

CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

NEWSLETTER — MAY 2025



Memorial Day is a significant American holiday dedicated to honoring and remembering those who have died while serving in the U.S. military. It's a day of reflection and mourning, not a celebration, and it is observed on the last Monday of May.

What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

- Memorial Day honors the sacrifice and loss of those who served and died in the military.
- Veterans Day honors all who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. military.

Use this day to show how grateful we are for their bravery, and as a promise that we'll always remember their courage and sacrifice.

After the Civil War, Americans across the nation began holding tributes in the Spring, decorating graves with flowers, reciting prayers, and honoring the estimated 620,000 fallen soldiers of the war (2% of the population at the time). Some records show that formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina organized the earliest Memorial Day commemorations in 1865. In 1866, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day when the city closed all businesses so residents could decorate the gravesites of soldiers with flowers and American flags every year.



When You Want a Guarantee: 10 Promises of God for Moms

1. He will be with you:

- Joshua 1:9 *"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*
- Psalm 145: 18-19 *"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."*

2. He will guide you:

- Proverbs 3:56 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*
- Psalm 32:8 *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."*

3. He is always working:

- John 13:7 *"Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'"*
- Philippians 2:13 *"...for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."*

4. He will accomplish his purposes:

- Psalm 138:8 *"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."*
- Psalm 57:2 *"I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me."*

5. He will provide all that you need:

- Philippians 4:19 *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 *"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*

6. He is always faithful:

- Psalm 25:8-10 *"Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies."*
- Lamentations 3:22-23 *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

7. He gives us grace in time of need:

- 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"*
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 *"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it"*

8. He gives grace to the humble:

- 1 Peter 5:5-6 *"Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.'" Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."*
- James 4:6-10 *"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."*

9. He will work in the hearts of your children:

- Jeremiah 24:7: *"I will give them a heart to know Me, That I am Yahweh. They will be My people and I will be their God because they will return to Me with all their heart."*
- Ezekiel 36:26 *"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."*

10. He will hear your prayers:

- 1 Peter 3:12 *"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*
- Hebrews 4:16 *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

CARLISLE COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

A meal is served M-F at 11:00 a.m. (You may also request the meal be delivered to you.) 515-989-4367 for more details. If the Carlisle Community School District is closed due to weather, no meals will be delivered.

Most days activities begin around 10:00 a.m. and sometimes sooner:

Mondays: cards and games
Tuesdays: band starts between 9-9:30 a.m. --- cards/games after lunch
Wednesdays: Bingo 10-11:00 a.m.
Thursdays and Fridays: cards and games

THE MEAL SITE IS DESPARATELY NEEDING A VOLUNTEER DRIVER ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT THIS TIME AND SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS. PLEASE PASS THE WORD! Only takes an hour a day to help others. Reach out to Mary at 515-989-4367. THANK YOU!

The 4th of July committee's Bingo night is the first Friday every month at the community building- Scouts serve dinner at 5:30 p.m. Come SUPPORT the community and troop (our own church member Vincent) with a fun night of food and prizes!

ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free Breakfast: Middle River Friends Church
1st Saturday each month
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Carlisle Area Historical Society Breakfast
Randleman House Adults \$10
2nd Saturday each month
8:00 -10:00 a.m.

Free Breakfast: Masonic Lodge, Hartford
3rd Saturday each month
7:00-10:00 a.m.

ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES

Middle River Friends Church, 4057 S 23 Hwy
Mon & Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1100 Market St
2nd & 4th Tues, 4-5:30 p.m.

School Food Pantry, 430 School St.
1st & 3rd Thurs, 4-5:30 p.m.

CCA Blessing Box, Carlisle Christian Church
305 Market St., North side of bldg
Open 24/7 (toiletries, deodorants,
batteries, laundry items, etc.)

VOLUNTEERS:

...are needed to help at the Middle River Friends CCA Food Pantry located at 4057 S23 Highway, Carlisle. The primary time for volunteering would be on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are available to volunteer or would like more information, contact Julyn at 515-249-0366 or Cathie at 515-975-3815.

...are needed to come and read to the residents at the Carlisle Care Center; or to do crafts with them. They are also looking for any men who are handy to come build some things with our gentleman. If interested, please call the facility and ask for Missi Reiland or Jennie. 515-989-0871

Spring Cleanup for Carlisle will take place May 3, 2025 8:00 AM-Noon. Learn more at www.whereitshouldgo.com/springcleanup.

Carlisle's **City-Wide Garage Sales** are scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th thru Sunday, June 1st.

The **Carlisle Area Historical Society** will be sponsoring two events in May:

Saturday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. will be a program on the Underground Railroad which is free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 10th is the Society's monthly breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.



Janet Ray is leading exercise classes in the Fellowship Hall downstairs on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. Chair yoga is 4-5:00 p.m. and Pilates is 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pilates strength class is Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

QUESTION FOR EVERONE:

How would you like to receive your Newsletter? 1) by mail; 2) reading on our website; 3) sent to me via email. Please call the office at 515-989-0176 or send an email Carlisle.cc@q.com with your preference. THANK YOU!

REGIONAL NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE UPPER MIDWEST



Praying Together

Join with Regional Minister Josh Patty for fifteen minutes of prayer on Thursday, May 1st at 9:30 am via [YouTube](#) or Facebook. A recording of the prayer time will be available on regional [YouTube](#) and Facebook pages.



Have a heart for the Christian Conference Center and want to put in a little work? Help with the spring cleaning and getting ready for summer camp during our spring work retreat: May 2-4. Come for some or come for all! We need help for both inside and outside work. Contact [Eric](#), our new Executive Director, at eric@newtonccc.org to volunteer.

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Regional Calendar

For more details go to the Regional website:
uppermidwestcc.org

May 1 Praying Together
May 1 Early bird camp registration ends
May 2-3 CCC Work Retreat
May 24 Regional Board, online

YOU'RE INVITED

Go Deeper

DEVELOPING A DEEPER CONNECTION WITH
GOD

Park Avenue Christian Church

FRIDAY 5/16/25 @7P
SATURDAY 5/17/25 @3P

3301 SW 9th
Street, Des Moines

SUNDAY 5/18/25 @1030A*

3219 SW 9th
Street, Des Moines
- Sunday Worship

WITH
GUEST SPEAKER

Crystal Timberlake



Crystal is a dynamic keynote speaker, transformation life coach, and author, known for helping Christians break free from past trauma, life stagnation, and survival mode to embrace God's promises and step fully into their purpose. With a background in healthcare leadership, coaching, and corporate operations, she has guided teams and individuals through complex transitions, change management, and personal breakthroughs. She was the speaker at the 2024 Women's Retreat.



2025 Camp Schedule



For more
information,
scan the QR
code.

Another Way

May 30-June 1 – Family Camp
June 16-21 – ADAM Camp
June 16-21 – Junior Camp 1
June 21-22 – Grand Camp 1
June 23-28 – Chi Rho Camp 1
June 23-28 – CYF Camp 1
June 30-July 5 – Junior Camp 2
July 7-9 – Beginner Camp
July 19-20 – Grand Camp 2
July 21-26 – Chi Rho Camp 2
July 21-26 – CYF Camp 2
July 28-Aug 2 – Adventure Camp
Aug 4-9 – Junior Camp 3
Sept 15-17 – Senior Retreat

Save the date!

A session of camp at the Christian Conference Center includes games with friends, swimming in the pool and lake, worship around the campfire, songs, crafts, and more. We have **SERIOUS FUN** while learning to live with **POWERFUL PURPOSE**. Camps for all ages, including intergenerational camps, are available. See www.newtonccc.org.

Attending camp this year are:

Vincent Nordyke: Chi Rho Feb 28-Mar 2 & June 23-28
Bradyn Prall: CYF Feb 28-Mar 2; CYF Camp 1 June 23-28; CYF Camp 2 July 21-26; and Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2
Aaron Nordyke: Junior Camp June 16-21
Jacob Mott: Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2
Chase Zirkelbach: Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2
Evan Zirkelbach: Adventure Camp July 28-Aug 2

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Heather Dayton 5/4
Cheree Miller 5/9
Becca Miller 5/10
Emily Nordyke 5/12
Gerry Baker 5/15
Vincent Nordyke 5/19
Andred Chastain 5/20



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Our friends in Care Centers: Katie Hakes Gordy Kain Joe Lang
Patsy Overton

Friends & family members: Cathie Berg Karin Doss Rodger
Rothfus Mary Sones Louanna
Pezzetti Waelyn Jae Leroy
Dora Bartholomew Family Doris Cully
Family Nancy Klingensmith Family
Klye Nordyke and family in the passing
of Kyle's father

REMEMBERING MILITARY PERSONNEL

Justin Miller (NC) Tara Wesner (IN) Josh Wesner (IN)

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We are so grateful for the love and support you've given our family. The Cully Family

Pat Reynolds and Phyllis Mann would like to thank the two little bunnies who delivered Easter baskets to each of us. It is always so nice to be remembered!

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

BOARD, Dan Crum, Chair

Greetings, I hope you all had a Blessed Easter! Saying that, I want to acknowledge some of our Church family that have experienced a loss this Easter season. Some of you may remember Doris Cully. Doris passed the 1st of April in Bentonville, AK. Doris would often fill in playing the piano at Church. She also sang in the choir. I also want to mention Nancy Klingensmith who also passed in April. Nancy served on various committees and also served as our Board Chair and CWF Chair. And please keep Kyle and Emily Nordyke and family in your prayers as Kyle lost his Dad, Brian, on Palm Sunday. Our prayers are with all of these families.

April has been a busy month. The board is still working on the "Lift Project" to make access to the fellowship hall fully handicap accessible. In a recent gathering of the congregation that included information on the cost of the project, an overwhelming majority would like to see a new entrance with a ramp to access the "Lift." The board will discuss our next steps to move forward this month.

Finally, I want to bring your attention to our finances. Even though we do have money in savings, we are not covering our expenses each month. As of February we had a deficit of \$4,000. This is concerning given that we are looking at taking on an expensive project. So as always, please pray for our board and leaders as we make these difficult decisions. God Bless

WORSHIP, Judy Watkins, Chair

Spring cleaning date was set for April 12th at 9:00 am. Many volunteers took on the tasks needed. Hospitality Audits for the church were handed out to the committee. This is a list to help keep our church in working order! Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services, music and decorating were discussed and organized. Memorial flowers were changed from tulips to Spring flowers due to a root issue and the Easter memorial list was discussed. Graduation Sunday will be after church on May 4th. Mother's Day will be on May 11th.

EDUCATION, Pastor Krisin Pike, Chair

Pastor Kristin is leading a study on Romans at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays through the end of May.

FINANCE, Cheree Miller, Chair

March Offering: \$5,788.00
2025 Monthly Budget: \$7,458.33
Overage/Shortage: (\$1,670.33)

PROPERTY, Craig Price, Chair

We now have all new sump pumps, back up pumps and batteries.

There is a broken window in the North room, working to find new window or replace glass. The window is from the 1970's and is not an easy fix.

Two requests: 1. If you have an event, please clean up and take out your garbage and recycle materials and make certain they are put in the proper container. Recently Property has been notified that the Fellowship Hall has had soiled floors.

2. Please make sure if you are the last one to leave the church that the lights are off, space heater is off, candles are extinguished, and the doors are locked.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES—CONTINUED

COMMUNITY LIFE, Louanna Pezzetti, Chair

Game night is Saturday, May 3rd 6-8:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

There will **NOT** be a monthly potluck in May.

Our annual **FREE clothing give away** event is **May 30th 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and May 31st 8:00 a.m. to Noon**. The garage door will be unlocked on Thursdays in May to place your items in the garage prior to the sale.

EVANGELISM, Kayla Price, Chair

BLESSING BOX

This time of year is perfect to add many items to our BLESSING BOX at the north door of the church (outside). The weather is great! You may place items in the Blessing Box or place them in the north room #3 to be distributed later. During this past month, the Boy and Girl Scouts in the Carlisle area had a community wide food drive and donated items to our CCA food pantries at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Middle River Friends Food Pantry and also for our Blessing Box. We also have been distributing Easter

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

We would like to **update our birthday/anniversary** list for our congregation. It's wonderful to have some new friends join us and we would love to acknowledge your birthdays and anniversaries as well. You may leave a message on the church voicemail or e-mail a message or just tell Nancy Cumberland or Kayla Price. Thank you!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

This April was an amazingly busy time in the life of our church. We had so many activities from routine events to holidays, happy events and sad events as well. For fear of leaving someone out as there were so many people that contributed in a variety of ways, let us just say, "Thank you to EVERYONE that assisted in some way!" You are all a very important part of our church!

CWF, Linda Robinson, President

All those who attended the salad luncheon in April had a great time with games, food, and laughter. We were also entertained with identifying which baby pictures belonged with which women today.

We have received many "thank yous" from those who received Easter baskets.

May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
						Game Night 6-8:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Graduation Sunday All Board Work Ses- sion 11:30 a.m.	Worship & Communi- ty Life Meeting 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Romans' Study 10:00 a.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Carlisle Care Center @ 1:00 p.m.	Finance & Property and Evangelism Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Romans' Study 10:00 a.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due			Hayden Zirkelbach graduation party 2-5:00 p.m. @ 5963 SE 64th Ave.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.	Pastor Kristin Romans' Study 10:00 10:00 a.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due Newsletter Items due Board Items due			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	MEMORIAL DAY	Pastor Kristin Romans' Study 10:00 a.m.	Red Letter Study 5:30 p.m. Bulletin Items due City-wide Garage Sale	City-wide Garage Sale	CCC FREE clothing give away 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. City-wide Garage Sale	CCC FREE clothing give away 8:00 a.m. to Noon City-wide Garage Sale

DELIGHTFUL EASTER SUNDAY MUSIC PERFORMED BY THE ZIRKELBACH FAMILIES



Beginning May 7th and every Wednesday thereafter at 5:30 p.m. the Carlisle Christian Church will be studying the **red letters of Jesus**; followed by a time of prayer. We will meet in the north classroom so please enter the north door only. This study is opened to the public so please help us spread the word. See you on May 7th!
ALL GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

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