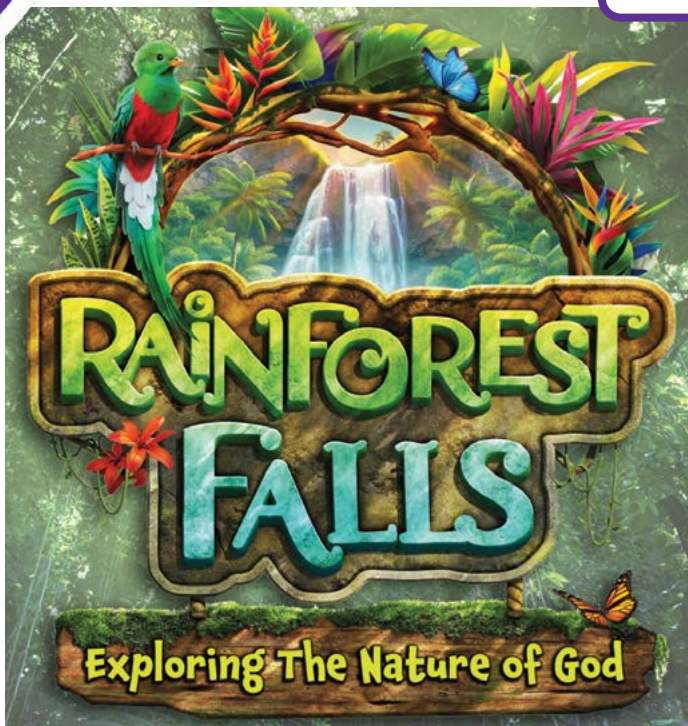


# Christ Connections



may/june 2026



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

## SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS MAY 24

- 9:00 a.m. **Traditional Worship**
- 10:45 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**



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

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# Summer Worship

## MAY 24 - SEPTEMBER 6

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

*no Sunday School classes • nursery available for ages 0-36 months*

*Last Day of Sunday School: May 17  
Last Wednesdays Ablaze: April 29  
Fall Kick-Off: September 13*





## Experiencing God: Begin with Prayer



PASTOR SCOTT SUSKOVIC

Throughout the spring, during Wednesdays Ablaze, I taught an old but powerful curriculum called “Experiencing God,” in which participants did homework through the week to discern where God was at work and how they could join God through deepening their relationship with him. It is a powerful study that taught me a lot about how to hear God speak and follow him faithfully, especially as I have been seeking God’s direction for a vision for Southland.

For the past couple of years, our task force came up with what I thought were some great ideas for Southland. We explored partnering with the YMCA for a facility. We looked into working with another school to have a faith-based elementary school. We investigated a senior apartment complex for independent living, soccer fields, even a 55+ neighborhood with patio homes. All of our ideas, for one reason or another, lead to a dead end.

Taking a lesson from “Experiencing God,” I’m going to work on patience. None of these great ideas have been God’s vision or God’s timing. Knowing that the Holy Spirit speaks through all God’s children, not just the pastors, I’m going to ask you to do something for Christ Lutheran. Join me in prayer, looking to see where God is already at work, pausing to hear him speak and discerning a vision for what Southland could be used for in building up the Kingdom of God.

Will you do that? For the next couple of months?

And as we pray about a new vision for Southland, I’m going to trust that God will speak to one of you and place a vision within your heart. It will be a clear vision that will overwhelm you as being so big that only God could possibly bring it to completion. Your first thought will be that it is impossible. We don’t have the resources. We don’t have the people. We don’t have the connections. But if this is of God, then we will trust that God will also enable it to come to pass.

When that happens, and I am sure that God will reveal his plans for Southland, please come to me and together we will pray, discern, wonder and give thanks.

God is up to something, he always is. But it is his plan for his time for his people for his kingdom. Once this plan is revealed, may God give us the courage, faith and boldness to follow where he leads the way.

Heavenly Father, we know that you have a plan for our use of Southland for the sake of building up your Kingdom. Reveal that plan to us, O Lord, with wonder and awe. And then give us the courage to watch you remove the obstacles and invite us to join your vision, for Jesus’ sake. Amen!

**Let the Prayers Begin!**  
**Pastor Scott**

### **2026 Church Council**

Andy Brincefield  
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Brad Keller

# Dates to Know

**Last Wednesdays Ablaze • April 29**  
resumes September 16, 2026

**Last Sunday School • May 17**  
resumes September 13, 2026

**Summer Worship Starts • May 24**  
Traditional 9:00 a.m. • Contemporary 10:45 a.m.

## Baptismal Class

**Sunday, May 31**  
10 a.m. in Lackey Chapel

THIS CLASS IS  
IN PERSON ONLY

For info, email Caroline at  
[cdiffley@christelca.org](mailto:cdiffley@christelca.org)



located between  
the Ministry Center  
& Lower Commons

SUN | TU | W | TH  
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

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**Spring into summer  
with a great selection  
of gifts for**

**MOTHER'S DAY  
and  
GRADUATION!!**

Summer hrs. start 5/10  
Sun | Wed | Thu  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**DO YOU HAVE A  
College Graduate?**

Send us their:  
**name, high-res picture, degree/college,  
and any post graduation plans to be  
honored in our July/August newsletter.**

 **Deadline: June 10**  
Scan QR code to fill out a quick form -or-  
email info to: [mkelliher@christelca.org](mailto:mkelliher@christelca.org)

**Thursday Morning  
Women's Bible Study**  
meets weekly from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
in Forum A&B

Starting April 23, join author Max Lucado on a 5-session book study that journeys through the Book of Esther. *You Were Made for This Moment* is available for purchase on Amazon.



MORE INFO: [julia.edelson@gmail.com](mailto:julia.edelson@gmail.com)

**SERMON SERIES APRIL 12 – MAY 17**

# TIMtalks+



Overview: In this post-Easter season, we will turn to Paul's two letters to Timothy and read about how to behave and believe as Christian living together in the community of the church. Paul's advice to Timothy is as relevant today as it was in this early church, as together we discover how to be Easter People together.

**April 12 • Beware of False Teachers**  
One of the struggles of any church is to remain true to the apostolic teachings. There will always be those introducing new ideas, perverting old ones and twisting the truth to meet the needs of "itchy ears." For the church to remain true, it must always be on guard to false teachings. But how? *Matthew 7:15-20; 1 Timothy 1:7-11*

**April 19 • The Role of Women**  
The basic rule in interpreting the Bible is to understand it first in its historical and cultural context and then apply the timeless truths to today. This is especially true concerning Paul's teaching on the role of women, and what is cultural and what is true even for today. You might be surprised! *Luke 24:1-12; 1 Timothy 2:1-15*

**April 26 • The Love of Money**  
The Bible says more about money and possession than it does about grace and faith. Why? Because if anything can become an idol and draw our attention away from God, it is money. Money, per se, is not the issue. It is, of course, the love of money that can blind our eyes and consume our hearts, leaving little room for God. *1 Timothy 6:3-21*

**May 3 • Keeping First Things First**  
It is all about priorities, keeping the most important things the most important things. We live in a world filled with distraction, but here Paul instructs Timothy not to lose sight of the priority of keeping faith at the center of one's life. *2 Timothy 2:8-26*

**May 10 • Founded on God's Word**  
The foundation of the Church is not Jesus Christ. Jesus is the cornerstone. The foundation of the Church are the scriptures, the Word of God that is for teaching, reproof, correction and the building up of the Body of Christ. How do we understand the authority of Scripture? *Matthew 5:17-20; 2 Timothy 3:10-17*

**May 17 • Fight the Good Fight**  
In the end, there are only two kinds of people: those who die in faith and those who don't. Wealth, power, influence, experiences and education will mean nothing. As Paul considers his life nearing the end, he does not put his confidence on his resume or achievements or status. It is all about finishing strong... in faith. *2 Timothy 4:1-8*

**STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE CURRENT SERMON SERIES:**  
[christelca.org/sermon-series](http://christelca.org/sermon-series)

## Spring Into Summer at Cornerstone Gifts!

Cornerstone Gifts, located between the Ministry Center and the Lower Commons, has new merchandise available as we move from Spring into Summer! With Mother's Day and high school and college graduations coming up, stop by for celebratory greeting cards and look for a special gift as well!

In June, we'll be highlighting Father's Day greeting cards and gifts. We will also have a variety of patriotic merchandise as we get ready for the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America on July 4th, 2026.



Net proceeds from the sales at Cornerstone Gifts benefit the Outreach Ministries at Christ Lutheran Church. When you shop with Cornerstone, not only are you purchasing something for yourself or as a gift, but you are also providing a gift to others in need in our community.

Our Summer hours are Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If those hours don't work for you, contact the church office and we can arrange an appointment for you. We hope you stop by and check out what we have to offer!



Follow us on Facebook at *Cornerstone Gifts at Christ Lutheran* and on Instagram @*Cornerstone Gifts*.



## CLC Bridge Group

Tuesdays • 1–4 p.m.  
in the Cornerstone Cafe area

All are welcome! To ensure we have full tables of four players each, please contact Marjorie Wright before each Tuesday:  
email: [CLCbridgegroup@gmail.com](mailto:CLCbridgegroup@gmail.com)  
phone/text: 704-607-2808

## OCEAN ISLE

*Memorial Weekend Worship*  
Sunday, May 24 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
at Ocean Isle Beach

Join Pastor Tenny for worship at the beach over Memorial Day weekend. Brunch to follow. Find more information in REALM.

Click/Scan for Info & RSVP  
or email [tcshifley@gmail.com](mailto:tcshifley@gmail.com)



## Morning Melodies SUMMER CHOIR

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (in the Sanctuary)  
MAY 24 – SEPTEMBER 6

Calling all singers! Join Mark, Phil and Christ Choir as we prepare an accessible anthem for the musical offering during Traditional worship. No robes or experience required – just bring your enthusiasm and love for singing!

MORE INFO: [pbiedenbender@christelca.org](mailto:pbiedenbender@christelca.org)

## XPERIENCE

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY  
Sunday, June 14  
in the Sanctuary & Online

Join us for either worship service as we commission the Xperience students and adults for their upcoming tour to Texas.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

## GAME NIGHT

Sunday, May 17 • 3–5 p.m.  
in the Pit

Grades 6-8 are invited for an afternoon of fun and games! We will have time for devotion, games and snacks!

Scan/Click to Register REALM



## Mothers Room Now Available

by PASTOR ADRIENNE

We are grateful for the joy and life that its littlest members bring to the church community. As part of an ongoing commitment to walk alongside families with young children, a new Mothers Room is now available for use, conveniently located just outside the Sanctuary.

Upon entering the Sanctuary through the left doors, the room can be found immediately to the right, marked with a “Mothers Room” sign. This space has been thoughtfully prepared to offer a quiet, comfortable and private setting for mothers who wish to nurse or care for their infants during the service. It currently includes a secure lock and a nursing chair, with additional furnishings and amenities to be added in the coming weeks.

The church hopes this space will support families in practical and meaningful ways, making it easier to participate in worship while tending to the needs of young children. All are encouraged to make use of the room as needed.

Feedback is always welcome, and the church would be grateful to hear of any additional ways it can better serve and care for its families.

## Baptismal Class Now Offered in Person

by PASTOR ADRIENNE

Family Ministry is pleased to announce that our Baptismal Classes, once offered virtually, will now be offered in person.

Our transition to in-person classes creates the space for a meaningful opportunity for families to gather, learn and prepare together for one of the most important moments in the Christian life—Holy Baptism. In Baptism, God claims His people as His own, grants forgiveness of sins, and brings them into new life through Christ. It is the very beginning of the faith journey—a foundation upon which a lifetime of faith is built.

For our parents and godparents, it is also a journey and commitment to raise their children in the faith of the Church. It is both a joy and a calling: a joy in receiving God's promises, and a calling to nurture and guide their child in faith through worship, prayer and life in the church community. Baptism is not an endpoint, but the beginning of a lifelong journey of growing in faith together.

The in-person baptismal class offers space for deeper conversation, reflection and connection as families prepare for this important step. Participants will explore the meaning of Baptism, the promises made, and the role of the church in supporting one another along the way. We will review our Stepping Stones Ministry and how they help equip your family in fulfilling the promises made at the font.

We will offer a Baptismal Class at 10:00 a.m. in Lackey Chapel every six to eight weeks. If you would like to schedule a baptism and attend the required class, please email Caroline Diffley, Family Ministry Administrator, at [cdiffley@christelca.org](mailto:cdiffley@christelca.org).

## Why Wednesday Nights Matter for Middle Schoolers

by PASTOR ADRIENNE

As you prepare your Fall plans, consider making Wednesdays Ablaze a priority for your middle schooler! The middle school years are a time of growth, change and discovery. As students begin to ask deeper questions about who they are and what they believe, having a consistent, faith-centered community becomes especially important. Wednesday evening church programming offers a place where middle schoolers can explore their faith, build friendships, and find encouragement in a supportive and Christ-centered environment.

These gatherings provide more than just a midweek activity—they create space for students to step away from the pressures of school and social life and reconnect with what truly matters. Through teaching, discussion and shared experiences, middle schoolers are invited to grow in their understanding of God's Word and to see how their faith shapes their everyday lives.

Equally important are the relationships formed on Wednesday nights. Students are surrounded by peers who are walking a similar path, as well as caring adult leaders who model faith and provide guidance. These connections help foster a sense of belonging and remind students that they are not alone in their journey.

To better support our families and to make participation more accessible, transportation is now available from school to church. We will come to your student's school in our new church van! This added convenience helps ensure that more students can take part in Wednesday programming, even with busy family and sports schedules.

Wednesday evenings are an opportunity for middle schoolers to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and lay a strong foundation for the years ahead. Please email Pastor Adrienne at [aladd@christelca.org](mailto:aladd@christelca.org) if you would like your student included in our transportation route.



## Peer Ministry Commissioning

On May 17th, we will bless and lift up some of our high school students that have spent the past year in our Peer Ministry program. In Peer Ministry, students learn and practice skills to effectively reach out and care for their peers as well as learn about themselves and how to be a leader.

Students learned real life people skills that will benefit them beyond high school and into future relationships and whatever career path they are called to. Skills include active listening, observation skills, conflict resolution, decision making, sharing faith, dealing with real issues and leadership skills.

Please keep them in your prayers as we send them off to minister to others. If you are a high school student and interested in being a part of the next Peer Ministry training, contact Natalya Legvold at [nlegvold@christelca.org](mailto:nlegvold@christelca.org).

## Family Field Day - A New Tradition?

On Saturday, April 18, the Family Ministry team hosted its very first Family Field Day at the South Land. Families of all ages gathered for a day full of laughter, friendly competition, and some early summer heat! Families cheered each other on while taking part in a variety of races, relays and games—offering something fun for everyone.

We wrapped up the day with a delicious meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and ice cream, giving families even more time to connect and enjoy each other's company. With so much fun shared, we're excited to make Family Field Day an annual tradition. Be sure to keep an eye out for it again next year!



congratulations to our

**high school**  
*graduates*  
**CLASS OF**  
**2026**

## Graduation Stepping Stone: Quillows Sunday

by PASTOR ADRIENNE

On Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate our high school graduates! During worship, we give thanks for their hard work in achieving this important milestone in their lives and the loving support of their parents all along the way. As we celebrate their graduation and bright futures, we give thanks for the ways God has worked their lives and will continue to guide their way. With a quilt that folds into the shape of a pillow ("quillow"), we send them with a blessing, but also a reminder that they are always connected to their faith community here at CLC.

**Come celebrate our graduates and enjoy the reception on Sunday, June 7th!**

*Quillows*

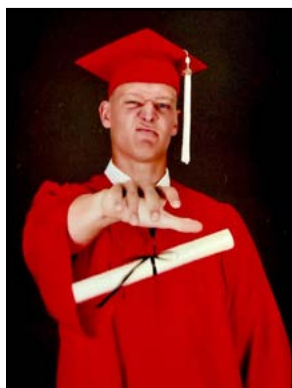
**HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES • CLASS OF 2026**

**Sunday, June 7**

during both 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. worship reception in Lower Commons between services

# Meet the Graduates!

Quillows • Class of 2026



Cooper Abrams  
Charlotte Catholic



Andrew Barber  
Carmel Christian



Kaitlyn Brincefield  
Providence



Mitchel Chapman  
East Meck



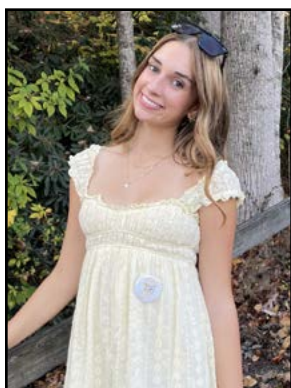
Aidan Conway  
Central Acad. of Tech. & Arts



Ella Davis  
Charlotte Catholic



Mark Diffley  
Marvin Ridge



Caroline Faile  
Providence



Jack Gasiorowski  
Myers Park



Molly Kinnavy  
Providence



Ashtyn Lamb  
Indian Land



Aleesa Legvold  
Carmel Christian



Clara Milheim  
Providence



Baker Runge  
Covenant Day



Rebekah Switzer  
NC School of Sci. & Math.



Nate Tenzer  
Episcopal HS (Virginia)



Alice Tyson  
Charlotte Meck. Virtual



Tora Washburn  
Providence



Avery Youse  
Charlotte Latin



Drew Zuendel  
Marvin Ridge

## Vacation Bible School 2026!

Join us June 15-19 from 8:45 to noon as we dive into Rainforest Falls, where we will be exploring the nature of God and His creation!

This is a fun and faith filled week with music, Bible lessons, recreation time, crafts and so much more! Many of our kids favorite memories of church come from attending VBS and we are looking forward to continue widely scattering the seeds of faith with our young ones.

Have a teenager? We love having our youth volunteer as counselors!

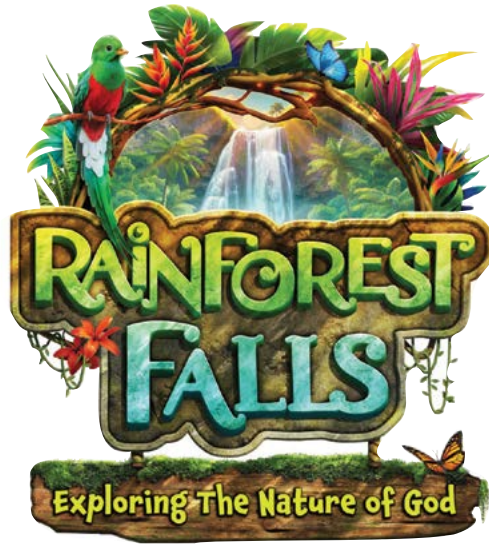
Campers must be 4 by May 1st through rising 5th grade. Scan or click the QR Code below to register in REALM.

**Questions?** Contact Kristen Rank at [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org).

## Become a VBS Volunteer

Why volunteer for Vacation Bible School this summer? There are so many reasons, and no experience is necessary!! We hear over and over that VBS is often a child's most memorable church experience of the year. Your presence and encouragement are scattering the seeds of faith in our kids to prepare their hearts for the Holy Spirit to move and grow their understanding of God's love!

**Interested?** Contact Kristen Rank at [krank@christelca.org](mailto:krank@christelca.org)



REGISTER NOW

CENTERSTAGE SUMMER CAMP  
**August 3-7, 2026**

Rising 6th - 12th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by Aj Calpo & Lamar Davis. Cost: \$300  
 Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th · 7pm (The Pit)

Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP

REGISTER NOW

SPOTLIGHT SUMMER CAMP  
**August 3-7, 2026**

Rising 2nd-5th graders are welcome to register for this all-day summer camp featuring singing, drama & choreography, led by CJ Michael & Jessica Luedeman. Cost: \$300  
 Performance: Fri., Aug. 7th · 6pm (Fellowship Hall)

Click/Scan QR Code for More Info & RSVP



## Freedom School 2026: A Summer of Impact

This summer, Christ Lutheran Church will host our 16th Freedom School program. Freedom School is a six-week literacy program that helps Scholars gain the skills (and passion!) to become lifelong readers and learners. We serve 80 Scholars over 6 transformative weeks (June 22 – July 30). As the largest Freedom School site in Charlotte, we are proud to provide a safe, enriching, and joy-filled space where students grow as readers, leaders, and confident young people.

### **\$100,000 GOAL — YOUR IMPACT STARTS HERE**

#### **What Does It Cost?**

**\$1,250 per Scholar for the full summer**

**\$210 per week**

**\$42 per day**

*For just \$42, you can change the trajectory of a child's day — and their future.*

#### **WHAT YOUR GIFT MAKES POSSIBLE:**

##### **CORE PROGRAM (What ensures Freedom School happens)**

Your support provides:

- High-quality literacy instruction and curriculum.
- Trained servant leaders and staff.
- A safe, structured, and nurturing environment.
- Daily programming for 6 weeks.

#### **ENHANCED EXPERIENCE**

##### **(What makes it life-changing)**

##### **Literacy & Learning**

**\$5,000** — Books for all Scholars to build their own home libraries.

#### **Nutrition & Care**

**\$5,000** — Supplemental meals and snacks to ensure Scholars are nourished and ready to learn.

#### **Experiences & Enrichment**

**\$2,500** — Field trips that bring learning to life.

#### **Community & Belonging**

**\$1,500** — T-shirts, water day supplies, and program essentials that build pride and unity.

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

**\$3,750** — Sponsor 3 siblings for the full summer.

**\$1,250** — Sponsor 1 Scholar for the full summer.

**\$210** — Support 1 Scholar for one week.

**\$42** — Provide 1 day of Freedom School.

**No amount is too small. every gift matters.**

#### **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**

**Beginning May 3rd, every dollar donated during the first week will be MATCHED.**

Your \$100 becomes \$200.

Your \$500 becomes \$1,000.

Help us build momentum and reach our goal faster.

#### **MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

##### **Book Drive (All May)**

Donate new or gently used culturally diverse books (K–8). Drop-off: Lower Commons at Christ Providence.

##### **D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)**

Volunteer during lunch to read alongside Scholars.

##### **Volunteer**

Lead an activity, support interns, or help behind the scenes. Contact: Dee Dee Petronis ([dpetronis@christelca.org](mailto:dpetronis@christelca.org))

##### **Pray**

Lift up Scholars, families, staff, and volunteers.



## Spring Family Night Success

Our spring semester of Family Night is a wrap. This spring has been full of afternoon clubs, evening clubs, smiles, delicious dinners, child play and crafts, high school classes with leadership opportunities, and more!

Our afternoon clubs have bridged the gap for many students between school day instruction and evening fun! Game On! students have played classic board games, boosting brain power and strategic thinking, fostering social connections and promoting patience and fine motor skills. The Gardening club has put in the work, prepping their beds, weeding and beginning starter plants for a spring crop! The beds outside McClintock look fantastic and will bear the fruits (and veggies) of their labor! Trailblazers participants have walked thousands of steps through nearby greenways. While on their journeys, they have helped beautify the area by collecting several bags of trash!

As students and families arrive at McClintock for evening Family Night programming, they are greeted and welcomed by our delightful group of check-in ladies! This group of volunteers ensure each person is greeted with a smile and made to feel welcome. From there, students and families are served a yummy, warm meal from our dedicated meals team. Each plate is individually plated to each person's liking! From there, students and families build community with each other, McClintock teachers (who also lead clubs), and MMS administrators on duty. Dinner is a wonderful time where school crosses over to fun! Our student store is also open during dinner so that students can grab essential school supplies to ensure readiness for success the next day!

This spring, evening programming continues to cover the entire family. Younger siblings have childcare in the nursery, and crafts and games for elementary students. Parents continued with our very popular ESL class, and both Pathways Out of Poverty classes — Getting Ahead and Women's Journey.

Middle school student had nine clubs to choose from — Art, Cyber Spy, Girl Scouts, Hands 2 Heart, Sports

Drills, Ten80 Racing, Top Scot Chef, Robotics, Volleyball and Woodworking! Each club brings a unique craft and talent to our offerings, inspiring students!

As McPIE continues moving forward, we are constantly impressed and so thankful for the support we are given. With so many hands on all these moving parts, programming is possible on the scale we provide. As a model for other churches and schools within CMS and Charlotte Mecklenburg, let's continue to show the way and support our fellow neighbors!

## Thank You McClintock Volunteers!


What a great school year! Without the constant dedication and support of volunteers, our programming and mission would not be possible. Our volunteer base is strong and ready to support and engage McClintock students, families and teachers! THANK YOU so much for continuing to show up. You all play an integral part whether you volunteer during Family Night, are a teacher partner or tutor, provide teacher luncheons, make teacher copies, donate funds, pray, or... there are so many special pieces to this McPIE puzzle, which has kept growing for 20 years!

Looking forward to continuing this momentum into next school year when our 20th year will wrap up in 2027! To get onboard with this amazing team, contact Angela Davis at [adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org). I promise you will not regret the joy you will receive in return!

## Volunteer Appreciation Event

Calling all McPIE volunteers and donors! Your support of McPIE programs and our mission benefits hundreds of McClintock students and families each year and we want to appreciate each of YOU!

Join us on May 5th, from 5–7 p.m. at Edge City Brewing for a gathering of food and fellowship! Drop in or stay the whole time. Families welcome. Food and music provided! Edge City Brewing is located at 6209 Old Post Road in Charlotte.



**VOLUNTEER & DONOR APPRECIATION**  
**Tuesday, May 5 • 5-7 p.m.**  
 at Edge City Brewing (MORA)  
 Join us at Edge City Brewing as we celebrate all you do to support McPIE.  
 Food & music provided.  
 MORE INFO: [adavis@christelca.org](mailto:adavis@christelca.org)

**McPIE**  
**20 YEARS**  
 2007-2027

### Science Camp Donations

To help with this summer's supply list, please bring in these items during the month of June:

**1-gallon bags, 1-quart bags, zip lock sandwich bags, Morton ice cream rock salt boxes, sugar**

**Donations can be dropped off at the Outreach Office -or- the McPIE box in the Lower Commons near the Pit desk on Sunday mornings.**

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### McPIE Amazon Wishlist

Items from this list will benefit MMS teachers & students, fulfill our Family Night incentives, snacks & supplies, and help with our weekly grocery bags. This list will be updated frequently! You can decide which supplies you want to donate, pay for the items and they will be shipped straight to the church!

**Scan/Click for Amazon Wishlist**  
 or go to <https://t.ly/zxmcZ>



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## WANTED

### EOG Proctors for McClintock Middle School

Volunteers\* needed to help monitor students during end-of-year testing sessions from 8-12:30pm:

**May 27-29 • June 1-5 • June 8-9**



**<<Click or Scan to Signup**

or go to: [t.ly/hv5J3](https://t.ly/hv5J3)

\*Volunteers MUST be a registered CMS volunteer. If you are not an approved CMS Volunteer, go here to register for that: [cmsvolunteers.com](https://cmsvolunteers.com)

## DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to large numbers of women & children being served at CRM's Dove's Nest location, several OTC medications are running low or out of stock:

**Efferdent tablets • Polygrip • Monistat 7-day treatment • Azo • Anti-diarrheal tablets • Melatonin (10mgs) • Tylenol • Ibuprofen**

Leave donations at Info Desk in Lower Commons or bring to Outreach Office!



**DOVE'S NEST**

## RITI – Recap and Thank You

Room in the Inn's season concluded at the end of March. Christ Lutheran hosted 174 neighbors, averaging about 10 each Thursday from December through March — including some record cold evenings. Once again, we hosted many women and families. We had children ranging in ages from 3 to 16. We were able to enjoy the use of the new church van, and what a difference that made!

Thank you to all volunteers that provided breakfast and lunches, helped with setup and serving dinner. Thank you Mike and Alicia for preparing nutritious and comforting meals every week. And a big shout out to those who helped with driving and overnight hosting — always a big need. See you next season!

## June is Science Camp Spotlight

McPIE's 20-year celebration will spotlight Science Camp in June! See how students explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math through six modules led by McClintock teachers!

During this 2-week camp held at McClintock Middle School, 80 future scientists will study multiple science disciplines, including science and math concepts to create fun and interactive art projects; mindfulness skills to stay calm, confident and implement coping skills that last beyond the summer; investigating 'crime scenes' to solve crimes; hands-on experiments involving chemistry; designing and testing as they become engineers to investigate forces, motion and energy; and unlocking what McClintock's Innovation Learning Lab has to offer!

To help with this summer's supply list, please bring in these items during the month of June and leave in the McPIE box located in the Lower Commons by the Pit desk: 1-gallon bags, 1-quart bags, zip lock sandwich bags, Morton ice cream rock salt, and sugar.

## Thrivent Impact Cards

Thrivent members, are you aware that you qualify for two Thrivent Impact cards, worth \$250 each, annually? If every Thrivent member at CLC applied for their Impact cards it would total over \$70,000 each year. Currently, we only utilize about 25% of the funds available. Impact cards can help fund one of CLC's Outreach projects or one that you are passionate about. Thrivent members have supported Habitat for Humanity, McPIE, the Quilting Ministry, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the Soup Kitchen, the Kairos Ministry and many more efforts to help in our community.

We'd love to get more Thrivent members involved! The process to apply is very easy. We provide a template for you to fill in the blanks on the online application, and the Impact card arrives in the mail. If you have a project in mind we can help with the application process. You can also contact the Outreach Office — we always have projects looking for sponsors. Contact Dee Dee Petronis at [dpetronis@christelca.org](mailto:dpetronis@christelca.org) for more information.

## Feed A Family Ministry

Thank you to all that have helped with donations to the Feed a Family fund! You have kept us afloat since the pandemic. We give an average of 28 bags each week with lovely volunteers putting the bags together and meeting families at McClintock Middle School. We are doing everything we can to minimize the impact of rising grocery prices. Please consider making a donation so we can continue serving the working poor as every family is trying to make rent and put food on the table. Choose "Feed A Family" under REALM giving!



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