



CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastors Message

On the right preaching of the Word of God.

A lot gets passed off as “preaching” today. This is nothing new. It is even said that anyone who speaks fervently on any particular matter is said to be preaching. To the Christians however, preaching means something very specific. The Apostolic Preaching of the Gospel delivers Jesus Christ to the Race of Adam. This is *one* of the chief ways that Christ makes good on his promise: “*Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the age*”. The other being the Sacraments. Because it delivers Christ to us, the Apostolic Preaching has always been held in the highest esteem by the Christian people. For example, there should be zero tolerance for false doctrine in the sermon. This, because a little leaven works through the whole batch. Because false doctrine is so damaging, the Lord bids us to not allow our ears to hear those whose teaching is even questionable.

Born and raised in a vacant sort of Western materialism which posits all that exists is the physical realm, we have difficulty with what the Bible tells us the Apostolic Preaching is and does. There are many Western materialist preachers today (I know because I’ve experienced them) who have decided that the purpose of preaching is to deliver a set of principles or vaguely moral standards that one may apply to their life to become better people. To these, preaching is mainly didactic, and intellectual and is *an exercise of the mind* rather than *a receiving of Jesus Christ*. The Gospel (nor the Christian Faith for that matter!) is NOT a set of little principles to live by. It’s not a checklist that one may go down and mark off the things he has done. The Gospel is the means by which God floods the world with life! It is the announcement of the victory of Jesus Christ over the gods of this world that have enslaved the Race of Adam for so long. And so it has always been the neophytes to the Faith of the Church that long for neat little lessons that you can apply to your life and thereby become a better person. The seasoned Christian however, has long-realized that his life is contained within the Man, Jesus Christ, and therefore longs

to draw closer to him –not by *any* means possible—but by the means that God has ordered and established. And these saints have realized that what Christ has

commanded his servants to preach is Life itself. And that the Apostolic Preaching delivers what it proclaims.

Preaching is a divine ordering of human language which God brings together with his Holy Spirit in such a way that Jesus can say of the Apostolic Preaching, “*He who hears you, hears me.*” And so it is that humans have the capacity to speak, so that the Word might come to men. Hold the Apostolic preaching in high esteem my brothers and sisters. To quote Luther from the Catechism, “Do not be despisers of the Word”. And when you are serving God day to day, remember this and speak well of Jesus and those whom he loves.

Your brother in Jesus, Pastor Frye

Worship During Lent

Lenten Meal – 5:45 April 6

Lenten Vespers - 7:00 April 6

Lenten Meal – 5:45 April 13

Lenten Vespers - 7:00 April 13

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 April 14

Good Friday – 7:00 April 15

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 17

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: Teresa Davis, Pat Ritchie, Eric Melton, Lillian Chronister, Rene' Clippard, Devoe Casagrande, Martha Jean McIntosh, Ruth Ridge, Mack Cloninger, Don Edwards, Libby Michaels, Carol De-Jong, Ruth Laue, Jim & Bertie Billups.

Friends and Relatives: Ted Reid, Ray McNeely, Dawn Mitchell, Teresa Amelio, Ronald Sigmon, Sylvia Podlasinski, Cherry Huff, Loretta Bell, "Maggie" Magnolia White, Jerry Winham, Christina Walls, Jack Wilson, Rowena Helms, Tony Carroll, Buddy Hodge, Betty Coulter, Jim Bumgardner, Crystal White.

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

TOMMORROW

Remember to come to
the Church Workday,
on Saturday, April 2nd
from 8 am until 12
noon.

Disaster Response Warehouse

Rodney Paulson runs the Disaster Response warehouse at Advent, Lutheran in Kings Mountain and he has requested that our congregation and congregations in the Mission district help replace some items for their disaster relief funds. The warehouse has been emptied out except for flood/cleaning buckets and is in desperate need of the following items: Health kits, blankets, school kits, diapers and wipes. He would like for our congregation to focus on these shortages to get the warehouse ready for the next disaster. Thank you and God Bless.

Please bring your items and put them on the tables in the Memorial Corridor.
Thanks, Pastor Frye

Women's Bible Study

There will be a Women's Bible Study on April 12th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to bring toilet paper for the food pantry.

Lost Keys

There were a set of keys found in the Sanctuary on Sunday. If you lost some keys please let Julie know. They are in the office.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all who contributed to the HVAC fund. The new system has been installed. Special thanks to Bud Abernathy, Leonard Lewis, and Clint Clemmer and his crew. This is a major upgrade that will keep us comfortable for years to come! Joe Keefer

Decorating the Church for Easter Sunday

We need volunteers to help decorate the church on April 16th beginning at 10am for Easter.

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

CELC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: President Joe Keefer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Devotions: Judy Abernathy led the devotions.

Roll call and action on excuse for absence:

Present: Joe Keefer, Pastor Wesley Frye, Judy Abernathy, Bud Abernathy, Paul Brodland, Crystyl Human, Bob Mahovsky, Todd Campbell, Tammy Poarch, Buck Helms, David Lewis, Richard Medlin, Kristina Wyatt

Absent: Gil Harris, Tonya Campbell, Tim Cloninger

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion was made by Joe Keefer to approve the minutes with spelling corrections. Bob seconded the motion, and motion passed.

Report of Pastor: Pastor stated we will be in the Family Life Center for another Sunday, Feb. 27, secondary to the heating installation. Discussion about the Lenten services. Christ's Lutheran will be the host church for The United Churches of Stanley this year. Discussion about meal for Palm Sunday service, and Wednesday night Lenten services.

Lisa (organist/pianist) will be on vacation the next 3 weeks. Lois Conley will cover during Lisa's absence.

Memorial garden fountain is leaking. Discussion. The fountain will need to be replaced.

Small chimes are falling from Chime tower. Discussion. Crystyl stated \$2900 in repair budget. Judy stated Stephen Spake may have repair ideas.

Executive Session: Minutes were reviewed and approved. Bud made a motion to approve, and Paul seconded, motion passed.

Reports by General and Capital Fund Treasures:

Paul presented the General Fund report. He reviewed the deposits summary for January 2022 and Designated Funds Report for the same period. General Fund Available balance for January was \$106,526.38. Total Designated Offerings ending balance was \$71,248.14.

Joe made a motion to move \$105.93 of local benevolence to the designated fund Snack Pack. Vote, passed unanimously.

The check for Disaster Relief totaling \$1050.00 for our NALC disaster relief efforts in response to the December 10th tornadoes was distributed.

Crystyl presented the January 2022 Capital Fund Report. Capital Fund Balance ending 1/31/2022 was \$82,366.40. She discussed the balances in the designated memorial, and undesignated memorial funds, as possible funds for the HVAC project. She is contacting the donors to see if their funds can be used for the new HVAC unit.

Archives: No report. **Christian Education:** No report. **Endowment:** No report. **Mutual Ministry:** No report. **Nominating Committee:** No report. **Social Ministry:** No report. **Stewardship:** No report. **Worship and Music:** No report.

Evangelism: Todd is working on greeters and ushers list. Pastor would like to meet with the group, one time, after the members are chosen.

Finance and Audit: Paul discussed direct deposit for the 5 employees of the church. Discussion. Joe explained QuickBooks may have an option for direct deposit at no cost. Bob and Paul will explore this option.

New office phones were discussed with multiple options. Tammy made a motion to buy 3 new phones for the secretary, Pastor, and Kitchen/food pantry. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Food Pantry needs copier for photo ID's, or copies for documents needed for their records. Tammy made a motion to buy a copier for the food pantry from their designated funds. Todd seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Internal Ministry: Five Meals for Lenten services were discussed. (March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6) Meals would be served before 7:00 service. (~50 people). Suggested Groups to prepare meals: Choir, Internal Ministry, Council, Men of the Church, Women of the Church. Council will prepare March 9th Meal.

Discussion of Bereavement committee's reinstatement.

Discussion of Palm Sunday Community Service meal (70-100 people) April 10th.

Discussion for Paper Products and kitchen supplies. Rick Chapman for details.

Property: Bud discussed heating installation.

Report of Special Committees: Bob discussed the results of the Cemetery Committee meeting. It was determined that there are vacant grave spaces in the north acreage. (Total: 62 potential grave spaces) Discussion was made about Perpetual Care Fund. Joe tabled the discussion until the former existing road on the GIS map for the cemetery has more details.

Other Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Pastor Frye stated there can be no anonymous requests/issues from the congregation for the Council to have for discussion.

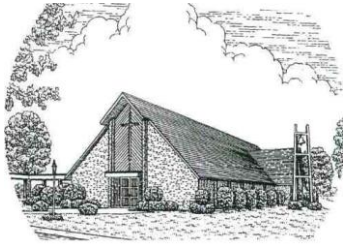
Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held March 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Wyatt
Secretary

April 2022

| Sunday | Mon | Tuesday | Wed | Thursday | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Church Workday 8am- 12noon |
| 3 Divine Service 10:30 AM | 4 | 5 | 6 Lenten Meal 5:45-6:30pm Lenten Vespers 7pm | 7 Food Pantry 11am- 12:30pm | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Palm Sunday Divine Service 10:30 AM Community Palm Sunday Service 7pm | 11 | 12 Women's Bible Study 10am | 13 | 14 Food Pantry 11am- 12:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm | 15 Good Friday Service 7pm | 16 Decorate the Church for Easter 10:00am |
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Pastor: Rev. Wesley R. Frye, STS
Administrative Assistant: Julie Bodenheimer
Facilities: Rick Chapman
Choirmaster: Nancy Olls

Schedule:

Sunday

10:30 am Worship Service

Wednesday

6:00 pm Bible Study

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:00 am until 12:30 pm