



CELC Newsletter

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

Pastors Message

Grace be unto you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is yet to come.

Life in this fallen world throws us curveballs. The year of our Lord, 2020 has been a testament to this fact. In May of this year, I remember thinking, *"At last! We're finally on the other side of this worldwide pandemic!"* And yet here we are 4 months later, standing at Homeplate to go to bat against Covid again, this time a different strain of the virus. It's like a bad, real-life remake of the movie Groundhog Day! As a church family, we've got in our sights the celebration of Homecoming, the Dedication of the Chime Tower in the garden, New Member Sunday, Halloween and All Saints Sunday—some of which will now likely have to be re-envisioned or postponed a bit.

Growing up, one of my favorite sports was baseball—that "great American pastime" that is unfortunately truly becoming a pastime. One of the most helpful things in learning how to hit the ball well when you stepped up to the plate, was to have studied the pitcher well. With regard to Covid, we now know more than we did at this time last year. We know that distance is helpful, as is wearing a mask in public (despite the fact that our government, through the CDC, told us that it wasn't early on in 2020). Also, now we have a vaccine that is at least somewhat effective against the virus. In fact, one ICU nurse that I know has reported to me that it's not really the elderly that are dying from Covid anymore because most are now vaccinated, it's mainly the young (40-60) who have not been. This is vastly different than last year when Covid was ripping through our hospitals and nursing homes. At least now people have the option to get vaccinated where before they didn't. One more thing we've also learned (if we didn't know it already) is that *we* are not in control. We forget that fact very easily. The Holy Trinity is in control, he holds all things in his hand, and he will never leave us to fend for ourselves—not in a worldwide pandemic; nor in any other situation that we may find ourselves in. So, where I might have thought back in May that we were on the other side of this, alas I was wrong—as men who see through a mirror darkly often are. God, in his unfathomable wisdom and love has deigned to let Covid-19 continue for a time. For what reason, I am not privy to. What I do know this: All things work together for our good— and, yes, "all things" means even Covid. Somehow in the mystery of God's divine and holy will this ongoing pandemic is serving the good of God's people. We can't see that now, but one day we will.

Conversely to the above, I have somehow found myself in a group text chat with various "pastors" (not Lutheran) who are calling on all of the members of the group to "bind Covid". Not only is this reaching for and attempting to steal that authority which belongs only to God, it also treats Covid as if it were some kind of demon that can be rebuked and bound in prison. This is foolishness. God's sons and daughter are *not* to be about the business of "binding Covid" (whatever that means), we are rather to be about the business of serving and living faithfully unto death with whatever the Lord allows to come our way. To this end, the Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated at Christ's Church, sins will be Absolved, the Word of God will be preached. The people of God will be strengthened by the means of grace that Christ so freely continues to give to his Church. God has given us the ark of the Holy Church to ride the waves that the storms of this life produce. In other words, he has made us able in every situation that comes our way, to be able to "swing well".

Your brother in Jesus, 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: Emma Powell, Pat Ritchie, Ruth Laue, Jim & Bertie Billups, William Busch,
Grieving: Butch Human (Jay Human's Dad)
Sheree Gibson (Doris Cope's Niece)
Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore

Friends and Relatives: "Maggie" Magnolia White, Carol Bodenheimer, Mark McClure, Jerry Winham, Mackowski, Jack Wilson, Faye Harper, Harry & Wanda Murphy, Rick Martin, Luther Murphy, Everett Lineberger, Donnie Miskelly, Jim Bumgardner, Betty Coulter, Crystal White, Tony Carroll, Buddy Hodge

September's Birthday's

4 Brian Robinson
5 Tommy Hedrick
5 Steve Lineberger
6 Patsy Lineberger
9 Nancy Dukes
9 Bob Mahovsky
15 Lois Conley
20 Tonya Campbell
23 Ann Helms
25 Prissy Hellms
27 Bitsy Medlin

September's Anniversary's

11 David & Janice Clark
28 Donnie & Rene' Clippard

Baptism Anniversary

1 Judy Cloninger	23 Doris Cope
1 Gary Dixon	24 Caroline McCumbee
1 Andrew Olls	28 Steve Lineberger
10 Paul Brodland	
14 Bud Abernathy	
14 Leigh Anne Faulkenberry	
14 Crystyl Human	
21 Kim Costner	
22 Connie Dixon	

THIS WEEK IN ALTAR GUILD
CHAMPIONS...



... The award goes to Kathy Black and Susan Hawkins! They set up for the Sacrament of the Altar on Saturday, August 14th, the Pastor called them to tell them he was

exposed to Covid and wouldn't be able to celebrate the Sacrament on Sunday and they put everything away. He then called them again to tell them that Pastor Mozolak was able to supply for him which meant they set up all over again. ****AND**** they did it all in good cheer and humor! Thank you for all that you do!

Church Workday

There will be a church workday on Saturday, September 11th from 8-12. If it rains it will be Saturday Sept. 25th.

Trang Cao - Paige Vu

Paige Vu, a member of the family that Christ's Lutheran Church sponsored from Vietnam years ago (1970's) is hoping to come to Stanley for homecoming this month. She is to arrive in Charlotte on September 24th and will stay at Doris Cope's home through the 27th. Paige changed her name from Trang Cao to Paige Vu and was written about in our August's newsletter.

FREE OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINE GIVEAWAY DRIVE-THRU EVEN

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

TIME: 9AM - 2PM

WHERE: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Common Ground Campus
5481 Hickory Grove Road
Stanley, NC 28164

Free OTC medicine items include, cold, cough, flu medicine, pain relief, vitamins, and children's medicine etc.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

Register at: www.medassit.org/mobile



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](#)**

NALC NEWS

Convocation hears vision updates, affirms decisions

The 2021 NALC Mission Convocation heard updates on the 10 points of the NALC's 2020 Vision and overwhelmingly approved two resolutions supporting decisions by the Executive Council to establish a central NALC office in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area and to add four part-time assistants to the bishop.

The convocation revolved around the 10 points of the 2020 Vision. Each vision point was highlighted with oral and written reports. Opportunities for discussion of each point and questions from delegates were provided.

More than 400 delegates and visitors gathered August 4-6 in Corpus Christi, Texas, for the 2021 Mission Convocation around the theme, "God the Father Creates." The convocation and the events preceding it comprise the NALC's annual Lutheran Week.

2020 Vision Appeal: We are excited to share that we are moving forward with funding and implementing our 2020 Vision with the full support of the bishop and Executive Council. We are working with Cramer & Associates from Dublin, Ohio, a Christian-based philanthropic advisory firm, to execute this powerful and important initiative. We look forward to communicating and working with you on building our future.

Elections: The Rev. Mark Werner of Pittsgrove, New Jersey, and Joel Williams of Erwin, South Dakota, were elected to four-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Dr. Jeffray Greene of Brooks, Georgia, and Matthew Lind of Bainbridge Island, Washington, were elected to the Court of Adjudication.

The Rev. Dr. Amy Little was installed as the General Secretary of the NALC. The general secretary is the chief operating officer of the NALC and manages its administrative functions.

A major address on the convocation theme, "God the Father Creates," was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Steven Paulson. He focused on the significance of the first article of the Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's explanation of it in his Small Catechism.

Melissa Ohden told the moving story of her life as the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion and now as an advocate for abortion survivors and pro-life policies.

2022 budgets were approved. The Convocation approved a \$2 million Operating Budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for the church's designated funds: \$875,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary); \$215,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$143,000 for the Disaster Response Fund.

Prayer for Ethiopia: The convocation unanimously approved a resolution inviting NALC pastors, congregations and members to unite in "intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia." Ethiopia is going through a time of significant political unrest. The NALC is in a full-communion relationship with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the largest Lutheran church in the world.

Amendments to the NALC Constitution adding language naming mission districts and mission regions were approved. The amendments must be ratified by NALC congregations.

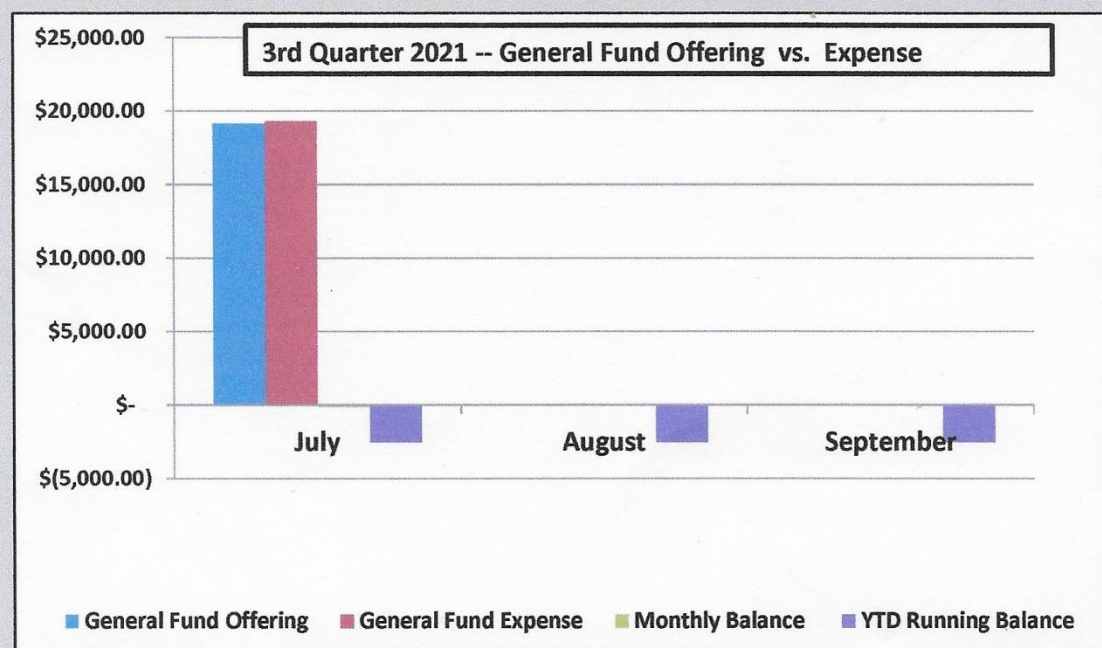
Reports of the work of the NALC's staff, teams, task forces, ministries and ministry partners were warmly received.

The Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology, which preceded the convocation, focused on God the Father. Other events of Lutheran week included the Women of the NALC Annual Gathering and workshops on discipleship, stewardship and youth ministry.

Documents, photos and videos from the convocation and other events of Lutheran Week will be posted at lutheranweek.com.

3rd Quarter 2021 -- All Funds Received			
	July	August	September
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 18,990.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 161.99	\$ -	\$ -
Total General Fund Offering	\$ 19,151.99	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Gifts	\$ 494.50	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 290.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Offering	\$ 19,936.49	\$ -	\$ -
* 4.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

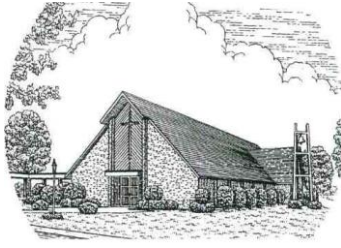
3rd Quarter 2021 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	July	August	September
General Fund Offering	\$ 19,151.99	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 290.00	\$ -	\$ -
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,804.05	\$ -	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 25.95	\$ -	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 13,086.20	\$ -	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 1,794.78	\$ -	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 2,582.48	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Expense	\$ 19,293.46	\$ -	\$ -
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 20,183.46	\$ -	\$ -
Monthly Balance	\$ (141.47)	\$ -	\$ -
YTD Running Balance	\$ (2,551.52)	\$ (2,551.52)	\$ (2,551.52)
Note --			



September 2021

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm	2 Food Pantry 11:30am- 12pm	3	4
5 Divine Service 10:30am	6 Office Closed Labor Day	7	8 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm	9 Food Pantry 11:30am- 12pm	10	11 Church Workday 8-12am
12 Divine Service 10:30am Church Council Meeting 6pm	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10am Office closed	15 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm Office closed	16 Food Pantry 11:30am- 12pm Office closed	17 Office closed	18
19 Divine Service 10:30am	20	21	22 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm	23 Food Pantry 11:30am- 12pm	24	25
26 Divine Service 10:30am Homecoming	27	28	29 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7pm	30 Food Pantry 11:30am- 12pm		

Julie will be out of the office on Tuesday, Sept. 14th - Friday, Sept. 17th, for a mini vacation to the mountains.



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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 8:00 am until 12:30 pm