

MAY 2017

**ORGAN CHIMES
NEWSLETTER**

ORGAN LUTHERAN CHURCH



ORGAN'S MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

The MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an old-fashioned type of banquet.



The theme will be aprons. Bring or wear your favorite apron. The menu will be turkey & dressing, gravy, cranberry salad, white potatoes, deviled eggs, green beans, fruit cobbler with vanilla ice cream and lemonade.



(Turkey & dressing recipe comes from the old Organ Church Cookbook used to feed 80 people at

Luther League)



Happy
Mother's
Day

Sunday, May 14, 2017

The LOOSE OFFERING given on Mother's Day will go to
The Randall Gore Scholarship Fund.

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 Castor	Niki
Dennis Holshouser	Tim
Bollinger Corl	Daniel
Jimmie Morgan Brown Hill	Mark Jimmy
Cathy Perry	
Clarence Miller	Kathi
Lingle LuAnn Phelps Poston	Salena
Jonathan McCullough Heather Coleman	Lorri
Sifford Simpson	Darrell

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, Scarlette: (niece of Tonia Faye Culp) cancer
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
Wilhelm, Gayle: Home

THE MAY BLOOD DRIVE HAS BEEN CANCELED!

Pastor Carlin's Page...

The Consumers Gospel or The Church of Me

When people find out I am a pastor they generally do one of several things. Some like to tell me of their church and about their pastor. Others talk about their faith walk. Many try to get away or find something they are comfortable with to discuss. This is all well and good. There are even other responses as well, like why they won't or don't attend church. Then there is the person who tells me what they want in a church. This conversation usually centers on worship styles and primarily music.

Like many clergy, I am very concerned with the state of the church and its overall health. These concerns are many and far reaching. Here are some of my primary concerns: Lack of true biblical knowledge. Sadly, most Christians today and some pastors lack any semblance of basic Bible facts or knowledge. This includes solid theological rationale for doctrine and the normalizing of traditions, theology and doctrines not even found in scripture. Personality driven ministries who are centered on a pastor and their teaching rather than being centered on Christ; Christ is the center of our faith not ourselves or a pastor, a church or a doctrine. The emphasis on numbers attending rather than on lives changed. Christ never told us to make members, but to make disciples. This is his last command to his followers, better known as "The Great Commission." I could list many other concerns; however, one of the greatest concerns for me surrounds consumerism, yes consumerism.

We live in a consumer oriented society that demands the latest and most innovative technology and thinking. This in and of itself is not bad, but has produced a consumer mentality that seems to pervade nearly every facet of modern western culture. A great example of this mentality is displayed each time "Apple Incorporated" makes a release of one of their very popular innovative devices. Local and national news crews scurry to retail outlets to show multitudes of dedicated "Apple" follower's line-up and camp-out for days and even in some cases weeks on end prior to the eagerly awaited first offerings of their prized new gizmos. As an official old foggy and tightwad, I forgo this madness and wait for the technology to become outdated, outmoded and much cheaper before taking the plunge into updated cyber nirvana. In fact, many who know me would quip that my cell phone has a rotary dial, alas I digress.

This is the world in which we reside like it or not. Consumerism is most definitely alive and well in modern day America. As stated, it seems to pervade every facet of life including Christianity.

Consumerism centers on the individual. It speaks to our most base desires of self-fulfillment, self-centeredness, and raw human lust for anything and everything the heart covets; what Freud called the "id," the deepest darkest part of our unconscious that drives each of us. Freud would say, most keep it under control through the "super-ego" that suppresses the baser instincts of human beings, while others totally lose control and enter every known psychosis which can include the most heinous murderer's criminals and sycophants the world has ever seen.

Christianity has morphed from the "Body of Christ" or "Church of Christ" into a self-centered, self-revolving, self-focused "Church of the Individual" or as I call it the "Church of Me."

Self-centered Christianity has become the normative brand of Christianity practiced in the United States and has been so for decades. Perhaps the best demonstration of my assertion is for one to travel to their local Christian bookstore and just gander at the titles of the literary works of art on display. You will be awestruck at the amount of times personal pronouns like "you and your" are found in titles. Seldom if ever do you see any books dealing with "Discipleship," denying the self, or of suffering for and with Christ, I can assure you with relative confidence that any author who traversed this path would not make the bestseller list.

Much of modern day Christianity is a foreign concept compared to the faith handed down from Jesus to the Apostles and the Apostles to the The Patristic Fathers. Of course, the bastardizing of the Gospel is nothing new. Paul warned about this ugly fact while exhorting young Timothy his protégé to beware of false teachers and of those who center the Gospel on the individual rather than Christ.

2 Timothy 3:1-9 English Standard Version (ESV)

Godlessness in the Last Days

3 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. **2** For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, **4** treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. **6** For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, **7** always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. **8** Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. **9** But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

Remember, in the preceding text Paul is not speaking to those outside of the “Body of Christ” but is addressing Christians and in particular preachers, teachers and ministers of the Gospel. If there was ever a self-centered list this would be it. Unfortunately for us this is exactly where much of Christianity today resides, especially in the United States. Many pastors, churches and ministries promote this type of activity with their doctrines. They eisegete (isolate a text and use it out of context) a text and contort it to serve a point or doctrine they wish to convey. This is very unfortunate for their congregants and for those who unwittingly follow them. This method of hermeneutics has helped to set the stage along with the aforementioned lack of biblical knowledge for heresy to become normal teaching in many venues. In fact, many times people desire unsound teaching and yes even heresy to the truth of the Gospel.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 English Standard Version (ESV)

Preach the Word

4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. **3** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound^[a] teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

More and more folks today are so centered on themselves that they shirk at solid exegesis (letting scripture interpret scripture) and flock to charlatans and Machiavellian types who will sell them a version of scripture that fits what they desire to hear. They are true consumers of a perverted gospel, paying literally to hear what they desire instead of what they need.

I don't know if my next diatribe reaches the goal of heresy, however, it is most certainly consumer driven and centered on the individual. If I have heard it once I've heard it a thousand times, “I just don't get anything out of that type of worship,” generally interpreted as I don't like the music

of this or that particular church tradition. Let me first say, I have no problem with any style of music in worship; however, I do lean more to the traditional side of liturgy and hymns. I do have a reason for my preference, traditional hymns tend to be heavily steeped in good theology. I used to listen to many different kinds of Gospel music, traditional, contemporary, southern, country and everything in between. Styles are just musical preferences in reality. However, when you choose a church based on music it is just called consumerism plain and simple. It gets down to a narcissistic view of life. A scene from the movie "Gladiator" comes to mind. In his first gladiatorial fight, Russell Crowe's character wins in overarching style totally annihilating his opponents. He yells out in disgust to the crowd's blood-lust "have you not been entertained, have you not been entertained." This is the way I feel when I run into folks who only want a screaming preacher or only desire a rock concert for worship or only want a cool preacher to regurgitate to them the latest pop-culture Christian doctrine. If we can only worship God when it satisfies our desires then we are not worshipping but being entertained in a consumerist fashion. We in essence become the blood-thirsty-crowd. We should also ask ourselves this question, are we worshipping God or are we worshipping worship?

Adding to this diatribe is the statement, "I don't get anything out of that style of worship or music." I hate to break it to you, but contrary to popular belief, you are not supposed to get anything out of the worship. You are not the center of worship; however, I know who is, God. Yes, God is the center and focus of worship not us. The word liturgy literally means, "the work of the people." Who are we working for, God!! Now does this mean that we will not receive anything from worship? I can say emphatically, no. However, as popular as the trend has become, worship is not so you will feel good or that you will be revived, but that you might put your focus on the one who is the source of all things. In doing this we draw closer to our maker and redeemer and can become better followers of Christ the Lord. Why do you think scripture says to "bring the sacrifice of praise?" We are to sacrifice of ourselves and our time for the one who has not even withheld his very life for us.

Let us now lay aside our self-centeredness and take the focus off of ourselves and once again become the "Body of Christ" and forsake the "Church of Me."

I pray the grace and peace of Jesus Christ would stir the gift of God entrusted to you!!

ORGANS MEN'S GROUP Thursday, May 18,2017

O-WINGS



(Organ Women In God's Service)

President, Le-Nea Goble 2017

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the auction at the home of Ben and Carrie Brown. We cleared \$1004.21. This was our first time providing food at an auction and everyone did a great job.

The O-Wings are collecting items for Rowan Vocational Opportunities. A list is provided in the bulletin. See Cindy Miller for more details or questions. Deadline for items is May 7th. Items will be delivered on May 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Jesse's Ride and run for PTSD is Saturday, May 6th in the Faith American Legion Park. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help at the event and to make desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or see Cathy Perry.

Group III oversees the Mother/Daughter Banquet. It is on Saturday, May 13th at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the bulletin. The theme will be aprons. Bring or wear your favorite apron.

The shut-in basket committee chaired by Sara Brown received the following thank-you:

Thank you so much for the Valentine bags. That was so sweet of you. Vida Stirewalt, F. L. Foutz (brother of Polly Stirewalt) and Polly Stirewalt.

Remember the clothing closet is open from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This year we provided 12 Easter meals and 21 Easter baskets for the children. Thanks to all those who helped provide an Easter basket for these children.

Upcoming Events: The annual yard sale will be on September 9th. Start collecting your items.

Day Retreat-September 16th at the Fellowship Hall.

Meeting Times:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Hostess</u>
II	May 9, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Judy Poston	Niki Castor
III	May 9, 2017	7:00 p.m.	Le-Nea Goble	Le-Nea Goble
IV	May 10, 2017	10:30 a.m.	Roberta Nance	Roberta Nance

**ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES' DONATION FOR MAY
is BEANS!**

Place the items in the bins in the breezeway.

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ORGAN COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZENS' NEWS

Sara Brown, Senior's Secretary

The Senior's will meet May 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Sherry Seeley will be here to entertain us with old time gospel music!

May 17—20 is our bus trip to Williamstown, Kentucky to see the full-size replica of **Noah's Ark**, build after dimensions from the Bible.

May 25 is our bus trip to Rock Hill, S.C. to the Catawba Cultural Center which provides and overview of the rich culture and history of the Catawba Indian Nation.

ERWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS are asking for help for their project in collecting toiletries (*toilet paper, baby wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap*) for the troops. We have placed a box in the breezeway for your donations. So please find it in your heart to help these students –to help the troops overseas!

THE 2ND ANNUAL JESSE'S RIDE AND RUN FOR PTSD will be held at Faith American Legion Park in Faith, N.C. Saturday, May 6, 2017. Registration for both the poker ride for vehicles and the 5K run and walk starts at 8:00 a.m. Come help us raise money for PTSD.



COME ENJOY SPAGHETTI LUNCH on Sunday, May 7, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the youth.

DONATIONS MAY BE GIVEN TO THE "AC" (AIR CONDITION) FUND to pay for the new units that purchased to replace the old units.

REMEMBER to look around your Sunday School classroom and see if it needs dusting, swept or vacuumed. Each classroom is responsible for cleaning their

own room. If you need help, please talk with Wayne McCullough. Bob has been painting the baseboards in the Sunday School rooms and lots of the rooms need vacuuming.

NEW DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

Henrietta "Sis" Roseman Telephone # 704-279-3915

Lutheran Reformation Series

The next East Rowan Area LCMC/NALC Congregations Series is:

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.



*Call the church office to donate
ALTAR flowers for MAY & JUINE!!*

**HELPERS NEEDED TO SPREAD MUNCH IN THE CEMETERY. BRINGS YOUR TOOLS AND COME HELP NOW! Have questions? Call Cathi Lingle.
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.

In memory of J. Ray Fisher by Cecil Lingle.
In memory of Virgil Hill Jr. by Jimmy & Jane Hill.

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 Betty Brown by Carl & Marvene Alexander.
In memory of Betty Brown by Saints & Sinners Class.
In memory of Betty Brown by Shelia Hilliard.
In memory of Betty M. Hart (Tina Brown's mother) by Bill & Ann Shive
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.
In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by Keller Memorial Lodge No. 657.
In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by Coy & Joyce Wilhelm.
In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by Carl & Marvene Alexander.
In memory of Hoy Stirewalt by The Keith Kluttz Family.
In memory of Ruby Lingle (Margaret Fisher's sister) by Men & Women's Bible Study Class.

GIVEN TO THE BUILDING & REPAIR FUND

In memory of Bonnie Basinger by The Keith Kluttz Family.

GIVEN TO THE RANDALL GORE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Teen Wilhelm by Paul & Beryl Whitley.

GIVEN TO THE AC FUND

In memory of Miron "Teen" Wilhelm by Leebert & Barbara Ketner.
In memory of Bonnie Basinger by Perry, Jo Ann, Nelson & Nikki Austin.
In memory of Miron "Teen" Wilhelm by Tonia Faye Culp.
In loving memory of our grandson, Hunter Schenk by Ken & Roberta Nance.

IF YOU ARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE THIS SUMMER---Please send CONNIE (in the church office) an article for the June newsletter as soon as possible. Tell us your plans for college and plans after college. High school graduates will be honored in church June 4 and after church at a meal.

5 MAY BIRTHDAY LIST FOR NEWSLETTER

	1	Linda Eidson		17	Heather Coleman
	1	Owen Overcash		19	Wendy Overcash

1	Jasmine White		19	Kendall Hill
2	Dot Honeycutt		19	Kelly Bass
2	ReVonda Nance		19	Karla Bass
2	Owen Nance		19	Eric Shuping
3	Allyson Fisher		20	Dianne Linker
3	Mallory Bentley		21	Renee Sifford
5	Sandra Moldovan		22	Carole Park
5	Chad Culp		22	Marnie Deal
6	Cathy Alley		23	Tommy Brooks, Jr
7	Judy Poston		23	Jana Thomas
7	Pat Shive		23	Ashley Sapp
8	Owen Kesler		24	Al Perry
10	Colleen Fesperman		24	Jimmy Brown
11	Kayla Misenheimer		25	Polly Stirewalt
11	Ricky Nicole Harris		27	Laura Brooks
12	Mike Sifford		27	Jonathan Brown
13	Margaret Fisher		28	Brian Burris
13	Troy Trexler		28	Jerry Schuller
14	Mark Culp		29	Hubert Goodman
14	Tony Shive		29	Haylee Hepler
15	Keri Misenheimer		29	Chrissy Deal
16	Salena Poston		30	William Kesler
16	Wesley Martin			
16	Cleo Haynes			

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO ORGAN

Welcome to Mr. Matt Garcia, who joined on January 29, 2017.
His address is 404 Rowan GQ St., Salisbury, NC 28146.

Welcome Ms. Clancy Fleming and her daughters, Carsen and Caylee. They joined on March 12, 2017 by Affirmation of Faith. Their address is 1212 Bird Dog Trail, Rockwell, NC 28138.

We welcome Bailey and her brother Gabe Krack to Organ. They were baptized on March 26. Their parents are David & Danielle Krack. Their address is 208 School Street in Rockwell. Their grandmother is Carol Shuping.

Congratulations to Kohen Nicolas Burris who took his 1st Communion April 2, 2017.

Organ Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 12, 2017

Chairman Mark Brown
 Vice Chairman Rev. Carlin Ours

Secretary Niki Castor
 Treasurer Lorri Sifford/Jimmy Hill

2017		2018		2019	
Jimmy Brown	Cathy Perry	Ken Austin	Clarence Miller	Niki Castor	Kathi Lingle
Dennis Holshouser	LuAnn Phelps	Mark Brown	Salena Poston	Daniel Corl	Jonathan McCullough
Jimmie Morgan	Heather Coleman	Tim Bollinger	Lorri Sifford	Jimmy Hill	Darrell Simpson

Absent: Salena Poston, Lorri Sifford, Jimmie Morgan and Cathy Perry
 Devotions: Clarence Miller titled "Who Is The Strongest"
 Next Dev. Salena Poston will have the devotions for April
 Chat N-Chew Clarence, Niki and Heather will have Chat and Chew refreshments for March.

Pastor Carlin's March Report

- Preached All 4 Sundays including 4th Sunday early service.
- Taught Sunday school 3 of 4 Sundays 2nd Sunday school snowed and was sick.
- Officiated Ash Wednesday service.
- Taught Wednesday night Bible study combined with Trinity and Concordia Lutheran Pastors.
- Attended World Day of Pray service at St. James Lutheran in Rockwell.
- Held 5 counseling sessions.
- Attended youth (Luther league) monthly meeting.
- Attended Seniors meeting.
- Taught confirmation.
- Got Campfirmation registration done.
- Attended OMG's.
- Officiated 1 funeral.
- Officiated 2 Baptisms.
- Worked on Application to Doctor of Ministry program for Garner Webb.
- Visited with 47 individuals while on pastoral visits.

- Drove 804 miles.

The Pastor gave his report and the February minutes were approved.
The Income Statement was read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification/Landscape (Kathi Lingle)

- Added Azaleas, Lilies, Buttercups and a bird bath.

Cemetery (Kenny Austin)

- Planted 10 Japanese Maple trees and will water 1xper week.

Christian Education (LuAnn Phelps)

- Working on VBS. Youth meeting on March 5th with a Taco Bar.

Evangelism (Heather Coleman)

- Working on post cards.
- Purchased a new Easter Bunny costume at a cost of \$75 – Heather Coleman

Family Life (Tim Bollinger & Jimmie Morgan)

- Working on Lenten meals.
- VBS will be June 11 – 14 (Sunday – Wednesday) with the meal at 5:30 and
- VBS 6 – 8. Cookout will be the last night on the 14th.
- Camp AGAPE will be last week in July.
- Campfirmation will be June 18 – 24.
- Will need volunteers for Jessie's Ride.

Finance As in report.

Historical

- Deposited \$10 check leaving a balance of \$3,271.63.
- Received several history items from Alvin Park that belonged to Marvin and Janet Park.
- Daniel will update website with Cemetery information.

Housekeeping

- Pew upholstery needs to be cleaned and re-tacked.

Property

- Humidifier was purchased for old church.
- Council building at old church needs new shingles.
- Several tombstones are broken.
- Tree at ball field needs to be trimmed.
- Handicap parking signs were put up at parking lot near ramp.
- Intercom in the nursery is not working.
- Light in women's bathroom at Fellowship Hall has been fixed.
- Heather to get a quote for a screen with projector for Fellowship Hall.

Insurance

- Jonathan working on quotes.

New Business:

The Sweet Potato Queens have requested to sell Luminaries and Bloominaries in the Narthex April 2nd and 9th. Approved.

The Youth raised \$700 at the Shrove Pancake supper.

Will start on Volleyball court.

Need a debit card for Jessie's Ride – approved.

Fellowship Hall – proposal to get quotes to enlarge and upgrade. Motion was made to move ahead with quotes and Seconded to take the first step by hiring an architect to draw up a plan. Clancy Fleming and daughters have asked to join the church...approve.

Yearbook has gone to the printers. Will set congregational meeting for the 1st Sunday in April.

Old Business: None

Respectively submitted, Niki Castor, Secretary; Mark Brown, President

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY 2017

Head Usher: Darrell Simpson

Date	Ushers	Tellers	Greeters
7 Com. 12:00 Youth & OKFC Meeting/ FH	Bill Shive, Dennis Holshouser Mac & Karen McLellan	Darrell Simpson LuAnn Phelps Heather Coleman	Tim & Shirley Misenheimer
14 MOTHER'S DAY Blood Drive	Bill Shive, Dennis Holshouser Mac & Karen McLellan	Darrell Simpson LuAnn Phelps Heather Coleman	Tim & Shirley Misenheimer
21	Bill Shive, Dennis Holshouser Mac & Karen McLellan	Darrell Simpson LuAnn Phelps Heather Coleman	Tim & Shirley Misenheimer
28	Bill Shive, Dennis Holshouser Mac & Karen McLellan	Darrell Simpson LuAnn Phelps Heather Coleman	Tim & Shirley Misenheimer

Date	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lector
7 Com.	EmmaGrace Shoe Gabrielle Keyes	Jordan Cress	Jerry Lambert
14 MOTHER'S DAY Blood Drive	Braden Shive Bryson Shive	Hunter Hill	Mary Kimmer
21	Riley McCullough Mallory Bentley	Kellin Ours	Jonathan McCullough

28	Celia Sifford Camrie Sifford	Jacob Poston	Fran Simpson
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Date	Communion Assistants	Communion Helpers
7 Com.	Jimmy Brown Carol Shuping Daniel Corl	Darrell Simpson Dianne Artz, Perry Austin Nelson Austin

NEW MEMBERS, CONFIRMANDS & HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES will be honored at church and with a meal after church on June 4. 2017.

MAY 2017				ORGAN LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	2 10:30 am Sr. Citizens Meeting	3 10:30 P & Com & Bible Study 6:30 P & Com & Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	4 9-10 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exercise/FH	5	6 Jesse's Ride in Faith
7 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service Spaghetti Lunch	8 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	9	10 10:30 P & Com & Bible Study 6:30 P & Com & Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	11 9-10 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exercise/FH	12	13 Mother/ Daughter Banquet

THANK YOU

<p>14 MOTHER'S DAY 8:00 Council Chat-N-Chew 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Trip to Noah's Ark 17-20</p>	<p>17 10:30 P & Com & Bible Study 6:30 P & Com & Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 9-10 am Food Pantry 7:00 <i>OMG</i> 7:00 pm Exercise/FH</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
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21 "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch Outdoor Service Meal	22 7:00 pm Exercise/ FH	23	24 10:30 P & Com & Bible Study 6:30 P & Com & Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	25 Sr. bus trip! 9-10 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Exercise/FH	26	27
28 8:30 Service "Chat-n-Chew" 9:30 Sunday Sch 10:30 Service	29	30	31 10:30 P & Com & Bible Study 6:30 P & Com & Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice			

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone that helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a huge success. We had over 50 children our biggest crowd yet. Some of these children were from the community and expressed their gratitude for this simple act of kindness. A special thanks to Alvin Park for the Wooden Bunny toss and to Carolyn Bost for the alterations on the New Bunny costume.

Yours in Christ, Heather Coleman

Dear OWINGS Group III,

Thank you from the depth of my heart for your amazing and joyful Easter gift basket! I was so touched with your love to me for so many interesting and valuable gifts. I was so happy receiving the gifts that I felt Gods blessings to me. Your warm wishes brings pleasure in my life. I trust that all had Jesus close by us Easter! Death can hide, but it cannot conquer those living in the Lord Jesus. With love I cherish the meaningful fellowship with you. Thanks to the ladies for theirs visits and communion.

Gratefully yours, Pastor Staley, Trinity Oaks, Assisted Living

Dear Organ Senior Citizens Group,

Thank you for the memorial gift to the church in memory of our mom, "Betty Brown." We appreciate your thoughtfulness! Bless you!

Brenda, Judy, Larry & Jimmy

A huge thanks to all who helped complete the 3rd, 4th & 5th grade classroom. A very special thank you to Phil Brady, Eddie Cress, and Brent & Daniel Corl for all their time and work. The room looks great!

Thanks to Pastor Ours for the visits and communion. Thanks to the OWINGS Group 2 and Barbara Sifford for her visits and the gift bags. Thanks for all the cards we have received.

Ray & Lola Fryer

Dear Organ Church Members,
My sincere appreciation is expressed to all for the thoughts, prayers and cards following the death of my mother, Betty Hart. It is comforting to know others are here to help me through this difficult time. Thank you.
Tina M Brown

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Thank you so much for the Memorial gift you sent to the Church for Ray. The money is going for new chair pads. Thanks again.
Love in Christ
Margaret Fisher's Family

Dear Pats
Thank you for thinking of me at Valentine's and Easter with all of those nice gifts. We hung the cross and I had pretty Angel on the lamp beside my bed. I am also enjoying the Cas. by, crackers, Easter eggs, rabbits, little rabbit and bunny Coaster and everything. The babies' nest was special.
Thanks again.
Sincerely
Mildred Pella



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