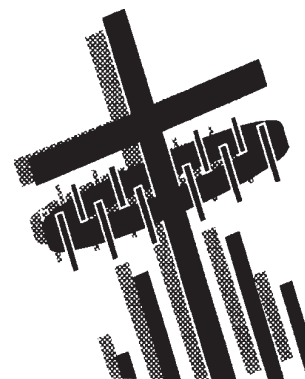


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May Happenings

Whenever I've written for the May newsletter, I usually do so with a theme of celebration. In the seven weeks of the Easter season we celebrate such things as Ascension Day, Pentecost, Confirmation, Mother's Day, and graduations. However, this year things are muted, subdued to me. The uncertainties around the Coronavirus have us on edge. We are careful about what we touch, where we go, and what we do. Despite this all, we need to keep in mind the constancy of the promises of God and reality of Christ's saving work in our behalf.

The ministry that we do together in the Lord's name is continuing, although in different ways than in months past. Last Saturday, the **Feed the Needy** crew fed around 130 people from the community. Remember, this program is in cooperation with the Hickory Soup Kitchen (HSK). The HSK does not serve meals on Saturday. Since people cannot come in a sit down around tables, our crew had a takeout station set up outside where people could walk or drive by and receive food, drink, and dessert. Many of the people are very appreciative. Thank you to our group of about 9 who made this happen.

We haven't offered a **worship** service in the church or the Family Life Center since March 15. On four Sundays we had the church open for people to come by for personal quiet and prayer and then even a brief devotional time together

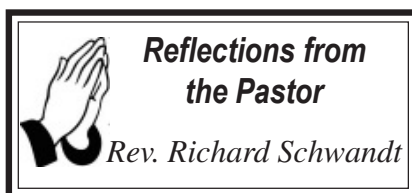
when a small group gathers. A video version of our Sunday service is posted on our Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page. You can see that even if you are not a Facebook member. Twice now we have had the "Drive In" outdoor services in the parking lot where people can come, park, and tune in the worship over an FM radio station.

Thank you to all of you who came last Sunday (April 26) for the "**Drive In**" service. Even apart from the worship aspect; I like so much the

chance for us to be together in the same place, to see one another, smile, wave, and give well wishes. Special thanks to the ushers who helped with the service and Alex Bolch and Maria McKinney. Maria

deserves our appreciation for all that she is doing to make it possible for us to have our worship on Facebook. We will offer the "Drive In" service again for May 3 and May 10. The service time is 10:00am. "Drive Through" Holy Communion will be offered within the concluding part of the service on May 10.

I am very much appreciating the daily "**Devotional Thought from a CLC Member**" ministry. I have heard the same sentiment from some of you. It is a nice way for us to maintain some of the closeness of our fellowship while we can't be close. Many CLC members and friends have provided me with short devotional messages



CLC Notes and News

Wednesday LWML

As of now, the May meeting will be canceled. Everyone enjoy your quarterlies, study the Bible studies, and save your mites. You will be notified of any necessary LWML news.



Hopefully the camp retreat will be held August 14-16 and our district convention in September. The Catawba Zone will be hosting the convention and it will be at Concordia on September 19th.

Anna Newton is in charge of a birthday cake for the men's group home on May 15. Linda Bolick will deliver one on July 31 to the group home, and Rita Roseman has a birthday cake to deliver there on September 1. Mark your calendars.

Our September meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. God be with all of us. Serve the Lord with gladness!

Guiding Through God's Love

Dear CLC:

On behalf of GHCCM, I wish to thank you, your church leaders, and your congregation for the generous gift supporting our Crisis Intervention Services. During these unexpected and challenging times, the giving spirit of your faith community continues to allow us to help our neighbors in most need. Now more than ever, we remain grateful for your support.

Warm regards,
Andrea Beatty
GHCCM

Due to the Coronavirus the LWML Foothills Zone Rally has been canceled. Our Savior has agreed to host it next year. If it is okay with the group, we will have the current officers stay on until next year. We can vote in new officers next year. If you have other suggestions please let me know.

Upcoming Events:

August 14-16 Carolinas District LWML

Retreat at Camp Linn Haven

September 18-19 Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

October 3, 2020 Joy Event in SC

Please remember to call your family, your church family, and friends during this stay at home time!

Here is something that was shared with me.

LOCKDOWN

L – Listen to God's voice and reflect on:

“Let go and Let God”.

O – Obey His Word and His teachings.

C – Call on Jesus' Name and be calm.

K – Know what the purpose is of all of this.

D – Dwell in His presence. Do not panic.

O – Offer a prayer for everyone's safety.

W – Wait and be patient, this too shall pass.

N – Nurture our personal relationship with Him.

God's Blessings,

Paula R. Daniels

Foothills Zone President & Vice President

Human Care

*Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MAY IS CCM FOOD MONTH AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Remember to bring staples for the *CCM Harvest Table* in the narthex during the month of May. The basic items for the Cooperative Christian Ministry's Pack-A-Sack are listed below. Please note the items with an * are in demand.

- * 24 oz. beef stew
- 16 oz. canned pasta dinners (spaghetti, Ravioli, etc.)
- 16 oz. dry spaghetti or macaroni or lasagna
- 16 oz. spaghetti or tomato sauce
- * 6 oz. tuna
- * 16 oz. rice
- * 12 oz. Spam, Treet, or chicken
- 16 oz. green beans
- 16 oz. green peas
- 16 oz. corn
- 16 oz. canned pinto beans, etc.
- 16 oz. dry beans or peas
- * 16 oz. applesauce
- 16 oz. other fruit
- 10 oz. soup
- * 7 oz. macaroni & cheese
- * 16 oz. peanut butter
- * box saltine crackers
- 16 oz. Pork & Beans or baked beans
- 16 oz. sweet potatoes
- box powdered milk
- box oatmeal, grits, cereal

Miscellaneous items are given as available: flour, sugar, cooking oil, shortening, salt, personal care items, coffee, tea, juice, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, dish soap, and toilet paper.

Cooperative Christian Ministry continues to be so thankful for the response from the community.



In memory of Tommy Hefner

Bea Herman

David & Kathy Ludwig

that I am sending out each weekday by email. I have sufficient devotions to take to the middle of May! If you'd like to receive these email devotions, please provide your email address to Nancy or Jill in the church office.

Thank you for your ongoing support in person and with your gifts for the work we do together. It is because of that generosity that we have been able to fulfill our financial responsibilities, including the salaries for our workers. Bob Rinehart, the Chairman of our Finance Board, is making arrangements where donations for our ministry to made with credit card, debit card, or bank account through our CLC website. In fact, this may be operational prior to my writing today.

It looks like what we are going through will prevail a while longer. But just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we do not walk alone. Jesus is with us. God will sustain us (Ps. 54:4). I often write to you: Please remain calm, wash your hands, trust in God, and pray.

The Lord be with you.

Happy Mother's Day!

Could you be that special family?

May is Foster Care Month and May 17 is Foster Care Sunday. *There are more than 100 local children who have had to leave our area due to a lack of local foster homes.* If one family from every church in our area were to become a foster family, the crisis would be solved. To learn more about foster care, you can attend a foster/adoption information meeting at 6pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Family Services Center (3050 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory). You can also go to the following websites for more information:

www.fostercatawba.com or

www.fosteringhopecatawba.com, or email mburns@catawbacountync.gov.

THE CHURCH FAMILY

JOYS, PRAYERS, & CONCERNS

Recovering: Barbara Jones at Abernathy Laurels (sister of Lois Hunt), Mike Pannel (friend of Pat Hamby), Edith Scott (sister of Bill Borchardt), David Jones (cousin of Cam Davis) in Ohio

Undergoing treatments: Michael Baker (son of Judy), Caitlan Reese (friend of Betty Bolick), Virginia Saunders (sister-in-law of Bea Herman)

Under doctors' care: Kayla Baker, Max Baker, Charles Beeker, Brandon Caldwell, Wayne Cratty, Deana Flores, Phyllis Kane, Sonya McLeod, Pat Powell, Rita Roseman, John Sigmon, Randy Smith, Ruby Allmon (mother of Karen Sigmon), Lisa Plank (neighbor of Janet & Allen Ford), Grady Deal (father of Janie Lail), Michelle Dehart (d-in-law of Robert & Virginia Sigmon), Scott Parsons and Lorene Lamberth (req. by Lauren Bullard), Elizabeth Beard, Jason Stephens (son-in-law of John & Karen Sigmon), Claire Glass (daughter of Toshia Phillips)

Rehabilitation: Marie Deal at The Berkeley, Morg.; Bea Kupke at King, NC; Don Lefevre at home; Linda McCurdy; Peggy Mays; Robert Painter at home (as of 4/24); Charles Yount at BC-East; John Depner (cousin of Patricia Kraay) in Michigan

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; Carolyn Smith at home; Carolotta Spruill at Abernethy; Robert Spruill at Hickory Falls; Mike & Diane Urich in MI

Hospice: Patricia Kraay at home; Steve Sigmon (friend of Phyllis Kane); Margaret Ludwig in SC (sister-in-law of Dave & Kathy Ludwig)

Mission outreach for:

- our ministry of Guiding through God's Love
- local outreach ministries: CCM, Soup Kitchen, Hmong Ministry, University Christian High School
- the Little Samaritan Mission in Moldova (orphanages)
- Tim & Beth Heiney with the Muslim Maninka people in Guinea, West Africa

Offerings



March 29: \$ 3,105.00

Wednesday, April 1: \$ 3,010.00

April 5: \$ 1,490.00

Holy Week: \$1,635.00

April 12: \$ 4,598.00

Add'l. offg. mailed in April 1-18: \$3,635.00

April 19: \$ 1,294.00

Add'l. offg. mailed in April 19-25: \$1,395.00

April 26: \$ 4,525.00

Weekly budgeted amount needed:
\$6,186.50

Capital Improvement Fund
published weekly in bulletin

Total: \$ 24,687.00

May 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4th Sunday of Easter 3 10:00a <i>Drive-In</i> Service	4 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	5 	6 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	7 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> Bulletin Deadline	7 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May 8 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	2  9
5th Sunday of Easter 10 10:00a <i>Drive-In</i> Service 	11 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	12	13 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	14 Bulletin Deadline	15 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May 	16 
6th Sunday of Easter 17 Worship status pending If services resume: Voters Assembly 5:15p Family Night Meal 6:00p LWML, Confirmation	18 NEWSLETTER Deadline <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	19 	20 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	21 Bulletin Deadline 	22 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	23 11:30a <i>Feed the Needy (FLC)</i>
7th Sunday of Easter 24 Worship status pending	25 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May 	26	27 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	28 Bulletin Deadline 	29 <u>NO</u> Zumba Classes through the month of May	30 
Pentecost 31 Worship status pending 						 

May 2020 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Congratulations and may God continue to bless you!!!

1	Mary Puett	15	Jason Childers
	Jonathan Ross		Ken McLeod
3	Mark Kiziah	16	Terry Hefner
	Betty Link	19	Mike Brackett
	Phoebe Wall		Daniel King
4	Glenda Setzer		Logan Kraay
5	Anthony Phillips	20	Britt Griffith
	Bob Rinehart, Sr.		Joel Lackey
7	Janet Ford		Richard Tucker, Sr.
8	Alison Matthews	21	Sarah Helmick
	Candace Moore	22	Chris Mundy
	Mari Pat Oyaas		Lisa Smith
9	Raegan Hicks	23	Lois Hunt
	Debbie Kastner		Anna Lail
	David Terry		Karsyn Warren
11	Angela Parlier	24	Madison Childers
12	Judy Baker	25	Sam Isenhower
13	Aubrey Clemons		Steven Parlier

<i>Anniversaries</i>	
7	David & Wendelynne Pearson
8	Calvin & Janice Buchanan
12	Byron & Debbie Yarbrough
13	Robert & Carolotta Spruill
15	David & Mary Puett
17	David & Donna Lumb
21	Chris & Lauren Harms
27	Robert & Patricia Kraay
29	Roger & Betsy Downs
25	Carolyn Smith
27	Billy Barnes
	Dycie Bolick
	Rose Martin
31	Maggie Bates
	Tim Brewer



	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Assistant	Chris Mundy	Wendy Wilson	Sarah Nelson	Tim Bolch	Nancy Rinehart
Distributor	~~*~~	Angie Ewing	~~*~~	Linda Bolick	~~*~~
Acolyte	Viviann Wall	Kayli Mathews	Madison Childers	Noah Lail	~~*~~
Elder	Brian Rose	Deborah Hefner	John Sigmon	Jim Hamby	Michael Younghouse
Counters	Mark & Deb Kastner	Bob Rinehart	Allen & Janet Ford	Jim & Lois Hunt	Darryl & Dot Grater
Sound	Mark Kastner	Jennifer Hughes	Tomasz Bedzinski	Bryan Isenhour	~~*~~
Media	Janet Ford	Karla Bolch	Tim Gabe	Elizabeth Abernathy	Susan Fulbright
Nursery			Teresa Mays		
Host	Linda Cratty	Mary Puett	Robin Baker	Anna Newton	Pat Hamby
Altar Guild	Anna Lail	Anna Lail	Anna Lail	Anna Lail	Anna Lail
Greeters		Judy Baker	Jane Thompson		Nancy Rinehart
Usher	Team #1 John Sigmon	Team #2 Robert Painter	Team #3 Randall Mays	Team #4 Darryl Grater	Team #4 Darryl Grater
Security Team	Jimmy Gantt	Rick Lail	Jim Starkey	David Puett	Jason Lail

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For I am convinced that
neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present
nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else
in all creation,
will be able to
separate us from

the love of God

that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 8:38-39



God creates the world.
Genesis 1:1-2:25



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Proverbs 31:25