

APRIL 2017

**ORGAN CHIMES
NEWSLETTER**

ORGAN LUTHERAN CHURCH



The O-WINGS are collecting items for the consumers at

Rowan Vocational
Opportunities.

Some of the items
needed are sweatpants,
toothpaste, toothbrushes,
washcloths, deodorant,
bar soap, gallon Ziploc
bags,
hair brushes and combs.

**There is a complete list
of items needed in the
Narthex.**

Please place your
donations in the
appropriate boxes in the

breezeway by Sunday, May 7, 2017.

We will deliver these items on Friday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Please contact Cindy Miller if you have any questions.

NOTE: WE ARE NOT COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS OR EATING UTENSILS!!!

The Outreach Ministry Committee is providing meals and baskets to Shive School Families and some of our church members for EASTER. You can help by taking a child's Easter basket to fill (return by April 12). Ask Linda Austin or Teenie McCullough if you have any questions.

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

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>2019</u>

Jimmy Brown	Kenny
Austin	Niki
Castor	
Dennis Holshouser	Tim
Bollinger	Daniel
Corl	
Jimmie Morgan	Mark
Brown	Jimmy
Hill	
Cathy Perry	
Clarence Miller	Kathi
Lingle	
LuAnn Phelps	Salena
Poston	
Jonathan McCullough	
Heather Coleman	Lorri
Sifford	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, Larry: Home
Buckwell, Betty: With daughter, address unknown
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
Fryer, Ray & Lola: Home
Hunsucker, Wendy Sifford: Home
Lambe, Paul & Kay: Home
Linder, Elvira (Angela L. Johnson): 664 Sunridge Drive, Lincolnton, NC 28092
Livingood, Scarlett: (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: Home
Trexler, Gaye: Home
Weant, Margaret: Heritage Oaks Assisted Living, 916 S. Marietta St. Gastonia, NC 28054
Wilhelm, Donald & Mildred: Home



Pastor Carlin's Page...

Convenience VS Discipleship

Christ calls us to a life of discipleship and this life is full of the hard, the difficult and the near impossible. A disciple is one who follows Jesus in every aspect of life the good, the bad, the ugly and the indifferent. It's easy to follow Christ when we are flying high and life is a bowl full of cherries or whatever your favorite fruit may be. However, it is an entirely world shaking event to follow Jesus Christ through the inconvenient truth of his words in scripture. In Matthew 16 we find this tidbit of reality staring us in the face. "From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he **MUST** go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."¹ Heavy words from our Lord and Savior about his mission on earth; Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his work *"The Cost of Discipleship"* reminds us that the operative word here is "must." Bonhoeffer then goes on to wake us up to the fact that

¹ Matthew 16:21, ESV.

Jesus told his disciples that the “must” that rested on his life rested on theirs as well. “Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’”² If that weren’t enough to convince us of the seriousness of being a disciple, Jesus said this, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor the servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.”³

In light of the words of Jesus our existence and promise of new life in Christ take on a radical meaning. Our life must be different than it would be without Christ as our leader; and his words are not full of hyperbole but of truth and activity. Therefore, when Jesus says things like this:

*You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow. You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.*⁴

Much of modern Christianity revolves around the convenient, the beneficial and the what’s in it for me mentality. Serving Christ and following him is not found in the convenient, or in what may benefit us in the here and now. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ calls us to do what is right no matter the consequence or the personal result.

Loving ones enemy and praying for ones persecutors is neither convenient, nor fun and in human terms generally not beneficial. You say, but I can’t bring myself to do this and you would be right. You can’t, but through Christ you can. The Apostle Paul put it this way:

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me-practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*⁵

² Matthew 16:24-25, ESV.

³ Matthew 10:24-25,ESV.

⁴ Matthew 5: 38-45a, ESV.

⁵ Philippians 4: 8-13, ESV.



Living the words of Christ and becoming a disciple is impossible for us to do on our own. It can only be accomplished through the active work of the Holy Spirit. Only by immersing ourselves in Christ can we be true followers of Jesus. We must worship on a regular basis, read scripture and pray daily and find ways to give of our gifts, time and talent for the kingdom of God.

The reality and difficulty of Christ's words to us can be overwhelming at times, however, they hold the key to a joyous, and happy life here and into eternity.

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, April 2 and April 9, 2017.

GERANIUMS (RED OR WHITE) \$6.50

WHITE LILLIES \$12.00



O-WINGS

(Organ Women In God's Service)

President, Le-Nea Goble 2017



The food warmer has been purchased and is in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep the following in mind when using the food warmer. Food should be taken from the oven to the warmer. The warmer **will not** finish cooking food and food taken directly from the refrigerator **will not** get warm. **Do not** wrap the shelves in aluminum foil. The warmer should be wiped out after each use. Remember to **unplug** the warmer when not in use. It takes about 20 minutes for the warmer to heat to the desired temperature.

Group Events:

Group II had a great time making Easter baskets for their shut-ins.

Group III is busy planning the mother/daughter banquet. It will be held on Saturday, May 13 in the church Fellowship Hall. Mark the date on your calendar. The theme will be Aprons so dig out your favorite apron. The older the better.

Group III is still quilting at Carolyn Bost's home. Watch the bulletin for dates and times. Group III is making gift tags from all those Christmas cards that you donated. These will be packaged and sold at the bazaar.

They will be making Easter baskets for their shut-ins at the April Meeting.

Group IV is busy working on the Christmas Fellowship. We are collecting items for RVO. These items will be delivered on May 12 at 10:30. Contact Cindy Miller for more information.

The O-Wings are responsible for the Lenten Meal on April 5th in the Fellowship Hall. This is a Bible Study type service.

Remember to donate spring and summer clothing for our clothing closet which is open every Thursday from 9:00-10:00. We will be switching winter and summer clothes on April 6 at 10:00. We will be making Easter baskets for the Shive School children. See Linda Austin for more information.

The O-Wings will be preparing the food for the auction at the home of Ben and Carrie Brown on Saturday, March 25th. We will have sausage and ham biscuits for breakfast and hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch.

APRIL OWINGS MEETINGS					
GROUP	DATE	DAY	TIME	LEADER	HOSTESS
II	4/11/17	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Barbara Sifford	Janice Murray
III	4/11/17	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Ann Miller	Fellowship Hall
IV	4/12/17	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Sara Brown	Fellowship Hall

Shut-in additions:

Group II: Floyd & Doris Goodman, Leo Miller

Group III: Vida Stirewalt

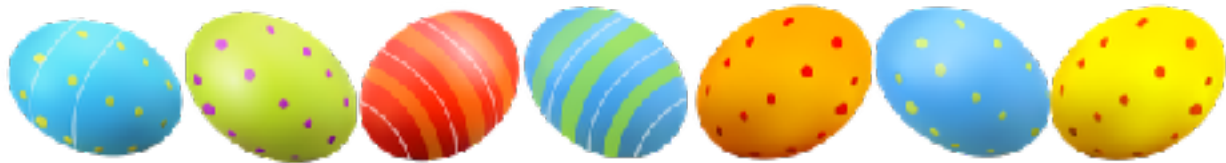
Group IV: Renee Wright

The committee for shut-ins chaired by Sara Brown received the following:

What a pleasant surprise to be remembered by all of you with a very nice valentine bag. I appreciate it so very much. You are such a thoughtful group of people. Love Nancy Lyerly

Thank you so much for the sweet valentine card and gift. It is so nice to be remembered. Love Elvira

Thank you so much for the Valentine bag you sent me. There was so much in it I shared with my roommate, Willie. She thanks you too. I'm glad my daughter goes to such a good church and you remember me to. The card and coaster from the little children was sweet too. Please thank them for me. Love, Margaret Barger



ORGAN COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZENS' NEWS

Sara Brown, Senior's Secretary

I March we enjoyed visiting the prehistoric native American archaeological site located near Mt. Gilead, Montgomery County, North Carolina.

The Pee Dee Indians occupied this site from about 1150–1400 A.D. It is situated on Little River, a tributary of the Pee Dee River. The site was donated to N.C. in 1937 and is now administered by the N. C. Dept. of Cultural Resources.

Archaeology digs continue here and have revealed how the Pee Dee Indians lived. Some structures have fixed and artifacts are displayed. We viewed a movie in the museum portraying their lifestyles.

April 4 is our next meeting. Aubrey Mast, from the Kannapolis Research Campus will present the program, Herbs for Human Health.

Our next trip is April 20. We'll visit Fryar Topiary Gardens in Bishopville, S.C.

APRIL 9: FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE FOR THE SENIOR TRIP TO KENTUCKY!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE is at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017. We will have communion. Last year's attendance was 67 –let's see if we can double that!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14. Last year's attendance was 53.

**ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES' DONATION FOR APRIL
is JELLY!**

Place the items in the bins in the breezeway.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL DONATIONS

GIVEN TO THE CHOIR ROPE FUND

In memory of J. Ray Fisher by Marlin & Judy Parker.

In memory of J. Ray Fisher by Linn & Barbara Jones.

In memory of J. Ray Fisher by Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Walker.

GIVEN TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Betty Brown by Kaye Hirst.

In memory of Betty Brown by Tonia Faye Culp.

In memory of Betty Brown by Carolyn Schenck.

In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by The Dales Gardner Family.

In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by Marlin & Judy Parker.

In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by Bob & Carolyn Shive.



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 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.

Call the church office to donate ALTAR flowers for 2017!



I would like to sincerely thank my Organ church family for the love and support you have shown me since my surgery. I really appreciate all the phone calls, texts, well wishes, prayers, visits, and



thank all of you for the cards, meals, and your presence at my shut-in.

I have received since my neck surgery on January the 18th. Your kindness means a great deal to me. I would like to thank Pastor Carl Ours for coming to the hospital to visit me the day of my surgery. I would also like to thank Sara Brown, the O-WINGS In Basket committee, and the OKFC for the fruit bag that was delivered to my house for Valentine's Day. That was such a nice surprise. I feel very blessed to have received so many acts of kindness. God Bless You All.
Your sister in Christ, Cindy Miller

I wish to thank my Organ Church Family for all the cards, gifts, prayers and visits during Ray's illness. Also, thank you Pastor Ours for all your visits and also for giving him communion. A special thank you to Steve and Tammie Yates for their visits every week. Ray looked forward to seeing you. Thank you, ladies of the church for your wonderful meal you prepared for the funeral. To the choir, thanks for the music. It was greatly appreciated.
Yours in Christ, Margaret Fisher and Family

I would like to thank Butch Trexler, Kenny Austin and Wayne McCullough for taking time out of their busy schedule to build me a ramp at my back door. It has helped me so much! I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to thank the Men's Group for keeping me in wood this winter and cost for supplying materials for the ramp. Thank you again & God bless you.
Dot Honeycutt & Libby Honeycutt

Thank the members of Organ Church for giving us the wonderful Easter baskets. Thank you for bringing the sermons to us. We appreciate this so much!
Floyd and Doris Goodman

Dear Church Family:
We would like to acknowledge how much we personally appreciate your support of our church missionary, Donnie Hill. Not only have you supported him and the work he is doing in Nicaragua financially, you are praying for him and his family as they labor there. Not only are they teaching and spreading the word of God and the gospel, they are feeding those that attend their church services. The response there has been great. The people are growing in number of attendance at church services and lives are changing. This would not be happening if it were not for Christian people like you that are willing to help in this mission. Thanks to all of you, a church building should be started soon and they will not have to hold services outside! Again, we send you a huge THANK YOU for all you do! In Christian Love,
Mike & Libby Sells (Church Missions Treasurer, First Baptist Church of Gold Hill)



**VOLUNTEERS
APRIL 2017**

FOR

Head Usher: Salena Poston

Date	Ushers	Tellers	Greeters
2 Com. 12:00 Youth & OKFC Meeting/FH	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
9 Palm Sunday	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
13 Com. Maundy Thursday	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
14 Good Friday	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
16 Com. EASTER Sunrise Ser./Old Church	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
16 Com. EASTER	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
23	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor
30	Darrell & Fran Simpson Carl & Marvene Alexander	Cathy Perry Salena Poston Jonathan McCullough	Chris & Niki Castor

Date	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lector
2 Com.	Hunter Hill Jacob Poston	Nick Lyerly	Denene Brown
9 Palm Sunday	Riley McCullough Mallory Bentley	Jacob Poston	Lane Brown

13 Maundy Thurs.	Kellin Ours		
14 Good Friday			
16 Com. Sunrise/Old Ch	Jordan Cress		Kaye Hirst
16 Com. EASTER	EmmaGrace Shoe Bailey Krack Gabrielle Keyes	Jordan Cress	Mark Brown
23	Braden Shive Bryson Shive	Kellin Ours	Ryan Cress
30	Celia Sifford Camrie Sifford	Hunter Hill	Bill Shive

Date	Communion Assistants	Communion Helpers
2 Com.	Jimmy Brown, Cathy Perry Clarence Miller	Niki Castor, Kathi Lingle Kenny Austin, Dennis Holshouser
13	Teenie McCullough	Wayne McCullough
16 Com. Sunrise/Old Ch	Pat Shive	Coy Shive
16 Com. EASTER	Alvin Park, Bill Shive Carolyn Bost	Carol Shuping, Nikki Austin Andrew & Sara Brown



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Gina A. Flowers	16	Liam Hirst
2	Beryl Whitley	16	Anesha Harris
3	Ray Fryer	18	Hunter Lingle
4	Nelson Austin	18	David Trexler, Jr.
6	Hazel Cress	18	Dana Bernecky
6	Bill Shive	18	Billie Culp
6	Bobbi Martin	19	Louann Shive
6	Deborah Martin	19	Renee Wright

7	Revonda Brady	19	David Wilson
7	JoAnn Austin	20	Jonathan McCullough
7	Kim Barringer	20	Gavin Hunsucker
8	Steve Sifford	20	Louise Ketner
9	LuAnn Phelps	20	Betty Atkinson
9	Heather Heilig	21	Jimmy Hill
9	Sam Wilson	21	Cheryl Misenheimer
9	Scott Lingle	23	Aaron Sifford
10	Jay Hoffner	23	Kristi Burris
10	Jason Foster	23	Riley Burton
10	Gray Dorsett	24	Phil Brady
11	Louise Sifford	24	Randy Josey, Jr.
12	Greg Bentley	26	Cathy Perry
12	Colton Croniser	27	Kaela Bernecky
13	Greg Simpson	27	Daniel Corl
14	Niki Castor	28	Leesa Dawson
14	Reid Austin	29	Kelly Wilhelm
14	Carol Jean Brown	29	Cathy Perry
15	Heather Rinehardt	30	Julie A. Wagoner
16	Hilda Anthony	30	Terri Morgan
16	Pastor Carlin Ours	30	Glenn Heilig
16	Cory Ours		

EASTER EGG HUNT for children is Saturday, April 15, 2017

2:00----4:00 p.m.

Refreshments!

Games!

Contest!

Fun!



Please sign your child up on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the Children's Church classroom

THE ORGAN CHIMES Newsletter

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APRIL 2017

ORGAN LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service 11:45 Youth,OKFC 1 st Communion	3 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	4 10:30 am Sr. Citizens Meeting	5 6:00 Meal 6:30 Lenten Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	6 9-10 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Worship & Music Com.	7	1 8 Make Palm Crosses
9 PALM SUNDAY "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	10 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	11	12 7:30 Choir Practice	13 7:00 P.M. MAUNDY THURDAY SERVICE	14 7:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	15 2:00—4:00 EASTER EGG HUNT
16 EASTER 7:00 Sunrise 8:00 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	17 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER	18 MAY news is due today	19 7:30 Choir Practice	20 Sr. Trip 9-10 Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exer.	21	22
23 8:30 Service "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	24 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	25	26 7:30 Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service Brown Reunion						