



# CELC Newsletter

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

## Pastors Message

### The Psalms as the very Soul of our Lord

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Despite the busyness of our lives, it is not too difficult to perceive (if one sets aside the requisite time with the Word to do so) that throughout our Lord's life he meditated upon the prophecies in the Sacred Scripture. In the course of time and in his prayerful intimacy with his Father, he understood these prophecies as having to do with Himself. I am not certain of how this process came about; what I am certain about is that it did.

The prayer of Jesus is inseparable from who Jesus is. This is to say that in the mind of Jesus there is a never-ending exchange with God the Father Almighty and this exchange forms the boundaries, the recollection, the will, and the quality of the consciousness of the Man, Jesus Christ. It's here in this very consciousness resident within the Man, Jesus that a human being perceives and knows Himself to be the eternally begotten Son of the Father who has been sent into the world to redeem and save those to whom he would become brother. The Son of God, who *from* eternity and *into* eternity, is always reciprocating the Father's love in Himself, does exactly the same thing when he comes to earth, but -now- he does it as a Man, for men.

Because of this, the correct place to meditate upon the meaning of the Incarnation of the Son and his Passion is through the mind of Jesus the Son of God and his never-ending prayer to his Father. For the Preacher of Hebrews says: **Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.** (Hebrews 7.25) So therefore, if we want to meditate upon what the Incarnation, the Passion and indeed the entire Atonement means (and we should want to meditate upon these things), then we must know what these things meant to Jesus—for he is the One who gives them their true meaning. And to do that we must seek and ingest what the Sacred Scripture tells us of the mind of Jesus.

This, my brothers and sisters, is not at all difficult to do because the Scripture gives us such a flood of knowledge concerning the prayer life of the eternal Son of God. In fact, the amount we have is astounding! We possess, in our very own hands, prayers from the mind of Christ to his Father that are written down for us—prayers in which we are invited to listen to the very voice of the Son speaking to the Father. This is mercifully given to us in the Book of Psalms. In the Psalms we are invited to peer into mind of Jesus—his desires, his thoughts, his sorrows, his joys as he communes with the Father. When we pray the Psalms *in* and *with* Jesus Christ it's not simply to "peer into" the mystery of Salvation from the outside, rather it is to know the mystery from the inside—

because in the Psalms, the believer is beholding it from inside the mind of the Savior. What we have in the Psalms are the thoughts of Jesus to His Father concerning the Incarnation, Suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension in the form of prayer.

In Bible Study, we have recently read the Psalms from such a place. But don't take my word for it, take Paul's. He is the Church's earliest interpreter of the Psalms when he squarely places upon the lips of Christ: **The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.** (Romans 15.3) The "me" of Psalm 69 quoted by the Apostle, is of course Jesus as he suffers at the hands of his enemies, and the "you" is the Father to whom our Lord prays. Seeing the Psalms from this, their real perspective, was not something foreign to the Christians to whom the Word of Truth was first delivered. Indeed, St. John also places part of this Psalm in the mouth of the Son when he says, **"Zeal for your house will consume me."** (John 2.17). You see, when we pray this Psalm, we do so from the very mind and heart of the Savior as he suffers to save us.

**Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. <sup>2</sup> I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.**

Your brother in Jesus,  
Pastor Frye+

**"Thank you to the members of Christ Lutheran for making the Stuff the Truck event a huge success at this year's Carolinas Convocation!  
To God be the glory. "**



## 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:** Mack Cloninger, Ruth Laue, Jim & Bertie Billups, William Busch

**Home-bound Members:** Gaynelle Moore

Friends and Relatives: Dawn Mitchell, Ronald Sigmon, Sylvia Podlasinski, Cherry Huff, Loretta Bell, Magnolia White, Jerry Winham, Christina Walls, Jack Wilson, Rowena Helms, Faye Harper, Tony Carroll, Buddy Hodge, Betty Coulter, Jim Bumgardner, Crystal White, Harry & Wanda Murphy, Luke Murphy.

## November's Birthday's

2 David Clark	20 Judy Abernathy
5 Logan Dixon	20 Nina Hovis
5 Harold Lineberger	22 Devoe Casagrande
5 Julie Robonson	25 Alyssa Poarch
7 Kelli Costner	28 Rick Chapman
7 Wayne Hovis	29 Judy Bozeman
15 Susan Hawkins	
19 Jill Price	

## November's Anniversary's

3 Brian & Julie Robinson  
4 Mack & Judy Cloninger  
10 Michael & Nancy Dukes  
15 Gabe & Jill Price  
21 Ronnie & Teresa Daivs  
29 Steve & Debra Hawley

## Baptism Anniversary

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



Homecoming Sunday with  
Trang Cao - Paige Vu



Welcome to our new members. We look forward to working with you and spreading the word of God. The Speck's, the Wyatt's and the Lilly families.



### **Congratulations Lisa Medlin Costner**

The Great 100 Nurses' Award is a once-in-a-lifetime award given to 100 North Carolina Nurses as a testament to their outstanding professionalism and dedication to their patients, their families, their colleagues and community.

There are over 70,000 nurses in North Carolina. 500 nurses were nominated for the Great 100. This year Richard and Bitsy Medlin's daughter, Lisa Costner, was one of the 100 North Carolina Nurses to receive this award. Lisa has been a nurse for 30 years. She has been the primary investigator on a nursing research project as well as participating in other research and evidence based practice projects. She has presented at conferences, chaired the North Carolina chapter for the Association for Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN) and chaired the nursing research council at Caromont Regional Medical Center. She has precepted many new students and employees. She serves as a team leader at the Birthplace at Caromont Regional Medical Center. While Lisa has had many career opportunities, she remains in labor and delivery where she is happiest taking care of patients at the bedside.

### **Poinsettias for the Advent Season**

We will be purchasing poinsettias from Food Lion again this year and they will be \$5.99. I will put an insert in the bulletin this week for signing up. The designated fund that the memorials will go to this year is our Snack Pack program. We are sponsoring the Backpack Weekend Food Program for the Stanley Schools.



# The Dedication of the Memorial Chime Tower and the Memorial Garden Bench. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021



### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drive for 2021

It's that time of year for preparing your special **Shoe Box** for a child somewhere around the world. This may be the only way that they know Christ is through your packed box. What a simple gift but with a **BIG** message! Please pray when packing your box that this child will come to know that "Jesus Loves Them". Just pick-up a brochure and read the "DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS", decide if you want to pack for a girl or boy and go shopping.

Join me -- pack a box! Return to the church by Sunday, November 14th, 2021!

Notice Members: We have a challenge... a member of CELC will pay your \$9 shipping on a box. WOW, what a savings. Make a box...

Have fun and enjoy that good feeling for doing something for someone else!

Thanks, Kathey Brown

### CELC Workday at Operation Christmas Child Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Put on your comfortable shoes and get ready for a wonderful experience!  
We will travel to the processing center in Charlotte on this day and prepare boxes that go around the world to spread the word of God to children.

How exciting! You share a little of yourself for a child!

I have reserved 10 spots for us to work four hours ... sign-up and go!

We will leave CELC at 7:30am and return after lunch.

Remember: Mask are required and social distancing too.

CELC Member... Prayers are requested for our save work and the difference we make in the life of a child somewhere!

Thanks to our wonderful angel here at CELC for paying the shipping for our boxes this year!

Sign-Up with me and reserve your spot! Thanks, Kathey Brown



**Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Archives Committee**  
**10/10/2021**

The archives of Christ's Lutheran Church have been blessed to receive a treasure trove of family heirlooms from the Henry Sadler family who were one of the founding members of our church.

The Sadler's had three daughters: Connie, Eunice and Leckie who never married. The Sadler family members are all buried in our Stanley Cemetery.

Among these cherished items, which will be in our archives room, are the following:

1. Two family Bibles from the 1840s and 1850s.
2. Hymnals which were used in our first Church.
3. Augsburg Confession – 1848, and Augsburg Confession – 1856.
4. Sunday School Hymnal – 1883.
5. Dort chi gospel voices used in Sunday School classes and Church – 1900.
6. Book of dissertation of priesthood of Jesus Christ and Melchizedek - 1844.
7. Lutheranism of America by the Lutheran Church in U.S.A. – 1857.
8. Assortment of public-school books of math and English in the 1800's.

We would like to thank the late E. C. Clippard and Carolyn Clippard for presenting these gifts to Christ's Lutheran Church. As Carolyn says "these treasures are now returned to the Church where they belong."

Henry Sadler, his wife Catherine, Eunice, Connie and Leckie were E.C. Clippard's great grandfather.

Henry Sadler whose wife was Susan was E.C. Clippard's great uncle. They also were members of Christ's Lutheran Church.

Report respectfully submitted by:

Archives Committee



## INVITATION

As you know, we are organizing the Second Annual Veterans Day Celebration that will be held on November 7, 2021. **Please know that you are invited and that we would be honored to have your attendance as we celebrate and honor all veterans and veteran family members.**

Individuals attending the Celebration will receive a Program Guide. The Program Guide includes: a list of speakers, helpful information for each segment of the Celebration, a listing of all Veterans who have been submitted by individuals, or organizations for inclusion in the program guide as either "Remembered" or "Honored," along with the name of the individual or organization that submitted the Veteran's name.

If you would like to have a beloved Veteran included in the Program Guide, please complete and submit one form below for each Veteran you would like to have either "Remembered" or "Honored." **Names must be received by 10/8/2021 to be included in the Celebration Bulletin.**

### **The Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund Second Annual** **VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION PROGRAM GUIDE INFORMATION** **SUBMISSION FORM**

**Name, military branch, and battlefield information desired to be printed in Celebration Program Guide:**

PLEASE PRINT ABOVE THIS LINE THE NAME TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN [ ] IN MEMORY OF, or [ ] IN HONOR OF or [ ] PROUD SUPPORTER

PLEASE PRINT ABOVE THIS LINE MILITARY BRANCH, WHERE SERVED, E.T.C.

**Donations must be received by 10/8/2021 to be included in the Celebration Bulletin.**

PRINT NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER OF DONOR – PHONE NUMBER REQUIRED

### **SUGGESTED INDIVIDUAL DONATION LEVELS\***

**PLATINUM LEVEL SUPPORT.....\$500+**

**GOLD LEVEL SUPPORT.....\$200+**

**SILVER LEVEL SUPPORT .....\$100+**

**BRONZE LEVEL SUPPORT.....\$50+**

**COPPER LEVEL SUPPORT.....\$20+**

**MAILING ADDRESS OF: STANLEY CEMETERY ANCESTRY FUND, c/o THOMAS DEESE, TREASURER, PO BOX 772, STANLEY, NC 28164, or email: mahovsky2@gmail.com**

*\*DONATION SUPPORT WILL PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: PRINTING COST OF THE PROGRAM GUIDE, SPEAKER FEE, SPEAKER TRAVEL EXPENSES (MILES AND MEALS), SPEAKER LODGING, PROGRAM ADVERTISING EXPENSES, CELEBRATION MEDIA EXPENSES, FLOWERS/POPPIES/GIFT FOR VETERANS, SIGNS & BANNERS, ANY UNUSED AMOUNT DONATED WILL PAY FOR ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE NON-PROFIT ANCESTRY FUND'S CEMETERY MAINTENANCE EXPENSES*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WATCH LAST YEAR'S CELEBRATION CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**  
**Veterans Day Service 11.8.2020 - YouTube**



Dear Fellow Members of CELC,

Please plan to attend the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 2021 following 10:30AM worship service.

There are several items to be voted on at this meeting. 1) Vote on the 2022 budget 2) Elect council members for 2022, 3) Vote on proposed change to constitution, (see below), 4) Vote on up to \$110,000.00 expenditure for replacement of HVAC unit for church building. 5) Ratification of decisions made at the NALC Convocation in Corpus Christi, in August 2021 – see at end of this letter.

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 meet these requirements by October 31, 2021 in order to vote at the annual meeting.

The slate of nominees for 2022 Church Council are:

Tim Cloninger  
Joe Keefer

David Lewis  
Richard Medlin

Tammy Poarch  
Kristina Wyatt

If after receiving this letter, the Lord has moved your heart and you are willing to serve, please notify either Tonya Campbell or Jay Human 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. **Six Council members should be elected.**

### Proposed Change to Constitution

#### Chapter 12 – Church Council 12.05 – C

**a. The Church Council may enter into contracts of up to \$15,000 (~~Changed from \$5,000~~) for items not included in the budget. In the event of an emergency requiring action to preserve property sooner than the (10) ten days needed for a Congregation Meeting, the Church Council may by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the Church Council enter into contracts not exceeding \$15,000 (~~Changed from \$5,000~~). This will prevent the need to call a congregational meeting to approve the repair or replacement of future maintenance items like air conditioners. The \$5,000 limit was made many years ago when costs to replace A/C units and the like were much less than they are today.**

#### Replacement of HVAC unit for Church.

The current HVAC unit in the church is 53 years old and in need of being replaced. It is estimated this could cost up to \$110,000.00. Congregational approval and support is needed for this project. Finance Committee, Council and Property Committee; have discussed how this will be financed. Recommendations include Designated Giving, Capital Improvement Fund, Memorial Funds and Endowment request.

We urge everyone to give these important matters careful and prayerful consideration and encourage you all to be present for the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2021.

Yours in Christ,

Judy R. Abernathy  
Council President

September 8, 2021

Dear Congregations and Clergy of the North American Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

One of the NALC's Core Values is "Congregationally Focused." Congregational participation is a foundational principle of our church body's governance. By requiring congregational ratification of certain key decisions, the NALC ensures that its members are aware of and broadly supportive of those decisions.

At our recent NALC Mission Convocation in Corpus Christ, Texas, the delegates to the convocation voted to ratify amendments to Article 11 of the Constitution. As a result, each member congregation is asked to schedule a duly called congregational meeting for the purpose of voting "yes" or "no" to the convocation's action to amend portions of Article 11. A simple majority vote is required. This has to be done at a meeting of the entire congregation and not at a council meeting or any other sub-group meeting. **The deadline for voting on the ratification of Article 11 is within six months of the close of the 2021 NALC Mission Convocation — February 6, 2022.** It would be best to have a brief specially called meeting of the congregation well in advance of the deadline date.

#### EXPLANATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The 2020 NALC Mission Convocation voted to postpone proposed amendments to Article 11, Regional Subdivisions, of the NALC Constitution. The amendments proposed last year would have named mission districts as the regional subdivision.

There was support for naming them as mission districts. The reason for postponing consideration of the amendments was to revise the amendments so the constitution clearly allows for mission districts to form mission regions. Several mission regions have already been formed in the NALC.

#### BELOW IS WHAT WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY THE DELEGATION:

(Deletions are marked with a strikethrough and additions are in a red font and underlined.)

#### ARTICLE 11 – REGIONAL SUBDIVISIONS

**11.01** Congregations shall join in collaboration as Mission Districts to fulfill most effectively the ministry and mission of the NALC, normally based on common geographic boundaries. Mission Districts may form Mission Regions for more effective ministry and mission as needed. Mission Regions shall have such organizational form and functions as shall be determined by the constituting Mission Districts. Such organization shall be done in consultation with the Bishop and subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

**11.02** Each ~~regional group~~ Mission District or Mission Region of congregations shall adopt appropriate governing documents that are consistent with the governing documents and practice of the NALC and shall include election of a Dean, adoption of a budget, and provision for supervision, mutual support of member congregations, and procedures necessary for carrying out its mission and ministry.

**11.03** The Deans, who shall be ordained ministers of the NALC, shall be accountable to the Bishop and work with the Bishop by conducting similar functions in their ~~respective areas~~ Mission Districts. Deans shall serve as pastor to ordained ministers, their families, and congregations, and will conduct a ministry of teaching and visitation with ordained ministers and congregations. Deans may continue to serve under the call of a congregation.

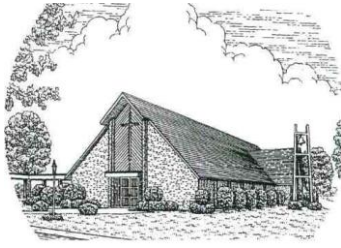
Per the NALC Constitution, Article 17.03 states "Any amendment to this Constitution, prior to becoming effective, must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of congregations (i) that belonged to the NALC at the close of the Convocation that approved the amendment and (ii) that within six months after the close of the Convocation have voted on ratification in and through properly called congregational meetings.

And, "As a responsibility of NALC membership, congregations are expected to vote on the ratification of proposed constitutional amendments. For ratification to be valid, at least 50% of congregations belonging to the NALC at the close of the Convocation that approved the amendments must have voted on the question. Abstentions and invalid ballots shall not be considered for purposes either of counting the number of congregations that have voted on ratification or of determining whether the two-thirds majority has been achieved."

# November 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 Bible Study 6pm  Choir 7pm	4 Food Pantry 11:30am-12pm	5	6
7 Divine Service 10:30pm  Daylight savings time	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10am in Sanctuary	10 Bible Study 6pm  Choir 7pm	11 Food Pantry 11:30am-12pm	12	13
14 Divine Service 10:30pm  Congregational Meeting  Church Council Meeting 6:00pm	15	16	17 Bible Study 6pm  Choir 7pm	18 Food Pantry 11:30am-12pm	19	20
21 Divine Service 10:30pm	22	23	24 Bible Study 6pm  Choir 7pm	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 Divine Service 10:30pm	29	30				





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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

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 8:00AM until 12:30PM