

FEBRUARY 2017

**ORGAN CHIMES
NEWSLETTER**

ORGAN LUTHERAN CHURCH



Lutheran Reformation Series

The East Rowan Area LCMC/NALC Congregations will present a Series of Five Worship Services concluding in a Celebration of the Lutheran Reformation on Sunday, October 29, 2017

Session 1:

4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2017 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMC); speaker is Pastor David Nuottila, topic is "Martin Luther".

Session 2:

4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker is Pastor Carl Haynes, topic is "The Two Kingdoms".

Session 3:

4:00 p.m. Sunday, June 25, 2017 at Union Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker is Pastor D.J. Lura, topic is "Theology of the Cross."

Session 4:

4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017 at Christiana Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker is Pastor Carlin Ours, topic is "Impact of Reformation on the World."

Session 5: Joint Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation:

4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Organ Lutheran Church (LCMC/NALC); guest speaker is Pastor Mark Ryman.

The first four sessions will include a brief evening prayer service with 3-5 Lutheran hymns selected by the host congregation. Following the speaker's message, refreshments will be served as a fellowship opportunity.

The Joint Reformation Sunday event will include a full worship service with the Lord's Supper celebrated. There will be a combined choir from the participating congregations. Pr. Mark Ryman will provide the evening's message and refreshments will follow for additional fellowship.

Worship with us for a laity refresher perspective on what the Reformation has meant to Lutheran Christians. A Nursery will be available for little children during each of the five services. Questions about these services may be directed to any of the four pastors serving as session speakers. This would be an excellent learning opportunity for everyone, especially confirmation students and new or prospective congregational members.

2017 CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Carlin Ours
OrganistJana Thomas
Choir Director.....Mark Brown
Office Secretary....Connie Griffin
Lawn Care..... Tommy Brooks

CHURCH OFFICERS

Council Chair: Mark Brown
Secretary: Niki Castor
Treasurer: Jimmy Hill

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

2017

Jimmy Brown
Dennis Holshouser
Jimmie Morgan
Cathy Perry
LuAnn Phelps
Heather Coleman

2018

Kenny Austin
Tim Bollinger
Mark Brown
Clarence Miller
Salena Poston
Lorri Sifford

2019

Niki Castor
Daniel Corl
Jimmy Hill
Kathi Lingle
Jonathan McCullough
Darrell Simpson

MEMBERS & FAMILY IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, SICK & HOMEBOUND

- Abernathy, Bernita:** Home
- Anthony, Hilda:** Meadows of Rockwell, 612 Hwy 152, Rockwell, NC 28138
- Barger, Margaret:** (Terri Morgan's mom,) Genesis Eldercare, 710 Julian Rd, Sal, NC 28147
- Basinger, Fred:** Home
- Brown, Betty:** Genesis Eldercare, 710 Julian Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147
- Brown, Larry:** Home
- Buckwell, Betty:** Home
- Burton, Riley:** Lutheran Home, 820 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144
- Cress, Sue:** Genesis Healthcare, 550 Glenwood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115
- Culp, Marshall:** Home
- Donahue, Ann & Jackie Brown:** Home
- Fesperman, Colleen:** Carillon Assisted Living, 1915 Mooresville Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147
- Fisher, Ray:** Autumn Care Nursing, P. O. Box 1789, Salisbury, NC 28145
- Fryer, Ray & Lola:** Home
- Hunsucker, Wendy Sifford:** Home
- Lambe, Paul & Kay:** Home
- Linder, Elvira (Angela L. Johnson):** 664 Sunridge Drive, Lincolnton, NC 28092
- Livingood, Scarlette:** (niece of Tonia Faye Culp) cancer
- Lyerly, Nancy:** Home
- Miller, Leo:** Home
- Miller, Patsy:** Home
- Ray, Gene:** Home
- Roseman, Henrietta "Sis":** P.O. Box 683, Rockwell, NC 28138
- Sapp, Ashley:** Home
- Sells, Wilma:** PruittHealth-Town Center, 6300 Roberta Road, Harrisburg, NC 28075.
- Shive, Bob & Carolyn:** Home
- Shoe, Scott:** Home
- Shuping, Lou Ellen:** Brightmore Nursing Center, 615 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144
- Sifford, John:** The Laurels, 215 Lash Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144
- Sifford, C. "Short":** Home
- Sifford, Mike:** Rehab
- Trexler, Gaye:** Home
- Weant, Margaret:** Heritage Oaks Assisted Living, 916 S. Marietta St. Gastonia, NC 28054
- Wilhelm, Donald & Mildred:** Home
- Wilhelm, Miron "Teen" & Gayle:** Home

One of the first questions ever posed in seminary to me and my classmates was, "How is a first century Palestinian Jew named Jesus relevant today?" I cannot remember who asked this question; however, it is one that as a pastor I must keep in mind at all times. Though, I would add that this question is just as poignant to all who are followers of Christ.

I think perhaps the relevance of Jesus to us today can be found in his humanity. Yes, Jesus is Emanuel (God with us), but he is also a human just like us as well. We cannot separate the divinity of Jesus from his humanity. He is God's perfect man and man's perfect God all rolled up in one. My theology professor Doctor Frank Tupper of Wake Forest University School of Divinity put it this way to us. "Jesus Christ is the contradiction to the contradiction." When you consider this it makes perfect sense. The first contradiction is that God is not a human; however, Jesus breaks this rule by coming to us as a babe in a manger, thus, the first contradiction. Secondly, you cannot kill God. However, Jesus Christ being God in the flesh is executed as a common criminal, I might add, thereby, fulfilling the second contradiction. This type of theological musing is fascinating but still does not resolve the question at hand, "How is a first century Palestinian Jew named Jesus relevant today?"

Of course, we must admit the primary way Jesus is relevant. His sacrifice upon the cross redeemed us from our fallen sinful state and returned us once again into a relationship with God the Father. As part of this we are now righteous only through Christ's merits and now live in the promise of eternal life and resurrection hope. This is relevance squared in my humble opinion.

The question seems to be aimed in a more precise way at life in general. As a matter of fact, most ministries today appear to focus solely on this aspect of the Jesus' relevance. Many false assumptions and teachings such as "Word of Faith, and The Prosperity Gospel" have become all too prevalent as a means to make Jesus relevant to modern day folks. "Praise and end time's ministries" have also had a large impact on trying to make Christ more relevant but, fall short by leaps and bounds.

The answer to the relevance of Jesus to us today can be found in His life and teachings. First of all, He offers us new life in Him, or to be Born Again. The term Born Again has truly been taken out of context in much of Christianity. It has become a label of salvation but that is not the total new life Christ was discussing with Nicodemus. To be "Born of the Spirit" is to be one who follows Christ in spirit and truth. They are no longer followers of their own path but have been transformed by Jesus into new individuals (Born Again) living and following after Christ in every fiber of their being. (John 3:1-15.)

The relevance of Jesus does not stop there. He goes beyond and above the call of duty as He is with us on every step of our life journey. Through the good, the bad, and the indifferent, Christ is present helping us through our lowest lows and our highest highs. Jesus is a God who has suffered and had joys. So as such He understands our sufferings and our joys. For he has experienced them in His own way as a human being on this earth, He is not a detached divinity living on the outer cusps but is a God who is "Closer than any brother." He weeps for His friend Lazarus. He knows betrayal by friends and family. He knows mental anguish. He knows physical and mental

suffering. Finally, He knows what is to die and to be resurrected.

“How is a first century Palestinian Jew named Jesus relevant today?” So many ways we could never count or name them all. However, His relevance is just as real today as it has been for the last 2000 years and will be into infinity.

Many blessings to each of you from our most relevant Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES is the 15th of each month.

THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN INFORMATION
to the Church Secretary for the weekly Sunday Bulletins is Wednesday afternoon.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES' DONATION FOR FEBRUARY
is **SOUP: CANNED or DRY!**

Place the items in the bins in the breezeway.

OUR FRONT SIGNS are maintained by Jerry Miller. Email your front sign message to cindymiller1@live.com or leave it with Connie in the church office. Jerry will prepare the signs for church events.

OWINGS' SHUT-IN COMMITTEE

Sara Brown and the Shut-In Committee will meet Saturday morning at 9:00 (February 11) in the Fellowship Hall to put together the Valentine Shut-in bags.

STROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Join us on Strove Tuesday, February 28 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for pancakes. Our youth will be helping out with the meal.

~~ALL WEDNESDAY SERVICE IS MARCH 1, 2017~~



O-WINGS

(Organ Women In God's Service)

President, Le-Nea Goble 2017

O-Wings held our Joint Meeting & Retreat on January 14, 2017 with 30 members attending. Officers were installed as follows: President--Le-Nea Goble, Vice-President--Linda Austin, Secretary--Jerri Peeler, Treasurer--Niki Castor, Group II President--Barbara Sifford, Group III President--Kathi Lingle and Group IV President--Nancy Nance.

The Committees reported as follows: Food for Thought & Clothing Closet: Linda Austin reported that we gave out 193 boxes of food in 2016 in addition to providing a meal at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sandra Park reported

that the Shive School classrooms are in need of boxes (any size) of Kleenex. A box has been placed in the narthex for your donations.

Battered Women's Shelter: Connie Holshouser reported on items collected in 2016 and items needed for 2017. A list is available in the narthex or see Connie Holshouser. Items are being collected now to be boxed and picked up on February 25th. There is a critical need for winter coats (all sizes, new or gently used) baby formula, diapers (Sizes 4 & 5) and pull ups (all sizes).

RVO: Cindy Miller reported that items for RVO will be collected in April/May to be delivered on May 19th. A list will be available in the narthex or see Cindy Miller. ***One change to the list for 2017 will be no food or utensils will be accepted.***

Compassionate Friends: It was reported by Cindy Miller that 317 cards were sent to friends and members of our church family and community.

Nursing Home: Le-Nea Goble reported that Santa and 10 Elves made a visit to Brightmoor Nursing Home on December 22nd. We gave gifts to 38 residents.

Mark your calendar for these important dates: January 29-Crock Pot Meal after the church service in the Fellowship Hall. \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (12 and under). Proceeds will go to purchase a new microwave for the Fellowship Hall kitchen and a food warmer. September 9, 2017 will be the yard sale so start saving your yard sale items and the Bazaar will be November 4, 2017.

We had a good time revealing our secret sister and admiring every ones' gifts. Group II prepared a delicious meal of baked spaghetti, salad and dessert. They had also invited guest speakers, Raymond Bostian and Will Staton. Raymond Bostian with Bostian Retirement Planning, LLC explained the difference in having a Living Trust and a Will and the need for a Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney. Will Staton with Powlas Staton Funeral Home cleared up a lot of mistruths about funerals such as Do You have to be embalmed, Do you have to have a vault, Do you have to be buried in a church cemetery, etc. Both speakers were very informative.

If you have not joined a group here is a highlight of each one. We have a morning group and two evening groups. Group II enjoys meeting in members' homes at 7:00 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The February meeting will be held on February 14th. The Leader is Terri Morgan and the Hostess is Cindy Miller.

Group III enjoys family outings. The January meeting began with a family outing at Rockwell Diner. Twenty-one members, family members and friends joined us for a delicious meal and fellowship. We also like to do many crafts. Our February meeting will be held at the home of Carolyn Bost where we will be quilting a quilt made by Brownie Stirewalt. Cherry Funderburk is Hostess. Group III meets in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00.

Group IV meets in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30. They enjoy going out to eat after the meeting. The leader for February is Teenie McCullough.

As your new president I want to continue many of the activities that we have done in the past, but I also want to share some new ideas.

Le-Nea Goble, President

ORGAN COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZENS' NEWS

Sara Brown, Senior's Secretary

The Organ Community Senior Citizens will meet February 7, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Covered Dish Lunch. We have a new trip planned to (tour is free) the Metrolina Greenhouses in Huntersville, North Carolina on Thursday, February 16.



Remember to bring you payment for Noah's Ark Trip (\$150).

Our new Officers for 2017 are: President: Carol Shuping, Vice President: Judy Poston, Secretary: Sara Brown, Treasurer: Libby Honeycutt, Short Trip Planner: Andrew Brown and Becky Darconte and Long Trip Planners: Linda Austin & Teenie McCullough.

Selling Easter Flowers

The Altar Guild Committee will sell Easter flowers to be placed in the church in memory or in honor of loved ones during Easter. Please look for the insert in the bulletins on Sunday, March 26, April 2 and April 9, 2017.

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Everything
GIVE
Thanks

**Call the church office to
donate flowers for the
Altar for 2017!**

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome by Holy Baptism, little Mr. Todd Harrison Smith. Todd was baptized on February 12, 2017 at Pastor Ours. He was born September 22, 2016. Todd is the son of Billie Harrison Smith, III and DeAnna Nicole Rogers of 730 Parks Road, Woodleaf, N. C. 27054. Grandparents are Deidra Lentz Rogers & the late Jeffery "Tadd" Rogers, and Billie H. Smith Jr. and Sandra Wooten Smith. Great grandparents are Don & Sue Lentz.

We welcome by Holy Baptism, Miss Annistyn Jean Ramsey on January 22, 2017. She was born on July 29, 2016 to John and Rita Ramsey. Annistyn has two brothers, Jaxon and Janson. Her grandparents are Freddy & LuAnn Phelps and Jack & Pat Ramsey. Great grandparents are Jean Phelps and Louise Artz.

We also welcome Mike Garcia who joined with us January 29, 2016.

USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you plan a family reunion in the Fellowship Hall in 2017 -you need to call the office and check and see if you are on the calendar. It is still \$25 to rent the FH and you have to be a member to rent. Remember to clean up and turn heat or air back.



2	Andrew Poston	16	Julie Darnell
3	Helen Beeker	16	Alden Wright
3	Sandra Park	17	Paula Snyder
7	Kelly Cress	17	Briley Sifford
8	Peggy Butler	18	River Darr
8	Kendall Holshouser	18	Kayley Geiger
8	Fran Simpson	19	Lou Ellen Shuping
10	Lauren Corl	19	Steve Yates
11	Randy Josey	19	Libby Honeycutt
11	Dan Barger	19	Dustin Hayes

	12	Baron Wright		20	Reba Stirewalt
	12	Sandy Basinger		20	Dale Funderburk
	13	Amyetta B. Yost		21	Vida Stirewalt
	13	Kylie Sifford		21	Tristan Kimmer
	14	Seige Eidson		22	Barbara Jordan
	14	Danny Deal		23	Ava Heilig
	16	Randy Nance		27	Amanda Cox
	16	Kim Nance		28	Matthew Whitley

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL DONATIONS

GIVEN TO THE BUILDING & REPAIR FUND

- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Ruth E. Lyerly.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Jake & Phyllis Trexler.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Ruby Greene.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Tommy & Laura Brooks.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from OWINGS Group II.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Dennis & Connie Holshouser.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Ray & Fran Fesperman.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Alvin & Sandra Park.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Tonia Faye Culp.
- In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Darrell & Fran Simpson.

In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Bill & Ann Shive.
 In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Saints & Sinners Class.
 In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Debbie Wolfe & Rod Poole.
 In memory of Bonnie Basinger from Ben & Judy Poston.

GIVEN TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of my Aunt Sue, (Barbara Shuping Ray) on what would have been her 82nd birthday from Shannon Shuping Cox.

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Head Usher: Kenny Austin

Date	Ushers	Tellers	Greeters
5	Becky Lyerly, Amy Yost Ken & Linda Austin	Darrell Simpson, Kenny Austin, LuAnn Phelps	Jane Deal Amy Yost
12	Becky Lyerly, Amy Yost Ken & Linda Austin	Darrell Simpson, Kenny Austin, LuAnn Phelps	Jane Deal Amy Yost
19	Becky Lyerly, Amy Yost Ken & Linda Austin	Darrell Simpson, Kenny Austin, LuAnn Phelps	Jane Deal Amy Yost
26	Becky Lyerly, Amy Yost Ken & Linda Austin	Darrell Simpson, Kenny Austin, LuAnn Phelps	Jane Deal Amy Yost

Date	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lector
5			Jonathan McCullough
12			Dianne Artz
19			Mary Kimmer
26			Jerry Lambert

Date	Communion Assistants	Communion Helpers
5	Dennis Holshouser, Clarence Miller Teenie McCullough	Jason Shive, Perry Austin, Nelson Austin, Wayne McCullough



Dear Organ,
 I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards, and Pastor Ours for his visits while I was in the hospital.
 Hoy Stirewalt

Dear Friends of Organ Lutheran Church,
 I just wanted to say thank you so much for your kindness to me over the years. Your cards, prayers and gifts mean so much as well as the visits.

There were so many wonderful & useful gifts in the recent Christmas bag! Your love and support means so much to me.

Thank you, Riley Burton

Dear Organ Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for all the kindnesses shown to Ken and me during my illness and surgery, and recovery. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. We are blessed to have you in our lives.

Sincerely, Roberta Nance

To the Congregation and the Ladies of the Church,

We would like to thank you all so very much for all the help that we received last year during our crisis. Thanks for the food at Thanksgiving and Christmas and for the gifts for the children – everything was so nice.

The Snider Family

Dear Church,

I wanted to express my appreciation for the huge blessing that you bestowed to the residents of Brightmoor Nursing Center this past Christmas. I Can never express the amount of gratitude that I have for you bringing such joy and happiness to our residents. The gifts you all purchased, the time you took to come to our party and be Santa and the Elves was priceless. You are truly the example of servants that Jesus Christ wants us all to be. A giving heart is definitely displayed through your generosity.

In Christ's Love, Fleta Corner (Brightmoor Administrator)

Thank you for your donation to purchase the treat bags for the inmates and officers of the Rowan Detention Center and Annex. It was a blessing to be able to give out the treat bags. May many come to know the Lord through your gift. Have a great New Year.

Chaplain Michael Taylor, Rowan County Sheriff's Office

Sending warm wishes to you for a very speedy recovery from your illness! Get Well to all those on the prayer list (published in the bulletin). We hope they get well soon! Our prayers are with them. God Bless you all!

Teen & Gayle Wilhelm

Thank you for your support over the past year. Because of you, many neighbors caught in the riptides of poverty, job loss and hopelessness are now finding solid ground for building a better life.

In the first six months of our fiscal year, our donors and volunteers helped serve:

- *4, 697 individuals who received \$460,737 in financial assistance for rent, utilities & medicine*
- *12,226 individuals who received 433,339 pounds of groceries*
- *25,684 people who were served a hot noon meal*
- *440 different guests who were given a safe place to spend the night*
- *6,872 individuals who received new or gently used clothing*

The distinctive spirit of giving that exists within you and others in this community will continue to make

Rowan County a very special place for years to come. Thank you for caring for our fragile citizens under the Rowan Helping Ministries banner.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

Organ is teaming up with Rev. Ken Reed of Concordia Lutheran Church and Rev. Jarrod Lanning of Trinity Lutheran Church for Lenten Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. The first Bible Study begin at Organ on Wednesday, March 8 with a meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.



FEBRUARY 2017				ORGAN LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9-10 Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exercise/FH	3	4
5 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service 11:45 Youth & OKFC Meet 6:00 Super Bowl	6 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	7 10:30 am Sr. Citizens Meeting	8	9 9-10 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exercise/FH	10	11 9:00 am FH/ OWINGS Shut-in Committee
12 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	13 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	14 7:00 pm OWINGS 2 meet in Parlor	15 MARCH news is due today	16 8:30 Sr. trip 9-10 Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exer.	17	18

19 8:30 Service "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	20 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	21	22	23	24	25
26 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	27 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	28 5-7:00 pm Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service			

MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDAR FOR
 AGAPE DAY CAMP!
JULY 23 THROUGH JULY 28, 2017



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