

Christ Connections



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january/february 2021



Wednesdays Together

SUNDAY CLASSES START JANUARY 10
WEDNESDAY CLASSES START JANUARY 13

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CHRIST PROVIDENCE

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

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

CHRIST CONCORD

10 a.m. Multi-Generational Modern Worship
240 Pitts School Rd. NW, Concord

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*Masks, social distancing and RSVP are currently required for in-person worship. Walk-ins are welcome as long as max capacities allow for each campus. **RSVP on REALM or christelca.org**



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 • 6:30 P.M.
on Zoom

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MICAH 6:8

SERMON SERIES STARTS JANUARY 17

NEW VENTURES

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PASTOR SCOTT SUSKOVIC

from the Senior Pastor

Pastor's Perspective: The Post-Covid Church

How far can you see into the future? During Covid, I've been saying that long term planning is about three weeks. Either there is a spike or a new regulation or a hint of a vaccine. With each curve ball comes an unpredictable future.

I would never have dreamed that we would still be in this predicament after I cancelled in-person worship on March 15. I would never have anticipated that Christ Online would become such a huge outreach beyond our Charlotte community. I would never have predicted that our most recent New Member Class now includes people who don't even live in North Carolina. I would never have envisioned a vibrant, interactive, authentic worship experience online that we now have.

But where do we go from here?

Churches that think that ministry means getting people to come to a building will be left behind. Churches that think this silly online worship will be shut down after a vaccine are naïve. Churches that count membership or worship attendance as their only metric of growth will be disappointed. Churches that limit themselves geographically will have minimal impact.

What will worship look like? What about Small Groups and Sunday School classes? How will we do Fellowship? How will we measure success and impact?

I wish I had a crystal ball to tell you when this pandemic will be over and what the church will look like in a post-Covid world. But I don't. I have something better than a crystal ball— I have the Holy Spirit working through prayer, study, conversation and the good people of Christ Lutheran.

I want to invite you to be a part of something big, something that will shape the look and feel of worship and the future of Christ Lutheran for a long time. For six weeks beginning on January 6, Pastor Drew and I will lead a Wednesday evening class from 6:00-7:30pm called *The Post-Covid Church: What Will it Look Like?* We will study scripture during times of turmoil to see how God reconnects His scattered people. We will read some of the best dreamers and futurists of our time to understand how the larger Church is reacting and responding in a new way. We will strategize on what impact these dreams might have on Christ Lutheran. And together, we will let the Spirit guide us on expanding the reach of Christ Lutheran in a Post-Covid World!

We are evolving into a both/and church. Online *and* in person will compliment one another for an even greater impact.

How? Let's figure this out together. Join us either in person starting January 6 (6:00-7:30pm) at Christ Providence in the Fellowship Hall or online via Zoom. Find the Zoom link on our website on [Christ Online's Virtual Schedule](#).

This is a God who promises to make all things new. And I'm excited to be a part of it... with you!

**Peace,
Pastor Scott**



SERMON SERIES STARTS JANUARY 17



Epiphany marks the beginning of a new year, and with that we embark on New Ventures. What will this year bring? How will God get our attention? Where will God direct us? How will we be set on fire with a new passion for a new year for these New Ventures? The old has passed, the New Year has begun. Let us enter this journey with boldness.

January 17 • Discover Your Path

1 Samuel 3:1-10 • Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 • John 1:43-51
You're walking down the path of life, head down, minding your own business, and something catches your attention. It was just a glimpse. Was it real? Should I continue forward or is God trying to catch my attention, change up my life and send me down a new path? All I can hear is, "Come and see!"

January 24 • Discover Your Purpose

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • Mark 1:14-20
Are you doing what you thought you would be doing when you graduated from High School? Most people laugh at that question. Either they didn't know what they wanted, or they had such grand plans to change the world that it seems foolish now. And yet with that question, there is a sense of loss. Have I settled? Or am I doing what I was created to do? What is God's purpose for my life?

January 31 • Discover Your Powers

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Ephesians 6: 10-17 • Mark 1:21-28
Ephesians reminds us that we do not battle against flesh and blood, but we are immersed in a cosmic battle. While God doesn't want you to be obsessed with such principalities, neither should we be naïve. As you change your path, as you find your purpose, you will also begin to discover your powers—or better yet, the power of Christ who dwells within you.

February 7 • Discover Your Possibilities

Exodus 19:1-6 • 1 Peter 2: 5-9 • Mark 1:29-39
How do you serve God? When Luther talked about "the priesthood of all believers," he wanted people to

understand that we serve God beyond being a pastor or a choir director or teaching Sunday School. The nurse serves through healing. The teacher through teaching. The parent through providing. The business person through ethics. Today, discover your possibilities on how God uses you in all that you say and do to his glory.

February 14 • Discover Your Passion

Matthew 6:19-21 • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 • Mark 9:2-9
On this Transfiguration Sunday, Jesus reveals His true identity to three of His closest disciples. In doing so, He reveals His passion to turn His face towards Jerusalem and face the battle of His life on a cross. As we change our path, find our purpose, unlock our powers and define our possibilities, it is the discovery of our passion that fuels a life well lived.

Coming February 21... HEARTBREAKS

The 40 days of Lent are meant to offer a break for our hearts. A break from business-as-usual so we can examine our life as we journey to the Cross and Empty Tomb. When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus said "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Sounds straightforward... so why do we fall short constantly? The results of our sin are painfully clear... heartbreak. Do we really have a God whose own heart will stop at nothing to save you?

February 21 • Examining the HEART

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 • Mark 1:9-15

February 28 • Examining the SOUL

3 John 1-8 • Mark 8:31-37

March 7 • Examining the MIND

Romans 12:1-3 or Philippians 4:5-9 • John 2:13-22

March 14 • Examining the STRENGTH

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 or 1 Peter 5:9-10 • John 3:14-21

March 21 • Loving thy NEIGHBOR

Philippians 2:1-11 • Mark 6:30-44

Wednesdays together

WEDNESDAY CLASSES START JANUARY 13

Sunday Classes start January 10 ▶▶

**The Post Covid Church:
What Will it Look Like?**
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
(Providence-Fellowship Hall -OR- on Zoom)
***class starts January 6**

The Post Covid Church: What Will it Look Like? Nobody knows, but we want to figure this out together. Join Pastors Scott and Drew for six weeks beginning on January 6 to dream, study, talk about and create a strategy for what CLC will look like post-Covid. What will worship look like? Sunday School? Fellowship? Small Groups? No one thinks that online will go away after a vaccine. We will enter into a "both/and" church: online AND in-person worship; online AND in-person classes; online AND in-person small groups. But how will that all work? Let's figure this out together!

Moms in Prayer
***class meets on Mondays, 8:30-9:30 p.m.**
(on Zoom)

Moms of all ages are welcome to gather weekly for one hour on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in a virtual group, via 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. *Led by Megan Goodson.* Please email meganmarie.nelson@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this class.

**Christ Concord Bible Study:
Digging Deeper**
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
(on Zoom)

We meet every Wednesday morning at 10am to dig deeper into the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee (or your favorite morning beverage) and join in the fun as we get to know each other better and discover the application of the scriptural texts to our lives today. *Led by Pastor Tenny*

**Christ Concord Adult
Small Group Bible Study**
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
(on Zoom)

Each week, we delve into the Scriptures and the sermon theme for the coming Sunday. Grab a beverage and a snack as we talk and share, getting to know each other better. Open to all adults of Christ Lutheran!
Led by Billy Mussari

Women Making Connections
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
(on Zoom)

Please join us for the Beth Moore study *Chasing Vines* and find your way to an immensely fruitful life. Learn how everything changes when you discover the true meaning of a fruitful, God-pleasing, meaning-filled life. Open to all women. *Led by Lara Barnett and Brooke Schell*

Find Zoom links, live-stream services,
bulletins & more on Christ Online!
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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

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Get your personal finances back on track with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class. Learn more about budgeting, saving, investing, mortgages, insurance and more. Class time & place tbd • Cost is \$110

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SUNDAYS
@ 11 A.M.

Coffee with the Pastors

Wednesdays • 9:00 a.m.
MEETS ONLINE via ZOOM



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Adult Sunday School Classes

CLASSES START JANUARY 10

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Sunday worship schedule, start/end times of classes listed are approximate.

Faith & Fellowship: 40 Days Of Love Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m. (on Zoom)

Pastor and author Rick Warren (*The Purpose Driven Life*) tells us that our dominant life value is to be loved. Jesus once summed up all the commandments by saying we are to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind and love our neighbors as ourselves. Warren teaches us, through a 6-week video study, that learning to love God and others is our highest goal, strongest ambition, constant focus and passionate intention, leading us to love authentically as we become more like Jesus.

Emerge: Digging Deeper Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m. (on Zoom)

Each Sermon Series at Christ Lutheran is designed to help you go deeper into the Bible, reach higher in the Spirit, and grow stronger in your relationship with Christ. Join this class to discuss the scriptures that are preached on each Sunday. What questions do these passages from the Bible raise for you? How are they challenging you to follow Christ and share your faith with others?

The Crew Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m. (Providence-The Forum -OR- on Zoom)

Join us for this class where we will have weekly conversations about Metaxas book, *If You Can Keep It* and God's hand in leading our Nation.

Faith in Action: Women's Bible Study Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m. (on Zoom)

Join us as we delve into His Word to seek answers for better living, 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. Led by Jewel Barber, Joyce Brigman and Anna Moore

CLC Adult Book Club Sundays, 10-10:45 a.m. (on Zoom)

The Adult Book Club is open to anyone. We read and discuss 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, we encourage everyone to attend. We'll catch you up and let you talk anyway! Sometimes there are donuts (when we meet in person). All are welcome!

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What's Happening at Christ South?

by PASTOR MATT

I don't know about you, but I'm glad that 2020 is behind us and I am looking forward to a brand-new year, turning a corner and getting back to normal at some point. I'm so proud to see how our community is staying together through all of this and still managing to make an impact on the world around us. The South Sisters worked through Union County during the holidays to sponsor families and provide gifts to those in need. The generosity and charitable spirit of our congregation made all of this possible.

In October, we began outdoor worship while also live streaming our services. While it was definitely different, it was good to see (at least part of) everyone's faces again. Unfortunately, due to rain and cooler weather, we've had to hold off on outdoor worship until things warm up a bit. With the vaccine now being circulated, we are hopeful that we can return to indoor worship soon and will let you know our future plans as situations evolve.

In November, Aimee Topping joined the Christ South team as our Faith Adventure and Executive Minister. She'll be handling our 4th and 5th grade youth groups and facilitating some of our programming going forward. As we begin to meet in person, we will again work to strengthen the connections that our kids have made over the past few years.

2020 wasn't what we expected, and it has challenged our church, our community and the families that make Christ South so special. But God has a plan and sometimes His plan has its own perfect timing. While it has been frustrating to stay apart and deal with these struggles, we have learned what it means to be a church. As the new year begins, I hope you'll all approach it as a fresh start, full of anticipation for this church and our people.

Busy Year for South Sisters

by CHRISTINA MASTERS

The South Sisters, the women's ministry of Christ South, has had a busy year, in spite of the challenges brought

forth by the pandemic. With our guiding scripture for the year, Hebrews 6:19, *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure*, here is what our small, but mighty ministry has done in 2020:

In February, we held a retreat in Topsail Beach, NC to build our community and plan for 2020. We had worship, devotions and social time; laughs, walks on the beach (and naps!) were had, and we also spent our time assembling test kits for the Be the Match bone marrow drive.

In the following months, we split our time between service projects that could be completed individually in small groups, and socially on Zoom hangouts and socially-distanced, masked get-togethers on the Old Dairy Farm land.

Outreach projects included purchasing and assembling items for 97 breast cancer recovery bags for Novant Matthews. These bags include lotion, mints, safety pins, lanyard, and a word search book and pen. We also purchased and assembled 60 chemotherapy recovery bags for patients at Novant Matthews and for family/friends of Christ South members. Each bag included the reusable tote bag, mouthwash, tooth brush, tooth paste, hard candy, a glass water bottle, word search book and pen, prayer shawl knitted by Knitters for Christ, lip balm, and lotion. In addition, we donated books and journals to Shirley's Angels – a nonprofit that supports women at various stages of breast cancer recovery.

We also contributed blankets, hats and gloves to Roof Above, in lieu of being able to serve Room in the Inn as we have in the past.

Most recently we adopted a family of five for Christmas through the Union County Christmas Bureau. The generous donations - including a \$300 donation by Laura Behrens in honor of John and Cynthia Daly - made it possible to provide gifts for their three children, a gift for the parents and a \$400 gift card for groceries.

Though this year has been a challenge, we are anchored in the hope that together we can continue to serve inwardly - nurturing the relationships we are making with one another through our group - as well as through continuing to serve the needs of our community. ■■■■

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Much Abides: A Survival Guide for Aging Lives

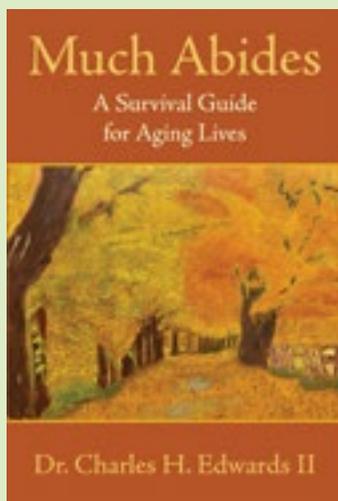
by KEN GARFIELD

Dr. Chuck Edwards of Charlotte, who has cared for so many in our community, has written a tender book whose title captures its theme: *Much Abides: A Survival Guide for Aging Lives*.

You might know Dr. Edwards, first as a cardiovascular surgeon and then as founder of Memory & Movement Charlotte. The nonprofit medical practice treats Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other movement and memory disorders. His book encourages seniors to fill the last chapter of their story with passion and purpose. It promotes exercise, social interaction and proper medicine. It considers the 10 common mistakes of aging – No. 1 is underestimating how much time we have left.

It shares how to cope with anxiety, and the importance of taking care of hearing loss and sleep apnea. Most of all, it invites seniors to pursue joy now that they have time to do so. Did you play the piano as a child? Play again. Haunted by an old family wound? Reconcile with that loved one. Worried about mastering technology? Don't! Let the grand kids do it.

Much Abides: A Survival Guide for Aging Lives is inspirational, for as Dr. Edwards quotes the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson, "It is not too late to seek a newer world." The cost of the book is \$25, and sales support Memory & Movement Charlotte. You can purchase a copy by contacting the center at (704) 577-3186, email@mmclt.org or by visiting their website at mmclt.org. It is also for sale at Park Road Books and Traditions (both at Park Road Shopping Center) and through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).



Dr. Edwards



Get Your Finances On Track

by RANDY SATTERFIELD

If you've struggled like many with your finances during COVID, we would like to invite you to attend Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class. This class breaks personal finance into nine basic lessons that will help you get on track.

In this class we will discuss budgeting, saving, investing, mortgages, insurance and then how to begin giving back. The cost of the class is \$110 and includes a booklet, an online budget and many other resources Dave Ramsey offers.

If interested please email Randy Satterfield at randy@rpsbenefits.net or call (704)575-6510. Once we determine how many participants we can decide on a day of the week that works for everyone. It may be live or done by Zoom.

Endowment Fund Reaches Milestone in 2020!

by THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

As a result of the generosity of many of you this year and over many years, our Endowment Fund reached a major milestone in 2020. On November 30th, the balance in our Fund totaled \$1,065,000. This marks the first year that we reached the \$1 million level!

Thus far, \$62,000 has been donated to our Fund in 2020. Almost \$53,000 of this was generated by the \$25k Challenge that was announced in March 2020. According to the challenge, one of our families promised to donate \$25,000 if other families, in total, contributed \$25,000 before year-end. As of November 30th, 51 other families had contributed over \$27,000; 41 of these families were first-time donors.

Each January, distributions are made from the Fund to the Benevolence Committee and Church Council, based in part on the Fund's year-ending balance. The Benevolence Committee uses the money for needs 'beyond the walls' of our Church. The Church Council uses the money at their discretion, including 'beyond the walls.' Assuming the year-end Fund balance does not fluctuate from the November balance, Benevolence will be given over \$26,000 and Church Council will be given almost \$11,000.

Again, many thanks for your generosity and may all of you have a blessed New Year!



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Pastor's Blog

The Post-Covid Church: What Will it Look Like?
 by Pastor Scott

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Did You Know??

As of early December, the Garden Ministry has donated **2,652 POUNDS** of fresh produce to support **Feed-a-Family**.

Now that's something to talk about! Way to go!!




CHRIST concord

Multi-Generational Modern Worship

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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GIVE BY TEXT!

Text the word "Praise" to 73256. Click the link that is sent back to you and follow the prompts to give online.

Drive-Up Communion



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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.



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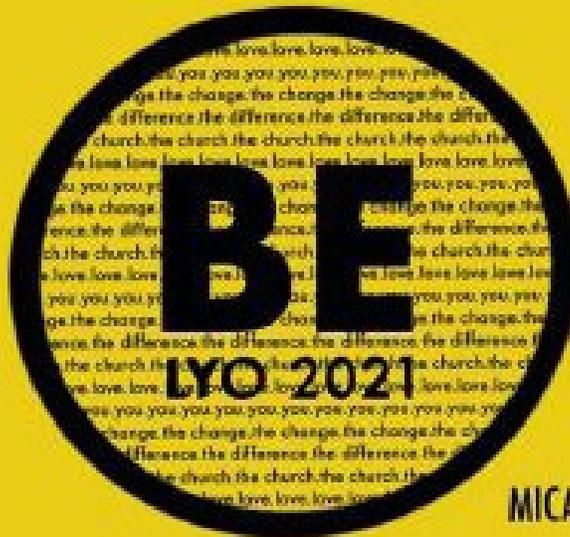
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What Will 2021 Look Like?

by PASTOR MELODY

What will 2021 look like? That's a question we all want the answer to. But as far as what Family Ministry will look like in the upcoming year.....? *I don't know for sure.*

I'll share with you what I do know. I do know we'll still have programs for your children. We'll still have activities for the youth. We'll still offer faith building ministries for the family. But what they'll look like- we don't know.

Right now, the virus is getting worse, and we need to be more cautious than ever. Therefore, most of our ministry offerings will focus on online gatherings. We are offering Christ Kids' TV each week that includes songs, skits, Bible verses, lessons and activities. This is a fun way for our young ones to engage. The older youth are still going to meet by Zoom to have Sunday School and Affirm:Life while also utilizing other online platforms like Google Classroom, Kahoot, Netflix Watch Parties and others. I know this isn't the most ideal way to interact, but it's the safest right now.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we can start to see the light- not just hope and pray that it's coming. So, things will start to change. Soon, we will be able to gather in small groups and then larger and larger ones. We'll open up more and more as it is safe.

What I want you to take away from all of this is that we are still doing ministry. We will still have First Communion, Confirmation and all the Rites that children and youth go through. We are planning service opportunities, mission work, youth activities and looking at ways to connect. In 2021, we'll still gather to worship and grow together as a church family. And we'll still offer ways to learn together. Right now, we don't know what 2021 will look like. But we'll walk this journey of faith together.

LYO Virtual Assembly '21

by CAROLINE TARGONSKI

Every year, Lutheran youth (grades 6-12) across North Carolina gather in February for the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Assembly. Once there, youth spend time with each other in small groups, singing with the band, playing games and growing in faith! The LYO weekend is always youth-planned and youth-led. This year's gathering will be virtual in order to keep everyone healthy and safe, but will be just as lively, fun and faith-filled as ever!

Join us online from Saturday, February 27 - Sunday, February 28 for this awesome and unique youth experience! Registration fee is \$25 per person and will include an LYO t-shirt. Please register on REALM by Wednesday, January 27th.

Visit lutheranyouth.org or email Caroline Targonski at ctargonski@christelca.org for more information about this youth event. We hope you will join us!

Celebration of Baptism

by KATE HARRISON

We will honor all who were baptized in 2020 during the Celebration of Baptism on January 10, 2021. There were over 30 baptisms in 2020 at our Christ Lutheran Church campuses!

Children and youth who were baptized will receive a personalized Baptism Blessing and Prayer Card and a candle holder. These gifts can be kept inside your child's heritage chest and used each year when lighting his or her baptismal candle on their anniversary date.

A member of the Family Ministry Team will be reaching out to these families with more information about how they will be honored during worship on January 10, 2021.



Christmas Shopping Thanks

While the annual Christmas Shopping Event looked much different this year, the spirit of giving at Christmas was felt by all! With families struggling more than ever this year, we sponsored 28 families!

Volunteers shopped for wish list items. When families came to “shop” at Christ Lutheran, we had all their wish list gifts set-up in a dedicated space for them with wrapping paper, cards and ribbon! In their own private room, families were able to wrap gifts for their children while maintaining social distance protocols. Two families came at a time over the course of a week.

With such an unprecedented year, being able to give back and help our McClintock community was wonderful! THANK YOU to all the volunteers who shopped for gifts, helped set-up, and assisted families wrapping. The spirit of Christmas was alive and well this holiday season!

Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent dollars have been a great means to help our efforts to support the community throughout this unprecedented year. Supporting our Christmas Shopping Event specifically, eight Thrivent Action Teams came together to shop for toiletries, linens, sporting goods, teen accessories, home goods and other wish list items for the 28 families that were sponsored. Those action teams contributed a total of \$2,000 in goods! Thank you to those who used your Thrivent dollars to help make Christmas special this holiday season!

If you are looking for a way to lift-up others, a few minutes of your time could enable you to contribute \$500 per year for CLC ministries. Don't have a project or ministry in mind? We have projects that can always use additional funding: Feed A Family/McClintock Food Drive and Teacher Appreciation, among others.

For more information about how to use Thrivent dollars to support Christ Lutheran, please contact Tammy Sanders at tsanders@christelca.org.

Feed A Family

Supporting families is a big piece of McPIE's mission. Because of the COVID pandemic, we increased the number of families that we are feeding and supporting, and any help is greatly appreciated. Through the Feed A Family fund, we have distributed over 4,100 grocery bags since March! Supporting families in this magnitude would not be possible without the generosity of our donors! THANK YOU!

McPIE Family Night: Challenge Club Edition

McPIE continued to engage students throughout the Fall semester. Each week, students picked up their Challenge Packs and engaged in STEAM activities at home. Weekly themes included bits and bytes, woodworking, food science, geodesic designs, structural engineering and circuitry. Students shared their inventions and creations via FlipGrid and participated in weekly Zoom lessons to discuss the science behind the theme and ask design questions, helping them better their challenges.

With school buildings remaining closed, McPIE will continue to offer weekly STEAM Challenges throughout the coming Spring semester. New Challenge themes include robotics, arts and architecture, food science, and more!

Parents continue to be supported through parent classes. These classes meet weekly via Zoom. Parents choose from Pathways Out of Poverty classes, ESL, Parent University, and Let's Race, our new class discussing race and culture.

Even though McPIE Family Night has gone virtual, our mission has remained the same – *Creating Future Stories...Building Community...Supporting Families...Inspiring Volunteers...So that ALL McClintock students succeed!* To get involved or ask questions, please contact Angela Davis adavis@christelca.org.

Room In the Inn

As previously communicated, A Roof Above (Urban Ministry Center and Men's Shelter of Charlotte's new name) has changed formats for this season, hosting guests at shelters uptown. Christ Lutheran has confirmed to provide bag lunches for 130 guests on a Friday each month, December through March. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who have already signed up. We still need help for lunches on the following dates:

- Friday, January 8th
- Friday, February 12th
- Friday, March 12th

Signing up for a slot of 10 lunches is a great opportunity for the family, teenagers looking for volunteer hours, groups and friends. [Click here to sign up on sign up genius.com](#) or search by email: lane.goode@gmail.com.

For any questions, please email or call Lane Goode at (704) 516-1645.

Quilting Ministry News

by MIRIAM FISHER

A big THANK YOU to all who offered their time, talents and donations to our Quilting Ministry during 2020! Without you Christ Lutheran would not be able to send 176 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, where they will bring comfort to many people in need around the world.

Habitat for Humanity, homeless persons and Women in Transition at the Charlotte YWCA received 46 more quilts, making our grand total 222 for the year. Covid-19 brought our Wednesday morning workdays at the church to a halt early, but our faithful quilters continued cutting out squares for the tops for sewers to put together at home. Thanks to Gregg Heuther, we were able to return to the church in July to finish putting the quilts together. In the Sunday School area of the Ministry Center, he set up six rooms with tables. Three rooms had two persons tying, while another room had two more people putting the layers together. The next room had two volunteers sewing the edges, and the last room had a tier and a sewer. We were properly socially distanced and masked.

How can you help in this endeavor? Glad you asked. Walmart has the best buy for twin top sheets which are the perfect size for the quilt backs. We are grateful for Hans Teich and his Sunday School class who have been our chief suppliers of the sheets this year. We also accept donations of used sheets in good condition and cut them to size.

Thrivent members can use an Action Team to purchase two rolls of batting which would provide the filler for at least 42 quilts. Need help in forming an Action Team? Ask Miriam Fisher, Anna Moore or Lois Witham how to do one.

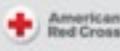
We accept donations of material which is used to cut squares for the quilt tops. It takes 48 eleven-inch squares for each quilt. You can also use your hands to help. We can show you how to tie. You can sew tops at home. We can bring you the squares which are cut and arranged in sewing order for you to do at home, and we can pick them up when you finish.

We look forward to Wednesday, January 6 when we gather again to continue our ministry. We meet from 9:30am-12pm; but don't worry if you are late or have to leave early. We don't give demerits, nor do we 'dock your pay' if you can't come every Wednesday.

Through the Quilting Ministry you can bring new hope and dignity to thousands of God's children throughout the world. These beautiful and warm quilts have many uses such as cozy bed covers, room dividers, and even shelters. Above all, they send the message to the recipients that there are people in this world who care for them.

For more information, please join the Quilting Ministry group in REALM or contact Miriam Fisher at mimfisher@carolina.rr.com.



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