



CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Message

On the 4th Commandment.

Honor your father and your mother. *What does this mean for us? – We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.* –Luther, *Small Catechism*

From the Gospel of St. John Ch. 19 – “So the soldiers did these things,²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.”

From Jesus' own words we see how he honored his mother even to his dying breath. God has given parents a unique task to serve the good of human society by raising up good and virtuous children. He has given Christian parents the most noble task of all—instructing their children in the saving doctrines of Jesus Christ, that they might grow up, live and serve within the community of Jesus' holy Church. That people would have merely just a basic familiarity with the central doctrines of the Christian Faith, was the chief reason that Luther wrote the Small Catechism and the reason why parents are still instructed to use it as a tool to teach their children about the love, grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Parents serve in the unique role of God's representatives on earth through which he bestows, cares for and nurtures human life. However according to Luther, the 4th Commandment most certainly extends to those other people to whom God has given authority over us for our good—pastors, teachers, the government, employers, because they also serve as God's representatives for your good and protection on earth.

I think every Pastor who has ever taught the 4th Commandment has been asked by his students: “When is it ok to disobey my parents?” -A fascinating question and certainly one that's indicative of the universal condition of human brokenness which often times believes it will

find pleasure and satisfaction in disobedience rather than obedience. The correct answer to this is rather simple. Our parents, and maybe we ourselves, may have carried out rather poorly the duty of being God's representative to those he's put under our authority. Maybe they drank too much, maybe they were neglectful, maybe they didn't teach us the doctrines of the Christian Faith or even make sure someone else did. Nonetheless, we are to still to recognize and respect them as those whom God has chosen to represent Himself to us—however well or poorly they do it. However, if they require us to disobey God's Word then not only are we "allowed" to disobey them, it becomes our duty to do so, as the Word of God instructs: *We must obey God rather than men.* Acts 5.29.

One distinction that's helpful to make in this is the difference between "permission" and "compulsion". When a government *compels* us to live contrary to the Word of our God, then we **must** disobey and instead live as God intends humanity to live. However, when a government (God's sword-wielding servant for your good – Romans 13) only permits things that are contrary to God's Word, for example, abortion, torture, same-sex marriage, etc. then the faithful response of the Christian is not to take the sword into one's own hands in order to lash out in violence against God's wayward servant, the government. The right response is rather to bear witness to what is good and true and right by actually living as God intended. Right now in this country, even though we may feel pressure from the culture to submit to and approve of such things as mentioned above, we enjoy a freedom from the compulsion to do so. For this we must thank and praise God. This may not be the case in the future and it's certainly not the case right now for our brethren called to bear witness in places like China, Afghanistan or North Korea. Pray for our brethren there and that our children's children will have a place on this earth to live out the peace of Christ, until he returns and calls us into his Father's House forever.

Your brother in Jesus, +Pastor Frye

Prayer Requests:

Immediate Care Concerns: Bitsy Medlin, Charles Ray, Barbara Benedict, Rene Clippard, Marilyn Smith, Richard Medlin, Neal Ritchie, Ronnie Davis, Hubert Abernathy, Bertie Billups, Lindy Hawley, Christine Wallace, Gaynelle Moore, Pearl Summey, Libby Michael, Jimmy Harrison, Richard Smith

Grieving: The Sarah Lewis Family

Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore, Pearl Summey, Lindy Hawley

Members in Nursing Homes: Christine Wallace is at Huntersville Health & Rehabilitation Ctr., 13835 Boren St. Huntersville, Ruth Cloninger is at Carillon in Lincolnton, Neal Ritchie is at Stanley Total Living

Friends and Relatives:

Everette Lineberger	Jewel West	Cindy Turry	Chris Davidson	Frances (Hawley) Walker
Eddie Rhyne	Gail Conner	Harry Murphy	Jason Hames	Jennifer Champagne
Karen Scrivani	Joe Canipe	Rod Rudisill	Linda Gunter	Robert Caskaddon
Ron Ritchie	Wanda Murphy	Amy Blythe	Amber Buff	Olivia Dixon
Bob Hilton	Luther Murphy	Sidney Mitchell	Dr. Michael Case	

May's Birthday's

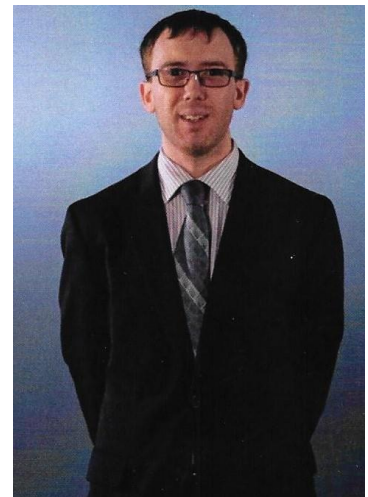
2 Anne Chapman	22 Haley Hawkins
3 Gary Dixon	22 Gaynelle Moore
15 Teresa Davis	22 Betty Hacker
20 Richard Hovis	27 Tammy Poarch
22 Pastor Frye	

May's Anniversary's

11 Gary & Connie Dixon
28 Michael & Barbara Benedict

Baptism Anniversary

8 Nina Hovis	21 Craig Poarch
12 Kimberly Benedict	29 Chase Clippard
13 John Clark	29 Danielle Clippard
21 Alyssa Poarch	30 Lori Spears



Please pray for George Schrader, a first-year student at Trinity School for Ministry

Thanks to all who shared their time on preparing for Easter, especially the wonderful Lent meals. Every week was a delicious surprise and you delivered it perfectly.



Thank You!

I want you to know how much I appreciated the cards, phone calls, and prayers after my shoulder surgery. I feel luck and blessed to have such a thoughtful and loving church family.

Charles Ray



Lisa Caudle played the piano and they had a good singalong at Stanley Total Living Center. Ray McNeely is holding the book, beside Neal and Pat Ritchie.

A glorious Easter day to gather in the celebration of our risen Lord. Hallelujah He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!



Church Council Meeting

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, May 5 changed for Mother's Day, 6pm.

Cemetery Meeting

There will be a brief cemetery meeting on Sunday night, May 5th at 6pm.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on May 14 at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Do you have BOOKS?

Let's help our own "Stanley Little Library" caretaker (Charles Ray) with filling it up! The location of this library is at Harper Park in Stanley. Everyone is welcome to enjoy these free books, take and read one, then return one for someone else to enjoy! What fun and excitement to see what is there and not to forget that it keeps us reading and learning! If you have any books that you would like to donate at anytime just place in the box at the back. Adult books and Children books especially are needed! This is going to be fun!

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT AND FORMER BAND MEMBERS



CLIMB INTO THOSE ATTICS AND DUST OFF THOSE HORNS. BUY YOURSELF SOME NEW REEDS AND START WORKING ON GETTING YOUR LIP BACK. IT'S TIME TO PLAY AGAIN! YOU ARE INVITED TO PLAY WITH THE STANLEY COMMUNITY...

ORCHA-BAND*

Only 4 Rehearsals
Tuesdays, May 21 and 28
Thursdays, May 23 and 30 (if needed)
8:00 - 9:00 pm at CommonGround

Goal #1: Have fun!

Goal #2: Learn 2-3 songs

Play for OUTDOOR worship at
CommonGround

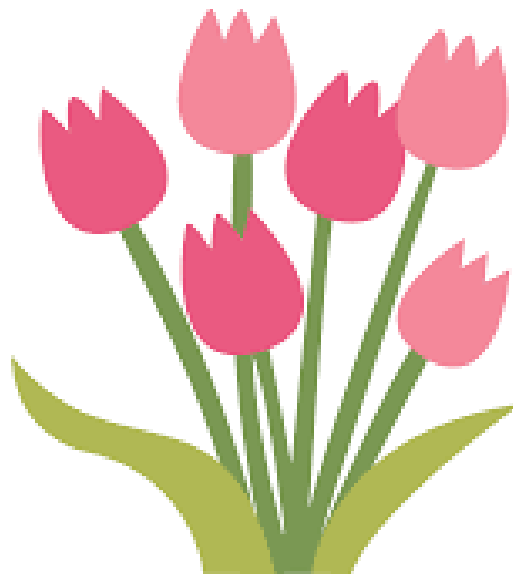
9:00 am on Sunday, June 2, 2019

WE WANT EVERYBODY!

**UASC, INC. EIGHTH ANNUAL
2019 COMMUNITYWIDE
TENT REVIVAL
"under the stars" at the
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH, COMMONGROUND
CAMPUS,
5481 HICKORY GROVE ROAD,
STANLEY, N.C.29164,
TUESDAY, MAY 14,
THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 19,
2019, 7:00 P.M. EACH
EVENING**

PICTURES WITH MOM!

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



Come have your pictures made with mom on Mother's Day's (May 12th – Don't forget!)

Where: In front of Christ's Church's Altar and Cross

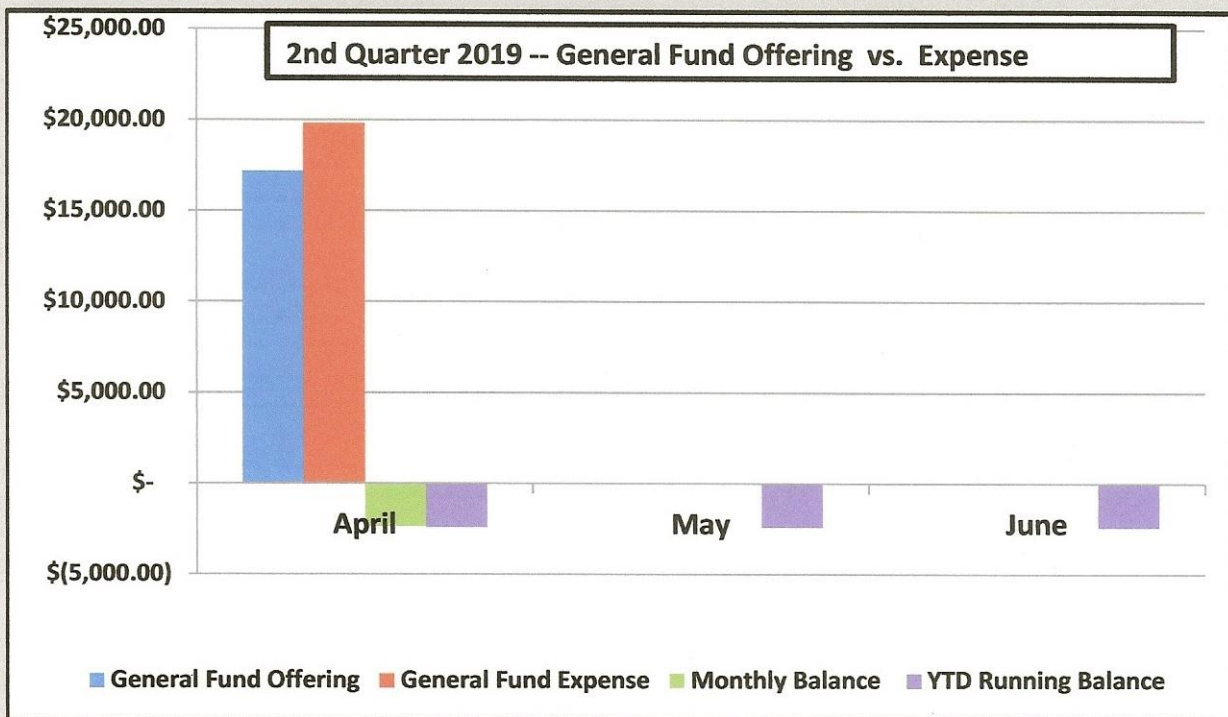
When: Right after worship on Mother's Day

Who: You, your family and friends!

2nd Quarter 2019 -- All Funds Received			
	April	May	June
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 16,017.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 1,175.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total General Fund Offering	\$ 17,192.00	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts	\$ 2,009.28	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 8,875.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Offering	\$ 28,076.28	\$ -	\$ -
* 3.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

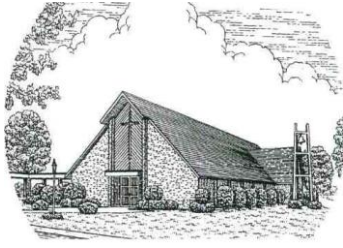
2nd Quarter 2019 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	April	May	June
General Fund Offering	\$ 17,192.00	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 927.93	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 7,220.00	\$ -	\$ -
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,352.95	\$ -	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 25.95	\$ -	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,490.33	\$ -	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 685.24	\$ -	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 6,254.07	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.			\$ -
General Fund Expense	\$ 19,808.54	\$ -	\$ -
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 27,956.47	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Balance	\$ (2,386.54)	\$ -	\$ -
YTD Running Balance	\$ (2,436.26)	\$ (2,436.26)	\$ (2,436.26)

Note --



May 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	2 Food Pantry 11am-12:30pm Confession & Absolution 12:30pm-1:30pm	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Council Meeting 6pm	6	7	8 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	9 Food Pantry 11am-12:30pm Confession & Absolution 12:30pm-1:30pm	10	11
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Administrative Assistant: Julie Bodenheimer
Facilities: Rick Chapman

Schedule:

Sunday

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

Wednesday

5:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30am until 1:00pm