



CELC Newsletter

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

Pastor's Message

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

The life-blood of the Church is literally the life blood of Jesus Christ delivered through the Sacrament of the Altar as he has so promised. This has been the unwavering confession of the Church down through the ages--From the Lutheran Reformers to the ancient Fathers to the Apostles. This is because the Lord, Jesus Christ made it to be this way when he declared that the eating of his flesh and blood in this meal is "for the forgiveness of sins". Thus, Luther rightly teaches us in the Catechism: Where there is the forgiveness of sins, there with it, is always life and salvation. This Sacrament is the chief way in which Jesus' Spirit works in and among his people today.

American Evangelicals have often charged Lutherans (as well as Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and others) with neglecting the Holy Spirit. This claim usually has to do with worship. This is because to many of our American Evangelical brothers and sisters, the Spirit's presence is determined chiefly by how the individual "feels". Notable examples of this are "running the aisles", "uncontrollable laughter", and "falling backwards". While the benefit of these practices is at least debatable, basing the Spirit's Presence and activity on them is not. To do so is risky business because what happens in this is that the individual attempts to subject the Infinite LORD to the mind of a finite creature and then make a determination on the locality and work of God. I don't know about you, but my emotions can be all over the place in the timespan of an hour. If I were to base the Spirit's Presence and activity on my emotional state at any given time then this could very well lead me to emotional disaster and indeed despair.

The Church of the Augsburg Confession does not gauge the Spirit's Presence and activity in this way. God has promised to be present among his people on earth in very defined ways. For not only is our God a God of order, but he also wants his beloved children to **know** that he is present and acting among them even when (and maybe especially when) their emotional state is not all that great. Sin damages us and wears on our souls. Yet we have a God who comes to us in the midst of even our darkest times and speaks His healing Word to our soul and feeds us of Himself. Lutherans (and the vast majority of all Christians past and present) confess and believe that God **will be** where **he has promised to be**. And God has promised to be with us through the external, outside-of-ourselves means that he has chosen and has revealed to us in Holy Scripture--the reading and preaching of the Word, the Sacraments (and chiefly the Holy Communion), the Absolution spoken by the Pastor by the authority and in the stead of Jesus Christ. It's not a question of "Can" God act in other ways towards his people--of course he can! It's rather a matter of "Does" he. Does God choose to act outside of the ways that he said he would in Sacred Scripture? Well again, I suppose he could, but we have absolutely no reason or assurance that he does. Furthermore, why would God assure us that he would act in these particular ways, and then decide to act in completely other ways? That would be very confusing to his people. We have no Word from God establishing these extra-ordinary means, all we have are "prophesies" and the words of men who declare that God is in fact working in these "new" ways. That's not enough for me.

But back to Biblical teaching. Christ is present in the Holy Eucharist by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is only through the agency of the Holy Spirit that the sacramental Body and Blood of Christ comes to us. This again, is the way that God has concretely chosen to work among his people. The “uncontrollable laughter” may be just fine if somebody wants to do that, but we are nowhere told in Sacred Scripture that this is something that God does or that he chooses to work in this way.

Now I said all of that, to say all of this. The pandemic has interrupted our schedules and changed the way we do things. We wear masks (not just at Halloween anymore), we social distance, and if you're like me then your hands have never been dryer from all of the hand sanitizer. If you feel comfortable doing so (and *only* if you feel comfortable doing so) please call me to schedule the reception of Christ's Body and Blood. This can be done either at your home or at the church. This is vital food the Holy Spirit has promised to feed your soul. And just so you know, as your Pastor I'm being very careful when I have to go out to get groceries and the like. I take all of the above precautions and additionally I try not to gather in groups outside of the Divine Service on Sundays. And the reason I do this is primarily because I come into contact with all of you, and if I were to contract the coronavirus it would put those whom God has called me to care for at risk for contracting the virus. I take this very seriously. Thus far, I have been spared infection and God-willing, it will stay that way so that I can serve you. Therefore, please know that if you are comfortable doing so, I would be overjoyed to come and celebrate the Holy Communion with you.

Your brother in Jesus, Pastor Frye+

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.

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: Eleanor Abernathy, Leigh Anne Faulkenberry, Christine Wallace (broken hip). Please pray for the Nation and the people diagnosed with the coronavirus.

Grieving: The Bud Abernathy Family, (Bud's Mother passed away on 10/1)
Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore

Members in Nursing Homes: Christine Wallace is at Stanley Total Living Ctr., 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, Jim Bumgardner, Devoe Casagrande, Michael Arim, Betty Coulter, Andy Abernathy, Crystal White, E.C. Clippard, Terry Throneburg, Tony Carroll, Judy Stalvey, Buddy Hodge, Betty Coulter, Andy Abernathy, E. C. Clippard, Devoe Casagrande, Crystal White, Mickey Lineberger, Ray McNeely,

October's Birthday's

7 Barbara Benedict	26 Donnie Clippard
7 Kathey Brown	29 Amelia Clark
22 Sara Abernathy	29 Landon Dixon
24 Doris Skidmore	31 Betty Hoover
25 Michael Bozeman	31 Mark Hoover

October's Anniversary's

1 Bob & Sally Mahovsky
2 Larry & Lisa Cloninger
3 James & Julie Bodenheimer
3 Johnny & Prissy Helms
10 Joe & Cindy Keefer

Baptism Anniversary

1 Brenda Cloninger	11 Abigail Price
4 Kyle Medlin	17 Betty Hacker
6 Cindy Forrester	17 Buck Helms
7 Lillian Chronister	17 Marillyn Smith
7 Laura Olls	26 Ronnie Davis
7 Doris Skidmore	

Calling All Gardeners!



Come and dig up some "Blue Enigma" Salvia in the church garden! Blue Enigma Salvia was awarded the Royal Horticulture Society Garden Merit Award. It blooms all summer until frost but it's crowding around the four white camellias in the garden and needs to be thinned out around them. Please bring a shovel and start there!

thank you!

Dear Members:

Thank you so much for the generous gift of food that you gave to our Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church, Stanley. Your gift of food will help to feed many families in the Stanley community.

Without caring people like you, our Food pantry would not be the same. We rely on donations for our sole support. As you know there is a great need in our community, but together we can spread God's love through this food. We have seen lives changed and are humbled by the gratitude of our Food Pantry patrons for the food and those you gave.

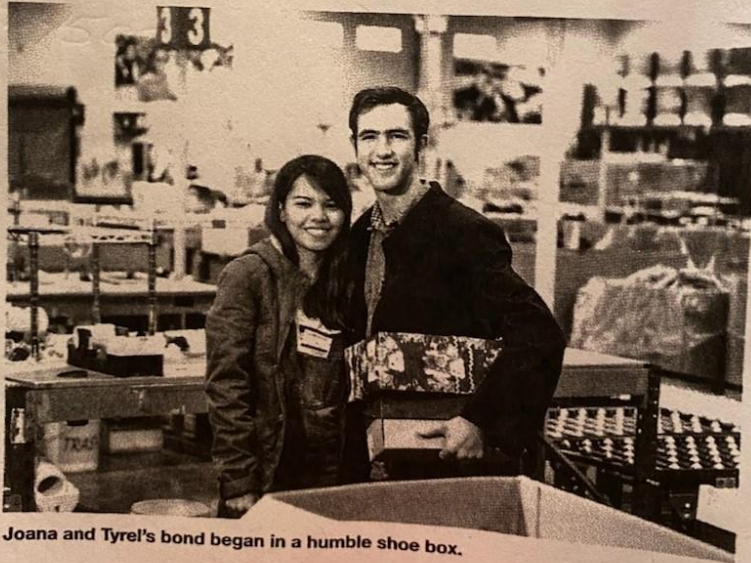
Many thanks again, for your support of our Food Pantry Ministry.

Staff of First United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Manila, Philippines In 2000, Joana Marchan and her classmates received decorated shoe boxes filled with presents from American students as part of a school program. Joana's shoe box had a picture of the boy who'd sent hers: seven-year-old Tyrel Wolfe from Idaho. He included his address in case Joana wanted to become pen pals. Joana sent a letter, but it never arrived.

Eleven years later, on a whim, Joana looked Tyrel up on Facebook. The two began a friendship. Eventually, they fell in love. At their 2014 wedding, they asked guests to bring donations packed in shoe boxes to commemorate how they met. They now have a son, Harlann.

"I remember as a little boy," Tyrel told Samaritan's Purse. "I was so excited to know the toys and other items I put in the box would bring joy to another child somewhere else in the world. I just didn't know the joy it would bring back to me one day." **MW**



Joana and Tyrel's bond began in a humble shoe box.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drive for 2020

2020!! What a year ... but God is still working everywhere and around the world for another season of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. I just can't imagine the number of boxes that have been packed since 1993 ... that's over 178 million.

The children that receive a box also get a chance to participate in "The Greatest Journey" a 12-lesson discipleship program that leads them to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Not only a BOX but the message that "Jesus Loves You" to all these children.

I don't know about you but this gives me a wonderful feeling! You can minister around the world with a simple box of goodies for a child and never leave your warm home with all the luxuries! We are all so blessed ... praise to God for all we have and that we can share with others. **Join me this year by packing a box!** Return it to the church by **Sunday, November 15th, 2020!**

At the end of our busy day that's what life is all about loving one another.

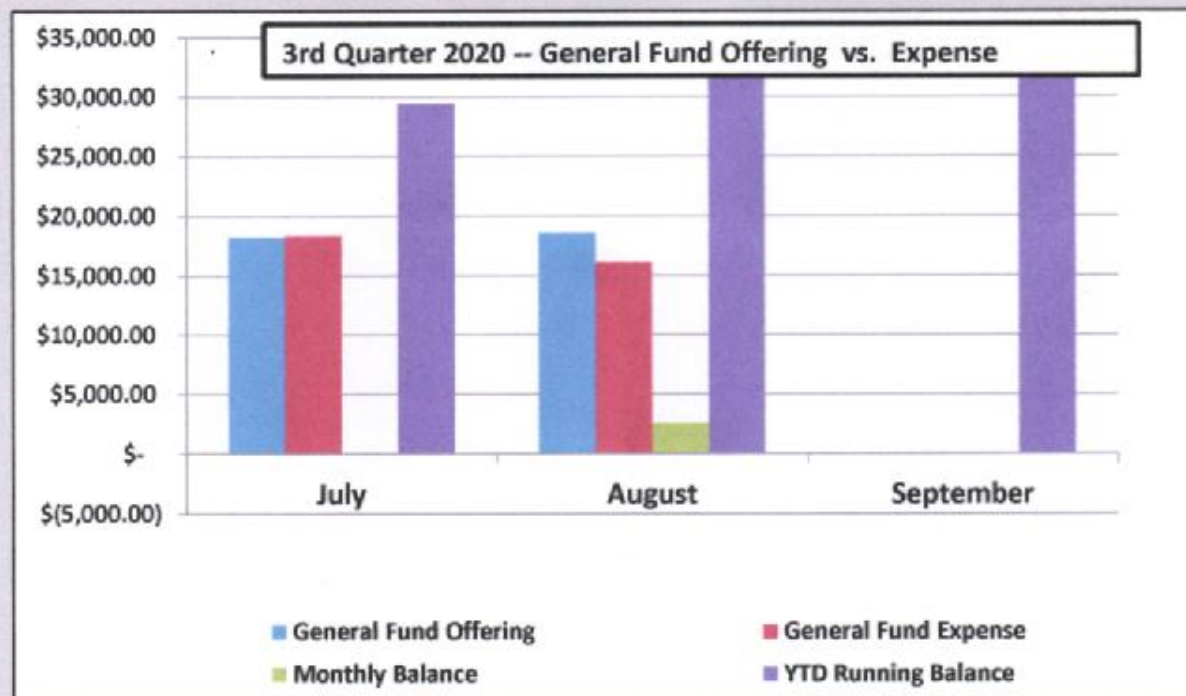
Pick up a brochure and read the DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS before selecting for your box.

Enjoy packing your special box! Thanks, Kathey

3rd Quarter 2020 -- All Funds Received			
	July	August	September
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 18,148.36	\$ 18,405.00	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 86.99	\$ 173.52	\$ -
Total General Fund Offering	\$ 18,235.35	\$ 18,578.52	\$ -
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,323.42	\$ 1,475.25	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ -
Total Offering	\$ 22,383.77	\$ 22,093.77	\$ -
* 4.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

3rd Quarter 2020 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	July	August	September
General Fund Offering	\$ 18,235.35	\$ 18,578.52	\$ -
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 3,541.48	\$ 6,078.35	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ -
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,724.10	\$ 920.25	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 943.95	\$ 25.95	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 12,701.37	\$ 11,702.54	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 194.16	\$ 310.00	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 2,743.98	\$ 3,085.29	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Expense	\$ 18,307.56	\$ 16,044.03	\$ -
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 24,674.04	\$ 24,162.38	\$ -
Monthly Balance	\$ (72.21)	\$ 2,534.49	\$ -
YTD Running Balance	\$ 29,359.63	\$ 31,894.12	\$ 31,894.12

Note --





Board of Directors: Judy Billings, Tommy Deese, Wesley Frye Dan King, Barry Summey, Colin Withers, Robert Mahovsky, Pres.

BULLETIN

Many things have happened because of the Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund since last year. This bulletin will give you some of the important occasions.

First, **AN INVESTMENT POLICY HAS BEEN ADOPTED.** For donors who have wondered how their contributions have been managed, we are pleased to tell you that the Board of Directors has officially adopted an investment policy that allows contributions to be invested in equities. As you know the Board is committed to creating an endowment fund. An endowment fund will be the backbone of the perpetual care fund for the Stanley Cemetery. The establishment of an investment policy is a critical step in that direction. If you would like to examine the policy we can either mail it to you or if you prefer you can email me, or call me (704)678-6643 to receive a copy or discuss it.

Next, is the **ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS.** The Board is so pleased to inform you that all plans for the STANLEY CEMETERY ANCESTRY FUND INAUGURAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION will be held on November 8th. (Flyer attached.) This is a wonderful opportunity to honor local veterans, veteran families, active military, and the 111 veterans in the Stanley Cemetery.

FIRE ANTS! For the last few years, volunteers have worked many hours attacking individual fire ant mounds in the Stanley Cemetery. We are pleased to tell you the Town of Stanley has assisted in this effort to make the Stanley Cemetery a nearly fire ant-free zone. (Some say fire ant-free, but if you know fire ants, if you get rid of them today you find a new one somewhere not seen before because a queen just flew in and started a new nest. But the fire ants are greatly reduced and hard to find now.)

FALLEN TREE REMOVAL. A fallen Hickory tree and a dead Black Sour Gum tree have been removed without any damage to any monuments in the cemetery. (Pictures attached.)

FUNDING. This year's funding of the work of the Ancestry Fund has declined significantly compared to last year. Perhaps because of the COVID – 19 virus, and/or perhaps because of the changes in the Federal Tax Codes. Either way, we would like to remind you that your support is very important not only for the regular maintenance of the lawn in the cemetery but also for the achievement of the goal of creating a perpetual care endowment fund.

CEMETERY LAWN MAINTENANCE. The cost of mowing the lawn has held steady this year at \$700-1050 per month.

Sincerely,
Robert Mahovsky, President



HICKORY TREE PICS – before and after



GUM TREE PICS – before and after



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION FLYERS

INAUGURAL STANLEY CEMETERY ANCESTRY FUND VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



TO HONOR THE STANLEY AREA VETERANS
AND VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

ABRAHAM J. TURNER

MAJOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, RETIRED
+ PATRIOTIC MUSIC + SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS + SURPRISES

Date: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M. CEREMONY BEGINS

Location: Stanley Pentecostal Holiness Church, 113 E. Parkwood Street

ORGANIZED BY THE STANLEY CEMETERY ANCESTRY FUND AND THE STANLEY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH, HOSTED BY THE STANLEY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH. MUSIC AND EVENT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTED BY (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER): Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Community Pentecostal Center, First Baptist Church – Stanley, First Presbyterian Church – Stanley, First United Methodist Church, Frontline Worship Center, Mariposa Baptist Church, New Life Baptist Church, Revival Tabernacle, Springfield Memorial Baptist Church, Stanley Pentecostal Holiness Church, United in Action Churches of Stanley

VETERANS, IF CONVENIENT R.S.V.P. BY: CALLING ONE OF THE SUPPORTING CHURCHES ABOVE, OR EMAIL SCANCESTRYFUND@GMAIL.COM, OR TEXT 704-678-6643 WITH YOUR CONFIRMATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund Inaugural VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



2020 Individual Donation/Support Form

Information to be printed in Celebration Bulletin:

[] IN HONOR OF or [] IN MEMORY OF, or [] PROUD SUPPORTER

Amount of Donation: _____ Check No. _____ Cash _____

PLEASE PRINT donor's name, address, phone no.

Date of donation: _____ Bob's cell # 704-678-6643

INDIVIDUAL DONATION LEVELS

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

GOLD LEVEL SUPPORT\$200+

SILVER LEVEL SUPPORT\$100+

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

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

Donations must be received by 10/9/2020 to be included in the Celebration Bulletin

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

MAILING ADDRESS OF: STANLEY CEMETERY ANCESTRY FUND, c/o THOMAS DEESE, TREASURER, PO BOX 772, STANLEY, NC 28164

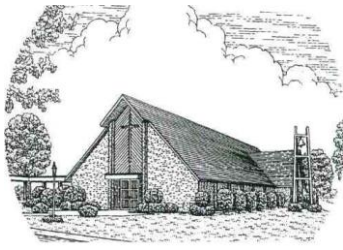
Please complete the form below and mail it with your contribution to: **The Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund, c/o Thomas Deese, Treasurer, P.O. Box 772, Stanley, NC 28164**

Donation from: _____ Donation amount: \$ _____
 To honor: _____ Is a donation receipt requested? _____ no _____ yes
 Name: _____ Phone no: _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address: _____

October 2020

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4 Divine Service 10:30am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Divine Service 10:30am Church Council Meeting 6pm	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Divine Service 10:30am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Divine Service 10:30am	26	27	28	29	30	31

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



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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