



# CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## Pastor's Message

### The Small Catechism – The Close of the Commandments

By this point in going through the Commandments with me in the space of this newsletter, if you can't recall what the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment is without looking, stop reading and go learn the Commandments! I would even settle for just being able to recall them out of their given order. Knowing the Commandments, Creeds, Sacraments, Lord's Prayer, Table of Duties, and the Christian Questions and their Answers, Luther rightly describes as being fundamental knowledge that a Christian must have. Yes, young Christians are encouraged to learn it, but old Christians ought not think of themselves too highly or in such a way that might dismiss them from knowing the basics of the Christian Faith either.

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### The Close of the Commandments:

#### What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20: 5-6)

*What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

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But someone might say, "Why learn the Commandments? The Scripture says 'In Christ I'm not under the law but rather grace'." And it's certainly true that a Christian is under grace and not the Law with regard to rebirth—for salvation comes from faith in Jesus as a gift and not from works of the Law. This truth Lutherans know well. But what is the purpose of the Law for us then? How are Christians to regard the Law of God?

Our Lutheran Confessions in the Formula of Concord outline three different uses of God's Law.

- 1.) That through the Law external discipline may be maintained against the unruly and disobedient.

- 2.) That through the Law people may be led to the recognition of their sins. In this the Law serves as a mirror for us so we can look at our own lives and see just how very much we need the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to work daily contrition and repentance.
- 3.) Lastly, that after they have been reborn, they may have a sure guide according to which they can orient and conduct their entire life. In this the Law sets forth a picture of what a holy, sanctified life looks like.

The former two may be more or less obvious, the third use of the Law however might not be. This, especially given that those Christians who are “reborn” the Bible describes as being “renewed in the spirit of your minds”. The question might go, “Well if the spirit of my mind is renewed, why in the world would I need to look outside of myself for any sort of guidance?” And the reason the Confessions give is because your rebirth and the renewal of your mind is not perfect in this world. For example, when was the last time you set off on trying to devote the entirety of your attention to someone else but then started drifting off into thinking about something else? It probably wasn’t that long ago. And the reason for this is because your mind is only in the burgeoning stages of being renewed.

We are confronted with darkness every day. Sin is always a constant possibility for us in this life. The devil is as cunning as he is wicked. Because of these realities which we must contend with, it is necessary for the Law of God to constantly illumine our way. (Formula: Epitome, Article VI) Just as we pray every Wednesday during our Worship for Bible Study: *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

So when you consider God’s Law and it’s place in your life remember three things the Law does: Curbs, Mirrors, and Guides. The Law of God **curbs** our behavior for fear of punishment. It acts as a **mirror** showing us how far we’ve departed from the will of our Father. And lastly, the Law **guides** us to live holy lives worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Jesus +Pastor Frye



### Hanging of the Green

Our “Hanging of the Green” service will be on Sunday, Dec. 8th during the 10:30 AM worship. Mark your calendar for this inspirational service.

## Prayer Requests:

Reminder: People's names will be rotated off of the Prayer List upon request or after 30 days. If you know of someone who needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than 30 days, and have their permission to do so, please let the church office know.

Immediate Care Concerns: Leonard Lewis, Tim Cloninger, Harold Lineberger, Rene Clippard, Ronnie Davis, Hubert Abernathy, Bertie Billups & Jim Billups

Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore

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 & Lindy Hawley is at Stanley Total Living Ctr.

### Friends and Relatives:

Diana Kingsley	Ray McNeely	Tony Beale	Olivia Dixon	Linda Gunter
Sidney Mitchell	Harry Murphy	Wanda Murphy	Robin Murphy	Luther Murphy
Jewel West	Everett Lineberger	Vicky Throneburg	Barbara Rhyne	Donnie Miskelly
Joe Canipe	Rick Martin	Jim Bumgardner	Gary Beale	

## November's Birthday's

2 David Clark	7 Wayne Hovis	20 Judy Abernathy
5 Logan Dixon	8 Haley Hovis	25 Alyssa Poarch
5 Harold Lineberger	15 Susan Hawkins	28 Rick Chapman
5 Julie Robinson	19 Jill Price	29 Judy Bozeman
7 Kelli Costner	20 Nina Hovis	

## November's Anniversary's

3 Brian & Julie Robinson	16 Dennis & Ruth Ridge
4 Mack & Judy Cloninger	21 Ronnie & Teresa Davis
10 Michael & Nancy Dukes	21 David & Sherry Helms
15 Gabe & Jill Price	29 Steve & Debbie Hawley
16 Craig & Tammy Poarch	

## Baptism Anniversary

1 Jimmy Harrison	16 Lois Conley
6 Nancy Dukes	24 Bitsy Medlin
12 Kathey Brown	30 Tim Clark
15 Prissy Helms	

**SAVE the DATE - Ladies**  
**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

"Festival of Tables" with the Sweet Adeline's! A fun day for us CELC members who have attended this annual event for years. Always good food/dessert bar for this lunchtime along with some great music. I need to reserve your ticket and collect your money...so let me know if you plan on going! I hope you can join us!! The cost is still \$20.00! You may win a door prize too, hooray! Thanks, Kathey Brown

**Church Council Meeting**

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, November 10 at 6 pm.

**Women of the Church**

The Women of the Church bible study will be on Tuesday, November 12 at 10 pm in the fellowship hall. Please remember to bring toilet tissue for the toilet tissue paper drive.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project at CELC - 2019**

It's that time of year for making your OCC Shoe Box! Last year our congregation made "37" boxes, hooray! But let's aim for more this November. What a great feeling to know you will make a child somewhere around the world and a little happier this holiday season and for so let effort! Ever worked the packing warehouse in Charlotte? What a big operation! It makes you so excited for the children that will receive one later in the year. We have pamphlets down the memorial hallway with instructions on how to pack a box just pick one up and go shopping with a friend or family member! A great afternoon adventure for all! Boxes are there too ... grab one or two ... go to town, pack it and return by **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**! Remember to read the DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS LIST before selecting items for your box. Happy, fun Shoebox Shopping! Thanks, Kathey

**Put it on Your Calendar!!**

**CELC Workday at Operation Christmas Child**  
**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 --- 9 am to 1 pm**

Plan on having the best time of the season with fellow CELC members while doing something for children around the world!

We'll make the annual morning trip to Charlotte to pack shoeboxes!

Leaving CELC at 7:30 am and returning after lunch.

Sign-up to make a difference --- we have 12 spots reserved for the day.

Thanks for sharing your busy time! Kathey Brown

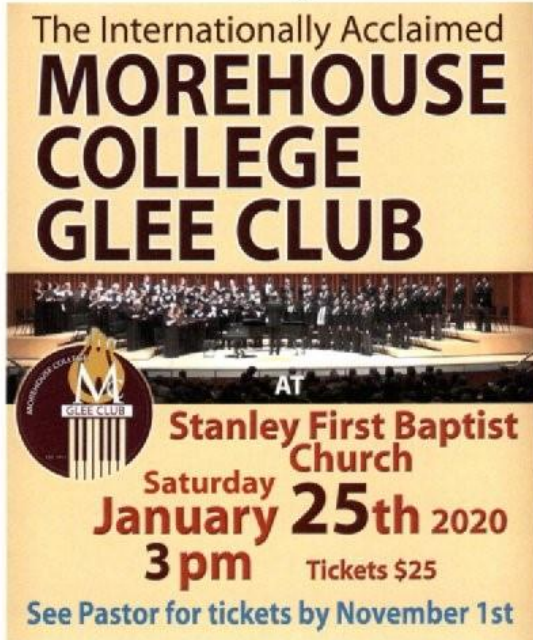
**Prime Timers -- Save the Date**  
**Christmas Meal at the Woodshed - Stanley**  
**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - 6pm**

We're celebrating this wonderful season together!

Signup for a night of good food and fellowship!

We have space for 25... So get your name on the list with Kathey or Mary. Christmas is coming!

*This event is too great to miss!*



Those wishing to secure tickets for the event should contact Michael Dukes. This will be a sold-out event!

# Thank You!!

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire congregation of Christ's Lutheran church for all of your prayers, get-well cards and calls during my recent hospitalization. My knee replacement surgery went well, and I am currently in physical therapy to regain mobility. Thank you also for the amazing gift bag! I have never seen one so full of much needed and yummy treats!

God bless you all, and thank you again for all you do as a congregation.

Much love,  
Sheila Saunders

Dear Christ's Lutheran Church Family,

We would like to thank the church family for your expressions of love & caring during this difficult time. We thank you for the cards, calls, visits and food. Mom will be surely missed.

Sincerely,  
The Pearl Summey Family

Part One: A phone call from a member of our Christ's Lutheran church refugee family will prompt this story... Many of us experienced this amazing story, and hope you as a congregation today will experience God's love in this Christian ministry

The year is 1976, Reverend Ronald G. Luckey was our pastor and with God's blessings, we could not stand as an idle Christian congregation. God is always laying new and exciting challenges which in this case was the resettling of a refugee family from Vietnam, halfway around the world.

There were in that year 11,000 persons who were allowed to enter our county, with the hope of becoming self-supportive. A "sponsor" is a congregation that agrees to become the friend of a family assigned to their care. What are the functions of a sponsor?

1. Housing ... The congregation may have to pay the rent for a couple of months until the breadwinner of the family has made a check or two.
2. Job... Essential for the family becomes self-sufficient.
3. Help in getting used to our culture and customs (like using a phone, driving, grocery shopping, enrollment in school)

What does all this have to do with Christ's Lutheran Church? On Sunday, June 20, 1976, at the 11:00 service, a congregational meeting was held to decide whether or not we will take the risk of becoming one of the 70 or more Lutheran congregations in North Carolina that are sponsors of Vietnamese refugee families.

Is it possible??? Yes, employers here in Stanley in 1976 have job opportunities housing can be found. We have people in our congregation, willing to donate time, money, furniture, linens, kitchen utensils etc. To help a family become self-supporting. Is it our Christian duty... We are called as Christians to Love (actively help) other people.

What will it mean? Sacrifice on our part, hard work, and giving a family a fresh start. Today we cast our vote regarding this matter.

Pastor Luckey and Pat Smith who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam along with his wife Marilyn Wallace Smith and their two daughters Connie and Susan will adopt two Vietnamese children Holly and Pechet and become second parents to these children. Pat along with Pastor Luckey will lead our congregation in this resettlement effort. A third child Wannapa Pasookhush (Megan) came to America when she was twelve (12).

Although Pat and Marilyn did not officially adopt her, Marilyn called Wannapa her "third child"/ What a wonderful blessing these young children were not only to Pat and Marilyn but also to our "Church family".

We pray for our congregation as we venture into this exciting new ministry and guide us in this witness to our community of the loving arms of Christ's Lutheran Church.

Part 2 will follow.

Doris Cope



# **Stanley Cemetery Workday**

## **October 26, 2019**

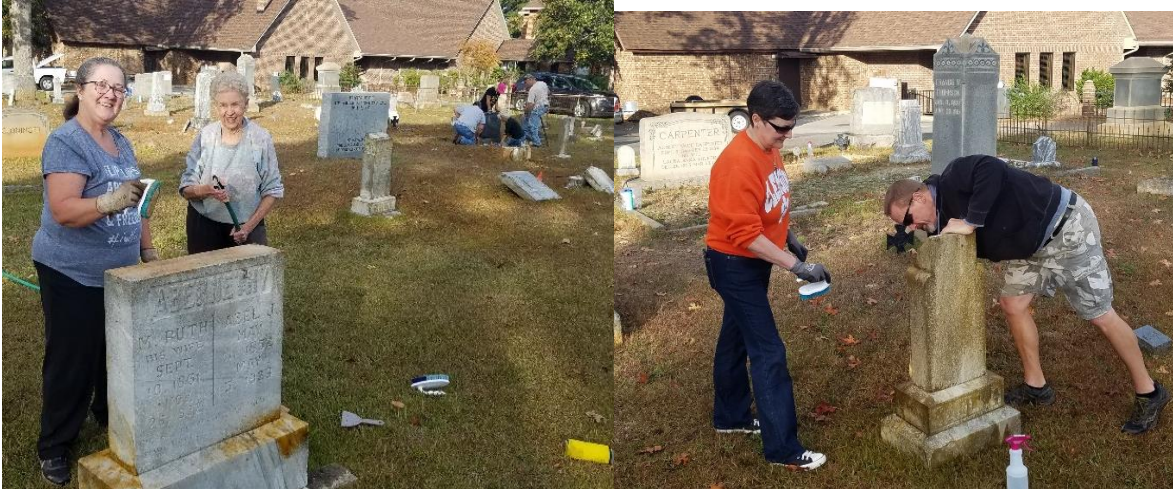
### **It was a great success!**

Thank you to all those seen below who accomplished so much as they showed love and respect for those who have gone before us. Thank you for your hard and dedicated work that resulted in the following: 4 monuments repaired, 12 leveled, 40 scrubbed and cleaned, about 10 gravesites that were unsightly were cleared. Several areas of the cemetery that were overgrown were beautified, approximately 25 fire ant nests were exterminated, and debris like limbs, tree stumps and liter were removed causing the truck donated by the Town of Stanley to be overflowing as seen below. Pictures taken by Bob Mahovsky



**Overflowing truck**





This report was respectfully submitted by Bob Mahovsky



October 29, 2019

Dear Fellow Member of CELC,

**Please plan to attend the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2019 following the**

**10:30 AM worship service. The primary business to be conducted is: 1) Vote on the 2020 budget, and 2) Elect council members for 2020.**

The voting process will be in accordance with our current constitution which states, “Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.”

**You must have met these requirements by October 27, 2019 in order to vote at the annual meeting.**

**The slate of nominees (Elect 4 & 1 Youth) for the 2020 Church Council are:**

- a) Buddy Abernathy, Judy Abernathy, Janice Clark, Buck Helms – (3 Year Terms)**
- b) Gabriel Frye (Youth) – (1 Year Term)**

There are still open positions on the slate of nominees for church council. If after receiving this letter, the Lord has moved your heart and you are willing to serve, please notify either Jay Human or Michael Dukes and they will add your name to the ballot. As always, nominations can be made from the floor as long as the nominee has been previously contacted and has agreed to serve.

We urge everyone to participate and to give these matters careful and prayerful consideration.

Yours in Christ,

*Jay Human*

Jay Human, Congregation Council President

# Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2020 Budget (Expense Roll-Up)

		SUB- AMOUNT	TOTAL	TOTAL
<b>2100.00</b>	<b>EXTENSION - CHURCH WORLDWIDE</b>			
2100.00	<b>Benevolence</b> (Calculated Using Average Offering)		\$	21,647
2100.40	9.5 % of General Fund Offering	\$	21,647	
	<b>TOTAL EXTENSION - CHURCH WORLDWIDE</b>		\$	21,647
<b>3000.00</b>	<b>EXPANSION - MISSION IN COMMUNITY</b>			
3200.00	<b>Congregational Outreach</b>		\$	-
3200.10	Congregational Outreach	\$	-	
3300.00	<b>Social Ministry</b>		\$	12,365
3300.10	*DF / CF - Social Ministry	\$	12,365	
3900.00	<b>Other Mission in Community</b>		\$	4,200
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	<b>TOTAL EXPANSION - MISSION IN COMMUNITY</b>		\$	16,565
<b>4000.00</b>	<b>GUIDANCE - MISSION IN STAFF</b>			
4100.00	<b>Staff Compensation (Pastoral)</b>		\$	92,636
4110.00	Pastor (Salary, Housing, & FICA)	\$	71,605	
	Benefits (Retirement, Health, & Disability)	\$	21,031	
4150.00	Interim Pastor (Salary, Housing, & FICA)	\$	-	
	Benefits (Retirement, Health, & Disability)	\$	-	
4500.00	<b>Staff Compensation (Support Staff)</b>		\$	48,272
4510.00	Church Secretary (Salary & FICA)	\$	16,285	
4520.00	Minister of Music (Salary & FICA)	\$	1,615	
4530.00	Organist (Salary & FICA)	\$	19,876	
4540.00	Facility Administrator (Salary & FICA)	\$	10,496	
4500.00	<b>Other Staff Compensation</b>		\$	2,286
4590.10	Supply Pastor	\$	1,236	
4595.10	Supply Organist	\$	750	
4595.10	Supply Custodian	\$	300	
	Staff Appreciation	\$	-	
	<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE - MISSION IN STAFF</b>		\$	143,195
<b>5000.00</b>	<b>MINISTRY - WORSHIP &amp; WORD</b>			
5100.00	<b>Christian Education</b>		\$	3,328
5111.00	Sunday School	\$	250	
5112.00	New Members	\$	-	
5113.00	Bible Study	\$	78	
5114.00	Vacation Bible School	\$	-	
5115.00	CELC Agape Day Camp	\$	-	
5120.00	Confirmation & First Communion	\$	-	
5130.00	Nursery	\$	-	
5140.00	*EF / MF - Youth Ministry	\$	3,000	
5200.00	<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>		\$	5,865
5210.00	Choirs	\$	-	

**Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
2020 Budget (Expense Roll-Up)

		AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL
	5211.00 Music & Supplies	\$ 600		
	5211.70 Worship Planning	\$ 175		
	5211.80 Copyright License / Permission	\$ 290		
	5212.00 Musical Instrument Maintenance	\$ 1,600		
	5213.00 Continuing Education	\$ 2,460		
	5214.00 Worship Expenses	\$ 740		
5300.00	<b>Congregational In-Reach</b>		\$ 5,096	
	5310.00 Special Recognitions	\$ 290		
	5320.00 Receptions	\$ 3,245		
	5330.00 Subscriptions	\$ 311		
	5350.00 Lutheran Family Services (Member Counseling Service)	\$ -		
	5360.00 Homecoming Expenses	\$ 750		
	5370.00 *EF - Primetimers	\$ 500		
5400.00	<b>Stewardship</b>		\$ 875	
	5400.10 Offering Envelopes	\$ 875		
5500.00	<b>Communications &amp; Archives</b>		\$ 1,245	
	5500.00 Communications & Archives	\$ 1,245		
5900.00	<b>Other Worship &amp; Word</b>		\$ 2,600	
	5910.20 District & Synod Meetings	\$ 2,600		
	<b>TOTAL MINISTRY - WORD &amp; WORSHIP</b>			\$ 19,009
<b>6000.00</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; PROPERTY</b>			
6100.00	<b>Administrative</b>		\$ 17,510	
	6100.99 Other Administrative	\$ 300		
	Pastoral Moving Expenses	\$ -		
	6105.00 Travel Reimbursement			
	6105.05 Pastors	\$ 6,000		
	6105.10 Support Staff	\$ 200		
	6106.00 Staff Development & Training	\$ 700		
	6110.00 Fees, Taxes, & Expenses			
	6110.10 Accounting Fees	\$ 300		
	6110.20 Bank Charges	\$ 350		
	6110.30 Payroll	\$ 1,000		
	6110.40 VANCO Service Charge	\$ -		
	6110.60 County Property & Sales Tax	\$ 110		
	6111.00 Postage	\$ 350		
	6112.00 Copier	\$ 550		
	6115.10 Computer Software	\$ 425		
	6116.00 Service Contracts	\$ 4,500		
	6117.00 Office Supplies	\$ 400		
	6119.00 Kitchen Supplies	\$ 825		
	6150.00 Flowers	\$ 1,500		
6200.00	<b>Property</b>		\$ 40,836	
	6210.00 Utilities	\$ 22,386		
	6220.00 Building & Grounds Maintenance			
	6220.20 Building Cleaning & Paper Supplies	\$ 800		



**Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
2020 Budget (Expense Roll-Up)

		AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	TOTAL
6220.30	Grounds Maintenance	\$ 7,030		
6220.31	Playground Maintenance	\$ -		
6220.50	Pest Management	\$ 580		
6220.60	Building Upkeep	\$ 5,000		
6220.70	Memorial Garden Maintenance	\$ 1,440		
6220.98	Capital Improvements & Repairs	\$ 3,600		
6240.00	<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>		\$ 2,500	
	6240.00 Safety & Security	\$ 2,500		
<b>TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION &amp; PROPERTY</b>				<b>\$ 60,846</b>
<b>7000.00 OTHER EXPENSES</b>				
7200.00	<b>Insurance</b>		\$ 18,148	
	7200.10 Property, Casualty, & Liability	\$ 16,712		
	7200.30 Workman's Compensation	\$ 1,436		
<b>TOTAL - OTHER EXPENSES</b>				<b>\$ 18,148</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET - 2020</b>				<b>\$ 279,410</b>
<b>TOTAL - INCOME</b>				<b>\$ 252,319</b>

\*CF - Budget Items Supported by Memorial Funds  
 \*DF - Budget Items Supported by Designated Funds  
 \*EF - Budget Items Supported by Endowment Fund

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2019

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jay Human.

**Devotions:** Bob Mahovsky opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer.

#### **Roll call and action on excuses for absence:**

**Present:** Pastor Frye, Jay Human, Gabriel Frye, Tommy Hedrick, Crystyl Human, Emma Human, Joe Keefer, Leonard Lewis, Bob Mahovsky, Pat McAlister, Richard Medlin, and Brian Robinson  
(Kathey Brown, and Gabe Price were present as guests)

**Absent:** Michael Dukes, Nancy Olls, and Tonya Stone

#### **Minutes of last meeting:**

**1)** The minutes of the July 14, 2019 Church Council meeting were unavailable due to a copier malfunction. They will be reviewed at the September 8, 2019 meeting.

#### **Reception of New Petitions and Communications**

- 1) Jay asked that we consider changing the title of this part of our Council meeting to “**New Business**” to simplify the terminology. This change was approved by Council. This change will take place with the September 8, 2019 minutes.
- 2) Bob Mahovsky discussed the possibility of placing debris from property maintenance in a different location than the edge of the cemetery. Possible locations are the back lot and the parking area near Highway 27. Council voted to relocate the collection area to the 2 parking spaces nearest to Highway 27. Bob will meet with Heath Jenkins to discuss this change. We will try this relocation to evaluate if pick-up by the town is prompt.
- 3) Before the meeting started, Council met with Kathey Brown and Gabe Price to discuss possible locations for the Chime Tower that will be placed in Jack’s honor. Several possible sites in the Memorial Garden were considered and engineering drawings were presented. The discussion was tabled until our next Council meeting

#### **Report of the Pastor:** Pastoral activities for the month of August, 2019:

- 1) Pastor Frye presented this report on the 2019 NALC Convocation:
  - a) Bishop elections are held every four years in the NALC. The Very Reverend Dan Selbo was elected as Bishop over 13 other candidates.
  - b) There are now 433 congregations in the NALC, up from 330 congregations in 2012.
  - c) The total number of baptized members in the NALC is 142,500.
  - d) There are 669 clergy in the NALC. 463 are active, 185 are retired, and 21 are on leave from call.
  - e) It was reported that the NALC is facing a crisis in the way of not having enough pastors. 92% of clergy are over the age of 55 and many of those will be expecting to enter retirement in the near future. These numbers are in line with the US, generally speaking. Candidates are not entering seminary as they once were. The high cost and the burden of moving do not lend themselves to encouraging people to explore the possibility of a vocation in the Church. There needs to be some innovation in the way of distance learning and non-residential Seminaries. There have been some good starts made in this area, but there is still a lot of room to grow.
  - f) Written by Roy Schwartz-Chair of Seminary Board of Regents:  
“The biggest challenge the NALS will face in the future is the same challenge faced by every other seminary in the USA, namely, a shortage of students. This shortage is occurring at the same time as the pool of ordained pastors decreases. Pastors are reaching retirement age without an adequate number of seminary students to replace them. This is an overwhelming threat to the survival of the NALS and a challenge for every member of the NALC. With God’s help, we will successfully meet this need.”

- g) Highlights from the Treasurers Report- "In the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our existence, the NALC remains on solid financial footing". 73% of congregations contributed to the operating expenses of the NALC, while 27% did not. For 2020, the proposed budget calls for a 2.6% increase in congregational benevolence....consistent with the average growth over the past several years.
- 2) Pastor Frye presided over the Devine Service 3 times, taught Sunday Morning Bible Study 3 times, taught Wednesday Evening Bible Study 2 times, had 14 pastoral contacts, and attended one meeting.

**Reports by General and Capital Fund Treasurers:**

- 1) In Michael's absence, Jay presented the General Fund report for August, 2019 for Council's review. It was noted that our accounts have now been moved to South State Bank.
- 2) Crystyl presented the August, 2019 Capital Fund report to Council for review.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Archives/Communications:** No Report. Sally and Richard meet every Sunday, as necessary.

**Christian Education:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 to plan for the future.

**Endowment:** Joe reports that we have received 3 applications for the scholarship funds. All three have been approved for \$750.00 annual scholarships. The recipients are Leigh Anne Falkenberry, Emma Human, and Laura Olls. Congratulations!

**Evangelism:** We have had many new visitors! Trustees will place any yellow visitor cards on the pastor's desk or in his mailbox for follow-up.

**Finance:** Tommy reports that there will be a budget meeting Tuesday night. The new budget will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

**Internal Ministry:** There will be an ice cream social on Sunday, August 25th, at 3:00 PM. Everything is on track for homecoming.

**Mutual Ministry:** Pat reports that there have been 2 meetings to discuss staff reviews. The reviews have been good. There will be another meeting this week to finalize the review process.

**Property Committee:** Brian reports that:

- 1) He has received quotes to paint the doors and sidelights. Best quote from Steve Garrison for \$380.00. He will use Sickens Polyurethane. Brian will check to see if pesticide can be added to the polyurethane to prevent further insect damage. Tommy made a motion to have the doors painted. Leonard seconded. Council approved the motion unanimously.
- 2) There is a run of 50 feet of concrete sidewalk that has sunk down and needs to be lifted to bring it back to where the water drains away from the church property. Brian has received a bid of \$4,000.00. This is the cost of total replacement. He will get other bids before we make a final decision.
- 3) There is a water leak in the A/C in back of the church. The old pan is leaking. Presently, the old pan is supporting the A/C unit. This discussion will be tabled until Brian can get further information regarding the possible pan replacement.

**Social Ministry:** No Report , **Worship and Music:** No Report , **Youth:** No Report

**Report of Special Committees:**

**Safety and Security:** No Report, **IT Committee:** No Report



### **Other Reports:**

**Cemetery Committee:** Bob reports that, "on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 men from the First Presbyterian Men-Stanley met with Bob in the cemetery. This was their men's work day, a day when they go into the community and assist others in need, whether they are church members or not. They spent more than 3 hours assisting Bob. The primary work effort was clearing unkempt gravesites of vegetation that was either hiding the monuments, making it unattractive, or inhibiting the efforts of the contractor that mows the cemetery lawn. In a few gravesites, monuments were either erected or straightened. The most pronounced improvements were in the Chronister, Wilson, and Rankin gravesites."

**Website Committee:** No Report, **We Care Committee:** No Report

### **Unfinished Business:**

**1) Chime Tower in Memorial Garden:** As discussed, we were updated on the Jack Brown Memorial Chime Tower. We will discuss this matter at our next Council meeting

### **New 2018 Council Business:**

- 1)** We need to start looking for replacements for four Council members that will be finishing their three-year terms. Those members are Nancy Olls, Joe Keefer, Pat McAlister, and Brian Robinson.
- 2)** David and Leonard will open and close the church in September and October, 2019.

### **Adjournment:**

- 1)** The next council meeting will be on September 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Joe will lead devotions.
- 2)** The meeting was adjourned following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph L. Keefer, Secretary

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING September 8, 2019 MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jay Human.

**Devotions:** Joe Keefer opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer.

### **Roll call and action on excuses for absence:**

**Present:** Pastor Frye, Jay Human, Michael Dukes, Gabriel Frye, Tommy Hedrick, Crystyl Human, Emma Human, Joe Keefer, Leonard Lewis, Bob Mahovsky, Pat McAlister, Richard Medlin, Brian Robinson, and Tonya Stone

**Absent:** Nancy Olls

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

- 1)** The minutes of the July 14, 2019 Council meeting were approved with one correction.
- 2)** The minutes of the called Council meeting on August 4, 2019, were approved as written.
- 3)** The minutes of the August 11, 2019, Council meeting were approved, with corrections.

**Report of the Pastor:** Pastor Frye presented reports for August and September, 2019.

- 1) For the month of August 2019,** Pastor Frye presided over the Divine Service 4 Times taught Wednesday Evening Bible Study 4 times, taught Sunday Morning Bible Study 4 times, had 12 pastoral visits, attended 2 meetings, and attended the ice cream social.
- 2)** Pastor Frye was disappointed to report that the number of volunteers to help with Sunday school did not meet expectations. The Education Committee is meeting again on September 19 and will decide then whether or not to continue a children's Sunday school at this time. Presently, only Pastor Frye's children are typically present. Crystyl and Tonya have done this ministry for the last several years and it's not fair to ask them to continue without sufficient help.

- 3) We recently received 7 new members to our Church family. On September 8, 2019, we welcomed **Todd Campbell, Ashley, Jeremy, and Madison Henley, Linda Griggs, and Paul and Meredith Broadland.** Welcome!!
- 4) Pastor Frye would like to see us conduct elections for Council in a slightly different way. With 4 members coming off Council each year, it is difficult to have 8 names on the ballot to replace them. Presently, by-law BL 2.01 requires 2 candidates for each position that is being vacated. Not only is it difficult to get 8 candidates each year, but those candidates that go unelected oftentimes get their feelings hurt because they may feel they aren't liked as much as others. Pastor Frye would like to appeal BL 2.01 to add the verbiage "when possible" as follows:

The Nominating Committee shall prepare, **when possible**, a slate of two candidates for each vacancy on the Church Council by the last Sunday in September. Candidates should have been contacted and agreed to serve if elected.

Therefore, Pastor Frye asks that in order to end this cycle of half the candidates getting their feelings hurt every year, that the Council direct the Nominating Committee to seek out only one candidate to fill each of the four vacant spots on Council each year with the addition of accepting nominations from the floor during the annual Congregational Meeting.

**Reports by General and Capital Fund Treasurers:**

- 1) Michael reviewed the Deposits Summary and the Designated Funds Report for August, 2019.
- 2) Crystyl presented the August, 2019, Capital Fund report to Council for review.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Archives/Communications:** No Report, **Endowment:** No Report, **Worship and Music:** No Report

**Youth:** No Report

**Christian Education:** Tonya Stone, Crystyl Human, Pastor Frye, and Bob Mahovsky met and discussed the possibility of programs for youth that could be used on Sundays. The need for class leaders was discussed and a list of possible leaders was drafted. Response has been weak. More youth Sunday School leaders are needed if we are to conduct youth classes this fall. The next Christian Ed meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019.

Arrangements were made for Rally Day that is scheduled for September 8, 2019.

**Evangelism:** There has been difficulty posting announcements on the website. Crystyl tried to post an announcement on the calendar and could not. Jeff will help make the announcements page more accessible.

**Finance:** The finance committee met 2 times to discuss the budget for 2020. A preliminary budget was presented to Council.

**Internal Ministry:** We are preparing for home coming! This is an exciting time and we look forward to great food and fellowship!

**Mutual Ministry:** Pat reports that the Mutual Ministry committee has met one time to finalize the employee review process.

**Property Committee:** Brian reports that:

- 4) There is a list of jobs that needs to be completed at the next workday. The list includes the following:
  - a) Remove and replace the refrigerator in the Educational Building kitchen. Leonard will check Lowe's Labor Day sale for new one;
  - b) Spray grass killer on the play ground pavement;
  - c) Clean and paint the transom over the double door of the Education Building;
  - d) Paint the double door of the education building;
  - e) Trim the shrubbery around the Family Life Center, especially around the A/C unit for worker access;

- f) Put water in sinks and toilets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Education Building;
- g) Pressure wash and paint the stairs on back of the Education Building; and
- h) Clean out the big closet in the Family Life Center.

We will need a full crew at work day. Brian will cook hot dogs for lunch.

**Social Ministry:** We have been approached by Kiser Elementary to help out with the Snack Pack program. We have had designated funds for the Back Pack program for the past several years, and the school has not needed it. The money was recently donated to the school to provide library furniture. Now, we have a request for help. An announcement will be made in church for support. A list of needed items can be obtained from Bob Mahovsky.

**Stewardship:** We are hoping to have a list of Council candidates by the October Council meeting.

**Report of Special Committees:**

**Safety and Security:** No Report

**IT Committee:** Bob reports that photos of church events will be posted on the website. If you are interested in posting any photos on the church website, please contact Bob Mahovsky. Jeff Guzman is the church IT specialist. He is ensuring that we have protection from ransomware.

**Other Reports:**

**Cemetery Committee:** Bob reports that:

- 1) There may be a new location for our “clean-up” day debris. Bob will let us know as details emerge!
- 2) Bob would like anyone who parks on the left hand side (the cemetery side) of the exit driveway to consider parking on the right hand side of the exit driveway.....by the wall that protects the church air conditioning compressors.
- 3) It has come to Bob’s attention that during the fall and winter seasons, some people are worried/fearful because of the darkness and the possibility that someone could be hiding in the stairwell that leads to the boiler. It was suggested that some type of motion sensor LED light be placed there to make people feel more secure so they would park on the right side of the exit drive.

**Website Committee:** No Report

**We Care Committee:** No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Vote on Memorial Chime Tower proposal.** Kathey Brown has presented a proposal for a Memorial Chime Tower in the Memorial Garden. She has presented architectural drawings to Council, discussed possible specific locations for the tower, and has received all approvals necessary to build the chime tower. Council’s discussion will be to give final approval for the Memorial Chime Tower. The proposed tower is a wooden structure that will house chimes. It will be built in the Memorial Garden. The chime tower would be maintained by the church. Leonard made a motion that we approve the chime tower and its maintenance. Richard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

- 1) Richard has been asked about a possible handrail in the middle of the altar steps to assist members. It was suggested that we could have 2 ushers helping people. A handrail will allow people to be more independent and will be considered. Brian will check on possible installation.
- 2) David and Leonard will open and close the church in October and November, 2019.

**Adjournment:**

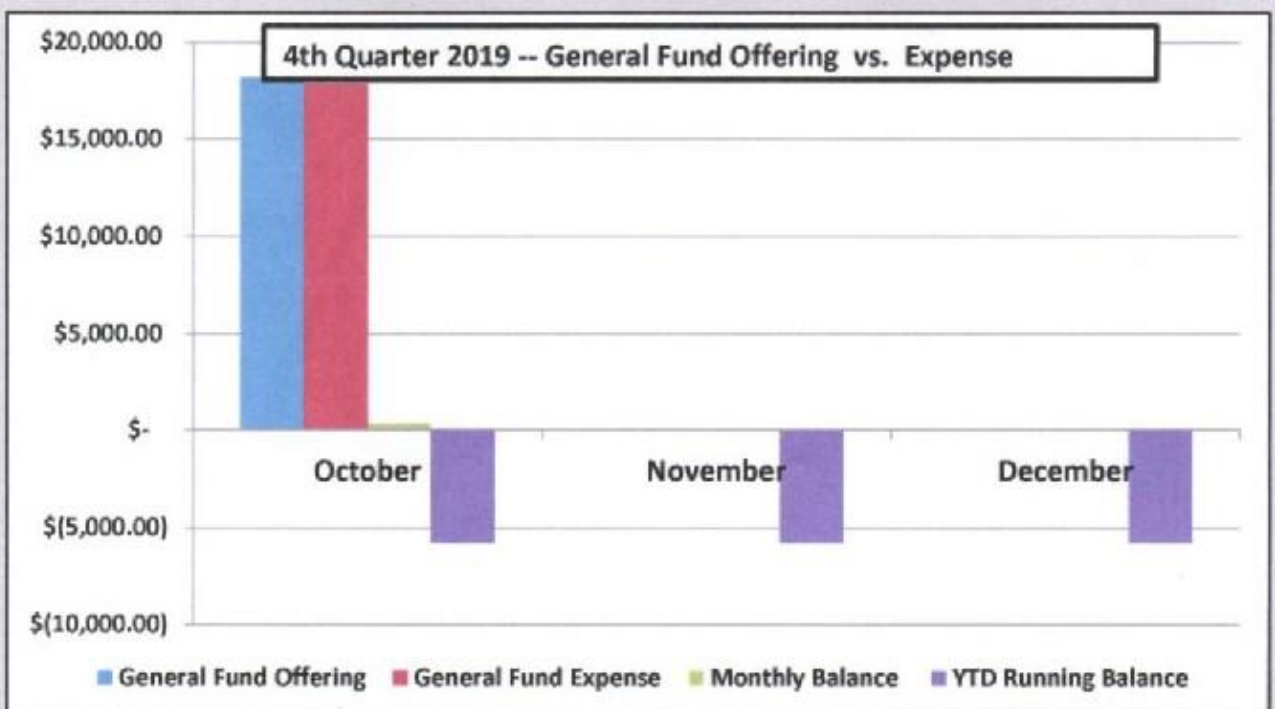
- 1) The next council meeting will be on October 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Gabriel will lead devotions.
- 2) The meeting was adjourned following The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph L. Keefer, Secretary



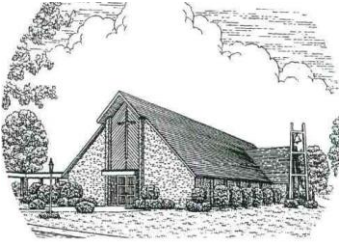
4th Quarter 2019 -- All Funds Received			
	October	November	December
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 17,839.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 347.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$ 18,186.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,428.95	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 1,955.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 21,569.95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
* 3.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

4th Quarter 2019 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	October	November	December
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$ 18,186.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Designated Funds (Budget)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Designated Fund Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 2,554.26</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Transfers to Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,955.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,516.32	\$ -	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 329.26	\$ -	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,739.30	\$ -	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 198.11	\$ -	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 4,081.51	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 17,864.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>All Expenses (Including DF &amp; Transfers)</b>	<b>\$ 22,373.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Monthly Balance	\$ 321.50	\$ -	\$ -
<b>YTD Running Balance</b>	<b>\$ (5,803.60)</b>	<b>\$ (5,803.60)</b>	<b>\$ (5,803.60)</b>
Note --			



# November 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 Sunday School 9:30 AM  Divine Service 10:30 AM	4	5	6 Bible Study 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00 PM	7	8	9 Festival of Tables
10 Sunday School 9:30 AM  Divine Service 10:30 AM  Council Meeting 6:00 PM	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10 AM	13 Bible Study 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00 PM	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 AM  Divine Service 10:30 AM	18	19	20 Bible Study 5:30 PM  Choir 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:30 AM  Divine Service 10:30 AM	25	26 Community Thanksgiving Service at Christ's Lutheran 7:00 PM	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30



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Pastor: Rev. Wesley R. Frye, STS  
Administrative Assistant: Julie Bodenheimer  
Facilities: Rick Chapman

### **Schedule:**

#### **Sunday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

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

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 7:30 am until 12:00 pm