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CHAPPEL CHIMES

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Paul's Ponderings...



My sermon on Easter Sunday this year and every year was a breeze. It's easy for me to stand up here as a minister and say that Christ is risen, that all of us are now radically changed, and in fact the whole world that we live in has been completely transformed by Christ's death and resurrection. That's exactly what I said on Easter Sunday. And, then, all of you chimed in to say, "Christ is risen indeed...yes, we believe that." And, then all of us went home to an Easter dinner with friends and family, knowing that we are good Christians because we are absolutely certain about what we believe.

But, at some point, belief is not enough. At some point it becomes necessary for us as "good Christians" to figure out what our beliefs mean in light of the real world, because in 2025 the world seems to be anything but transformed. No, our world is a place where evil and death reign supreme and are unchallenged on our part most of the time.

And, then on Easter Monday Pope Francis passed away and it reminded me that action over belief was the hallmark of his tenure as head of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis' words were a call to action to meet the needs of the poor, the hungry, the downtrodden, the ostracized, and the marginalized.

Pope Francis continued this theme during his final blessing given on Easter Sunday from the balcony over St. Peter's square entitled "Urbi et Orbi" or "To the City and to the World".

"The light of Easter impels us to break down the barriers that create division and are fraught with grave political and economic consequences. It impels us to care for one another, to increase our mutual solidarity, and to work for the integral development of each human person..."

I appeal to all those in positions of political responsibility in our world not to yield to the logic of fear which only leads to isolation from others, but rather to use the resources available to help the needy, to fight hunger and to encourage initiatives that promote development. These are the "weapons" of peace: weapons that build the future, instead of sowing seeds of death!"

The Pope's Easter sermon which he had pre-prepared followed his blessing and due to his ongoing struggle with bilateral pneumonia was read by Archbishop Diego Ravelli and included these thoughts...

"This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb... For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of "religious reassurance." On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action..."

This week Pope Francis ran into the tender embrace of a loving God. Yes, we Christians are certain of this belief and of many others taught to us by

prophets of old and by Jesus, himself. But, may be never forget that as followers of Jesus, belief is not enough. We must also remember Pope Francis' call to action.



Prayers for Chapel Friends:

*Hear Our
Prayers*



Patty and Jack Madden, Judy Karp, Phil Westerman, Nancy Cecchini, Phyllis Mahin, Gerry Crow, Holli Schweyher, Roger Racster, Walter Hundley, Janet Hegeman, Jean Schmidt, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Dick Barry, Jackie White, Noah Presley, Tom Early, Cindy Hess, Lyn Garbarino, Jim Robinson, Carol Dunn, Mary Faas, Dapte Jay Kirit, Dwight and Faye Jessup, Baby Kendrick Goins, George Restrepo, Cathy Pope, Maggie Craft, Rev. Harry Bronkar, Norma McKeithan, Charlie and Margo Talkowski, Ann Grunke, Jose Shavek, Amy Klein, Adrian Cimek, Sally Conlon, Andy Mark, Sidney Ruffin, Cindy Dabestani, Richard Von Schilichten, Elizabeth Comfort, Linda Stow, Sue LaPoint, David Tourt, Jonathan McCaskill and Joel Lawrence.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Rev. Charles Hinson, Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch & Mary Kay Allen, Mary Tuft, Phil Thingstad, Mama Dot, Mary Willetts, Bob Tourt, Lee Connelly, Kathy Steele, Peggy Olson, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Bart and Peggy Reuter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Paul Infuso, Glenda and Joe Clendenin, Jon Tichenor, Shirley Percival, Ralph Olsen, Pat Griffin, Winnie Fischer, Jean Lawrence, and Jim Kessler and his family on the death of his mother Audrey Kessler.





Happy May Day



I remember it being a fun day in grade school. We all dressed in our Sunday best, the girls in pretty dresses and the boys in neckties, clip-ons thankfully! There was a Maypole that the girls all danced around. As I grew older, it became a military display overseas, and now, as I am much older, it's just a beautiful spring day. The pollen is leaving us, the humming birds are returning, and May is again the best month of the year. Opening windows, airing out the house, cleaning, and power washing, all getting ready for summer to arrive.

At the Chapel, things are moving along well. Pastor Paul has just completed a spectacular Holy Week, helping us all feel closer to God and Jesus Christ. We also just finished an excellent Bible study. More to come in the future. Pastor Paul continues leading the Board through an excellent leadership training program.

The Building and Grounds Team has identified a list of significant projects that must be completed this year to ensure the Chapel's physical stability well into the future. Several projects will start quickly, so you will hear more about them soon.

Stewardship season is just around the corner, and we are putting together the Stewardship Team now. If you are interested in working on the team, please look at the upcoming email you will receive soon.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered this year in any capacity. The hours you contribute are like paying God's love forward. We could not operate our Chapel without every one of you. If you want to volunteer, please don't hold back. Contact Susan with your inquiries, and we can find a spot for you.

The Men's Fellowship will be helping build a Habitat for Humanity house in a few weeks. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact the office, and Susan can set you up.

Once again, I am pleased to serve as your President and help our excellent Board of Directors guide our Chapel's path. Thank you all.

George Norman, President



A New Small Group - And



You are invited...

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- Hebrews 10:24-25

Because of the enthusiasm surrounding and the incredible level of participation in our Lenten Bible study, *The Final Days*, discussion arose as to forming a new and ongoing small group for study and fellowship. You are invited to an organizational meeting to determine the direction of this group, to explore the preferred day and time of its gatherings, to discuss possible resource materials, and to determine the frequency it will meet.

The meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, May 15th, at 3:30** in the Chapel fellowship hall. We encourage you to come with all your suggestions and ideas for the future of this small group, to add your voice to its development, and to hear from others who are excited about the possibilities.

If you are unable to attend on May 15th but are interested in being a part of a small group, please let Susan know in the Chapel office. Call (910) 400-5188 or email citp10@7lakeschapel.com



Worship Team



Team Updates



Greetings from your Worship Team and Happy Spring!

The Worship Team has one consistent activity that is an absolute privilege; that is preparing and caring for our beautiful sanctuary before and after each service all year long. We are sent two by two to honor our Lord and our Chapel friends in this way.

In April we celebrated the conclusion of the Lenten season as well as Holy Week. I hope you were able to attend one or more of the wonderful services we experienced during Holy Week starting with Maundy Thursday. As we reflected on the Last Supper and Jesus washing of the disciple's feet we celebrated Holy Communion. Afterwards the team hosted a delicious meal of soup, breads and desserts. Many thanks to all who contributed to this delightful meal and the fellowship we enjoyed. On Good Friday the Chapel hosted the hauntingly beautiful Easter Cantata The Shadow of the Cross directed by Kristin which led us through the passion of Christ. Thanks to Kristin, our wonderful choir and the friends from Bensalem Church who joined them. We then experienced the stripping of liturgical items from the sanctuary observing the diminishing of His light.



BUT THEN we all rejoiced together Sunday morning as the Chapel was reappointed and we celebrated the joy of Easter Morning with singing, Holy Communion and lots of Alleluias!! We do appreciate other teams who lent a hand during all these services.

Our next meeting is May 12 when we will consider plans for our first gathering of the year May 29. In order to whet your appetites I will let you know the Men's Team will be offering a cookout!

Blessings to all,

Kathy Hilton

Building and Grounds

The building and grounds team has been working hard obtaining quotes and estimates for refurbishing our chapel. Some of the projects being looked at include the painting of the chapel exterior and interior, flooring for the chapel fellowship hall, leveling of parking lot entrances and providing a much-needed play area for the preschool program.



Mission Team



Current financial reports were given and reviewed. Donations to charitable organizations were approved as follows: **Moore Free Care Clinic** - \$1,000 in April and \$1,000 in September; **West End Methodist Food Pantry** - \$500 in April and \$500 in September. Contributions to other organizations (**Team Workz, West End Elembooks, Kind Souls, Changing Destinies, Southeastern NC Food Bank, Life Care Pregnancy Center**) will be made later. To publicize the Chapel and its many projects, the presentation of these checks will be in person, using the large check as a promotional tool and pictures will be taken as well as published.



Plans are continuing for the **Blood Drive** on May 23. Again, volunteers are needed to donate blood and to assist with the check-in of participants. To give blood [register](http://redcrossblood.org) at **redcrossblood.org**
Blood Mobile To volunteer: contact Lydia Litteral or Alicia DeLong.

The small boxes (in shape of churches) have arrived for the project "**Change for Change**" (can you put a picture of one of the boxes on this paragraph?) The churches will be given to the congregation very soon.



After much discussion of the outstanding services of **7 Sparrows** and their fulfillment of the needs of the community, the team agreed to purchase diapers, wipes, ointments, etc. for them. Lydia, with a budget of \$500, has purchased the items and the team will be delivering them.

Other projects (**Jiffy Corn Bread Mix, Lending Library, Craft Show**) for the rest of the year were discussed and tabled for later.

Materials for the baby blankets and lap blankets were purchased by Dorry. After the meeting ended, Dorry taught some of the members how to crochet around the edges of the fleece blankets. After completion, these blankets will be delivered to non-profit organizations.



CITP Men's Fellowship

The men's fellowship invites the men of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines to join them the second Thursday of the month, May 8, 2025 at the Southside Bar and Grill for fun and fellowship.



Men's Fellowship



Also, remember if you or a family member need assistance with light household items, yard work or transportation, please notify the chapel administrator (910-400-5188) so that she can reach out to our team and a member of our team can assist.

Cemetery Team

We sold one Niche at the Cemetery this month but we had a number of inquiries about our prices for plots.

We are planning on having the entrance drive repaired and we are getting prices on sod for the bare areas in two areas of the Cemetery.

We have had two funerals in the last couple of months of young men who have died in auto accidents or by other events. We are asking that you include these young people and the parents in your prayers.

We are working on getting funding for a statue of a Weeping Angel, like the one at the Chapel, to put in the center of the Columbarium area to honor children that have passed away and their parents.

Ed Burke
Cemetery Team Chair

Mike Barry
Asst. Cemetery Team Chair





Upcoming Events

Sunday—May 4 9:00 am
Wednesday—May 7 2:30 pm
Wednesday—May 7 4:30 pm
Thursday—May 8 11:00 am
Thursday—May 8 12:00 pm
Thursday—May 8 1:00 pm
Friday—May 9 10:00 am
Sunday—May 11 9:00 am

The Third Sunday of Easter

Fran's Friends



Chapel Choir

Finance Team

Men's Fellowship

Board Planning Meeting

Mission Team

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!



Monday—May 12 4:00 pm
Tuesday—May 13 6:00 pm
Wednesday—May 14 9:00—12
Wednesday—May 14 4:30 pm
Thursday—May 15 3:30 pm
Sunday—May 18 9:00 am

Worship Team

Bunco4Missions

Preschool in the Pines Graduation

Chapel Choir

Bible Study Planning Group

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Personnel Team

Monday—May 19 5:30 pm
Friday—May 23

Bloodmobile Onsite

Register Early at redcrossblood.org

Sunday—May 25 9:00 am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday—May 26

Happy Memorial Day!



Wednesday—May 28 4:30 pm

Chapel Choir

Thursday—May 29 5:00 pm

The Gathering

Ascension of the Lord

Holy Communion



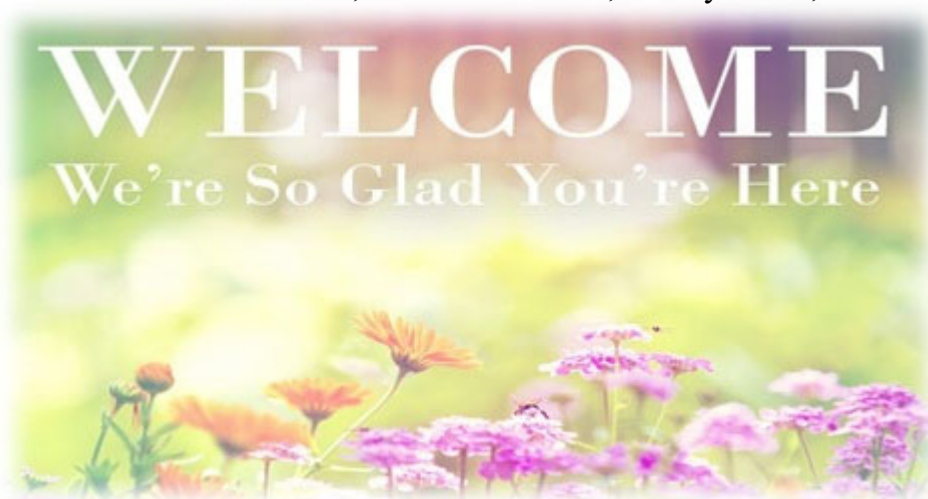
Usher Schedule May—June 2025

May

4	Sun	9 am	Rene Maness, Carole Faas, Steve Klein, Dick Van Horne
11	Sun	9 am	Michael Karnish, Joyce Singletary, Shirley Madison, Carthy or George Norman
18	Sun	9 am	Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney
25	Sun	9 am	Shirley Madison, Gisela Danielson, Renee Maness, Carole Faas

June

1	Sun	9 am	Tim Peppe, RJ Peppe, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney
8	Sun	9 am	Carole Faas, Gisela Danielson, Shirley Madison, Cathy or George Norman
15	Sun	9 am	Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney, Joyce Singletary, Shirley Madison
22	Sun	9 am	Michael Karnish, Carole Faas, Shirley Madison, Cathy or George Norman
29	Sun	9 am	Rene Maness, Gisela Danielson, Tracey Olsen, Frank Carney



Coffee Fellowship

May

04	Carolyn & Steve Wood
11	Strawberry Sunday
18	Sue Dell'Acqua and Helen Scholl
25	Volunteer Needed

June

01	Volunteer Needed
08	Volunteer Needed
15	Volunteer Needed
22	Volunteer Needed
29	Volunteer Needed

*To volunteer: Contact our Church Administrator, Susan Williams by calling **910-400-5188** or by emailing **citp10@7lakeschapel.com**. You may also sign up on the register on the podium just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall.*



MAY



Thursday—1 Kathy Hilton
Thursday—8 Connie Ambrosio
Saturday—10 Ray Tourt
Saturday—10 JoAn Moses
Saturday—10 Dick Van Horne
Saturday—10 Marilyn McCaskill
Wednesday—21 Barbara True



Thursday—1 Dick & Sue Van Horne
Tuesday—27 Pastor Paul & Julie James





Flower Schedule

To volunteer please sign up on bulletin board outside church office. You may also call the church office **910-400-5188** or e-mail us at citp10@7lakeschapel.com to have your name added to the Flower Sign-up List.

May	
5-4	John Caggiano
5-11	Stuart Moss
5-18	Carole Faas
5-25	Volunteer Needed
June	
6-1	Volunteer Needed
6-8	Volunteer Needed
6-15	Volunteer Needed
6-22	Volunteer Needed
6-29	Jon & Dorene Tichenor

Back Pack Pals and Matthew 25:40 Programs

We Need Your Help—Please Donate as Often As You Can!

Juice Boxes, any flavor
Pop Tarts, any flavor
Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers

Capri Sun Juices, any flavor
Pop Tarts, any flavor
Chef Boyardee Micro Cups,
in yellow and red
Small Water Bottles
Protein Bars, all flavors
Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups





Announcing — The First Gathering of 2025

**Thursday
May 29th @ 5 p.m.**

The Gathering is an informal worship service or teaching opportunity held once a month from May through October. These Gatherings always begin with fellowship around the table as everyone enjoys a meal together. The whole purpose of these Gatherings is stated in the blessing before the meal...for us "to draw closer to each other and closer to God".

The Worship Team has scheduled the first Gathering of 2025 to be held on **Thursday, May 29th, at 5:00**. The meal will be cookout fare supplied by the culinary expertise of the Chapel Men's Fellowship. The worship service to follow will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion and will be a celebration of the Ascension of our Lord as found in the Gospel of Luke 24:44-53...

"Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy..." - Luke 24:50-52

After exploring the Ascension of the Lord, perhaps we too will leave The Gathering and return to our lives "with great joy"!

Reservations for this event **must be made** by calling Susan in the Chapel office **prior to May 23rd**. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors and add them to your reservation as well.

For your calendars, the second Gathering of 2025 will be on June 19th and the third will be on July 17th when our friends Just a L'il Grace will return to witness and entertain us with their delightful gospel/bluegrass tunes.





Blood Mobile

Save the Date

Friday, May 23, 2025

12:30 — 5:00

The Bloodmobile will be here on Friday, May 23rd from 12:30 pm until 5:00 pm. You will need to "make an appointment" to give blood on that day. We are making it simple for you to do that. You can sign up by calling the Red Cross number, using their APP (because Everyone has an App for Everything these days), or going to the Red Cross.

Just who are these Volunteers you may ask?

Lydia Litteral, Alicia Delong, and Joyce Singletary of course! (contact Lydia if **you** would like to volunteer)

What is the Red Cross Number anyway?



Well - it is **1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)**

Their Website? "I can use their website to schedule an appointment?"

Certainly - just type in your browser redcrossblood.org

An APP you say? "They have an APP?"

That can be found on the Android or Apple App Store by searching

Blood Donor App

OR

Blood Donor American Red Cross

and download



Please do not hesitate to contact one of the volunteers or a member of the Mission Team if you have any questions or need any assistance.



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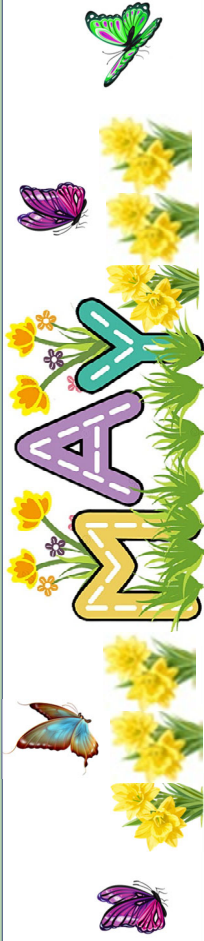
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2025



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT



1 **HAPPY MAY DAY**
11-3 WMN of 7 LKS
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir



3
9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services
CLEANING

4 Third Sunday of Easter



6 Team Rpts to Board
Kiwanis 11-2
Kiwanis Bingo 6-10

7
2:30 Fran's Fiends
4:30 Chapel Choir

8 12 CITP Men
1 Board Planning Mtg
2-4 7 LKS GDN CLUB
10:00 Finance Team
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

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10 Mission Team

10
9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services
CLEANING

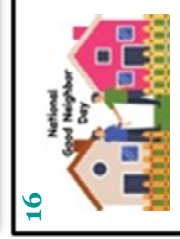
11 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Strawberry Sunday
Happy Mother's Day

12 4:00 Worship Team

13
6:00 Bunco4Missions

14
9-12 PreSchool Graduation
4:30 Chapel Choir

15 3:30 Bible Study Planning Group
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir



17
9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services
CLEANING

18 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Chapel Board Mtg



20
Kiwanis 11-2
Kiwanis Bingo 6-10

21
4:30 Chapel Choir

22
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir

23 *Newsletter Article Deadline
10:00—3:00
Blood Mobile
Pre-Register at redcrossblood.org

24
9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services
CLEANING

25 Sixth Sunday of Easter



27



29 5 The Gathering
Ascension of the Lord
Holy Communion
7:00 AL ANON
7:30 OLA Choir



31
9:30a—1p 7th Day Advent. Services
CLEANING

