



# CELC Newsletter

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

## Pastor's Message

To my fellow servants of the Gospel at Christ's Church,

Grace be unto you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is yet to come. The season of Pentecost is now dawning upon us. This is the time of the Christian year that Christ's Holy Church focuses with more intensity on Her mission in and to the world.

During the first Pentecost (the account of which is found in The Acts of the Apostles Ch. 2) the Holy Spirit comes to the Church as our ascended Lord Jesus promised he would. It is at this point that the Church actually becomes the Church—the followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit who has come to them so that they might be made able to participate in God's ministry to the world. Without the Spirit of God we could not be effectual in our work for the Lord, we would not have the continual grace given in the sacraments, indeed we would not be the Church at all. As the Scripture declares: **"Apart from me you can do nothing."**

In the Acts text, I think it would serve us well to consider the way in which the Holy Spirit chose to come to the Church. When Elijah was frustrated with the work the Trinity has called him to he fled to the desert. It was there that the Spirit of God came to the prophet not out of wind or fire or earthquake, but rather after these—out of the silent stillness. However, in Acts 2, fifty days after the Lord's death, the Spirit breaks in upon the Apostles in what Acts describes as "a sound like the blowing of a violent wind" with the appearance of "tongues of fire"—a scene that I'm sure was as terrifying as it was shocking. Just as the Spirit thrust Himself upon the Church, in the same way (and with the same fervent vitality) he expects the Church to go into the world and be the means through which the Spirit transforms it—a monumental responsibility, and one to which each of you are called by virtue of now having Jesus as your brother.

In addition to this, v.42 of the same chapter gives instruction to those who have received this precious gift of the Spirit: **They devoted themselves to the Apostle's doctrine** [this is for us, the Holy Scriptures] **and the fellowship** [that is, actually being an active participant of the Christian community] **to the breaking of bread** [every time the early Church came together they celebrated the Eucharist] **and the prayers** ["the" prayers is a reference to the liturgical prayer life of the Christian Church].

As we move into Pentecost I encourage you all to remember that you have been gathered in to the Christ's Lutheran fellowship of believers for the purpose of participating in God's mission and ministry to the world. By virtue of the Spirit's Presence with us, the Church is in a state of *perpetual* mission. He has infused each of us with particular gifts so that we can serve him with our time on this earth.

If any of you are uncertain of these gifts, I encourage you to contact me so that we might do a "spiritual inventory" of sorts and discover what they are and how you can use them to serve the Lord to the best of your ability.

The blessing of Almighty God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you all.

Your servant in the Gospel, Pastor Frye+

## 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: Gene Brodland (father of Paul Brodland), Kim Costner, Hubert Abernathy, Michael Benedict,. Please pray for the Nation and the people diagnosed with the coronavirus.
- Grieving: The family of Harold & Patsy Lineberger at the death of their son-in-law, Kevin Hinch.  
The family of Larry & Judy Blanc at the death of their son-in-law.
- Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore
- Members in Nursing Homes: Christine Wallace is at Stanley Total Living Ctr., Ruth Cloninger is at Carillon in Lincolnton, Neal Ritchie is at Stanley Total Living (123)

### Friends and Relatives:

Diana Kingsley, Ray McNeely, Trudy Dixon, Sidney Mitchell, Harry & Wanda Murphy, Rick Martin, 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

## June's Birthday's

- 2 Ryan Clark
- 6 Caroline McCumbee
- 6 Neal Ritchie
- 7 Mack Cloninger
- 8 Brenda Cloninger
- 9 Jameson Bodenheimer
- 12 Lisa Cloninger
- 15 Michael Dukes
- 16 Pat McAlister
- 17 Buck Helms
- 23 Craig Poarch

## June's Anniversary's

- 11 Paul & Meredith Brodland
- 19 Andrew & Nancy Oll's

## Baptism Anniversary

- 1 Jameson Bodenheimer
- 18 Mary Robinson
- 20 Barbara Benedict
- 30 Mack Cloninger

### Temporary Observances during Worship at Christ's Church

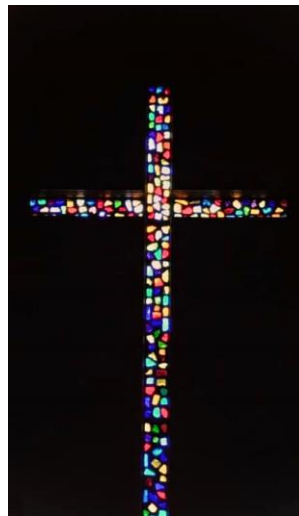
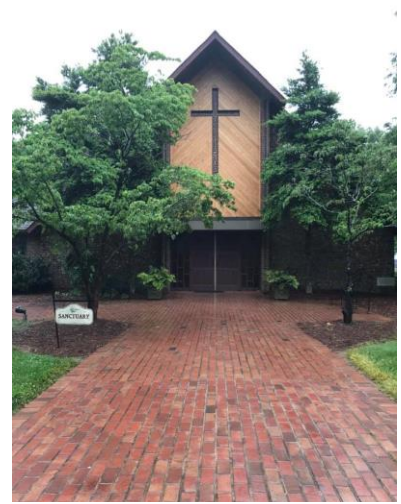
- + Please use hand sanitizer in Narthex
- + Please sit every other pew.
- + The Choir will not be sitting in the Choir Loft.
- + There will be no Sharing of the Peace. Therefore, if there is a matter between you and your brother or sister please go to them outside of the Divine Service and resolve it before you approach the Altar for the Holy Communion.
- + If you have a mask, it is recommended that you wear it.
- + Please refrain from shaking hands

### Reception of the Holy Communion:

- + When appropriate distancing can be observed (6ft. minimum apart) and directed by an usher, get up to form a line down the center aisle towards the Altar.
- + Ushers, please use hand sanitizer after each person you might assist up the Chancel steps.
- + We will limit our gathering around the Altar to groups of 10. Please, spread out evenly around the Altar, with the exception of those you traveled to worship with.
- + For reception of the Sacred Host, please hold out your hands one on top of the other (to form a cross-shaped throne on which to receive the King of kings) and the Pastor will there place the Host. Please do not grab the Host.
- + For the reception of the Precious Blood, please allow the Communion Assistant to distribute the individual cup to you. He will be observing diligent hygiene. Leave the cup, on the Altar rail and they will be picked up by the Assistant after you depart.



## Facebook Page



If you get the chance please look at our Facebook page - Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church - NALC. Thank you, Meredith Brodland for all your beautiful pictures and keeping up our Facebook page. Meredith definitely has shared her talents with us, and we really appreciate all she is doing.



2nd Quarter 2020 -- All Funds Received			
	April	May	June
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 16,215.60	\$ -	\$ -
Other income	\$ 25,600.15	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$ 41,815.75</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Designated Gifts	\$ 812.78	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 44,028.53</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

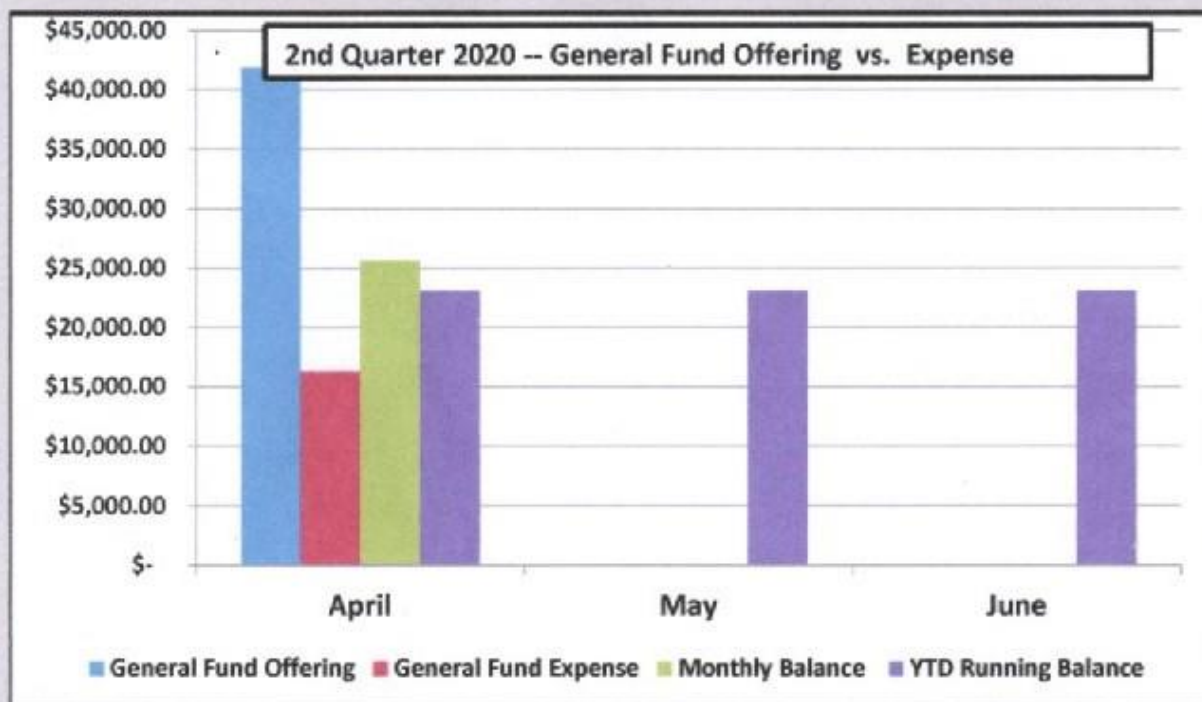
\* 4.5 % Benevolence to NALC

\* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)

2nd Quarter 2020 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	April	May	June
General Fund Offering	\$ 41,815.75	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 452.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 940.48	\$ -	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 625.95	\$ -	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,740.89	\$ -	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 2,941.21	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 16,248.53</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>All Expenses (Including DF &amp; Transfers)</b>	<b>\$ 18,100.53</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Monthly Balance	\$ 25,567.22	\$ -	\$ -
<b>YTD Running Balance</b>	<b>\$ 23,094.30</b>	<b>23,094.30</b>	<b>\$ 23,094.30</b>

Notes -- 1) No worship services in April due to the coronavirus

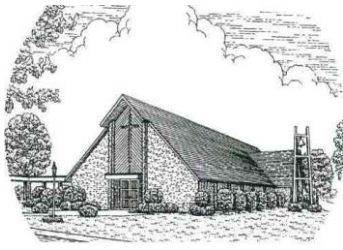
2) Other Income - \$25,238.00 (Paycheck Protection Program Loan from SBA)



# June 2020

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Divine Service 10:30am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Divine Service 10:30am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Divine Service 10:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Divine Service 10:30am	29	30				

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



# Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church

203 S. Main St. Stanley, NC 28164

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

**Schedule:**

**Sunday**

10:30 am Worship Service

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 8:00 am until 12:30 pm