

Christ Connections



september/october 2020

*SUNDAY SERVICES
ARE CURRENTLY
LIVE! ONLINE*

CHRIST PROVIDENCE

9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**
11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**
10 a.m. **Adult Sunday Classes**
4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte

CHRIST SOUTH

10 a.m. **Casual Family Worship**
315 Reid Dairy Rd., Waxhaw

CHRIST CONCORD

10 a.m. **Blended Worship**
240 Pitts School Rd. NW, Concord

For links to live-stream services, bulletins, ChristKidsTV and more, go to christelca.org and click Christ Online

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Sunday Adult Classes

Start September 13

Wednesday Adult Classes

Start September 16

Pre-register on REALM or Christ Online

christelca.org

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A Stepping Stones Celebration of Christ Lutheran





PASTOR SCOTT SUSKOVIC

from the Senior Pastor

With Governor Cooper's August 5th announcement that Phase 2 will continue until at least September 10th, we have made some decisions regarding our fall programming. As we look at Kick-Off Sunday on September 13, we will continue our summer worship schedule of only offering two worship services online at our Providence campus (no Bridge Service). However, the times will change slightly to 9 a.m. for Traditional and 11 a.m. for Contemporary. This will enable Sunday School to meet between services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 13

Adult Sunday School will offer both online and a limited number of in-person classes.

In addition, some of the virtual classes may meet at times other than Sunday morning. Find more about each class on page 5 of this newsletter. Pre-registration is also available via Realm or through the Christ Online Virtual Schedule (christelca.org/online).

Senior High Sunday School will meet virtually for fellowship, socializing and bible study. In addition, Caroline Targonski, our Youth Director, is trying to schedule smaller in-person group gatherings as able.

Middle School Confirmation/Sunday School will have several learning opportunities with small groups meeting virtually. They will also explore ways for smaller, face to face gatherings outside of Sunday morning for fellowship and socializing.

Elementary Sunday School will start Christ Kids TV, which will replace the children's sermon and in-person classes with pre-recorded videos filled with songs, arts & crafts, and a weekly message from one of our pastors. It will take on the form similar to our Virtual VBS this past summer. Our family ministry team is working with parents to create responsible socialization opportunities.

Nursery will not meet as long as we continue to remain in Phase Two.

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER STARTS SEPTEMBER 16

Food As long as we remain in Phase Two, we will not be offering a communal meal. However, we are looking for ways to expand our "Heat and Eat" meal ministry that started under Covid 19.

Transportation As long as we remain in Phase Two, transportation will be severely curtailed and offered in a limited capacity.

Adult Education Pastors Scott and Drew will offer a hybrid class from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. that will include both in-person students socially spaced apart as well as those who can participate online. In addition, we will also offer two other virtual classes. Read more about these classes on page 5.

High School The Experience will continue to meet, but primarily online with limited face to face contact. They will gather to socialize, care for one another and work on music for their Christmas program.

Middle School Like the high school youth, middle school will explore a hybrid mode of youth ministry that will include both virtual connections as well as limited face to face gatherings.

Elementary School We are exploring ways to do limited musical programming that does not include singing (a high risk activity).

Nursery Will not meet as long as we are in Phase Two.

Nobody wants to meet and hug and shake hands together in person more than I do. However, to be good citizens and for the sake of the more vulnerable among us, we want to heed the directives of our government leaders and do our part.

How long? You know as well as I do that long range planning these days is about three weeks out. I can tell you how the fall will begin, but I can't tell you for how long. We will wait for the governor to move us into Phase Three, listen to the counsel of our physicians and determine how to move forward safely. We long to be together again, but only when we can do so more safely. Until then, we are thankful for the technology that brings us together even as we are forced to remain distant.



Introducing Our New Logo!



Who are we?

The simple answer seems *Christ Lutheran*. But as we expand with four very different campuses reaching different people with unique worship experiences, that question is not as simple as we once thought.

This was the question we tried to answer as we relooked at our logo. Does a large window capture who we are at Christ Concord? Does this more traditional look resemble the expression of worship at Christ South or the technology driven worship for Christ Online? The short answer was no. We needed a new look, for a new time, for a new Christ Lutheran.

Who are we? *We are Christ Lutheran*. We have one membership, one staff, one council, one budget, one mission. Together, we are Christ Lutheran. And, at the same time, we have four very different expressions.



Christ Providence - a prominent church in Charlotte on Providence Road that offers a wide variety of programs and worship services for a broad swath of people.

Christ South - a more targeted ministry that speaks to those who do not have a strong Lutheran background and are looking for something different.



Christ Concord - a church in transformation, reinventing itself from a small, traditional church to a new expression for the Concord region.

Christ Online - a significant ministry that reaches beyond our city, beyond our state, even beyond our country connecting us through technology without borders.

After many iterations of a new logo without much agreement, our logo team immediately embraced this new logo. With its colors, it captures the vibrancy of a church that is alive. The colors of the different campuses merge together to form one unified logo.

The four individual campuses are united with a similar logo and the boldfaced word CHRIST. Yet they are given their own unique and autonomous look with a different color and sized font.

We are launching the new logo and redesigned website on Kick off Sunday, September 13. At all of the campuses, we will have a Swag Bag for all who drive up. This gift will include a t-shirt, pen, carabiner and window decal, all with the appropriate look and color of the specific campuses. We hope that you can stop by to pick up one.

Yes, we have four very different campuses by design. They reach different people looking to connect to Jesus in a new way. But together, we are Christ Lutheran!



Community Bible Experience

The conversation continues starting September 13th with...

The Prophets

YOU. BELO



Go Deeper into God's Word

by PASTOR DREW

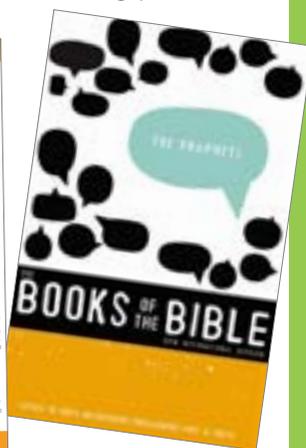
Has the Bible ever been hard for you to read? If so... you are not alone.

The past few years Christ Lutheran has used the Community Bible Experience to read, study and engage the Bible and this fall we are going to continue the journey with *The Prophets*! What if you could read the Bible less like a reference book, and more like a great adventure story? What if instead of reading it alone, you could read and discuss the Bible with others who want to understand it better?

Over a span of 14 weeks, we invite you to read the Bible with your church family. But don't worry, we won't be reading the entire Bible all at once! For fall 2020 we are reading about the prophets, people chosen by God to bring the Word of the Lord to Israel at urgent times in the life of that nation. They came from many different walks of life and lived under different conditions, but they speak with a single voice as instruments of God.

We will take this journey from September 13 until December 20. It breaks down to reading eight pages per weekday on average. Easily doable! Instead of purchasing the book through the church, we encourage you to order your copy directly online this year. You can also download and print your own reading plan bookmark and learn more about CBE on our website at christelca.org.

This year has been a year of changes and challenges, but God's Word remains our strong and constant rock. I hope you will join us on an exciting adventure through God's Word together this fall.



Fall Kick Off Drive Thru CARavan

If you miss seeing your church family, then you won't want to miss this year's Fall Kick Off with a Drive Thru CARavan! It's happening on Sunday, September 13. Worship online at ANY of our three locations and then drive to one of our campuses to see what we've got planned for fall programming.

Christ Providence • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Christ Concord • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Christ South • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

You will be able to pickup youth Bibles for our Stepping Stones program, a reading guide for the Community Bible Experience, and a swag bag featuring promotional items for your home campus. Tents will also be setup to help you get engaged in Outreach, McPIE and other learning opportunities this fall. You will not have to leave your car--you can simply drive thru the parking lot guided by the volunteers and we will bring the things you need to your vehicle (while volunteers wear masks and practice social distancing).

Pre-Register for Adult Classes!

All campuses are welcome.

To view the current virtual schedule or to pre-register for any of these classes, visit christelca.org and go to Christ Online's Virtual Schedule.

It's updated weekly with Sunday's online worship links, ZOOM classes, downloadable resources, pre-recorded videos and more!



Sunday Adult Classes

starting September 13:

FAITH IN ACTION

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10-10:45 a.m. on Zoom

This is a group of women dedicated to the study of God's Word in a relaxing and caring atmosphere of love for each other. Beginning this fall, we will delve into His Word to seek answers for better living. Through this study we will enrich our faith and learn how we can show love for one another. Through the use of the Augsburg Fortress Bible Study program, we will study scripture from the Old Testament, the Gospels and Paul's writings to the people in Rome and Corinth. Come and see how your life can be enriched with this group of women. This class is led by several members of the class.

FAITH FELLOWSHIP

THE BIBLE AND BEYOND

10-10:45 a.m. on Zoom

Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times (September 13 – October 11)

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid." For anyone struggling with fear, worry or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, this 5-week video study offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. Pastor and author Adam Hamilton explores the most common worries and fears experienced by Americans today and leads us into Scripture for insight.

The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy (October 18 – November 22)

The story of Jonah is one of the most well-known parables in the Bible. Author and Pastor Timothy Keller makes the case that there are unmistakably clear connections between Jonah, the prodigal son and Jesus. In this 6-session study, Keller shares the powerful Christian message at the heart of Jonah's story.

EMERGE

COMMUNITY BIBLE EXPERIENCE

10-10:45 a.m. on Zoom

This fall, we are reading and discussing the *Community Bible Experience: The Prophets*. The prophets were people chosen by God to bring the Word of the Lord to Israel at urgent times in the life of that nation. They came from many different walks of life and lived under different conditions, but they speak with a single voice as instruments of God. This class is open to all. Go to christelca.org/community-bible-experience for links to buy the book, download the reading guide and more. led by Rob Stark and Pastor Drew

THE CREW

COMMUNITY BIBLE EXPERIENCE

10-10:45 a.m. on Zoom -or-
in-person at Christ Providence (W150 A&B)

Beginning this fall, the Crew will study and discuss the *Community Bible Experience: The Prophets*. Join us

for this class where we will have weekly conversations about those who spoke on God's behalf and expounded on the relationship between God and His people. Go to christelca.org/community-bible-experience for links to buy the book, download the reading guide and more. led by David Deeds

THE CLC BOOK CLUB

10-10:45 a.m. on Zoom

The CLC Book Club reads and discusses books of all kinds, but primarily books on faith, our relationship with God, human nature, scripture, or biographies of faith leaders. Our discussions can be lively and frank. We do not shy away from controversial topics. We thrive on competing opinions, but we expect civility and respect for one another. Even if you have not read the assigned chapter for the week, we encourage everyone to attend.

Wednesday Adult Classes

starting September 16:

COMMUNITY BIBLE EXPERIENCE: THE PROPHETS

6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom -or-
in-person at Christ Providence (Fellowship Hall)

All are welcome to attend in person with appropriate social distancing or online via ZOOM. This class will be reading and discussing the *Community Bible Experience: The Prophets*. The prophets were people chosen by God to bring the Word of the Lord to Israel at urgent times in the life of that nation. They came from many different walks of life and lived under different conditions, but they speak with a single voice as instruments of God. This class is open to all. Go to christelca.org/community-bible-experience for links to buy the book, download the reading guide and more. led by Pastor Scott and Pastor Drew

MOMS IN PRAYER

Moms of all ages are welcome to gather virtually each week on ZOOM to pray for our children! We will follow the Moms in Prayer International 4 Steps of Prayer: praise, silent confession, thanksgiving and intercession. We will use specific Scripture verses to pray over our children each week. If you are interested in joining this group, email meganmarie.nelson@gmail.com. Meeting time to be determined based on the schedule of the group members. led by Megan Goodson

WOMEN MAKING CONNECTIONS

6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom

Continue your study of *The Prophets* with the Community Bible Experience in this women's group. Listen in or participate with a lively ladies discussion. This class is open to all. Go to christelca.org/community-bible-experience for links to buy the book, download the reading guide and more. led by Lara Barnett and Brooke Schell



What's Happening at Christ South?

by PASTOR MATT

As summer comes to an end, it's amazing how different this fall will be. Even college football hangs in the balance as we try to figure out how to adapt to distance learning and help our families settle into this "temporary normal."

For the near future, we are working on Christ South's new home. We have officially launched the first phase of our Master Plan which will include a building for worship. This first phase will be submitted to the town of Weddington for approval at the end of August. I'll save you the complicated legal and zoning details, but the long and short of it is that this will be a 3-month process. Once we've gotten the approvals we need, we'll be submitting the plan in its entirety to the congregation so that we can all pray for this vision.

In the meantime, we struggle with what our community will look like. We will continue to stay online, but are already discussing the details of what "church" will look like until we have our permanent home. Once recommended guidelines tell us it is safe, we are looking at in-person gatherings outside at the Old Dairy Farm that will allow us to socially distance while reconnecting. This is a tricky process and one that we've not had to navigate before, but we want you to know that we are planning and praying and ask you to also pray for our future.

September 13th is our Kickoff Sunday where we traditionally mark the beginning of fall and all of our programs and events. This will obviously look a little different this year. While we do not find it feasible to meet in-person on this date, we do have a special Family

Drive Thru Event planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Farm. Families can drive through the farm, get a special blessing for their students and family and get an official Christ South swag bag full of goodies for the family.

Through all of this planning and considering, one thing has become abundantly clear: that church takes place outside the walls of a building. Church is happening in your living rooms on Sunday when you tune in and share communion together. Church is happening when you check in with the people you're used to seeing on Sundays to make sure they are ok. As we try to figure this out, the where and the how has changed, but the who and the what has always been the same. YOU are the church now and you will be the church when we are in the same room together again.

Two other quick things to be on the lookout for:
(1) Beginning September 30, LYRIC UNITED will broadcast live for a special worship night at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars and tune in for a great message through song.

(2) Be on the lookout for a new video series called *Crosswalks: Intersections of Life & Faith*, where we will discuss the reality of life and how our walk of faith fits with our struggles and triumphs.

I want to hear from you. Are you doing ok with the madness of life right now? Don't hesitate to reach out to us and let us know how we can help. You are not alone. We may not see each other, but I'm a phone call, email or Facebook message away. Until we are all together again, my prayer for you is that you are staying healthy and safe.



BRING YOUR CANS TO CONCORD

- Serve your neighbors.
- Drop off cans of nonperishable food & paper goods.
- Place in blue bin at Christ Concord's front door.
- Donations go to food banks at Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM).

CHRIST CONCORD CC COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Virtual Bible Studies at Christ Concord

Wednesdays

10 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Tenny

6 p.m. Adult Small Group Bible Study led by Billy Mussari

Join ZOOM meetings at christelca.org

Have you moved or updated your email?

Please update in REALM or let the church office know!

Drive-Up Communion

CHRIST PROVIDENCE CHRIST CONCORD

After attending worship online at any service, please come to the parking lot where the pastors (wearing gloves and masks) will offer a prayer and distribute communion to all.

Endowment Fund Update

by JOE WALL

Christ Lutheran has been and continues to be blessed in many ways. One of those blessings is the continued generosity of our church community. It was announced earlier in the year that an anonymous member of the congregation challenged others to contribute \$25,000 to CLC's Endowment Outreach Fund to further support our mission "beyond the walls" of the church. This generous anonymous member agreed to also contribute \$25,000 to the Endowment if these contributions were received or pledged before August 31st.

As of the beginning of August, Christ Lutheran has received 55 pledges and contributions totaling \$28,120 to fund the Endowment. That is outstanding news! Even better news is that the vast majority of the pledges and donations came from first-time givers to the Endowment Fund. Additional designated gifts to the Endowment Outreach Fund will be accepted.

The Endowment Committee thanks you for your generosity, faithfulness and commitment. To show appreciation for Endowment donors and to celebrate meeting the \$25,000 challenge, the committee has scheduled its bi-annual Endowment Dinner for Sunday, October 4th. Though we cannot gather together in person for this celebration, the committee is providing a Heat and Eat meal on that date so that we may share the celebration in spirit.

What is the Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund of Christ Lutheran is separate from the annual operating plan and budget. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide an element of stability to the church's finances and missions into perpetuity. The Endowment is actually comprised of two distinct funds which serve different purposes. Fund One within the Endowment is for Outreach and is directed by the Benevolence Committee for purposes beyond the walls and campuses of Christ Lutheran. The second component of the Endowment is a General Purpose fund to pay for special projects or extraordinary church expenses; these funds are directed for use by the Church Council. Last year, the Endowment supplemented over \$33,000 to church priorities; of that amount, \$25,000 was designated from Fund One for Outreach.

Butterfly Project: Story Event with a Holocaust Survivor

by PASTOR DREW

You are invited to a special virtual event the night of October 18th from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Anyone 10 and older can join this Zoom call to meet Holocaust survivor Irving Bienstock. After we hear Mr. Bienstock's story, there will be a chance to take part in a Q & A.

This is a chance to understand and further the current dialogue about creating respect for everyone in our community. Irving Bienstock was six years old when Hitler and the Nazi Party came to power in Germany and life changed dramatically over the next six years. After Kristallnacht (November 1939) at the age of 12, he escaped to Holland. He was reunited with his sister and parents in the United States in 1940. Irving returned to Europe in 1944 as a soldier in the US Army.

This special evening is being provided by the Levine Jewish Community Center's Butterfly Project, a Holocaust Education and Remembrance Program, featuring the stories of two local Holocaust survivors. For the Zoom link, please register on REALM.



Pastor Dallman Remembered

Pastor Dick Dallman died on August 8, 2020 from complications caused by the COVID virus. He was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated Wittenberg University in 1956 and Hamma School of Theology in 1960. It was during his pastoral internship at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Miamisburg, Ohio that he met his wife Arlene who he

affectionately called "Dearie". They were married 61 years.

Dick Dallman was a beloved pastor with abundant grace, a vigorous faith and caring, practical wisdom. He was an outstanding preacher. He could make complex theology and murky spiritual dilemmas easily and calmly understood. His three-point sermons were accessible and relevant; filled with humor and everyday applications.

His ministry began at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and continued at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, where he built a new sanctuary. In 1968, Pastor Dallman was called to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Franklin Park, Illinois where he and Arlene spent five years and made lasting friendships. The heart of his ministry was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois where he served for 15 years, building a robust community, renovating the church complex and ministering to those in his care. Pastor Dallman also served at Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, Minnesota.

After retiring, he served as interim pastor in Las Vegas, Tucson, and then at two churches here in Charlotte: Christ Lutheran and St. Luke's Lutheran. It was while serving as an interim pastor at Christ Lutheran that he and Arlene found their community of friends with whom they happily spent the last 22 years.

Pastor Dallman was a leader in the wider Lutheran Church and local communities. He listed as his personal accomplishments or joys: serving on the Synod Councils in both IN/KY and IL, serving on the board of Lutheran Social Services, Ft. Wayne, IN, serving as the Chairman of the Board of Lutheran Hospital and as Chairman of the Lutheran Hospital Foundation Board in Moline. He also served on the board of Forsberg Homes, Augustana College and was the keynote speaker at the Illinois Synod meeting, Chairman of the Transition Team to form the new Illinois Synod in 1987-88, and a member of the Board of Directors of Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago.

He embraced life and lived it fully. He was a devoted husband and father, and reveled in time spent with his children and grandchildren. He was boisterously proud of his German heritage and, despite having left St. Louis in 1952, remained an ardent St. Louis Cardinals fan. He enjoyed traveling, planning travel, cooking, gardening, and bringing friends together to share a drink and a meal.

In his notes for his funeral, he wrote, "That's it. Have fun, shed a tear or two, but know how much I loved all of you and how great my life has been. God's grace abounds!"

Survivors include his wife, Arlene (Overholser) Dallman, daughter Mary Dallman Mann and her husband, Brian Mann of Maple Grove, Minnesota, son Stephen Dallman and his wife Lisa of Frontenac, Missouri, daughter Laura Dallman and her husband Henry Wooster of Vienna, Virginia, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS
EMERGE
 10-10:45 a.m. on Zoom



Community Bible Experience
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 led by Rob Stark and Pastor Drew
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CHRIST Providence
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 meets every Sunday 10 - 10:45 a.m. on ZOOM
 All ladies welcome for a new study on *The Many Faces of Wisdom*.
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 Christ Lutheran Charlotte





How Has Project Bihar Helped During Covid19?

by PASTOR DREW & LOGAN NOONAN, LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

You may have been wondering how the Covid19 impact has impacted the Bihar community. Please see the update below from Lutheran World Relief about the ways Project Bihar is having a positive effect right now in ways that none of us could have imagined when we reached our goal last fall at the Speedway. Thank you for keeping these villages of Bihar in your prayers.

Greetings from Baltimore! My name is Logan Noonan, LWR's program manager for the Asia region, and it has been my great pleasure to support the Partnership Bihar project for the last year or so. Dave and Lisa asked me to provide some more details on how COVID is affecting the communities that are part of Partnership Bihar. As we all know, many lives and livelihoods around the world have been impacted by COVID-19 and the community who benefits from the Partnership Bihar is no different. Despite difficulties related to COVID-19, Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN), LWR's partner in Bihar, was able to continue the vital agriculture work of the project. Over 3,500 women farmers have been supported throughout the crisis.

The pandemic made it difficult for farmers to go to markets to buy inputs such as seeds and fertilizer for the pre-monsoon planting season. In response, the project used its mobile application to take seed and fertilizer orders and ensured that enough was available at the project's grading and sorting centers. These centers are much closer to the farmers than the markets they usually use, which helped save them time and limit travel while at the same time enabling them to get the much-needed supplies. For farmers who were not able

to reach the grading and sorting centers, the project's village trainers delivered the seeds and fertilizer to directly their house. Access to these supplies helped farmers to ensure they were able to complete planting on time, despite setbacks caused by the pandemic.

The project's village trainers – who provide agricultural extension, training and ongoing support to farmers – provided training and support for the planting season through home visits rather than gathering a group of farmers as they normally would. During these visits, the village trainers provided information on social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing.

Many men who live in the village go into the city to find temporary work in order to supplement their meager income, but because of travel restrictions imposed by the government of India they were unable to do so, leaving their families with less income. The government set up several safety nets for farming families including a cash supplement of 6,000 rupees and increased access to credit. Government support services can be difficult for poor farmers to navigate, but the project was able to provide support to ensure these farming families were able to take advantage of the support offered.

Recently, movement restrictions have been relaxed and some migrants have been able to return to work. There was also good and timely rain this year, which leaves farmers hopeful for good crops of rice, lentils, and vegetables. COVID's effect on the community have been difficult but, thanks in large part to support from the project, it has been manageable.

Thank you so much for your support of the project. Please feel free to reach out to me with any further questions.

Logan Noonan, Technical Program Manager – Asia
Lutheran World Relief | IMA World Health

NovusWay Summer Camp

by MITZIE SCHAFFER, NOVUS WAY

On May 22, 2020, the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team announced the decision to suspend all scheduled summer camp programming for 2020 at each of our sites due to the health and safety risks of Covid-19. This was a heartbreaking decision; however, we continue to receive overwhelming appreciation from parents for keeping their children safe. While we know we made the right decision, the loss of summer camp alone is a \$1.8 million financial loss. Overall, we anticipate a \$3,000,000 revenue loss from program and hosted ministry cancellations and we are working hard to fill the gap.

Now more than ever, faithful annual donors like yourself will mean the difference in our ability to plan and continue forward movement to next summer. Much work happens throughout the year to make camp possible. Thank you for helping to sustain this critical and life changing work.

To make your own gift or start a monthly gift to the ministry, visit novusway.org or mail your gift to NovusWay Ministries, 28 Spruce Drive, Arden, NC 28704.

Summer Camp Remix Re-cap

Summer at Christ Lutheran and McClintock Middle School looked very different this summer. With the COVID-19 pandemic closing school buildings and canceling transportation, our summer science camp and Freedom School went virtual!

A team of McClintock admin and staff pulled together 7 weeks of STEAM engagement for students to keep their brains active over the summer break. Whether it was building rollercoasters, bridges, solar ovens, tessellations or kites, students had fun and learned a lot, too! Each week, students and families came to McClintock during grab 'n' go lunch pick-up where they could also pick-up their weekly Challenge Pack. Once at home, they engineered their creations, videoed themselves showcasing their build via an app called Flip Grid, and participated in weekly Zoom classes.



Each student that completed different levels of Zoom classes and Flip Grid uploads was able to earn incentive prizes, including a t-shirt, extra large snack bag, and a surprise box filled with additional STEAM activities. Physical activity challenges were also included each week, related to the weekly theme.



To further prevent summer learning loss, literacy was included. Freedom School is typically held on CLC's campus, where students dive into reading. To encourage those students who returned this summer, literacy was included in Camp Remix. Freedom School Scholars not only participated in summer reading, but also had the added advantage of learning through the weekly STEAM Challenges.

Summer by the Numbers:

- 1,299 Camp Remix Challenges packs
- 1,869 bags of groceries (since March)
- 1,750+ pounds of produce from the Garden Ministry donated
- 500+ volunteer hours
- 300 school supply bags assembled

School Supplies

As students prepare to return to learning, one of the best ways we can ensure success from the beginning of the school year is to equip students with the tools necessary to complete their schoolwork. While learning may not be happening in a physical school building, supplies are still critical to learning.

With your support, we have been able to deliver over 400 school supply bags to McClintock Middle School and we plan to give them another 200 more to give to students. Your donation is important to the mission that McPIE works to attain; empowering ALL McClintock students to succeed takes the coordination of many donors and volunteers. Thank you for your generous donations as they are helping McPIE put together 600 back-to-school supply bags! We are still in need of the following to reach our goal: colored pencils, composition books, glue sticks and spiral notebooks.

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Private shopping also available
by calling 704-366-1595

School Supply Drive

ITEMS NEEDED
earbuds, pencil pouches, colored pencils, composition books, spiral notebooks

DONATE
Order online and ship to Christ Lutheran Outreach: 4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226 -or- Drop off at Christ Providence (near the fountain area) or Christ Concord.

McPIE
McClintock Middle School Education

SUPPORT EDUCATION!

Link your Harris Teeter VIC Card to McClintock. Remember, you need to relink each year!

• Go to harristeeter.com
• Click "Together in Education"
• Select McClintock Middle School
Code 2042

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Pray-ERS of the People

Want to help with the prayers during Christ Providence's live-stream services?

Contact Pastor Drew at dgoodson@christelca.org

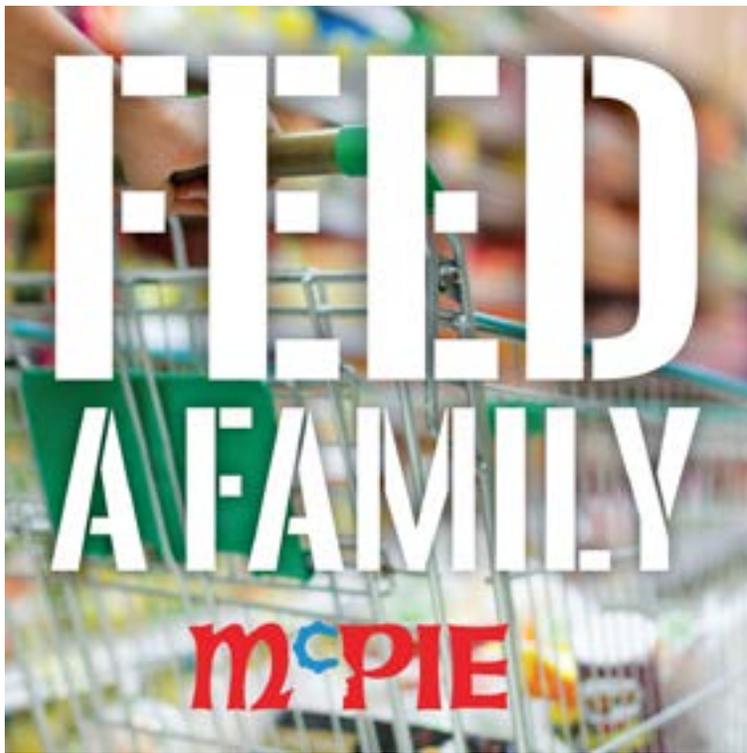
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HELP CHARLOTTE CROP WALK STOP HUNGER

2020 Virtual CROP Walk
October 11 • 2:30p
Reserve a tshirt: mcpie@christelca.org
(limited number available - first come, first serve)

Join Team Christ Providence!

crophungerwalk.org



McPIE has been working to ensure that no family goes hungry during these unprecedented times. Each week, volunteers at McClintock Middle School are passing out grocery bags and delivering warm meals to families.

Want to help? Here's how!

1. Monetary donations on REALM – Please choose "Feed A Family" under the Fund dropdown menu (onrealm.org/christelca/give/how).
2. Send a check to Christ Lutheran and put "Feed A Family" in the memo (*mail to: 4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226*).
3. Purchase food items while you are out and drop off at the Christ Lutheran Children's Center portico area. Groceries needed include: box of cereal, canned meat (canned tuna or chicken), canned soup/stew, vegetables (canned or fresh), fruit (canned or fresh), mac & cheese, rice, ramen noodles, spaghetti & sauce, bread, dried beans (lentils, black eyed peas, pinto beans; no black beans), peanut butter, Hamburger Helper. Extra items requested include diapers, wipes, cleaning products, trash bags, and toilet paper.

To those who have already donated, THANK YOU!! Together we can ensure that no child or family goes hungry. Your help is appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Angela at adavis@christelca.org.

Thrivent Action Teams support Feed-A-Family

Thrivent projects have raised \$4,750 to help with Feed-A-Family! As a result of the Covid-19 and being unable to meet in groups, original Thrivent projects have been changed to contribute to our Feed-A-Family food drive. Now many McClintock and CLC families are able to have a warm meal, fresh produce and non-perishable items to get them through the week.

McPIE Volunteer Efforts: Support Teachers & Students

While the physical school building is closed, students and teachers are back to learning! This school year will certainly be unusual, but one thing remains: McPIE will continue to ensure that teachers and families are supported. Interested in helping?

Teacher partners are crucial now more than ever. If you would like to have an easy way to get involved and make a difference, being a teacher partner is your chance. All teachers are going to need extra support in the form of motivational quotes, emails, and maybe even sending cards in the mail. If you are interested in helping support a teacher, please contact Diane at diane.gavarkavich@gmail.com.

Tutors will be needed to assist students with school work and stay on track. While details of what tutors can and cannot do are still under question, if you are interested in helping students succeed by tutoring, please contact Celia at cwown92@gmail.com.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

McPIE will continue to offer groceries and Challenge Packs to keep families fed and students engaged. Both of these are offered every Tuesday and Friday at McClintock Middle School. Volunteers will be needed to help pack grocery bags, assemble Challenge Pack kits, and distribute these at McClintock. If you are interested in helping with our mission of supporting families and engaging students, please contact Angela at adavis@christelca.org.

A final need is child-care for teachers and families. Many teachers and families have children who will need some supervision during remote learning. If you are interested in supervising a small group of students, please contact Amy at adaniels@christelca.org.

Charlotte CROP Walk Goes Virtual!!

Because of this crazy pandemic and social distancing requirements, the CROP Walk will be virtual this year. Which means on October 11th at 2:30 p.m., we will walk in our neighborhoods, on the Greenway or on a treadmill! But we will walk to raise money for and support the organizations in Charlotte which fight hunger and homelessness: 2nd Harvest, Loaves and Fishes and Crisis Assistance.

Christ Lutheran has two walk teams planned this year. Christ Providence (crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/ChristProvidence) -and- Team Christ Concord (crophungerwalk.org/cabarrusnc/Team/View/134882/Christ-Concord-Christ-Lutheran).

Please choose a walk and sign up!! It is not necessary to raise money (but of course it is always welcome). We will have a limited number of t-shirts available, so let us know at mcpie@christelca.org and reserve your t-shirt; first come, first serve!

Family Ministry Update

by MELODY SIMPKINS

Affirm:Life

Affirm:Life is our confirmation ministry where youth grow in their faith to take on the responsibility of their own faith. Our life looks completely different than it did last year at this time. COVID has changed how we do everything and our confirmation ministry is no different. Therefore, Affirm:Life is going to look different moving forward. Most of our large group teachings will be offered online on an on-demand format. We'll still meet in small group to process the learning and work on projects that will connect the learning to real life application. Find out more about Affirm:Life for your son or daughter at our Fall Kick off.

Children, Youth and Family Small Groups

School has started and this is a trying time as a parent. I have five children, three of whom are at CMS schools; I have a lot of mixed feelings. On one hand, I want to keep my kids safe. That's my responsibility as their parent. I also worry about what they could bring home from school, and I want to keep the rest of my family safe. But on the other hand, I want a good education for my kids, and I think it is so important that they get more socialization. Kids need to be around other kids. They need to play; they need to talk to peers, and they need to get out of the house!

Right after we heard the decision from the school system, the Family Ministry team got together virtually to talk about what fall would look like. We came up with two needs that we can focus on for our children, youth and families this year: faith formation (which is always our focus) and socialization.

We have been working very hard over the last months to come up with a plan for how we will organize faith formation (Sunday School) and activities in the fall. Our Fall Kick Off & Drive Thru CARavan event is September 13th, so come and check out all that we have planned. We also want to find a way to provide socialization for our children and youth as well.

Kids must have basic needs met before they can grow and develop into healthy adults. Having a community and peer group is one of these foundations that kids need to grow. This need must be met. Our vision is to have small groups schedule playdates and activities if they desire to physically meet. We can also have groups meet virtually to do things like watch movies or read books together. We are putting together a few small groups but we also want to hear from you. We want to know what kind of group would interest you. We also need leadership for these groups. Please, fill out this short survey to help us start putting together small groups for our children and youth in order to help them socialize with children their same age and with similar interests. You can find it online at <https://forms.gle/BNh5DLJ2bMZuRb9x7>.

If you need to talk during this trying time, I'm available for you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Rite of Confirmation

On August 30th we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation with 28 amazing youth that affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ. This year's celebration looked a little different than we have done this in the past, but it was just as special. On the 30th the Confirmands expressed their faith in worship while leading the worship services at both Christ Providence and Christ South. They led the readings, sermon, prayers and were a part of the music.

2020 Confirmands:

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| Logan Amigo | Dawson William Jones |
| Addyson Kristine Ausrud | Shane Patrick Kelly |
| Michael Richard Azzato | Mason Kinnavy |
| Anna Kaaren Barber | Ella Kreps |
| Cameron Jacob Brown | Evan Alexander Lanoue |
| Mackenzie Ying Caldwell | Jack Charles Lawrence |
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| Joseph D'Camera | Gabriel Matthew Piscitelli |
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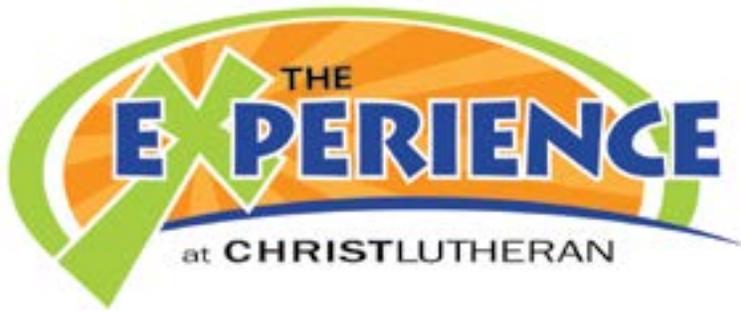
The Quillow Celebration for our Class of 2020 High School Grads looked a bit different this year. Over several weekends in June and July, the Pastors did Quillow Blessings in back yards, on decks, a playground, and drive-thru-style on campus for families. Even though the send off differed from prior years, many tears fell and the love could be felt by each family as this special Quillow Blessing was read:

Parent (addressing graduate): I come this day before God to bless you and thank Him for your life. You have given my life a deeper meaning and calling. Through you, I have experienced God's love, joy and forgiveness. Wherever you go, whatever you do, my love goes with you, you will always be part of my heart. May this quillow remind you of the warmth of my love, the care of this faith community and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

And on those nights when I cannot wrap you in my arms, wrap yourself in this quillow and know that in God's family you are never alone.

Graduate (addressing parent): You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. Today I honor and thank you for your courage, patience, wisdom and love. Wherever I go and whatever I do, I will always be your child, blessed by your love. I thank God for blessing my life with you.

Pastor: Receive this blessing. Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this quillow, the love of your parents, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the fellowship of this church, the power of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God's blessing. Amen.



Join The Experience!

by CAROLINE TARGONSKI

The Experience is our high school youth choir that meets each week for Wednesdays Together. This group is youth-led and adult-mentored, highlighting the creativity of our students. In The Experience, students are able to share and grow in their gifts of music, choreography, technology, drama and more. Each semester the group prepares a performance with the mission to tell the story of God's love.

While we typically meet in person at Christ Providence to rehearse, share a devotion and have a time of fellowship, we will be gathering on Zoom to start this semester in order to stay healthy and safe. As we move forward, we hope to gather in small groups and sections until we can all gather in one space again! All are welcome in The Experience and we would love to have you!

Our first Zoom gathering will be on Wednesday September 9th from 6:00-7:30pm. You can find this link on the Christ Online Virtual Schedule at christelca.org. For more information, contact Caroline Targonski at ctargonski@christelca.org.

First Communion updates

by KRISTEN RANK

First Communion for 2020 may have been postponed, but it has definitely not been cancelled! If you started First Communion preparation way back in March, or even if you didn't and want to jump in, here is how we are going to proceed.

Instead of Story Day, we would like families to watch the animated Dreamworks movie *Prince of Egypt* during the month of September. The movie is available on Hulu and Amazon Prime for \$3.99. If you do not have access to either of these platforms, please contact Kristen Rank at krank@christelca.org and we will get a DVD to you. This movie is intended for a parent and their child to watch together (*please note that it is rated PG due to the content of how the Hebrew slaves were treated in Egypt*). **We will have a Zoom call with Pastor Melody and Kristen Rank on Sunday, September 27th at 1 p.m.** to talk about the movie, the music and Moses!

Our final event, Livin' Forgiveness, will be a Zoom call with Pastor Scott on Sunday, October 11th at 1 p.m. A link will be sent out to all the families that started this process with us.

First Communion will be at Christ Providence and Christ Concord on Reformation Sunday, October 25th.

We will have separate stations outside after each worship service for families of First Communicants to walk up and receive communion together.

If you have any questions or if you would like to join us but didn't participate in the first event, please contact Kristen Rank at krank@christelca.org.

Preschool & Elementary Plans

by KRISTEN RANK

As we continue to work to be together virtually while remaining apart, Sunday School for preschool and elementary students will look different this year.

We will be starting Christ Kids TV, which will replace the children's sermon and in-person classes with pre-recorded videos filled with songs, arts & crafts, Bible lessons and more. Access to the videos will be on YouTube, the same place our children's sermon videos have been since March.

There will be an opening segment with music, fun and a few more surprises thrown in! Each week one of our pastors will give a brief overview of the prophet we are learning about and then we will switch gears. Kids 3-6 will be directed to a link with Kate Harrison doing teaching time geared towards younger kids. Kids that are age 7(ish) and have received their Deep Blue Bible will be directed to a link with Kristen Rank teaching the same lesson, just geared for older kids.

We will be following the Community Bible Experience, so entire families will be learning together! This will be our model for September and October and we will continually re-evaluate as time goes on.





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