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers	20 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Vespers (Ch)	21 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 Owls @ Captains Cap (Belmont)	22 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	23 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH)
3 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir (FH) 8:00 Faith Group (FH)	25 8:30 Preschool	26 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday 5:30 Chapel Ringers 7:00 Cantamos Choir (FH)	27 7:00 Vespers (Ch)	28 THANKSGIVING 	29 9:00 Men's Community Bible Study (FH)	30 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) *RSVP due for Christmas Tea Party

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