



CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Website: www.celcstanley.com

Pastor's Message

**"My soul yearns for you in the night;
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you." The holy Prophet Isaiah 26.9**

These words of the Prophet are likely more dear to the hearts of the saints now during the Coronavirus pandemic than ever before. Since I have started receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord I have not gone this long without. There has been during this time of social distancing a vital part of our life together that has been missing. It has been for the sake of our neighbor, for the sake of charity, and for the sake of Christ's command to obey the governing authorities which God has set over us that we decided not to meet together during the pandemic. This *going without* is something we did voluntarily for the common good. No one liked it, least of all me. Moreover, it is not healthy to the soul to forego the means which Christ has promised to build-up, nurture, and heal his flock with.

Now however, there appears to be some spark of light at the end of the tunnel. We are at the present effectively "flattening the curve". The hospitals in our region are not being overwhelmed with more patients than they can care for. We've learned that many (maybe as much as 80%) who do become infected with the virus present with little or no symptoms at all. Good news indeed! However, we are not completely out of the water yet—even as at the time of my writing this, yesterday was the deadliest day for North Carolina to date, and in the course of just three months we, as a country, have lost more people to the Coronavirus than the whole of the twenty year Vietnam War. So, while we are certainly not yet out of the water just yet, we do appear to have one foot on dry land.

Because of this, I believe we can safely begin celebrating the Sacrament of the Altar again on Sundays. We will be having several abbreviated services starting Sunday at 10:30. Right now we will have seven services and more will be added if there is the need. The max number for these small groups will be eight to allow for me and an Assistant. The most efficient way that I've come up with to schedule this is through an online website called SignUpGenius (signupgenius.com). You should have already received an email from Julie with a link you can click on which will allow you to sign up in one of the available slots. Instructions are as follows: Click on the link in the email. Choose the time slot you would like. Choose the number of people who will be coming with you (up to eight total). Enter your name. Click "Submit and Sign Up". This will reserve your place and you can show up at the front Narthex doors at the time you chose on Sunday and I'll be there with a big smile waiting for you!

If you need help with the SignUpGenius, please let me or Julie know and I will get you scheduled. If you know of someone who would like to commune but may not have access to the internet, please let me know or have them call me and I can schedule them. Also, if you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 and desire to receive the Sacrament, please do not sign up for one of these services at the church, but rather let me know and we can schedule the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar at your home. Lastly, I want you to know that we will be taking all of the safety measures that we are able to take. We will be cleaning in between worship services. The Assistant and myself will be adhering to strict hygienic practices that are befitting for a worldwide pandemic as well as wearing masks.

Though things are not completely back to normal, let us *come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

Let the fast be ended!
Your brother, Pastor Frye+

We offered two special opportunities to honor or remember loved ones during the Easter Season, but since we weren't able to have any Easter service, we put our memorials toward our Food Pantry outreach.

In memory of Gordon Hacker by Betty Hacker
In honor of George Hacker by Betty Hacker
In honor of Carol H. Evans by Betty Hacker
In memory of Ann S. McAlister by Pat McAlister
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Sherrill by Pat McAlister
In memory of Eddie Wyatt by Susan Wyatt
In memory of Nell McBee by Susan Wyatt
In memory of Randy Robinson by Gary & Connie Dixon
In honor of Mary Robinson by Gary & Connie Dixon
In memory of Randy Robinson by Mary Robinson
In memory of Luther & Betty Lewis by David Lewis
To the Glory of God by David Lewis
In honor of the Food Pantry Staff by David Lewis



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: Kim Costner, Hubert Abernathy, Michael Benedict, Teresa Davis. Please pray for the Nation and the people diagnosed with the coronavirus.

Grieving: The Bill Hawley family

Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore

Members in Nursing Homes: Christine Wallace is at Stanley Total Living Ctr., Ruth Cloninger is at Carillon in Lincoln, Neal Ritchie is at Stanley Total Living Ctr. (123)

Friends and Relatives:

Diana Kingsley	Ray McNeely	Trudy Dixon	Sidney Mitchell	Harry Murphy
Rick Martin	Wanda Murphy	Luther Murphy	Everett Lineberger	Barbara Rhyne
E.C. Clippard	Donnie Miskelly	Miles Cooper	Jim Bumgardner	Devoe Casagrande
Michael Arim	Betty Coulter	Andy Abernathy	Crystal White	Jaime Cope
E.C. Clippard				

May's Birthday's

2 Anne Chapman	22 Pastor Frye
3 Gary Dixon	22 Haley Hawkins
4 Ashley Clark	22 Gaynelle Moore
15 Teresa Davis	24 Betty Hacker
15 Emily Keefer Vernola	27 Tammy Poarch
20 Richard Hovis	

May Anniversary's

11 Gary & Connie Dixon
28 Michael & Barbara Benedict

Baptism Anniversary

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

A note from Pastor Mozolak:

Blessings to the saints not-gathered at Christ Lutheran and their Pastor as they yearn for the return of their assembly and pray for all in need.



Message from Jay Human, Church council president:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I promised to keep you updated on the status of the church during these trying times and wanted to pass on some rather good news we received last week. As many of you may know on March 27th President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. The CARES Act contained aid and relief packages of various types, but one was the Paycheck Protection Program, designed to aid businesses in maintaining their employees' salaries during the "Stay at Home" periods. It was discovered that the program also applied to churches and other non-profit organizations as well as traditional businesses. One of the benefits of the Paycheck Protection Program was that the funds received were forgiven, meaning they did not have to be paid back, as long as the organization maintained its staffing levels during these few months.

On April 3rd the Church Council met via video conference and discussed the program and whether we should apply for the loan. Council approved the recommendation that we apply for the loan through South State Bank who we currently bank with. On April 18th we received notification from South State Bank that we had been approved for the program and were awarded funds to support our staff for two months. Tommy Hedrick, who had done a tremendous amount of research on the program graciously volunteered to manage the paperwork for the program and to file for the loan forgiveness when the time was due. I also would like to acknowledge Bob Mahovsky for his work in coordinating the effort with South State Bank and for Michael Dukes who prepared all the reports and records that we needed for the application process.

While I believe we are finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel, the aid from this program will help us maintain one of the most important pieces here at Christ's Lutheran Church, our staff. They are the ones that are usually here when others are not, so this is our chance to support them when they can't be here.

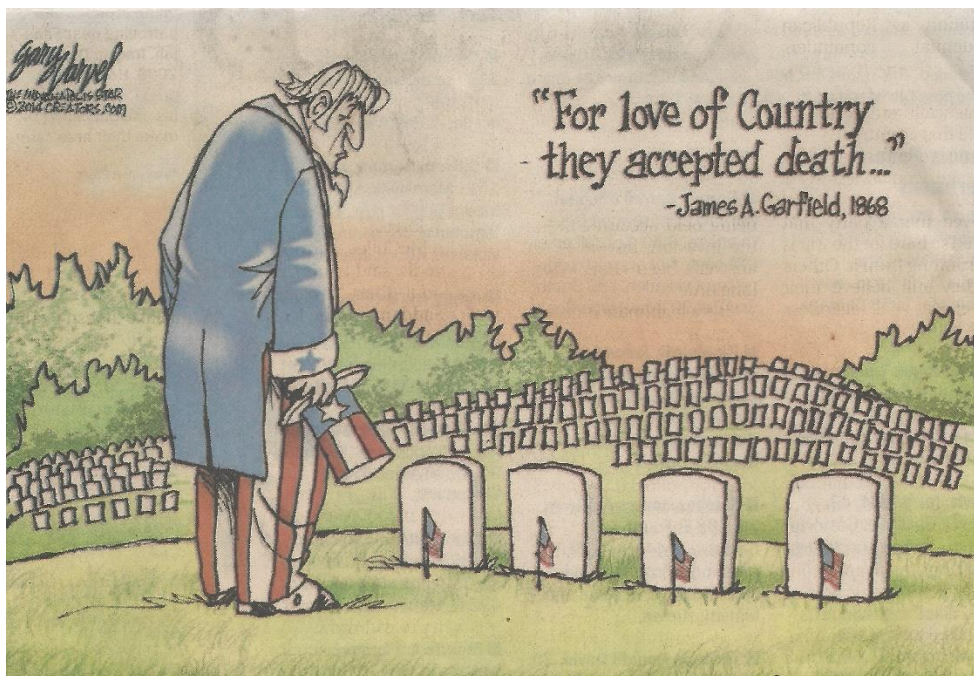
With all of God's love,

Jay Human

Council President
Christ's Lutheran Church

“For Love of Country”

With Memorial Day approaching, our thoughts of our veterans, and especially those who have given their lives for our country, become more frequent...



We certainly owe them more than temporarily remembering them, but also taking time to show respect and honor what they have done to either help build our community and/or preserve our freedom. This is a good time of year to take the opportunity to honor our ancestors, as well as our veterans, by supporting the Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund. The Fund is dedicated to maintaining the final resting place for our loved ones. When we pull together as individuals and as a community we can do amazing things. Many people know that if we contribute substantially to the Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund we are supporting an organization that has a mission of preserving the dignity of those we desire to honor. We can help by supporting a perpetual care fund that will ensure that our veterans and loved ones will never be forgotten and will always be cared for in their final resting place - even after we're gone.

God bless our United States of America

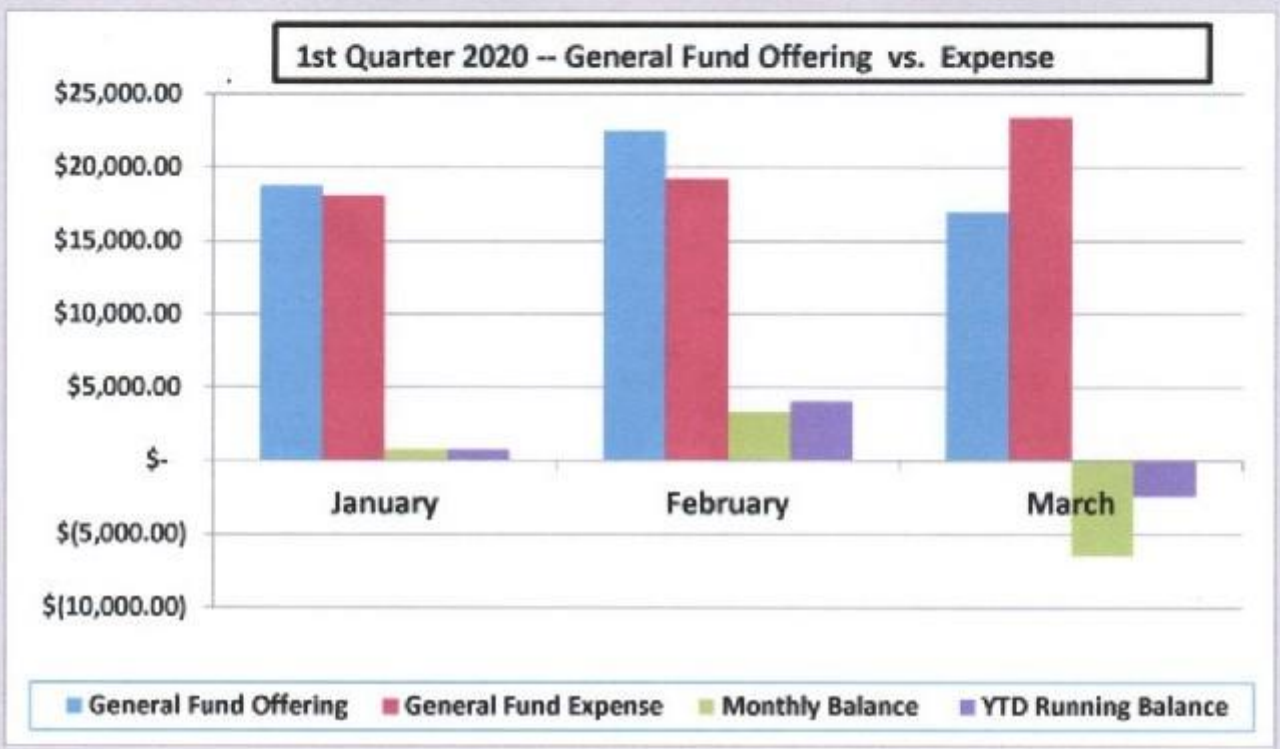
Please tear off the form below and place it in your regular offering envelope, or in a generic offering envelope available in each pew where you sit in the church. Please remember to write "Ancestry Fund" on your check. Donations may also be mailed to **The Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund, c/o T. Deese, Treasurer, P.O. Box 772, Stanley, NC 28164.**

ANCESTRY FUND DONATION FORM

Donation from: _____ To honor: _____
Donation amount: \$ _____ Receipt requested? ☐ No ☐ Yes. If yes please complete the following:
Name: _____ Email address/Phone no: _____
Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

1st Quarter 2020 -- All Funds Received			
	January	February	March
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 17,396.00	\$ 20,252.00	\$ 15,262.00
Other Income	\$ 1,357.73	\$ 2,242.01	\$ 1,646.49
Total General Fund Offering	\$ 18,753.73	\$ 22,494.01	\$ 16,908.49
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,865.57	\$ 1,845.90	\$ 1,810.10
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 805.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 288.00
Total Offering	\$ 21,424.30	\$ 24,489.91	\$ 19,006.59
* 4.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

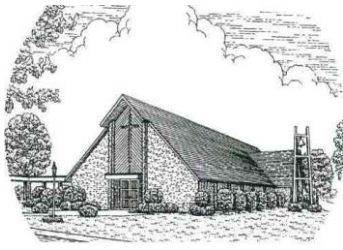
1st Quarter 2020 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	January	February	March
General Fund Offering	\$ 18,753.73	\$ 22,494.01	\$ 16,908.49
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ 23.50	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 320.00	\$ 1,223.14	\$ 720.00
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 805.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 288.00
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,652.62	\$ 1,923.94	\$ 1,449.89
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 35.95	\$ 31.95	\$ 925.95
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,051.56	\$ 11,254.96	\$ 13,017.81
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 746.91	\$ 463.39	\$ 380.80
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 4,570.29	\$ 5,528.10	\$ 3,148.28
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,470.25
General Fund Expense	\$ 18,057.33	\$ 19,202.34	\$ 23,392.98
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 19,182.33	\$ 20,575.48	\$ 24,400.98
Monthly Balance	\$ 719.90	\$ 3,291.67	\$ (6,484.49)
YTD Running Balance	\$ 719.90	\$ 4,011.57	\$ (2,472.92)
Note -- No worship services on March 22nd or 29th due to the coronavirus			



May 2020

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
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3 Sacrament of the Altar	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sacrament of the Altar	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sacrament of the Altar	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 Sacrament of the Altar	25	26	27	28	29	30

If you need anything please call the church between 8am-12:30pm,
Monday - Friday.



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May

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 8:00 am until 12:30 pm