

Living Waters News *May 2019*

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Greetings to all in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.
Peace be with you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” John 14: 25-27

During the month of May, we are ending the Easter season, and on the 5th of May, we will celebrate the Ascension of Christ into heaven, leaving his disciples the assurance that they are to be witnesses throughout the world, empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the “Good News.” Occasionally someone will say that Ascension is a festival with no relevance to our world today. Jesus’ ascension reminds us that Jesus is no longer on earth physically, but each time we gather on Sunday we say that Christ is present in Word and Sacrament.

Ascension helps us to remember that worship is connected to Mission, for we are all the body of Christ. Here, at Living Waters, we too gather each and every Sunday in worship, we too are witnesses in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. In living our lives in the community surrounding Living Waters, we are witnesses without borders or constraints.

Our members are active in community life, giving of themselves to enrich the lives of people in need.

Small though we may be in numbers, we are big in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

In closing, I leave you with this thought; our ministry of Word and Sacrament here at Living Waters could not sustain the ministry without our mission partners and individuals who support us in many and various ways.

We would like to lift up our relationship with a few of our partners: Living Savior LC in Charlotte, NC; Holy Trinity LC in Raleigh, NC; Holy Communion LC in Banner Elk, NC; St. Thomas LC in Bloomington, IND; Our Savior’s LC in Burbank, Ill; Holy Communion LC in Hickory, NC; Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, NC; St. Mark’s in Mooresville, NC, St. Mark’s in Asheville, NC; Plus our other “unofficial partners” and individual partners in ministry, and all of our ecumenical partners in ministry.

It is through your generous gifts that those in need can be helped.

We here at Living Waters say: Wado, and Sgi (both Cherokee words of thanks.)

His peace I leave with you,

Blessings, Pastor Jack



You Are Invited!

We invite you to come and visit us anytime you are in our area or to plan a mission trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation and join us for Worship.

At Living Waters we honor our culture and Native Traditions as well as our Lutheran Theology.

We begin our Worship Service by smudging to cleanse our hearts and minds and prepare us for worship.

We open our worship service using the hand drum and singing the Cherokee Morning song.

Living Waters is blessed to have Partners in Ministry who support us through financial giving, Spiritual support and visits. If you would like to become a Partner in Ministry with Living Waters

we invite you to contact Pastor Jack at prjack@frontier.com

Your circumstances don't care what you think or feel,
but your situation will respond to what you do about it.



Living Waters Food Pantry May 1st & 15th

Current wish list at the food pantry is:
Ketchup, Mustard, coffee,
Tooth paste, shampoo, Band Aids,
Quart size Ziploc bags
During the month of April we served
458 families and 1715 individuals



Living Waters Clothes Closet Ministry

Current Needs:
Men's, Women's Clothing,
Children's clothing,
Linens and Maternity Clothing.

Day of Sharing

Members from Grace LC in Hendersonville joined us
at Living Waters on April 27th to work on some
projects around the church and repackaging items for
the pantry. Thank you to the members of Grace for all
their hard work. It was good to meet new friends.



Please continue to save the pop tops off
your cans. This year we will be donating
the pop tabs to a 2nd grader named Clayton Beaver
who attends Swain Elementary School.
Clayton's family uses the pop tabs to help with the
cost of back braces that Clayton requires.
Thank you to Josephine for delivering the pop tabs for
Clayton that we have collected so far.

Thank You to everyone who donated formal dresses
for the Prom's and other special events.



Thank You to JoJo and Dorine for
delivering the dresses to Swain and
Cherokee Central Schools.

Those who solve problems spend very little time
complaining about them. Problems are turned into
opportunities not by complaining or blaming or endless
analysis, but by thoughtful and determined action.
When you're busy solving a problem you're working
to transform it from a negative to a positive. When you
merely complain, then you're investing yourself in
perpetuating the negativity of that problem.



Thank you to those who have helped
distribute food boxes to those who are
shut in or in need of emergency food
boxes. Your willingness to help is
greatly appreciated.



Living Waters Pantry is in need of sizes 4, 5
& 6 diapers. If your child has outgrown any of
these sizes please consider donating them to
Living Waters.





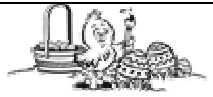







We are also in need of infant formula.
If you would like to contribute financially please
designate your check to Living Waters Food Pantry















Thank you to those who helped with the
repairs to the upper driveway and
parking lot. Please note the road has been
scraped and new gravel has been added.

Those who achieve, do not know that they can't.
Make your dreams so compelling that you forget about
what you thought you could not do. And sure enough,
you'll soon find yourself doing it. Stand up straight,
take a deep breath, put a smile on your face and get
busy making good things happen.

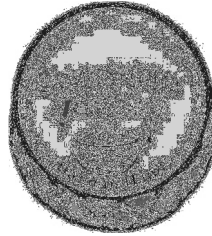
Today is a fresh start. Make something good with it.

 <p>Thank you to everyone who brought Easter Lilies to decorate the altar for Easter. If you brought a lily you may take it home or donate it to the church for the front flower bed.</p>	 <p>REMINDER</p> <p>Wednesday night Services have been canceled.</p>
 <p>Sunday School/ Youth Group Project</p> <p>During the months of April and May the Sunday School class and youth group will be collecting items to make Hospital Sunshine Bags. Many people who enter the hospital do not have people to bring them items to make their stay a bit more bearable.</p> <p><i>Items we will be collecting include:</i></p> <p>Cross word puzzle books, adult coloring books, activity books, journals, colored pencils, markers. Please do not bring food products, candy or gum.</p>	 <p>When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.</p>
 <p>Thank you to JoJo for helping fill the children’s Easter Baskets.</p> <p>Thank you to all who donated items to fill the children’s Easter Baskets. The children were thrilled.</p>	 <p>Thank you to those who helped deliver Easter Baskets to Shut In’s in our community. We delivered 12 Easter Baskets filled with goodies.</p>
 <p>Easter breakfast</p> <p>Thank you to all who brought food for the Annual Easter Breakfast at Living Waters. As always the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed the fellowship.</p>	 <p>Thank you to all who donated items to help with the Adopt a Family for Easter project. The family was very grateful and overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness.</p>
 <p>Thank you to those who helped prepare the Family Easter Bags.</p> <p>Easter Bags filled with goodies were given to each family Easter morning from the Sunday School class.</p>	 <p>Lisa will be taking the month of May off to prepare for Summer groups. Youth Group will resume on Wednesday nights in June. Please watch for dates and happenings in your newsletter.</p>
 <p>Thank you to Nick, Tristen, Dustin, Danny and Jr for hiding the Easter Eggs for the children’s Easter Egg Hunt. We appreciate your willingness to help.</p> <p>The children all had a Great Time.</p> <p>Congratulations to KK for finding the “Special” egg.</p>	 <p>Beginning in June the Living Waters Youth will be having “life skills” meetings on Wed nights. The children will be learning basic cooking skills, easy sewing skills, etc. If your child plans to attend please let Lisa know so enough supplies are purchased for each child.</p>

Seek to live with sincerity and substance.
Discover new ways to act on your values rather than merely proclaiming them.

 <p>Women's Group Committees Member Support – Leslie Costello Donations - Lisa Russell Communication – Le Russell Kitchen Overseer – Patty Frederick Clean Up Overseer – Yvonne Swan Holiday Flowers – Dean Reed</p>	 <p>Women's Group Officers Dorine George – President Le Russell – Vice President Josephine Teesateskie – Treasurer For more information please contact Any women's group member.</p>
 <p>If you are participating in the Women's Group Secret Sister Program for 2019 Please remember to do at least one thing for your secret sister each month.</p>	 <p>Thank you to all those who are committed to helping in the pantry and on distribution days. We could not do what we do without you.</p>
 <p>Central United Methodist Church Women's Group will be visiting Living Waters for a day of Cultural Immersion on May 7th. If you can help serve the traditional Indian meal on this day please see Lisa.</p>	 <p>St.Mark's Lutheran Church from Mooresville, NC Joined us April 9th for lunch. Thank you to St. Mark's for your pantry donations and fellowship. Thank you Dorine for helping prepare lunch.</p>
 <p>Reminder – New Date May Council Meeting will be held on May 5th. The theme for the potluck is Mexican foods. If you plan to stay for the council meeting please bring a dish to pass.</p>	 <p>Thank you to Alice Nelson for delivering food drive donations and items for the kids Easter from Holy Trinity, Raleigh. We appreciate your help and continued support.</p>
 <p>Living Waters hosted the Smokey Mountain Conference of WELCA on April 13th. Living Waters would like to thank all those who attended and all those who helped prepare for this event. A great time was had by all.</p>	 <p>The North Carolina Synod Assembly will be held in Greensboro on May 31st and June 1st. Pastor Jack will be attending to represent Living Waters. Please keep all our leaders in your prayers.</p>
 <p>Pastor Jack and family will be taking a much needed vacation in May. Due to illnesses in their family they have not had a vacation in 2 years, please keep them in your prayers as they travel home to visit family in Oklahoma.</p>	 <p>The Church Council and Women's group are preparing a list of projects of areas around the church that need our attention. If you are aware of a repair that needs to be made or an issue that needs to be addressed please let Lisa know.</p>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Food Pantry 1-4 pm	2.	3.	4.
5. Worship Service 11 am Council Meeting	6.	7. CUMC Cultural Immersion Group	8.	9.	10.	11.
12. Worship Service 11 am Mother's Day	13.	14.	15. Food Pantry 1-4 pm	16.	17.	18.
19. Worship Service 11 am	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26. Worship Service 11 am	27.	28.	29.	30.	31. NC Synod Assembly begins	

It's in your best interest to be considerate of the best interests of others.
It's in your best interest to live in a world where there's more understanding
and less divisiveness.

You can't force others to be kinder, more tolerant, more cooperative.

Yet you can set a powerful positive example with your own behavior.

Don't wait to receive kindness before offering kindness to others.

You can be more proactive than that.

You can be the first person in the situation to act with genuine kindness.

You can be the first person to listen, to seek to understand, to offer your assistance.

Your kindness will not always be returned.

It will, however, always make a difference and set a positive example.

The highly beneficial conditions of friendship, understanding, unity,
and peace have to start somewhere.

Do your best to let them start with you.