



We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.

Christiana Courier

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Plant the Seed of Stewardship

is the theme of this year's Stewardship Program.

A letter will be mailed out to the congregation on October 5th. It will include the 2021 Proposed Budget and a Time and Talent Sheet.

Stewardship Sunday will be October 11th. In the meantime, please be in prayer as to what God wants you to give to the work of his church through your dollars and time and talents.



*Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.*
John 4:23



Saturday, October 31
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Yes, I want to help with Drive-thru Trunk or Treat. I have checked off how I can help.
(Cut out and place this form in offering plate)

- ☐ Set up (5:00 pm)
- ☐ Clean up (8:00 pm)
- ☐ Furnish decorated trunk

Name: _____

Monetary donations for candy and food will be much appreciated!
Please place your donations in the offering plate, designated for Trunk or Treat,
or contribute electronically through VANCO by Sunday, October 18th.

September Attendance

September 6

Sunday School: 26
Worship: 80

September 13

Sunday School: 26
Worship: 64

September 20

Sunday School: 25
Worship: 78



...that you can view available dates for the Smith Assembly Hall and Fellowship Hall on the church website on the "Calendars" page?

...that you can also view and print the facilities reservation form as well as guidelines for each venue on the church website?

Dear Christiana,

Thank you to everyone that sent get well cards to me after surgery. Each and every one was most appreciated.

Thank you for the prayers and well-wishes.

God bless each and every one.

Sincerely,
Linda Haynes



What I'm free to do and what I ought to do aren't always the same.

2019 pictorial directories are available in the narthex and elevator lobby. Help yourself!

Those Who Serve in October

Reader: Madeline Zieverink

Usher: Brian Barringer

Altar Guild: Kathy Haynes, Suzanna Roth-Tubman, Emily Barnes

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Sound: Mike Keene

Lock Up: Marlene Pethel

Communion Assistants: Dale Beaver, Mike Keene

SERVING THIS MONTH

October Birthdays

1 Ron Smith	22 Terry Connell
2 Jay Goodman	24 Christian Eller
2 Matthew Roberts	24 Emma Shank
3 Dennis Pethel	24 Cynthia Lingle
6 Betty Rose Witty	24 Caylee Hawkins
9 Mark Albright	24 Kathie Albright
12 Janice Holshouser	26 Banks Klutzz
12 Brian Barringer	26 Kay Abernathy
13 Becky Preslar	
14 Libby Cozart	
16 Rufus Thompson	
17 Kevan Barringer	
19 Oliver Shank	
20 Linda Connell	



Happy
Birthday!

October Altar Flowers

Oct. 4 Earlene Ritchie

Oct. 11 Ron & Wanda Smith

Oct. 18 Barbara Crouch

Oct. 25 Pastor Carl & Kathy
Pedestal Wendi Hawkins





Influenced by God

*You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste,
how shall its saltiness be restored?
It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out
and trampled under people's feet.*


Matthew 5:13 (ESV)

There are two foods that I love, but cannot eat unless they are salted. One is grits. The other is potatoes. Unless they are salted they taste bland. They have no flavor whatsoever. But season them with the right amount of salt (*and butter*) and both are delicious.

In the verse above from Matthew 5:13 Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth. As Christians we are to add salt, read flavor, to the world around us. But not just any flavor—Godly flavor. Flavor influenced by our Heavenly Father. Imagine having a big ol' baked potato on which you put salt and butter, but when you tasted it, it didn't taste salted. The salt you used had lost its saltiness. It was worthless. So are Christians who have lost their godly saltiness. Any flavoring we add to the world around us needs to come from God the Holy Spirit who has gifted us to salt the world around us with the flavor of Jesus Christ.

That happens only as we are filled with the Holy Spirit and seeking to live our lives for Jesus Christ. It is only as He has influenced our lives for good, that we are then able to influence the lives of others for Christ. "When we think of influence, what often comes to mind is title and position, fame and fortune or status and authority. You may well have all or a few of these things and still not have influence."

Christian influence is God-given. It's a gift given by Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of bringing about His will. God's will is that everyone come to faith in Jesus Christ (John 6:40). Our role as disciples is to influence the world around us with the love of Christ. We do this by using the four T's of influence: time, talents, treasure and testimony.


*You are the
salt
of the earth.*
Matthew 5:13

Through our baptism we are called to unleash these gifts through the church and into the world. In Matthew 5:14-15 Jesus tells us: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house." When we give to God of our time, talents, treasure and testimony, he takes them and influences us to use them for His glory.

God in turn, influences our use of our four T's to be an influence to others. All four T's are gifts from God, He expects us to be good stewards of them in order to bring glory to His holy name. In Matthew 5:16 Jesus tells us to *let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*"

These words from Scripture and our Service of Holy Baptism remind us that we are to give ourselves to good works that God might use us to influence others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Carl

Four to take their First Communion

Kevin Coffey, Stella Kluttz, Claire Roth-Tubman and Emma Scott have been instructed in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. They will receive their First Communion on Sunday, October 4th during the morning worship service. We welcome them to the Lord's Table.



Scripture Lessons for October

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 4:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

19th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 11:

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 18:

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 25:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
Matthew 22:34-46

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Ronald Niederman by Mike & Kate Beretsky, Alan & LaVaughn Beaver

In honor of Harry Agner & Bobby Barringer by Nick & Charlotte Pacilio

In honor of Harry Agner's birthday by Mike & Vickie Keene

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Charles & Jenny Roberts, Kevin & Susan Holland, Doris Ritchie, Madeline Zieverink

In memory of Geraldine Preslar by Larry Corl & Linda Taylor

In honor of the Brighten the Beacon Committee by Dale & Marsha Beaver

In honor of Kevan Barringer by Charles & Jenny Roberts

To the glory of God by Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc.

In memory of Wendell Dezern by LaVaughn & Alan Beaver

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Sheryl Lyerly, Betty Witty, Verne & Mary Ellen McCombs

To the Music & Worship Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Mark & Kathie Albright, Kevan Barringer, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Alan & LaVaughn Beaver, Sister Lucille Circle, Glenn & Maslin Young, Co-workers of Donald Lyerly, Elliott Mathis, Flo Peck, Vaughn & Betty Hatley, F & M Operations Center, Mike & Kate Beretsky, M/M Sutton Edmiston, Cindy Poole, Livengood-Peeler-Wood Legion Aux., Betty Morgan, Ellis Cauble, Gary Cauble, Gwen & Ben Harward, Larry Corl, Ted Beaver, Charlie Cauble family, Larry & Malinda Cauble, Elliot & Kirsten Cauble

To the Glory of God from the Hilton Head Island bunch

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Glenn & Sue Wall

To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Edward & Jackie Bowles, Joyce Trexler, Vickie & Mike Keene, Eddie & Debbie Eller, Kay Abernathy, Larry Corl, William York, Wayne & Brenda File, Bobby Barringer, Tommy & Debbie Summitt, Bruce Chase, F & M Bank

In honor of Bobby Barringer by Dale & Marsha Beaver

To the General Fund

In memory of Pauline Lyerly by Bill & Reggie Hardister



Grace Lutheran BBQ Chicken fall fundraiser announced

On Oct. 10 from 3—6 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church will host a BBQ chicken fundraiser to benefit Merritt Plummer who was diagnosed at 18 months old with rhabdomyosarcoma. Her treatments have been successful and Grace Lutheran will help her family with outstanding medical bills accumulated over the past year and a half.

The event is a first come, first served drive through and the cost of a BBQ chicken plate is \$10.

A raffle for a John Deere Gator will be held as well. Tickets are \$100 each. Please contact Mike Yost at 704-213-1262 for more information.

Follow Merritt's story at:

www.facebook.com/fightingwithmerritt

Remember those in care facilities

Autumn Care: Joe Haas

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Cardell Gibson



Lutheran Church Women

Miss Katherine Lyerly LCW

will meet October 6 at the church at 10 a.m. in the Smith Assembly Hall with Charlotte Pacilio, program leader. Lunch TBA

Welcome back!

For your baking needs, MKL-LCW will accept your orders **at any time** during the year.
See any member of this circle

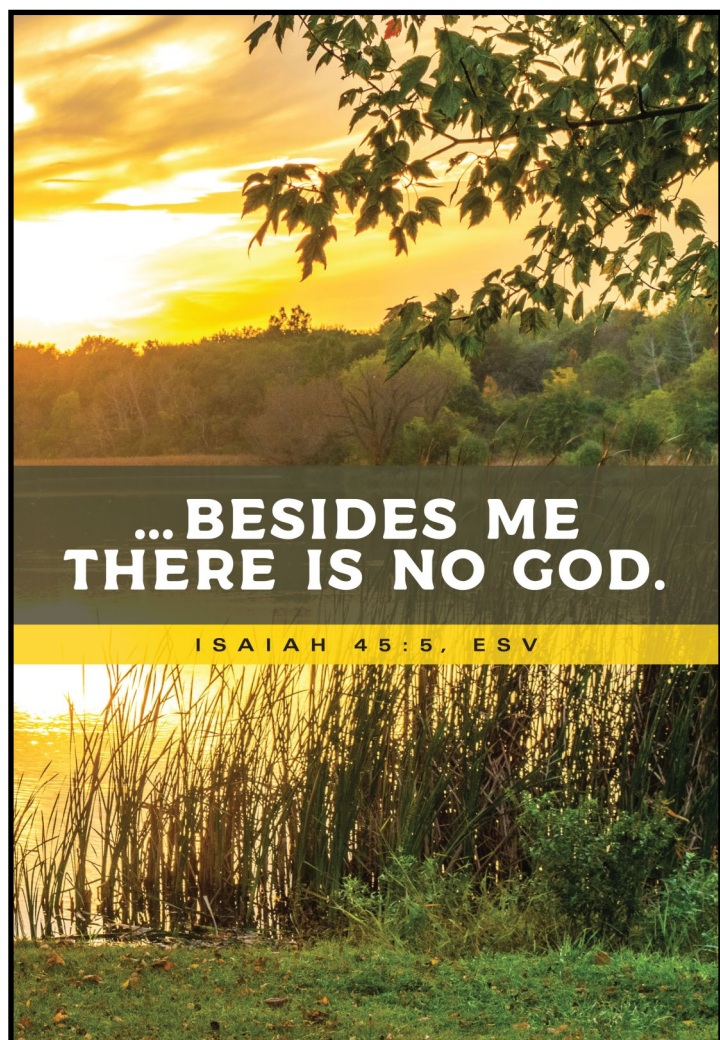
MKL-LCW is collecting large cans (100 oz.) of vegetables or money for the Rowan Helping Ministries overnight shelter.

Leave your donations in the elevator lobby or see a member of the circle



Sister Lucille LCW

will meet on Tuesday Oct. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Madeline Zieverink, hostess and program leader.



**Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2020**

Present

Jason Smith, President	Marlene Pethel	Laura Ritchie	Kevin Holland
Linda Crouch, Secretary	Earlene Ritchie	Robbie Robinson	LaVaughn Beaver
Jenny Roberts	Mike Yarbrough	Eddie Eller	Sue Wall
Jay Goodman			

Also Present

Pastor Carl Haynes
Laurie Ritchie
David Preslar, via
phone

Absent

Boni Lowry

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Council meeting minutes for August 9, 2020 were approved.
August envelope offering was below budget \$21.90 with year to date above budget \$7,427.80.
August income was below budget \$497.46 with year to date \$5,179.45 above budget.
August expenses were under budget \$2,245.28.
Year to date expenses under budget \$33,356.21.
Cash on Hand as of August 30, 2020 was \$90,509.63.
Contributions to Brighten the Beacon Fund in August were \$1,751.00.
The financials were approved as presented.

Reception of:

Pastor's Report for August 2020 was received with special notes of four children in First Communion Class who will receive their first communion on October 4th. It was also noted that Pauline Lyerly was our second member to die from complications with the COVID-19 virus.

Committee & Auxiliary Reports:

Stewardship: Cam Ritchie presented the proposed 2021 Budget. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to present the 2021 Budget to the congregation.

Property: The LED up-lighting has been installed in the sanctuary as well as behind the stain glass Garden of Gethsemane.

Worship: Word of thanks given to those who continue to make worship available in person and live streaming. Singing will resume next Sunday (September 20) with special note that everyone will sit and wear a mask while singing two verses of the selected hymns. Singing will possibly increase in October.

Evangelism: The Loved Bible project is continuing. Four Bibles have been turned in and the deadline is September 27th. Blessing Bags are still available for distribution. David Preslar has contacted Rowan Helping Ministries for a delivery date during fall for the clothes collected during Lent. Upcoming events include Trunk-or-Treat which will be a drive-through concept. There will three different drop-offs which will include one station to hand out candy, children's literature and Christiana Church information; second station for a hotdog bag meal and the third station will be for a popcorn bag. We will still have the decorated trunks line up around the circle and will have judging on those. The Thanksgiving meal will be the same as last year. \$40.00 donations will be requested for a family meal. More information will be forthcoming in the October and November newsletters.

Nehemiah Group: Motion was made, seconded and approved to install one camera with DVR capability outside the lobby entrance. Discussion will be held at a later date as to the possibility of installing additional cameras.

Youth: Committee has met 2-3 times to plan opportunities for the Youth. The first event will be a pool party at the home of Jay & Karen Goodman on September 20th. All parents are encouraged to call Ann Teague this week for a head count if their children will be attending. Other outdoor activities that are being planned include a packing event at Rowan Helping Ministries, assisting with Trunk-or-Treat, Tombstone Scavenger Hunt and a Drive-in movie night.

Brighten the Beacon: Committee will start meeting again soon. The committee is encouraging the congregation to continue with their donations/pledges.

Facilities: Zelia Frick has donated a lighthouse photograph for the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. The photograph will be dedicated on September 20th.

LCW-Sister Lucille: Resumed meeting in September and discussed several new projects.

LCW-Miss Katherine Lyerly: Will resume in October. This group is collecting cans for the food pantry at RHM.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

Financial Aid to Vicar Mwavu Ronald: Seminary student performing his internship in a very remote part of Uganda. He works with an Orthodox Lutheran Church and an orphanage. He walks 22 miles to seminary every week. He has two months left in seminary and needs funds to help pay for his books, food and medicine. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send \$600.00 from the Pastor Discretionary Fund to Vicar Mwavu Ronald.

Sunday School Attendance: Discussion was held regarding the low Sunday School attendance for the past year. Over 100 people attend worship service, however, only a small percentage of these individuals attend Sunday School.

Special Offering on September 20, 2020 for Joy Lutheran Church. Reverend Paulette McHugh of Joy Lutheran Church will be preaching on Homecoming Sunday on September 20, 2020. A motion was made, seconded and approved to take a special offering on Homecoming Sunday for her church. (Our Lenten offering was given to Joy Lutheran Church).

Also Noted:

Mike Yarbrough, who is sanitizing the Sanctuary each week, will also be sanitizing the Fellowship Hall moving forward.

Next meeting is October 11 at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Crouch, secretary.



A Mom, 98, and a Dad, 104, married for over three quarters of a century, is truly a blessing. To have parents around for so long is unbelievable, to say the least, and now they are reunited in the presence of God and their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While together, they coped with the loss of a daughter, raised three boys, and created memories. At Christiana, Mom was always ready and willing to play the piano or organ for a wedding or funeral or serve in the choir. She dearly loved the staff and her job at East Rowan, crocheting afghans, cooking for all of the relatives at Christmas and Easter, shopping, and planting her azaleas. She was always ready to go with painted nails, her hair done, and pocketbook in hand.

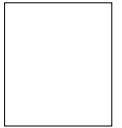
Thank you, Pastor Carl for conducting the funeral service of our mom, and to the Congregation of Christiana for the many cards, words of encouragement, and remembrances of our mom. She was so much more than a COVID19 statistic. She loved life and she loved her Church. And...even as the fingers began to fail and maybe a note was misplaced, she tried her best to make the music something that was her best to the Glory of God.

COVID19 robbed our Mom of a funeral that was to be filled with music and voices and old acquaintances. Maybe in the future, we can celebrate her life along with all those that have passed during the pandemic. Keep us in your prayers as we will also do you, members and friends of Christiana. May the Lord take care of our needs and bless us in these troubled times.

*Thank you from the families of Pauline Lyerly,
David, Donald and Brantley*

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Return Service Requested

Mailed Sept. 23, 2020



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Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Council Vice-President: David Preslar
Council Secretary: Linda Crouch

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Christiana Lutheran Men: Jason Smith
Christiana Rowdy Seniors: Jenny Roberts

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
7:00 pm Wednesdays

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
No rehearsals at this time

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
No rehearsals at this time



Check out these websites:
www.christianalutheran.org
<http://carolinasnalc.com>
<http://thenalc.org>

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Congregational Prayer Concerns



Charles Roberts, being tested for heart/lung problems. Jenny Roberts' cousin, Jen Otis, shattered tibia in fall. Gloria Cross's son-in-law Brian Brancher, hospitalized with high blood sugar. Ricky Cross, blockage of artery in neck, possible surgery. Glenn Wall, being treated for blood clot on knee. Jeanne Diaz, at home recovering from blockage in small intestine. Cardell Gibson, recovering from COVID-19 at TOHAR. Robert Mead, radiation treatments. Alease Cline recovering at home from broken hip. Linda Cline's dad Tommy Austin, chronic back pain; her mom taking PT at home. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, stage 3 breast cancer. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

Our Sympathy is extended to

Brantley, Donald & David Lyerly and family at the death of their mother Pauline.

Teresa McKinney upon the death of her father Wendell Dezern.