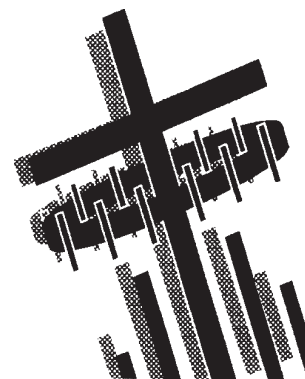


# Comments



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## Confidence for Anxious Times

One of our members, Janet Matthews, shared the following Noah's Ark story, "A Family in Lockdown," with me. I am presenting it here in a slightly edited version:

40 days, 40 nights in the Ark, Noah's family was confined in a boat. There was no internet, no phone, no TV, no Youtube, Facebook or Netflix. They only heard the rain. They spent their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the Father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and believed His word. Remember even

though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, our God is watching over us. Do not be afraid! Trust in the Lord and wait patiently.

The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all will be well again.

That story is meant to give us patience and courage in the face of unprecedented times for most of us. The Coronavirus pandemic is an invisible enemy. One source writes that it is confronting us with the four stages of fears: anxiety, worry, fear, and panic. It is causing so many changes in our daily routines, social distancing and all. There is much uncertainty here at church, too, as exactly how to proceed with planning. Even as write, we are not sure that Holy Week and Easter services can go on as scheduled. It seems doubtful. Right now we

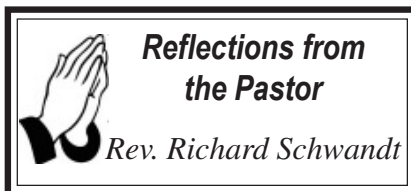
are videotaping worship and putting it on our Facebook page. Lily orders for Easter are on hold. We will make every effort to communicate with you in a timely manner. Right now that is happening mostly through Facebook and email.

Recently, a read a devotion by Rev. Mark Schroeder, our SED Facilitator for Mission Engagement. Excellent. I share only a brief portion of it her. He writes about a Bible verse that had great meaning for his late wife:

Over the years and to this day that verse comforts me. What was the verse? It was Deuteronomy 31:8, "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (NIV)

Perhaps you too need that verse. Maybe in these uncertain times you need the reminder that, because of Jesus' atoning work on the cross, he promises to never leave you nor forsake you. The Lord is already ahead of you waiting for you to arrive at various moments in time—whether good or bad—managing all events according to his plan and ready to dispense the exact amount of grace and love you will need to face each moment.

The Lord is ahead of you; ahead of us...so do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.



# CLC Notes and News



## The Sunday Night

LWML meets on April 19 at 6:00pm in the FLC Conference Room. The Bible Study is "Burning Hearts and Opened Eyes"

from the spring quarterly. We hope we can meet, but it depends on the coronavirus pandemic. Our prayers are with individuals, church, community, and nation.

**Guiding Through  
God's Love**



**Our Zumba instructor, Angela Cates,** organized a

Zumbathon that was held in our Family Life Center on March 14. More than 30 attendees and seven Zumba instructors raised almost \$600 for our *Feed the Needy* program, and \$50 was donated directly to the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Thanks to Jean Schwandt for securing Thrivent sponsorship for this project, and thank you to all those who helped Angela organize and set up for the event. Special thanks to Randall Mays for providing security during the Zumbathon.



**In memory of Tommy Hefner**

Juanita Isenhower & Family

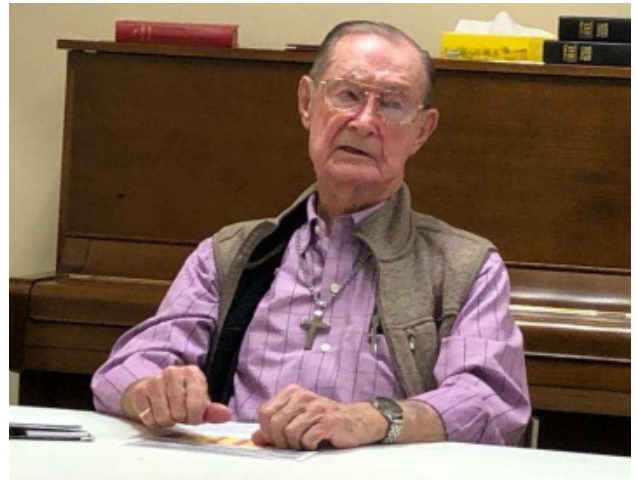
**In honor of Pastor Schwandt's**

Birthday for *Feed the Needy*

Juanita Isenhower & Family



Jim Starkey gave a talk to the O.W.L.S. about the Veterans. There will be no meeting for April. In May, we will meet at the Ludwigs for a covered dish luncheon and a talk on Pastor Dave's trip to Guatemala and the school they are supporting. See you then!



## Camp Linn Haven Work Days 2020

Cleaning and opening camp will be April 18 & 25, and May 2, 9, & 16. Camp will open on May 17 this year, so all cabins need to be cleaned and ready by May 16!

We have two Saturdays that we close camp. They are October 17 and 24. It takes a lot of manpower to open and close camp, and we can use all the help we can get!

Thank you so much!

Teirsa Lane

Camp Manager/Director



**Dear people of God at Christ congregation:**

It is my responsibility as your Circuit Visitor to assist you, and especially your Call Committee, in the process of calling the next pastor to serve and lead Christ congregation in its God-given ministry and mission. This is undoubtedly both an exciting and unsettling time for you. And while the *process* is a human development, it is designed to help you discern God's will regarding who will be your next pastor. Therefore, although it is a humanly developed process, it is a *holy* activity.

While my involvement in this is primarily with your Call Committee, there is a very important encouragement I would like to share with and impress upon all of you. It is the following, which is quoted from the document provided by the Southeastern District for the guidance of congregations in the calling process: "*Out of respect for the candidates [that is, those pastors on your Call List] and their current congregations, all communication and contact with the candidates should be by/through the Call Committee. Members [of the congregation] are encouraged to trust the Call Committee to do its work.*"

Finally – and this is critical: surround your Call Committee with prayer.

Rev. Dennis Quackenboss, Circuit Visitor

*Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,*

*We wanted to say 'Thank you' for all of your very generous support during 2019! You all are amazing! We could not serve as many people from the homeless population and those living in poverty without those from the community that support the efforts. So, from the bottom of our hearts, we say 'Thank you'! May God bless you all with good health and prosperity during 2020!*

*Sincerely,*

*Linda Johnson, BSN, RN, CDE*

*CCM Director of Health & Wellness*

**From the Chairman of the Call Committee, Michael Younhouse:**

**UPDATE on Call Committee:** The Call Committee has met twice along with Pastor Quackenboss. We have discussed the calling process with him and have gone over the manual sent by the Southeastern District for our congregation. The following pastor names are being submitted to District: Anton Lagoutine, David Ludwig, Elliott Robertson, Glenn Roseman, Michael Staneck, Robert J. Stevens, Richard Tucker.

**From the SED President, John Denninger:**

**Relevant to our congregation:** After the congregation has completed its Congregation Profile and has asked for nominations from the congregation and a subsequent call list from the District President, it would be good to pause the process at this point.

Here's the reason why: As soon as the Call List is given to the congregation, the Circuit Visitor is instructed to call the candidates on the Call List asking if there is any reason why the pastor might not be able to deliberate a call at this particular time. Many pastors would legitimately respond that on the basis of the pandemic they would not be able to deliberate on a call should the congregation call them. Your call list will likely be decimated even before you start the next phase of the process.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 6:30–10:00am, the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center will host *Denim & Diamonds*, a fundraising event at The Heritage Barn (2575 Emmanuel Church Rd, Conover). If you would like to help physically & emotionally abused children by volunteering or providing in other ways, contact Adrienne Opdyke, Director (828-465-7665). More info to come!

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

## JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

**Recovering:** Ronnie Cline, Wayne Cratty, Deana Flores, Linda Drum at TR (mother of Misty Lail), Greta Putman (sister of Janie Lail), Evan Lail (father of Tony), Mike Pannel (friend of Pat Hamby)

**Undergoing treatments:** Michael Baker (son of Judy), Tammy Fletcher (aunt of Misty Lail), Angela Cline (cousin of Pat Hamby), Caitlan Reese (friend of Betty Bolick), Virginia Saunders (sister-in-law of Bea Herman)

**Under doctors' care:** Max Baker, Charles Beeker, Brandon Caldwell, Phyllis Kane, Sonya McLeod, Pat Powell, Rita Roseman, John Sigmon, Randy Smith, Ruby Allmon (mother of Karen Sigmon), Ladelle Branch (sister of Linda Gantt), Kathie Albright, Perrin Huggins (nephew of Rebecca Locke), Michelle Dehart (daughter-in-law of Robert & Virginia Sigmon), Lisa Plank (neighbor of Janet & Allen Ford),

**Rehabilitation:** Marie Deal at The Berkeley, Morg.; Patricia Kraay at home; Bea Kupke at King, NC; Don Lefevre; Linda McCurdy; Peggy Mays; Robert Painter at TR; Charles Yount at BC-East; Lee Downs (mother of Roger) at TR; John Depner (cousin of Patricia Kraay) in Michigan; Bernadette Wichman at home (sister of Cam Davis); Jolene Honeycutt (mother of Jolinda Deal), Edith Scott (sister of Bill Borchardt)

**For those who mourn** the death of Tommy Hefner

**For shut-ins:** Elaine Christianson in TN; Pauline Hefner at Trinity Ridge (TR); Luke Jennings at Brian Center East; Shirley Lingle at Cambridge House; Brenda Ritchie at TR; Nell Rudisill in Waxhaw; Carolotta Spruill at Abernethy; Robert Spruill at Hickory Falls; Mike & Diane Urich in MI; Lib Johnson Hobbs at home; Carolyn Smith at home

**Hospice:** Steve Sigmon (friend of Phyllis Kane)

### **Mission outreach for:**

- our ministry of Guiding through God's Love.
- local outreach ministries
- the Little Samaritan Mission in Moldova (orphanages)
- Tim & Beth Heiney with the Muslim Maninka people in Guinea, West Africa

## Offerings



Ash Wed., February 26: \$ 497.00

March 1: \$ 4,229.00

Lenten Services, March 4: \$ 133.00

March 8: \$ 3,126.06

Lenten Services, March 11: \$232.00

March 15: \$ 4,428.10

Lenten Services, March 18: \$ 41.00

March 22: \$ 2,455.00

Weekly budgeted amount needed:  
\$6,186.50











Capital Improvement Fund  
published weekly in bulletin

**Total: \$ 15,141.16**



# April 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC)	<b>2</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>3</b> 10:00a Zumba Class (FLC) 	<b>4</b> Churchwide Yard Sale Postponed to a later date—TBA!
<b>5</b> Palm/Passion Sunday Worship status & the following are pending  4:30p Elders 6:00p Confirmation	<b>6</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>7</b> 9:00a Bi-Circuit Pastors' Conference (Winkel) at St. Stephens	<b>8</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> Easter Day/ Resurrection of Our Lord  	<b>13</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 5:15p Family Night Meal 6:00p LWML, Confirmation	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER Deadline  <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April  	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>25</b> 11:30a Feed the Needy (PH)
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>27</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of April	<b>30</b> 		<b>Holy Communion</b> ✝ - early ✝✝ - late

## *April 2020 Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### *Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!*

1	Danyon McKinney	14	Lisa Brewer
2	Zachary Garber		Carrie Grater
	Sylvia Lail	15	Jean Schwandt
	Clay Lawter		Brandon Sturgill
3	Misty Lail	17	Maddox Childers
	Freyja Lemaire		Glenn Roseman, II
	Kerri Pearson	18	Sally Roseman
4	Holly Hedemark		Sarah Roseman
6	Ethan Kiziah	19	Skylar Abromaitis
8	Beth Goans	20	Charles Beeker
10	Pauline Hefner		Randy Smith
	Lea Ann Sloan	21	Raegan Lail
11	Tim Isenhower	22	Kayla Fulbright Erwin
	Johnny Ross	25	Kayli Mathews
12	Danyelle McKinney	26	Emma Monahan
13	Ashley Jonas		Karen Sigmon
			John Tucker, Jr.

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
1	John & Manda Tucker, Jr.
13	Frank & Elaine McClough
15	Don & Leisa Peck
19	Andrew & Adrienne Isenhower
24	Tony & Anna Lail
27	Jorge & Jennifer Colato
29	Terry & Kathy Hefner
30	Ronnie & Glenda Cline

27	Brian Rose
	Zachary Rose
28	Adele Houk
30	Libba Juerges



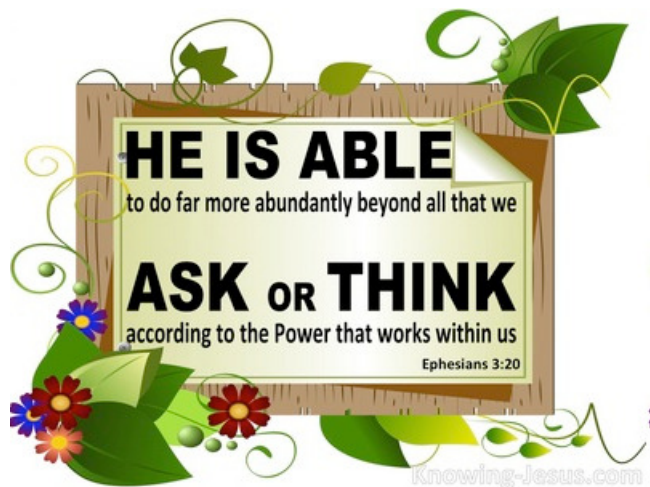
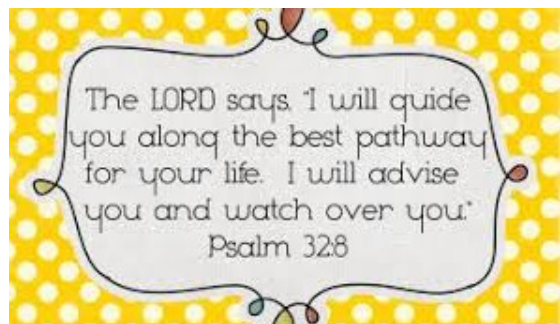
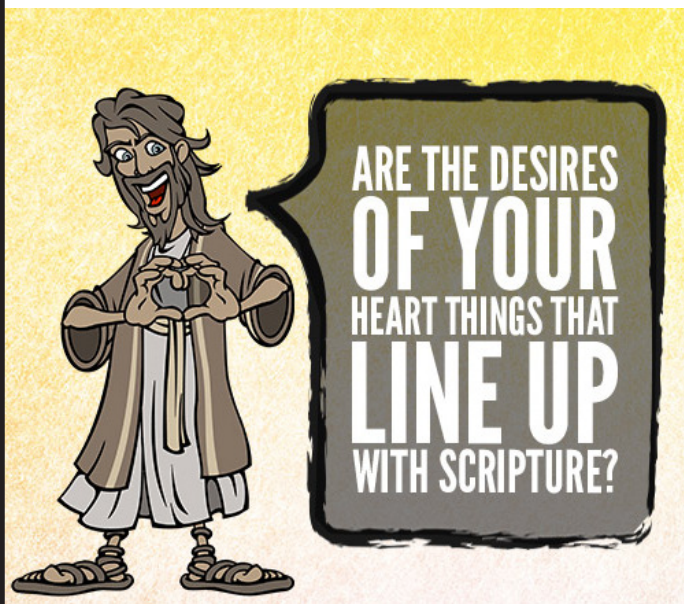
	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	
<b>Assistant</b>	Britt Griffith	Richard Tucker	Deb Kastner	James Deal	
<b>Distributor</b>	~~*~~	Linda Bolick	~~*~~	Jolinda Deal	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kayli Mathews	Madison Childers	Noah Lail	Thomas Bedzinski	
<b>Elder</b>	Michael Younghouse	Randall Mays	Romona Reep	Ronnie Cline	
<b>Counters</b>	Mark & Deb Kastner	Allen & Janet Ford	Jim & Lois Hunt	Darryl & Dot Grater	
<b>Sound</b>	Mark Kastner	Jennifer Hughes	Tomasz Bedzinski	Bryan Isenhour	
<b>Media</b>	Tim Gabe	Elizabeth Abernathy	Susan Fulbright	Rick Lail	
<b>Nursery</b>			Teresa Mays		
<b>Host</b>	Betty Link	Jim Starkey	Brian Rose	Shawn Terry	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt	Lois Hunt	
<b>Greeters</b>		Jane Thompson	Judy Baker		
<b>Usher</b>	Team #1 John Sigmon	Team #2 Robert Painter	Team #3 Randall Mays	Team #4 Darryl Grater	
<b>Security Team</b>	C.W. Meadows	Chris Mundy	Britt Griffith	Randall Mays	

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*Always pray to have  
Eyes that see the best in people,  
a Heart that forgives the worst  
a Mind that forgets the worst  
and a Soul that Never  
loses faith in God.*





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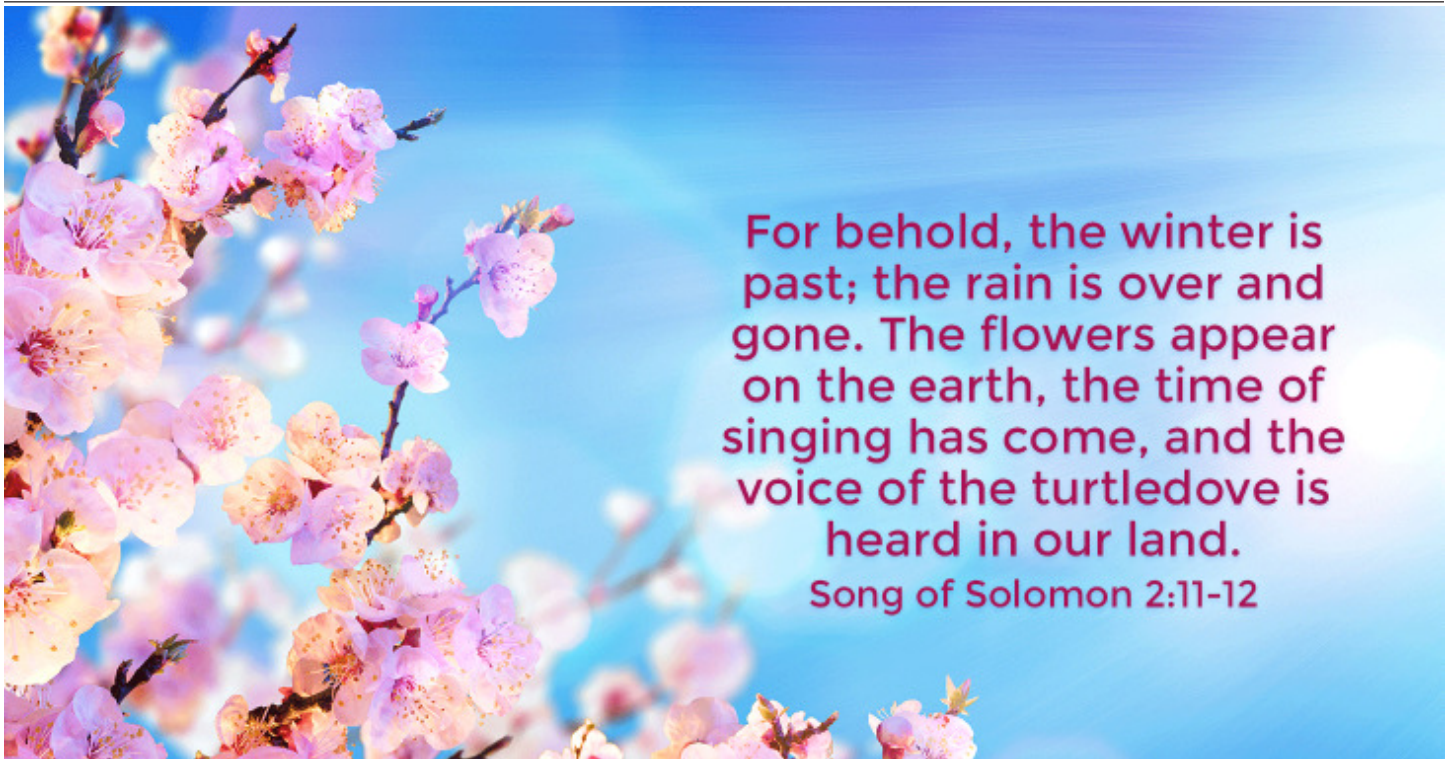
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Pastor.....Richard L. Schwandt  
Assoc. Pastor...Dr. David Ludwig  
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Youth Worker.....Janet Matthews  
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For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12