



April 2021

# CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Church Website: [www.celcstanley.com](http://www.celcstanley.com)

## Pastor's Message

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. -1 Corinthians 15*

The soul's permanence—it's continued life after physical death, was never a thing the early Christians quarreled about. In fact, thanks to Aristotle and Plato before him, there was at least some belief in a "spiritual afterlife" among the Greco-Roman world and ethos in which many of the Apostles preached the Gospel.

St. Paul certainly awaited and anticipated an afterlife after death. In fact, this conviction caused him to long to "depart and be with Christ", he says in Philippians 1. This "departure after physical death" was not however Paul's ultimate goal—which was rather: "that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead". Anyhow, we have no historical evidence (nor would we expect to) that the early brothers and sisters ever contested the expectation of an afterlife.

When the early Christians preached the Gospel and proclaimed that Jesus had risen from the dead, they did not however mean that he was existing in a sort of spiritual way after his death at Golgotha. They meant quite straightforwardly that he rose again from the death on the third day according to the Scriptures and their own witness. Simply put: Jesus is not a ghost.

In the content of the Apostle's preaching, the resurrection of Jesus was emphatically physical—not in the sense that it was caused by physical forces, but rather that it happened to his body. This was to fulfill Scripture. For example, the holy Prophet Ezekiel sees flesh and sinews and skin cover the dry bones which lay in the valley of his vision.

It was this "physical" aspect of the resurrection however, that became too challenging for some of the brothers in Corinth. And they summarized (quite sarcastically) their position in 1 Corinthians 15.35, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body shall they come?"

What these members of the Corinthian congregation contested was not a general belief in some sort of afterlife, but rather the "physical aspect of resurrection" contained in the content of the Apostle's sermons: "The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging on a tree." -Acts 5.30.

What these "deniers of the physical" were unable (or at least unwilling) to see, is that the Gospel sets forth this truth as the recapitulation and vindication of the entire created order of the universe. This

is the way that God has chosen to heal the fallen world. The resurrection indeed *had* to be a physical matter because corruption and death we physical matters. The resurrection of Jesus is the act whereby God rectifies all of the evils that Adam inflicted on the created order in his fall.

The resurrection of the Lord's Messiah was indeed a single event in the course of human history, however, what it implied was incredibly far-reaching. For it implied that the entire material order of creation \*\*starting with the bodies Christians\*\* would be restored and transformed through the risen and glorified flesh of Jesus Christ. And so our afterlife is *not* based on some vague notion of the immortality of the soul, but rather on the resurrection of the body—and more specifically, the resurrection of the Body of Jesus, the Son Incarnate, who now lives in our own flesh and blood forever.

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 April 1  
Good Friday – 7:00 April 2  
The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 4

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

If you're on Facebook and haven't yet, Check us out: "Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church – NALC". Come over and give us a "Like" and follow us.

Also, if you already follow our daily posts, please consider sharing them on your own page. This is a very good way to share God's Word and what we're doing in the congregation. It only takes a second—Just hit the "Share" button at the bottom right corner then press "Share to your Story". Done!



## 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: James Bodenheimer, Jim & Bertie Billups

Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore

Friends and Relatives: Jack Wilson, Ray McNeely, Faye Harper, Harry & Wanda Murphy, Rick Martin, Luther Murphy, Everett Lineberger, Donnie Miskelly, Jim Bumgardner, Betty Coulter, Crystal White, Tony Carroll, Buddy Hodge

## April's Birthday's

2 Kim Lineberger  
6 Connie Dixon  
12 Bud Abernathy  
17 Gabe Price  
27 Whitney Clark  
27 Nicholas Price  
29 Sherry Helms

## April's Anniversary's

6 Maurice & Martha Jean McIntosh

## Baptism Anniversary

1 Rick Chapman	13 Rene' Clippard
1 David Lewis	14 Lisa Cloninger
4 Judy Abernathy	14 Martha Jean McIntosh
4 David Clark	20 Eleanor Abernathy
8 Joe Keefer	28 Steve Hawley
10 Donnie Clippard	29 Sherry Helms
10 Larry Cloninger	
11 Doug Hawkins	
11 Susan Hawkins	

Thank you to the wonderful saints who made sure that we had oil in all of our candles throughout the holy season of Lent for our Vespers services!



Though I didn't see who it was, please know that it was very much appreciated.

**Christ' Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stanley, NC 28164**  
**ANCESTRY FUND REPORT FOR 2020**

In the year 2020, the third year that the Ancestry Fund has been in existence, volunteers have made it a very successful year in maintaining the lawn and grounds of the cemetery with a quality that has not been seen for decades. As you know, in the previous years many abandoned gravesites that had become overgrown, or generally poorly kept, are now cleaned and had the overgrowth removed. In the year 2020, I think it is safe to say that it is hard to find a poorly maintained gravesite. The fire ant problem was minimized by the Town of Stanley that contracted with a company to do monthly treatments and will continue treatments in 2021.

I am proud to report that the volunteers who responded to requests for help came from many places. As you would suspect the Lutherans were very strong supporters with their time and talent, but also there were volunteers from other churches and several unaffiliated Stanley citizens who dedicated their time and talent in helping to beautify the cemetery.

Regarding funding, the Ancestry Fund has received many donations from individuals who have relatives in the cemetery, as well as from local citizens who have no relatives in the cemetery but feel the moral responsibility to keep the cemetery in good condition. After the completion of our third year of existence, it is obvious that more people are aware of the work of the Ancestry Fund. Our total donor list was 71 at the end of 2018 and is 112 individuals and 40 businesses at the end of 2020. I am confident that the list of individual and business donors will continue to grow in 2021 and beyond.

**NET ASSET HOLDINGS(AFTER EXPENSES ARE PAID)/ DONATION ANALYSIS**

<b>YEA R</b>	<b>NET ASSET HOLDINGS YEAR 1</b>		<b>NET ASSET HOLDINGS YEAR 2</b>		<b>NET ASSET HOLDINGS YEAR 3</b>
2018	\$44,639.86		\$44,639.86		\$44,639.86
2019			\$33,840.08		\$33,840.08
2020					\$16,778.19
	<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>		<b>\$78,479.94</b>		<b>\$95,258.13</b>

The ultimate goal of a perpetual care fund is still the main goal of the Ancestry Fund. Although donations have slipped each year I believe we will achieve that goal because of the dedication of loyal donors, increasingly effective marketing efforts to individuals and local businesses, appropriate investments in the stock market and the generosity of individuals who make large donations through Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD's), bequeaths, memorials, repeated donations from those who understand the importance of honoring all those who have gone before us, and the support of the Annual Veterans Day Celebration. The goal remains a total account net asset value of \$300,000.00 for the creation of a perpetual care fund. The Ancestry Fund's Board of Directors will work diligently to achieve that goal within the next 5-8 years. Thank you for all your support. The Board and I greatly appreciate your help in achieving that goal.

Report submitted by Bob Mahovsky

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 10th, 2021

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Call to Order:** President Judy Abernathy called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Judy opened the meeting with devotion.

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

**Present:** Jay Human, Emma Human, Pastor Frye, Bob Mahovsky, Judy Abernathy, Buddy Abernathy, Michael Dukes, Buck Helms, Paul Brodland, Gil Harris

**Absent:** Gabe Frye, Janice Clark, Tommy Hedrick, Todd Campbell, Tonya Stone

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

1) Bud motioned to pass the October minutes with the corrections addressed, Jay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Bud made the motion to pass the November minutes with the corrections, Jay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Bud made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, Jay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report of the Pastor:**

Pastor Frye brought the following matters to the Council for discussion and/or informational purposes.

- 4 Divine Services
- Started the Wednesday night Bible Study again.
- We discussed Ash Wednesday's services and whether we should impose the ashes this year.

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

Michael: Michael gave the report for the General Funds report, he stated that Aldi has let us bulk shop again.

Capital Fund: Judy gave the Capital Fund report for December 2020.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Archives/Communications:** Bob gave the report for the Archives committee. It stated that thanks are in order to Bill Hawley for collecting so much information regarding our church. He also gave thanks to Leonard, Bud, and Richard for installing a new dehumidifier. Michael gave the 2020 Financial report to Bob for filing in the Archives room.

**Christian Education:** No Report, **Endowment:** No Report, **Evangelism:** No Report, **Finance:** No Report, **Internal Ministry:** No Report, **Mutual Ministry:** No Report, **Social Ministry:** No Report, **Stewardship:** No Report, **Worship and Music:** No report, **Youth:** No Report

**Property Committee: Bud reports that:** Water bill has increased by 9,000 gallons, Bud says it's from a toilet in the church. He is in the process of fixing it.

**Report of Special Committees:**

**Cemetery:** Bob gave the report for the Cemetery Fund.

**Website:** Gil gave a report regarding Live Streaming our services. He told us about the material we will need to get. Gil broke down the 2 packages we could potentially buy. Bob made the motion that we move forward with the research, Pastor Frye seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Safety and Security: No Report**

### **Other Reports:**

### **Unfinished Business:**

Jay brought up the idea of giving Rebekah Olls \$100 for her work. Gil made the motion to approve the amount, Buck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment:**

1. Leonard and David will continue to open and close the church.
2. The next council meeting will be on February 21st, Bob will lead devotions.
3. The motion of adjournment was made by Pastor Frye, Jay seconded.
4. The meeting was adjourned following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma C. Human, Secretary

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING February 21st, 2021 MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Call to Order:** President Judy Abernathy called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Bob had devotions for this meeting.

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

**Present:** Jay Human, Pastor Frye, Bob Mahovsky, Judy Abernathy, Buddy Abernathy, Tonya Stone, Michael Dukes, Gabe Frye, Todd Campbell, Gil Harris, Paul Brodland, and Crystyl Human

**Absent:** Janice Clark, Tommy Hedrick, Emma Human, and Buck Helms

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

1) Motion made by Buddy to approve the minutes with the corrections, Tonya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of the Pastor:**

Pastor Frye brought the following matters to the Council for discussion and/or informational purposes.

- 7 Divine Services
- 17 phone calls
- 3 meetings
- Ezekiel Black will be baptized on Holy Saturday
- A visitor that came to the church several weeks ago had been calling the office and pressuring Julie. Pastor Frye called and spoke to him, the issue is now resolved.
- Pat Speck has offered to be a part of the card ministry. Pastor Frye put her in contact with Lois Conley.

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

Michael: Gave the January General funds report.

Crystyl: Gave the January Capital fund report. Also brought in a Capital fund information sheet to show how everything works.

Judy gave information about the documentation and forwarding of money for the Ancestry Fund.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Archives/Communications:** Sally will need funding for framing some artwork that she found in the Archives room.

**Christian Education:** No report, **Endowment:** No report, **Evangelism:** No report, **Internal Ministry:** No report  
**Stewardship:** No report, **Worship and Music:** No report, **Youth:** No report

**Finance:** Judy read off Tommy's report. Quarterly payments will be sent by the 2nd month of the quarter to the Ancestry Fund.

Michael reported that the 1099 NEC form will be distributed after we receive them from the IRS. All other taxes have been paid.

**Mutual Ministry:** See sheet about the procedure for staff reviews- presented by Bob. Motion to accept from the pastor, Tonya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Property Committee: Bud reports that:**

January 21st- The water bill was \$1,200. Buddy and Mack Cloninger came and found the leak, it has been repaired. The town requested the bill for the repair and reduced it by \$640.

February 17th- A company came and inspected the fire hood. They recommended that we put a K-14 fire extinguisher in the kitchen area for grease fires. It will cost \$264 to get one. Motion made by Bob to purchase in the future. Paul seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Todd is going to look into changing the spotlights over the Alter to LED.

**Social Ministry:** Nancy has asked for an extension on the Food Pantry grant from the county.

### **Report of Special Committees:**

**Cemetery:** No report

**Website:** Gil gave an update on the live streaming project. Our internet speed is too slow for live streaming. Gil and the Pastor suggested that we record the sermons and make them available to those who want them. A laptop would cost between \$500 and \$800, refurbished. Gil will check and see if the cameras in the loft area will work and will serve our needs. He will report back next month with what he discovers.

**Safety and Security:** No report

### **Other Reports:**

The nomination committee will be Jay and Tonya.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Judy asked that all annual reports be sent to Julie.

### **New 2021 Council Business:**

Judy presented that the King's Daughter Ministry has requested that we include our logo on their website as a donating organization. Bob made the motion that we allow them to do this, Gil seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Buddy reported that we need to put out pine needles around the church before Easter.

### **Adjournment:**

1. Open/close- David and Leonard
2. The next council meeting will be on March 14th and Tonya will lead devotions.
3. Tonya motioned for adjournment, Buddy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The meeting was adjourned following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma C. Human, Secretary



March 10, 2021

Christ's Lutheran Church  
203 S Main Street  
Stanley, NC 28164

Dear Christ's Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$600.00 to The King's Daughters Ministry and your decision to become Ministry Partners with us! It is through the help of partners and friends like you that we can carry out the vision that God has given us to build a ministry to help hurting and troubled women and their children.

In sharing your gifts, you join in ministry with us as we teach practical living and deliver message of Christ Jesus to young women. We value your prayers and support for the Ministry and the resident daughters in our program.

There are other ways for you to become involved with what God is doing at The King's Daughters Ministry. Please contact our office at the number below, visit our website ([www.kdmonline.org](http://www.kdmonline.org)), or send an email to [info@kdmonline.org](mailto:info@kdmonline.org) for further details.

Many blessings,

Dawn Smith  
Senior Accountant

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The King's Daughters Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-denominational non-profit organization.

*"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. 6:18)*

PO Box 476, Stanley, NC 28164 \* 704-263-4204 \* website: [KDMonline.org](http://KDMonline.org)

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## *Easter Lilies*

*In Memory of Randy Robinson  
By Mary Robinson*

*To the Glory of God  
By David Lewis*

*In Memory of Luther & Betty Lewis  
By David Lewis*

*In Honor of Judy & Bud Abernathy  
By Eleanor, Steve & Ron Abernathy*

*In Memory of my brother, Mark Guthrie  
By Lisa Caudle*

*In Memory of my husband, Don Guthrie  
By Lisa Caudle*

*In Memory of Naomi Hovis  
By Brad & Rhonda Thrower*

*In Memory of Gene and Mary Brodland  
By Paul & Meredith Brodland*

*In Memory of Allen Campellone  
By Jack Campellone*

*In Memory of Don Spicuzza  
By Jack Campellone*

*In Honor of Alan Campellone  
By Jack Campellone*

*In Honor of Bertha Campellone  
By Jack Campellone*

*In Memory of Diana Kingsley  
By Michael & Nancy Dukes*

*In Honor of Buck & Ann Helms  
By Jeff & Kathy Black*

*In Honor of our grandchildren, Sofia Kathlene &  
Ezekiel Leland Nelson  
By Jeff & Kathy Black*

*In Honor of Virginia Mary Hudson  
By Jeff & Kathy Black*

*In Memory of Hubert Abernathy  
By Eleanor Abernathy*

*In Memory of Christine Wallace & James & Catherine  
Whitley By Cathy Morris*

*In honor of my children & Grandchildren  
By Eleanor Abernathy*

## *Food Pantry*

*In Memory of Jack Brown  
By Kathey Brown*

*In Memory of Stephanie Chapman  
By Kathey Brown*

*In Memory of Roger, David & Chris Hovis  
By Brad & Rhonda Thrower*

*In Memory of Paul, Edna & Don Shook  
By Doris, Greg, Jaimie, Bobby, Sarah & Brian Cope*

*In Memory of William T. Cope & Charles & Gladys  
Cope By Doris, Greg, Jaimie, Bobby,  
Sarah & Brian Cope*

*In Memory of Ann McAlister  
By Pat McAlister*

*In Memory of Myrtle & James Wallace, & Marquerite  
& George Hacker By Betty Hacker*

*In Honor of David Lewis  
By Betty Hacker*

*In Honor of Kathey Brown  
By Betty Hacker*

*In Memory of my parents, Bill & Phyllis Hawley  
By Prissy Helms*

*In Memory of Allen Campellone & Don Spicuzza  
By Jack Campellone*

*In Honor of Alan & Bertha Campellone  
By Jack Campellone*

*In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. E.V. Sigman & Mr. & Mrs.  
E.W. Conley By Lois Conely*

*In Memory of Bud Conley By Lois Conley*

*In Honor of Christ Lutheran's Congregation  
By Anne Fields & Gil Harris.*

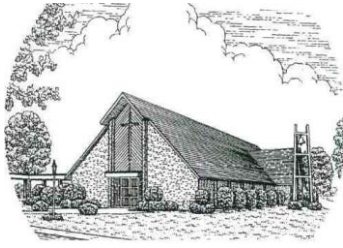
1st Quarter 2021 -- All Funds Received			
	January	February	March
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 16,439.00	\$ 19,125.00	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 411.34	\$ 1,568.67	\$ -
<b>Total General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$ 16,850.34</b>	<b>\$ 20,693.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,054.95	\$ 1,461.25	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 18,005.29</b>	<b>\$ 22,554.92</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
* 4.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			
1st Quarter 2021 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	January	February	March
General Fund Offering	\$ 16,850.34	\$ 20,693.67	\$ -
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 225.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,561.71	\$ 1,816.88	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 25.95	\$ 32.95	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,996.26	\$ 12,061.34	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 395.24	\$ 229.18	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 4,025.77	\$ 3,457.12	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 18,004.93</b>	<b>\$ 17,597.47</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>All Expenses (Including DF &amp; Transfers)</b>	<b>\$ 18,329.93</b>	<b>\$ 18,122.47</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Monthly Balance	\$ (1,154.59)	\$ 3,096.20	\$ -
<b>YTD Running Balance</b>	<b>\$ (1,154.59)</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.61</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.61</b>
Note --			



# April 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Food Pantry 11:00am- 12:30pm  Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	2 Good Friday Service 7pm	3 Decorate the church for Easter 9pm
4 Easter  Divine Service 10:30am	5 Office Closed	6	7	8 Food Pantry 11:00am- 12:30pm	9	10
11 Divine Service 10:30am  Church Council Meeting 6pm	12	13	14 Bible Study 6pm	15 Food Pantry 11:00am- 12:30pm	16	17
18 Divine Service 10:30am	19	20	21 Bible Study 6pm	22 Food Pantry 11:00am- 12:30pm	23	24
25 Divine Service 10:30am	26	27	28 Bible Study 6pm	29 Food Pantry 11:00am- 12:30pm	30	

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



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203 S. Main St. Stanley, NC 28164

## CELC Newsletter April 2021



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

### **Schedule:**

#### **Sunday**

10:30 am Worship Service

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 8:00 am until 12:30 pm