

# Christ Connections



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may/june 2022

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### CHRIST PROVIDENCE

8:45 a.m. **Traditional Worship**  
10:00 a.m. **The Bridge Service**  
10 - 10:45 a.m. **Sunday School**  
11:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**

summer schedule  
STARTS MAY 29

9:00 a.m. **Traditional Worship**  
10:45 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**  
4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte

### CHRIST SOUTH

10 a.m. **Worship (Polo Ridge)**  
11830 Tom Short Rd., Charlotte

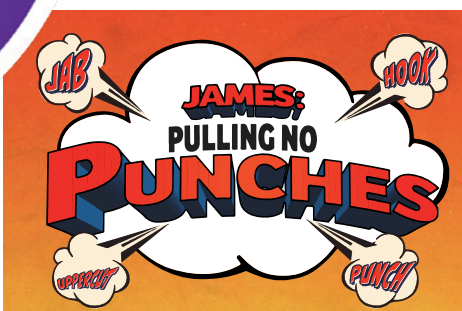
### CHRIST CONCORD

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



For links to live-stream services,  
upcoming virtual events, bulletins,  
ChristKidsTV and more:  
[christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)

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# VBS



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congratulations to our  
**high school**  
*graduates*  
class of 2022





# A Special Pastor's Perspective



## Well Done, Good & Faithful Servant! **WELL DONE.**

Twenty four years ago, when I was interviewing at Christ Lutheran, I had a chance to meet the staff. Somewhere in the midst of that meet and greet, this mustache wearing, smooth talking, well dressed minister of music posed a question that to this day I'm not sure if it was genuine or a meager attempt to stump this young wannabe pastor looking to be considered for the best ELCA call in the United States.

"What do you want written on your tombstone," Mark Glaeser asked me out of the blue.

Sizing him up, wondering about his motivation, I replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done."

With an approving nod, he said, "That's the right answer!"

We were both young, trying to figure out ministry together, hoping that we wouldn't mess it up too badly. When Christ Lutheran did extend that call to me in 1998, I knew that the secret to any success that we might achieve together was to forge a deep, lasting friendship with this minister of music that went beyond a professional working relationship.

For twenty four years, we have shared ministry together in the most meaningful and profound ways. We have built buildings together, envisioned worship together and dreamed boldly together. Personally, we have been there for one another from the death of parents to the marriages of our children to the birth of grandchildren. Mark and I have stood next to each other through our own surgeries and those of Gwen and Gretchen. We have vacationed as families together, traveled the world together and attend the same men's small group together. He is one of my closest friends with whom I have shared triumphs and failures, tears and laughter. Outside of my immediate family, Mark knows me better than anyone else.

I may not be alone. Mark is a rare person with whom so many people feel that they have a close, personal relationship. People sing and play music with and for Mark not only because of their own personal love of music, but because Mark has this incredible ability to surround himself with an army of people who want to be with him. He is a magnet.







On May 22, we will honor and celebrate the 32 years of ministry Mark has enjoyed at Christ Lutheran. I hope you put that date on your calendar now and plan to be there. We will have a congregational meal late afternoon including some brats and the fixings (as per Mark's request) and even a beer truck! After dinner, we will assemble in the sanctuary, a fitting space to recognize Mark's ministry since he was the primary point person working with the architect to create that beautiful house of worship.

Thankfully, Mark and Gwen, Kristin, Caleb, Chloe and ??? will remain a part of Christ Lutheran. They are not going anywhere. The more public Minister of Music position, however, will be passed down to Mark Johanson, an incredible musician and minister in his own right. And why not? Johanson was Glaeser's own personal choice as the possible successor. Great choice!

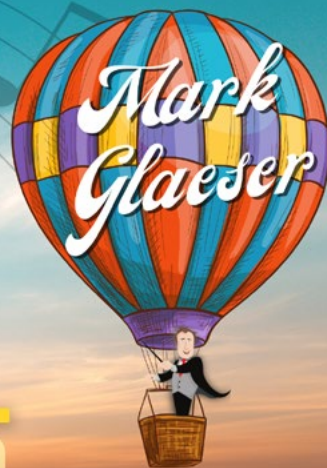
The time has come. His work is complete. His legacy will last for decades to come. And I will be there on May 22 with a grateful heart to hug him, shed a tear and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done!"

**With Profound Thanks,  
Pastor Scott**



# THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF WORSHIP IS RETIRING...

**and the Merry Old Land of  
Prov will never be the same!**



Please join us as we celebrate

## Mark Glaeser's 32+ Years

of dedicated service, commitment, faith and  
love as Minister of Music and Christ Lutheran.

### Retirement Celebration Sunday, May 22, 2022 at Christ Providence

**8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Worship services will include hymns, songs,  
music and worship favorites.

**5:00 p.m.**

Beer Truck and Wine available for purchase.  
Brats, Burgers & Icecream Sundaes provided.

**6:45 p.m.**

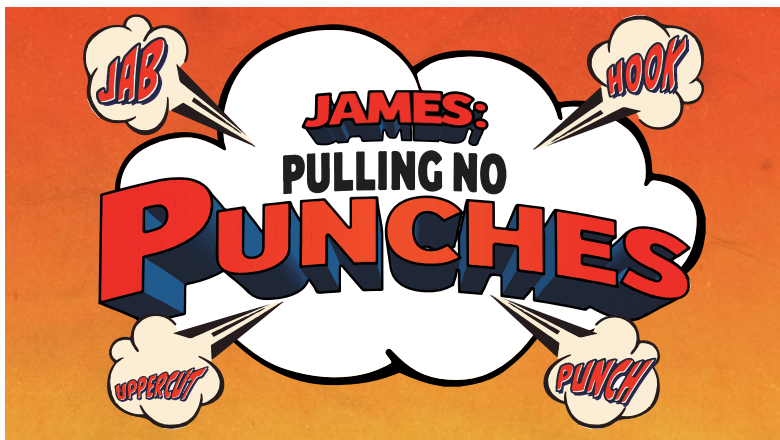
Pre-program music in the Sanctuary

**7:00 p.m.**

Program & Celebration

*If you plan to attend the dinner,  
please RSVP by clicking or scanning  
the QR Code below by May 2.*





## James: Pulling No Punches

### SUNDAYS | APRIL 24 - MAY 22

*One cannot read the book of James without walking away with a couple of bruises. He cuts through the flowery words, skips past the niceties, omits the pleasantries, and hits us between the eyes. "Faith without works is dead." "Tame that tongue of yours." "Don't just be hearers of the word, but doers." Speaking to Easter People who have heard the Gospel, James comes not with a warm embrace but packing a punch.*

#### April 24 • A Jab of Temptation

Let's not blame our shortcomings on temptations, especially suggesting that such temptations come from God. God tempts no one to sin. We are people of Easter. We have been named and claimed by the resurrected Lord. It is time to walk as such. *James 1:5-15; Matthew 5:11-16*

#### May 1 • A Hook to Partiality

The Bible has this amazing way of leveling the playing field. From janitor to president, in God's sight, we are all equal—equal in need of forgiveness, equal in worth, equal in value. It is a consistent message from Jesus to Paul to James. Show no partiality. *James 2:1-13; Luke 14:12-14*

#### May 8 • An Uppercut to the Jaw of Grace

The hallmark of the Protestant Reformation was justification by faith alone apart from works of the law. Perhaps that is why Luther called James the "straw epistle." It doesn't mention the resurrection. It only uses Jesus' name twice. And it is so bold as to come right out and say, "A person is justified by works and not by faith alone." In good Lutheran manner we ask, "What does this mean?" *James 1:22, 14-26; Romans 3:19-20, 27-28*

#### May 15 • A Punch in the Mouth

When we chanted in the school yard that "Sticks and stone may hurt my bones, but names will never hurt me," we never did believe it, did we? Our words have great damaging effect. A tongue is like the small rudder on a boat. It isn't that big, but it can steer the entire vessel. Best to hold onto those reigns tightly. *James 3:1-12; Matthew 5:21-22*

#### May 22 • A Combination of Slander, Arrogance & Oaths

James ends with a list of do's and don'ts—making friends with the world, slandering a person, avoiding oaths, praying for others and preventing backsliding.



It is not intended to be an onerous thing to care for one another, but rather the marks of what it means to be in a Christian community. We build up one another to live a life worthy of our calling as people of the Resurrection. *James 4:1-10; Romans 12:1-3; John 17:13-19*

## Our Father

### SUNDAYS | JUNE 12-26

*Our God is unimaginable. At the same time both other-worldly and completely familiar. He knows us intimately and regards us a nothing more than passing wildflower, here today gone tomorrow. The paradox that is our Father in Heaven is not that He is unknowable but that there is always more to understand.*

#### June 12 • Intimate Daddy

A good father is in the life of his child. He knows his children, and cares for them. No matter how far afield they go, He welcomes them back. Our Father in Heaven is not God on high and unreachable. He wants to be with us, too. He has sent His Son to bridge the chasm of sin and His Holy Spirit remains. We are not orphaned. We are loved BY A God who is intimate and personal; He knows all about us and loves us dearly. *Matthew 6:7-15, 1 John 3:1-3*

#### June 19 • Father Who Art In Heaven (transcendent)

Who can know God? His ways are not our ways. No one can see Him; He is not approachable. He is God and we are nothing-- maggot and evanescent grass. His majesty is ineffable, His glory incomparable. God is wholly other. He is the very definition of Holy and is the only One worthy of our praise and adoration. *Isaiah 55: 6-9, Matthew 20:1-16*

#### June 26 • Turning Into Your Father

We all have had to, or will have to, decide if we will accept or reject the proposition of turning into our parents. Will we wear the black socks and sandals of our forefathers with pride or with disdain at what we have become? Our Father in Heaven wants us to be like Him. God the Father wants His children to reflect the love that He has for the world. *John 14:5-14, 2 Cor 6:16b-18*

WATCH THE PROMO VIDEO & READ MORE!  
[christelca.org/sermon-series](http://christelca.org/sermon-series)





 **FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**Saturday, May 14**  
**10a - 12p at Christ Concord**  
 Family Fun Day for all Thrive families and their friends! Outdoor activities, silent auction, t-shirts, Kona ice truck. Come one, come all!  
 Info: [lscott@thrivedayschool.com](mailto:lscott@thrivedayschool.com)

 **Handbell Rehearsal**  
**Mondays at 6:30 p.m.**  
 Join us for a ringing good time! No experience necessary but counting is a good skill to have.  
**starts May 23rd!**  
 Contact Susan Myers: [Arlee453@yahoo.com](mailto:Arlee453@yahoo.com)

**SUNSET BEACH**  
*Memorial Weekend Worship*  
**Sunday, May 29 • 10:00 a.m.**  
**at Sunset Beach (6th Street)**  
 Join Pastor Tenny for worship on the beach over Memorial Day weekend. Make your plans and housing reservations now! Bring your own chair.  
**Register in REALM or contact Tenny for info: [tshifley@christelca.org](mailto:tshifley@christelca.org)**

**ALL CAMPUSES INVITED!!**  
**Family Night**  
**at the ballpark**  
**Saturday, June 18 • 7:04 p.m.**  
 Charlotte Knights vs. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp  
 at Truist Field (Uptown Charlotte)  
 **\$21 | Register in REALM by May 25**

 **SPLASH DAY!**  
**Sunday, June 26**  
**12 - 2 p.m. at Christ Concord**  
 Save the Date! Splash Day will take place after morning worship & includes a picnic, too! Bring sunscreen & swimsuit. Free!  
**All ages welcome • Stay tuned for details**

## Endowment Fund News

As a result of gifts to Christ Lutheran's Endowment Fund, the fund continues to grow, and each year's distribution from the fund has been larger than the prior year. Fund I is marked for Benevolence, and Fund II may be used for needs of the church and/or Benevolence.

This year the distribution from Endowment I added about 9.5% to the amount Benevolence received from the General Budget. The list of agencies that benefit from our benevolence giving is extensive. Funds are given to the ELCA and the NC Synod as well as Emmaus Mission Development (a Christian ministry to assist the poor) and the Lifeline Fund (reducing seminary debt for NC clergy). We support Christian summer camps (NovusWay and Agape-Kure Beach), Lutheran Services of the Carolinas, and Lutheran World Relief, specifically Ukraine at this time. Other funds are given locally to McPIE, Crisis Assistance Ministries, Cooperative Christian Ministries in Cabarrus County, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Harvest Food Bank, and Loaves and Fishes. Money has been set aside for Christmas Family Sponsorships, Youth and Adult Scholarships for church programs, crisis help for church members and the McClintock community, and additional requests are being considered for Habitat for Humanity, Faith Ministries (new mission trip) and CROP Walk.

Distributions from Endowment II began in 2019. Those funds have been given to Thrive, Stone Soup Ministry, and the Pastors Discretionary Fund, which is used to help those in immediate need and for scholarships in the future.



## Situation Report: Crisis in Ukraine

condensed from an article by LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief has committed \$7 million to respond to this crisis, and we expect to increase this amount as we secure additional funding. Our Humanitarian Action team is working with partners to implement programming based on short and long-term needs in Poland and in Ukraine. We have deployed additional technical staff to support our relief operations, including a program manager, a health advisor, and an advisor to lead our efforts to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees.

We are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for us to respond immediately. At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.

[CLICK TO READ FULL REPORT IN PASTOR SCOTT'S RECENT BLOG](#)



**ALL CAMPUSES INVITED!!**

# Family Night

**at the ballpark**

**Saturday, June 18**

**\$21 | Register in  
REALM by May 25**



## Peanuts & Cracker Jacks

by PASTOR RYAN

I was visiting a member of the congregation the other day and a beautiful pearl of wisdom was offered up. They told me that from their position, life is all about memories. I think that's right. We go about life taking care of all the things that need to be done, and the groceries are important; but there is more. Remember when...you saw your first firework display? Can you remember the feeling you got as a child when you heard the ice cream truck rolling into your neighborhood? Do you remember the jubilation of finally getting to jump into a pool for the first time in the summer?

I remember fondly going to the ballpark with my father. We would go watch the then Cleveland Indians (now the Guardians) play whomever was in town. My father and I watched a few games, and they are some of my favorite memories. And you know what? I never got to see them win a game – it didn't matter. The point really wasn't to see the team win. It was to yell out to the field; talk about the game and life; spend time with each other. I treasure those memories.

We, at Christ Lutheran – all campuses, are going to the ballpark. We will be heading out to watch the Charlotte Knights on June 18th, which is the Saturday before Father's Day. Certainly, this is an excellent opportunity to spend time with your father, or children. But really this is about making some good memories. Getting back to a life that we all recognize as normal – you know, before Covid.

A night out at the ballpark is a great chance to be with your church family as well as others close to you. It is an excellent opportunity to reach out to those whom you haven't seen in a while. This is more than a night watching an all-American pastime; it is a moment that will last a lifetime. The game is in the evening so it'll be cool, and there will be fireworks after, if you're so inclined to stay that late (I won't be out that late, some of us have to work in the morning!).

However long you stay, be sure to grab your tickets early. We reserved only 100 tickets, and the cost per ticket is \$21. Each ticket comes preloaded with \$2 value on any purchase in the park. You can register by clicking or scanning the banner above or by logging into REALM – deadline to register is May 17. I hope to see you there!

## Taking Advantage of Summer

by AIMEE TOPPING

There's just something about this time of year – the warm sun on our (unmasked) faces, the buzz of activity while students finish out the school year, and the hopeful joy of a leisurely summer. At Christ South, we will take advantage of these months to connect and grow our community!

We have settled back in to 10 a.m. Sunday Worship at Polo Ridge Elementary and are seeing familiar and new faces each week. Our volunteers (we always need more!), tech and guest experience teams work tirelessly to transform the gym into a worship space every week. We've been able to expand fellowship on Sundays with youth events, a blood drive, the McPle Anniversary celebration, a baby sprinkle and more!

We also continue to gather at the Christ South land in Waxhaw. The Garden Ministry is thriving. A local youth running group, Performance 360, practices on the property. We held Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services in the Deck Barn. Now that the weather is better, we will host outdoor activities on the land for our youth and families. Additionally, plans for the new Worship Center (Good Soil Campaign) are moving forward. Check out the posters on all 3 campuses for pictures of the design.

So, what's next? Let's keep doing what we're doing! Let's keep coming together on Sundays and showing up for events and activities. Let's keep looking to the future and planning ways to grow. Let's continue lifting each other up through conversation and prayer. Let's continue to BE the church, not within the walls of a building but as followers of Christ. Peace be with you.



**COME GROW WITH US**

Join group in REALM or contact Walt Roth: [wroth1@bellsouth.net](mailto:wroth1@bellsouth.net)

**Growing TO GIVE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

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## Welcome New Staff: Eric Hauck

by MARK JOHANSON



It is with great joy that I announce that we have hired a new Associate Minister of Music to serve Christ Lutheran: Eric Hauck. After a nationwide posting and final interviews with three separate candidates, the interview committee extended an offer to Eric and he accepted. Eric will begin working at Christ Providence on Monday, May 2. Praise God!



As a musician, Eric possesses virtuosic piano and organ skills in traditional, contemporary and jazz styles. He is a talented handbell ringer and is very enthusiastic about directing the Luther Ringers. Best of all, he has a passion for music ministry and a heart for serving others.

I met Eric shortly after he relocated to Charlotte almost two years ago; he moved here to accept the position as Minister of Music at Ascension Lutheran Church. After

meeting him at one of the local Lutheran musicians' periodic lunch gatherings, I then came to know him better as we both became involved in local music organizations.

When the job description of Associate Minister of Music at Christ Lutheran was sent out to several local and national musician job posting sites, Eric saw the posting and reached out to me. The interview committee (Karen Howard, Rob Chase, Pastor Scott, Kathy Keller, and I) unanimously agreed that Eric was the best choice of all the candidates we interviewed.

I want to extend my appreciation to everyone in the Music, Worship and Tech ministry for their continued prayers and words of encouragement during this time. Additionally, I am grateful to the work of the interview committee who assisted me, as well as to the leadership of Christ Lutheran for their willingness to allow Mark Glaeser, Eric and me to work concurrently for the month of May to facilitate training and handing off of responsibilities before Mark Glaeser retires. This process has been a wonderful reminder of how blessed I am to have Christ Lutheran not only as my employer, but also as my church family.

**Dates to Know**

**Last Wednesdays Together**  
May 4

**Last Sunday School**  
May 22

**Summer Worship Schedule Starts**  
May 29

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**Summer Worship**  
at CHRIST PROVIDENCE

**TRADITIONAL • 9:00 a.m.**  
**CONTEMPORARY • 10:45 a.m.**

- no Sunday School classes -
- nursery available (RSVP required) -
- **starts May 29 -**

**WORSHIP IN PERSON -or- ONLINE**

[christprovidence.org](http://christprovidence.org)

**CLCC**  
CHRIST LUTHERAN  
Children's Center

**SUMMER CAMP**  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Half-day camps for ages 2-TK (9a-1p daily)  
Weekly camps run June 20 - August 12  
Fun theme each week PLUS water Wednesdays!  
Choose your days: T/TH, MWF or M-F

**For Prices, Themes & Registration:**  
[christlutheranchildrenscenter.org](http://christlutheranchildrenscenter.org)

**VBS Volunteers Needed**

We are so excited to welcome campers back this year and we need YOU to make it happen!  
VBS is June 13-17th from 8:45 a.m. - noon.  
*It's a fun and faith-filled way to sow the seeds of faith in our kids! Join the fun!!*

**Youth:** Click or scan for form & return to youth registration mailbox across from Pit (Christ Providence). **Adults:** Contact Kristen Rank for info: [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)



## Surprise Guest!

Christ Providence had a surprise guest during worship on April 24 – Pastor Drew! Recently, Lieutenant Andrew D. Goodson finished up 12 weeks of training at Naval Chaplaincy School in Newport, RI and is now ready for his first assignment on the U.S.S. Philippine Sea, a Flight II Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser. The Goodson family has secured living arrangements near

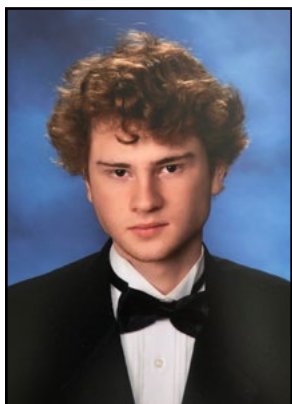
the ship's homeport in Norfolk and they will be moving after Drew is scheduled to report back on April 26. Please keep Drew, Megan, Zach and Caleb in your prayers as they embark on this new adventure!



# congratulations to our high school graduates class of 2022



Ryan Beam  
Charlotte Latin



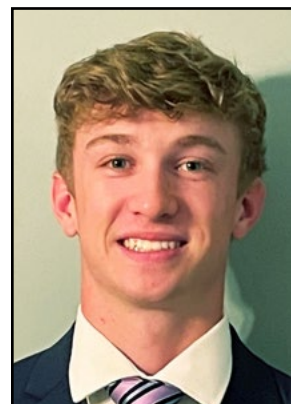
Aidan Chapman  
Myers Park



Scott Council  
Providence



Parker Dalrymple  
South Meck



Clinton Daly  
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Kendall Ficken  
Charlotte Christian



Emma Gailunas  
South Meck



Jackson Hartig  
Piedmont



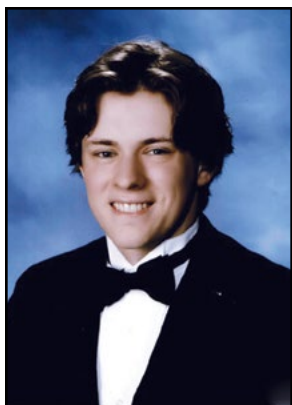
Ryan Hays  
Myers Park



Zachary Kaplan  
Charlotte Country Day



Luke Kern  
South Meck



Will Kleckley  
Providence



Gabriel Legvold  
Carmel Christian



Delaney Martin  
Covenant Day



Andrew Miles  
Charlotte Christian



Join us to honor graduates at our Quillow service:

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**Blessing 9:00 a.m.**

**Blessing & Celebration 10:45 a.m.**



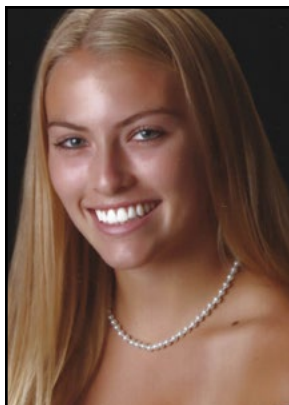
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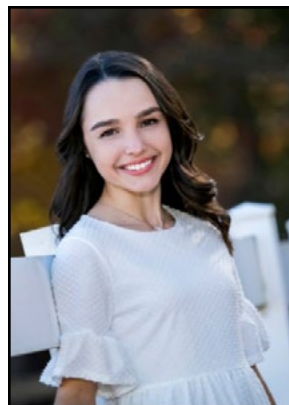
Lucy Miller  
Providence



Kariya Proctor  
South Meck



Emily Ritchie  
Providence Day



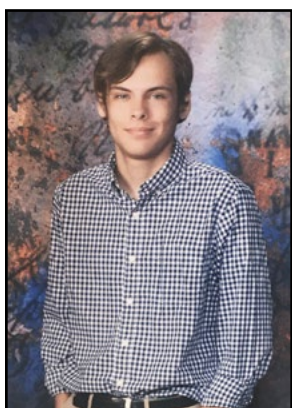
Marissa Santaniello  
Charlotte Christian



McKinley Schuster  
Providence



Cassidy Simmons  
Union Academy



Jack Smyrl  
Ardrey Kell



Caroline Stowe  
Butler



Nate Teel  
Catawba Ridge



Drew Watne  
Ardrey Kell



Hannah Webster  
Homeschooled



Cecilia Zoutewelle  
South Meck

May you be blessed with **courage**, that fear may never keep you from exploring new paths. May you be blessed with **hope**, that you may never give up on yourself or others. May you be blessed with **goodness**, that in you strangers may find a generous friend. May you be blessed with **laughter**, that you may never take yourself too seriously. May you be blessed with **curiosity**, that you may always desire to seek out the mystery of faith. May you be blessed with **gratitude**, that you may see all of life as a gift. May you be blessed with **remembrance** of one another and your time together here... for there is forever a thread woven through your spirit.



## Camp and Mexico Mission Trip

by PASTOR MELODY

### CAMP!

Camp truly changed my life. I can say without a doubt that I would not be a pastor if it wasn't for camp ministry. It's a chance for our children, youth and adults to immerse themselves in a Christian community where God is worshiped and made visible in new ways. It's an opportunity for our youth to unplug from the stresses of daily life. Camp changed my life so much that I want to encourage all children and youth to participate in camp.

I highly encourage our middle schoolers going through confirmation to attend Kairos camp at Lutheridge, where Anthony and I are leading. The dates are July 17-23 and registration is available through the [NovusWay website](#). This is also Christ Lutheran's week at Lutheridge. Come, join us at camp!

Other Lutheran camps are available all summer long at any of the NovusWay camps (Lutheridge, Lutherock, Lutheranch and Luthersprings) and through Agape Kure Beach Ministries. Explore and learn more about NovusWay camps at [novusway.org](#). For information on Agape camps, visit [agapekurebeach.org](#).

### Mexico Mission Trip

About 20 youth and adults from Christ Lutheran are heading to Reynosa, Mexico July 3-9 where we are going to be immersed in the community. We hope to learn just as much as we give to the wonderful people that live and work in that community. We plan to help build a house, work at the community wellness center, and interact with the children at their church. What an amazing opportunity for our church! Please be in prayer for our group. If you would like more information or would like to support this ministry please reach out to Pastor Melody at [msimpkins@christelca.org](#).



## Cards for Ukraine Children

by KRISTEN RANK

On a Sunday in late March, our preschool and elementary kids created cards for kids fleeing to Romania from their orphanages in Ukraine. Thanks to the dedication of one of our members, the cards were on a plane with first aid and clothing items the following Tuesday – the cards were putting smiles on kids faces in less than a week! Sharing the love of Jesus knows no boundaries!



Photos from Maundy Thursday Seder Meal • April 14, 2022

## Baptismal Class

**Sunday, May 15**  
1:00 p.m. on Zoom

For info, email Jane at [jsatterfield@christelca.org](mailto:jsatterfield@christelca.org)

Find Zoom link at [christelca.org/online](http://christelca.org/online)

**MONTHLY GATHERING  
FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

## FUSION

**Sunday, May 15**

6-7:30 p.m. at Christ Providence (Pit)

All 6th - 12th graders are invited for fellowship, light dinner, worship & fun!

**Register in REALM**

high  
school  
**Bible  
Study**

**Thursdays • 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
at Starbucks (Cotswold)**

Join other high school students weekly for a small group bible study. Students will lead group discussion on specified dates. Bring money for food/beverages. Led by Anthony Currier.

Info: [acurrier@christelca.org](mailto:acurrier@christelca.org)

## 9TH GRADE RETREAT CAMP AWANITA • MARIETTA, SC AUGUST 19-21

Upcoming freshmen will head to Camp Awanita for the last confirmation retreat before being confirmed. \$225 per student includes transportation, meals, lodging & activities.

**Payment due at registration.**

**REGISTER IN REALM BY MAY 15**

**Center  
Stage**



**SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS  
at Christ Providence**



CenterStage • for grades 6-12  
**August 1-6**  
performance: "Into the Woods Jr."



Spotlight • for grades 2-5  
**August 8-12**  
performance: "101 Dalmatians Jr."

**Scan QR Code to Register**  
more info: [mjohanson@christelca.org](mailto:mjohanson@christelca.org)



MUSIC-BIBLE STORIES-SERVICE PROJECT-FUN CRAFTS



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

for ages 4 (by May 31st) through completed 4th grade

**June 13-17**

8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily



**June 20-24**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily



**REGISTER IN REALM -or- BY SCANNING  
EITHER QR CODE BY MAY 31**



# XPERIENCE Tour



## HOMECOMING SHOW

**Sunday, June 19**

at Christ South (Polo Ridge)

**Sunday, June 26**

at Christ Providence (both services)





## Room In The Inn: THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Room In The Inn wrapped up on March 31st. Supporting our homeless community members since last December, CLC hosted approximately 150 homeless neighbors this past season. Room In The Inn is a COMPLETELY volunteer-ran ministry. Without amazing volunteers, the services that we provide those in need would not happen.

Here is a note our church received from Ashley Brown. Ashley runs the Room In The Inn program for Roof Above: *Christ Lutheran, Thank you so much for your service to RITI this season. Your teams have shared God's love through fellowship, meals, & shelter. Our neighbors consistently complimented on how volunteers went above and beyond to make them feel welcome. Thank you!!*

Thanks for making this another great year! If you are interested in more information or would like to volunteer next year, please contact Randy Satterfield at [randy@rpsbenefits.net](mailto:randy@rpsbenefits.net) or Lane Goode at [lane.goode@gmail.com](mailto:lane.goode@gmail.com).

## McPIE 15-Year Anniversary

McPIE celebrated 15 years of partnership between Christ Lutheran Church and McClintock Middle School! The partnership was celebrated with several events on all Christ Lutheran campuses and a gathering at Edge City Brewery. Want to see what all McPIE has accomplished over the years? Check out the video by [clicking here!](#) This partnership would not be possible without the giving of time and monetary donations from our volunteers and donors. Together, we have made a big impact on the McClintock community – THANK YOU!

## Family Night Wrap Up

This spring, McPIE was back inside the school building for a semester of Family Night! Tuesday evenings kicked off on March 1 with a delicious fried chicken meal with fixings. A warm meal, childcare for younger siblings, middle school clubs, and adult classes have been provided each week through the end of April. All

of this is free for McClintock families! Middle School Clubs included Coding, Top Scot Chef, Woodworking, Sketch Squad and Sports Drills. Students have learned how to prepare food, coding programs, hammering, measuring and drilling, the art of drawing, and honed in their teamwork and athletic skills! Adults chose from Pathways Out of Poverty classes, English as a Second Language (ESL), Let's Race and Foresight 20/20 (job skills training). While this has certainly been a rebuilding semester, our volunteers have shown up weekly and provided fun, educational content, served meals and distributed school supplies with smiles to greet all!

## McPIE Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers are the backbone of McPIE and we want to thank you and show our appreciation for all that you do to engage McClintock students and support their families.

WHEN: Sunday, May 1st from 4-6pm

WHERE: Edge City Brewery

WHO: McPIE Family Night Volunteers, Tutors, Teacher Partners, Family Support Team

FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM:  
**Feed A Family Fund**

by LISA HEIRIGS

Part of our Mission statement at McPIE is “Supporting Families” – and we continue to do this, in part, by supplying weekly groceries. Grocery bags continue to be distributed at McClintock Middle School every Wednesday by volunteers who make and hand out bags. Since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, working with social workers at McClintock, we have given 950 grocery bags to families who need help. These bags are filled with canned meats, vegetables, rice and beans, spaghetti, cereal, breakfast bars, etc. Families remark how appreciative they are for the groceries and what a difference it makes for them. This is all possible from donations to the Feed A Family fund, Thrivent Action Teams, grant funds and food donations.





# It's Time to Support our Freedom School Scholars!

McClintock Partners in Education (McPIE) is entering our 12th summer of Freedom School and we need YOUR help to make it successful once again! This summer from June 20th – July 29th, 50 McClintock Middle School students, 40 younger siblings and 10 high school older siblings will participate in the Children's Defense Fund's literacy based program. Christ Lutheran's Providence campus is one of the largest and most successful sites in Charlotte providing a safe and enriching environment for 100 Scholars to spend their summer. McPIE will sponsor its 13th Freedom School for at-risk children and enable them to have a safe summer.

## Here are ways you can help:

### **MONETARY DONATIONS**

- \$3600 funds 3 siblings for the full summer
- \$1200 funds 1 child for the full summer
- \$600 funds 1 child for half summer
- \$200 funds 1 child for 1 week

Other costs associated with Freedom School:

- \$5,000 provides necessary reading material for ALL Scholars
- \$3,200 provides lunch and snacks for all Scholars for 3 weeks
- \$2,500 provides field trips for ALL Scholars
- \$1,200 provides t-shirts for Scholars and interns to wear on field trips and bathing suits for water days

Double your donation!!! Each dollar you donate will be matched in our first week of fundraising, starting May 1.

Your \$100 then becomes \$200 and greatly helps our fundraising efforts to support our Freedom School Scholars.

### **BOOK DRIVE**

Help this summer's Scholars by donating culturally diverse books for K-10th grade Scholars. Bring your new or gently used books to the Lower Commons at Christ Providence throughout the month of May! [Click here](#) for a list of suggested book donations.

### **HARAMBEE READERS**

Read your favorite story any morning during Freedom's School's daily Harambee celebrations.

### **DEAR READERS**

Drop Everything And Read buddies during lunchtime help students work through books.

### **VOLUNTEER**

You can share a favorite activity during afternoon hours, host intern appreciation events, gather supplies and much more! Contact Dee-Dee Petronis to get involved: [dhpetronis@gmail.com](mailto:dhpetronis@gmail.com).

### **PRAY**

Pray for Scholars, their families, site staff and volunteers as they help Scholars enjoy a fun and enriching summer!

### **FREEDOM SCHOOL SUNDAY**

Join us May 1st and hear CLC's Freedom School Site Coordinator, Willie Pinson, talk about the impact Freedom School has on the lives of Scholars and their families. Together, we CAN make a DIFFERENCE!!!



**Science Camp Recyclables**

Help McClintock students make the most of their science camp modules. Items needed: shoe boxes, egg cartons, small boxes, plastic containers, plastic bottles.

**Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Office.**

## Thrivent Update

by TAMMY SANDERS

From January through June of this year, 30 Thrivent projects have been sponsored totaling \$7,500. These funds have helped fund many projects for Christ Lutheran and McClintock Middle School. Projects include:

Supplies for Quilters  
Soup Kitchen  
RITI Supply Closet  
McPIE Food Drive  
McClintock Staff Encouragement Luncheons  
McClintock Staff Thankful Thursday Dinners  
Wow! Bags to Reward McClintock Students  
McClintock Books to Support English Language Learners

If you are a Thrivent member and would like to sponsor a project, contact Tammy Sanders at [tsanders@christelca.org](mailto:tsanders@christelca.org).



## CROP Walk Recognition

by DEE SUMLIN

CROP-CWS had their recognition virtual dinner March 1. Again, CLC was in the top position for religious organizations for most money raised. Two of CLC's own walkers were honored with the most prestigious awards. Rick Herberg won a special award, as did Ken Sumlin for his dedication for over 35 years and for bringing in two more generations.

## McCLINTOCK NAMED AS A Magnet School of Excellence

by KRIS GORMAN, MMS STEAM COORDINATOR

I would like to officially share some good news. For the past four years McClintock Middle School has applied for the Magnet Schools of America award. The award looks at six different criteria in the school to determine if it meets the highest standards in the country in relation to the magnet program it provides students and the community. The first year we did not receive the award. The second year we received the second highest award of Magnet School of Distinction. Last year they did not have the award due to Covid.

I am proud to announce that this year McClintock STEAM was awarded Magnet School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America! This is the highest award in the country a magnet school can receive. Only two schools in CMS and only 121 in the entire country were awarded this high honor. We were rated on a 100 point scale and earned 96 out of 100. A big portion of the award revolves around community and parent involvement. All the work that all of you have done for the past 15 years has culminated in this award. All the time, effort, resources, thoughts and prayers over the last 15 years have gotten us to this point. It takes a community who is focused on the lives and successes of our students. Everyone has a piece of this award. This is cause to celebrate.

Wherever you may feel exhausted, at your wits end, or questioning this mission, know that we are making changes for the better and everyone, EVERYONE has earned this. This is validation of 15 years of exhaustive work. Thank you all for what you do, and I look forward to where the future will take us all.

**WE'RE ALL Together**  
IN THIS



NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:

**Sunday, May 15**

at Christ South (Polo Ridge) • 8:30a - 1p

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SEARCH BY ZIPCODE: 28277



**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**  
for High School Students

Interns needed to help with the McPIE Science Camps. Choose from two 2-week sessions: June 20 - July 1 and/or July 11-22.

**Interested?** Contact Shannon Gibson, camp director: [shannon.gibson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:shannon.gibson@cms.k12.nc.us)

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