

*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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## Lent/Holy Week/Easter Schedule

### April 2—5th Sunday in Lent

10:30am Worship with Holy  
Communion

5:00pm Evening Lenten Service—

“Do You Believe I am Able to Do This?”

### April 9—Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30am Gather outside, weather permitting, for  
the blessing of the palms and procession into the  
church

### April 13—Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Living Last Supper,  
Holy Communion

### April 14—Good Friday

7:30pm Living Last Words

### April 15—Holy Saturday

10:00am Altar Guild decorates  
Sanctuary

### April 16—The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30am Sunrise Service, concludes in the ceme-  
tery

Breakfast follows in the Fellowship Hall

9:25am—Children’s Easter Program in the

Smith Assemble Hall, concludes outside with an  
Egg Hunt, children need to bring a basket.

10:30am Resurrection Celebration of

Holy Communion celebrated



## FOOD DRIVE

The Social Ministry committee will collect **non-perishable breakfast items** in April for the food pantry at Rowan Helping Ministries. Suggested items include cereal, grits, oatmeal, pop-tarts and granola bars. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex and office lobby from April 2nd through April 9th for any donations.

Easter lily forms are  
available in  
the narthex.  
Deadline is Mar. 26  
Cost is \$9

# Youth Stuff

Thrive Help Squad—April 1

Thrive @5—April 9 & 30

Easter Egg Hunt at Granite Park—April 9

## Powles Staton to honor vets

Veteran Appreciation Day is Tuesday, April 25 from 11—2 p.m. at Powles Staton Funeral Home in Rockwell.

Enjoy a free lunch and register for door prizes.

You are encouraged to bring a worn American flag for their *Retire Your Flag with Honor* program to honor a veteran during cremation and also a new and unwrapped toy for *Operation toy Soldier* which supports our military and their families.

## Last Month's Attendance

### February 26

Sunday School: 66

Worship: 110

### March 5

Sunday School: 67

Worship: 107

### March 12

Sunday School: 62

Worship: 74

### March 19

Sunday School: 67

Worship: 117

## Those Who Serve in April

### Nursery Attendants

April 2 Chris & Katie Sease

April 9 Kevin & Susan Holland

April 16 S Paskiewicz & E Barnes

April 23 Joe & Denise Koehn

April 30 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

### Children's Sermon Part

April 2 K Haynes & K Goodman

April 9 Jason & April Smith

April 16 L Scott & M Riddle

April 23 B Barnhardt & youth

April 30 K Haynes & K Goodman

### Offering Counters

April 2 R Crouch & E Eller

April 9 M Zieverink & K Goodman

April 16 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

April 23 Marsha & Dale Beaver

April 30 R Crouch & E Eller

## April Birthdays

3 Ryan French	14 Terry Ritchie	24 Leanne Kluttz
3 Aaron French	15 David Preslar	24 Scott Lowry
5 Ann Carscaddon	15 Don Smith	25 Joyce Cavanagh –Wood
5 Gabriel Honeycutt	15 Michelle Yost	26 Chris Fleming
5 Melody Riddle	17 LaVaughn Beaver	
6 Geraldine Kluttz	17 Laurie Ritchie	
8 Stella Kluttz	18 Linda Crouch	
9 Robert Barringer	18 Brandy Fox	
9 Abegail Thompson	19 Syler Hayes	
10 Betty Hatley	20 Kathy Haynes	
10 Cam Ritchie	21 Ed Clark	
10 April Smith	23 Doris Ritchie	
11 Onetia Bruce		
12 Emmett Shank		

Happy  
Birthday!

## April Altar Flowers

April 2 & 9 Lent, no flowers

April 16 Easter Lilies

April 23 Emily Barnes

*Pedestal Suzanna Paskiewicz*

April 30 altar flowers needed



## Prayer Concerns:

Ann Carscaddon, hospitalized in NHRMC rm. 344 with pneumonia. Zelia Frick, diagnosed with a benign tumor that has caused hearing loss in her left ear. Joe Koehn, recovering from shoulder surgery to repair torn rotator cuff. Kathie Albright, recovering from surgery to set broken ankles. Charlie Shank, recovering from neck surgery. Shelby Harwood's mom, Loretta at the point of death in the Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury. Ricky Cross diagnosed with COPD. Gloria Cross diagnosed with kidney failure. Glenn Wilson in Autumn Care for PT. John Wall, blood clot in leg. Linda Crouch recovered from blood clot in leg. Ed Clark taking chemo for liver cancer. Juanita Hovis, back at Liberty Commons for PT. Wanda Smith, stage 2 kidney disease, her daughter Sandy being treated for stress related blood pressure. Patti Boles, Cushing's disease. Pat Ramsey, back at the Meadows taking chemo therapy. Joyce Ketchie's daughter Tonya recovering from brain surgery to remove cancerous tumor. LaVaughn Beaver's husband Alan, renal dialysis. April Smith's brother, Chase Deal, continues to improve and gain strength. Pauline Lyerly, Carillon, rm. C13. Ann & Bill Meacham in poor health.

## Our Sympathy is Expressed to:

*Bill and Ann Meacham at the death of Bill's sister Helen Kenerly.*



The Rowan Salisbury School system is seeking literacy volunteers. Volunteers may serve at any RSS school from 7:20a.m. – 7:50a.m. weekdays and may sign up for once a week, once a month, or every day, based on your schedule.

### Responsibilities:

- Display an excitement and appreciation for the value and joy of reading.
- Encourage all students to be consistent in their reading.
- Circulate around your assigned classroom and record student book titles and progress on a simple form
- Assist teacher with the maintenance of the classroom library

Sign up on Google docs.



## Reformation 500 Event

The next celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be April 30th at 4pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Faith. Pastor Randy Drafts is the host pastor and will lead the worship portion. Pastor Carl Haynes will be the presenter and the Topic is: Luther's Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments following.





## Where's the Proof?

*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.* **Ephesians 1:18-21**

Ever wondered where the Easter Bunny came from? And how it became associated with the resurrection of Jesus? According to the University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and Culture, the origin of the celebration — and the origin of the Easter Bunny — can be traced back to 13th-century, pre-Christian Germany, when people worshiped several gods and goddesses. The Teutonic deity Eostra (Easter?) was the goddess of spring and fertility, and feasts were held in her honor on the Vernal Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of the animal's high reproduction rate. It became associated with Easter when the Roman Catholic Church became the dominant religion in Germany in the 15th century and took over many of the pagan beliefs. In 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published. This legend was brought to the United States in the 1700s, when German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania Dutch country.

The Easter Bunny is a myth, plain and simple. It has no business even being mentioned at Easter because 1) it's not true and 2) it has no salvific purpose. The whole point of Easter is to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus from the dead and to worship him for the hope of life he gives to all who believe in him. But how do we know that Jesus really rose from the dead? How do we know he's not just like the Easter Bunny a pagan myth? Let's look at Scripture.

In John 20:24ff, we read that when told by the other disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to them, Thomas said, "Unless I place my hand in his side and touch the place where the nails pierced his hands, I will not believe." When Jesus did appear before him, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Thomas, "Do you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe yet have not seen."

That's you and me. We believe and yet we have not seen the Risen Savior with our physical eyes. So how do we know He's alive? Where's the proof? It's in the difference Christ makes in our lives when He dwells within us. It is a reality that occurs when the Holy Spirit dwells within us through our faith in Christ Jesus.

The words to the refrain of the hymn "He Lives" by Alfred H. Ackley say it all: *"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me A-long life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."*

When Christ lives in your heart you know. There is no mistaking the incredible power that comes upon you by the Holy Spirit. In the passage above from Ephesians 1, Paul tells us it is God's "incomparably great power for us who believe". Paul tells us it is the same power that God used to raise Jesus from the dead. Can you imagine?! The same power used to raise Jesus is given to us to empower us to live our lives for Him! When we have that power there is no doubt that Jesus lives because He lives in us. And the difference He makes in our lives becomes proof to others that Christ is risen.

The works we do in Jesus' name—repenting of our sin, proclaiming the good news, feeding the hungry, helping the poor, comforting the lonely, welcoming the strangers, loving our enemies, etc. are proof He lives in us. These are signs of our faith, signs that our hearts have been enlightened and that we have the hope of eternal life. May God bless us all to be living proof that Jesus lives for the salvation of the world.

## April Scripture Lessons

### 5th Sunday in Lent, April 2

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:1-11  
John 11:1-45

### Psalm Sunday/Passion Sunday, April 9

John 12:12-19  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 118:19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 27:11-66

### Maundy Thursday, Living Last Supper, April 13

Matthew 26  
John 13

### Good Friday, Living Last Words, April 14

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Matthew 27:33-54

### Easter Sunrise Service, April 16

Exodus 14:10-51:1  
Psalm 118:15-29  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18

### The Resurrection of our Lord, April 16

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 16  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

### The 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 23

Acts 5:29-42  
Psalm 148  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### The 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 30

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-14  
1 Peter 1:17-25  
Luke 24:13-35

## Indoor Yard Sale April 29, 7am-12pm Ursinus UCC, Rockwell



### Sweet Potato Queens

All proceeds to American Cancer Society

## Scouts seek new leadership

Christiana's Boy Scout program is looking for new people to fill some upcoming vacancies in our scouting programs.

After 17 years of service to our scouting program Jeff Fleming, our current Scout Master, has decided to retire at the end of the school year. The Scout Master is a hands-on leadership position planning and attending most all Boy Scout meetings and events, camping, hiking, skiing, etc. We have had an active troop at Christiana for over 40 years and do not want to lose the opportunity to continue this service to the community.

Also serving for many years and planning to retire is Mike Beretsky, our treasurer. As treasurer Mike keeps up with the funds coming and going from both the Troop and the Pack, balances the bank statements, and presents the treasurer report at the committee meetings.

Boni Lowry, our Scout Committee Chair, will be stepping down. Boni organizes and leads the committee meetings held no more than once a month. No outdoor activity or previous scouting experience is required of this position.

There are also many other opportunities to help serve our Scouts. We need people willing to plan trips, lead crafts, grocery shop, plan and manage events, help cook meals, head up fund raisers, or to teach the boys about your job or a special hobby or skill you may have.

If you feel called to any of these positions, please contact one of our Scout leaders.





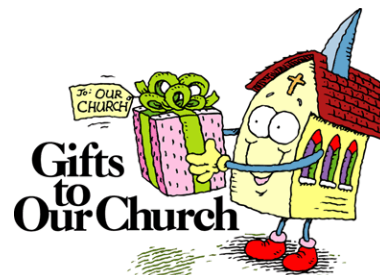


## Christiana Rowdy Seniors to go Mexican

Christiana's seniors will meet for lunch at noon on Thursday, April 6 at El Patron Mexican restaurant, 1030 Freeland Drive, Salisbury (near Walmart). All seniors are invited!

## Gift and memorials received this month

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Gearlean Hatley by Larry Corl & Linda Taylor



## Making Disciples in Sunday School

Join us each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:15 for fellowship and refreshments at the Smith Assembly Hall Hospital-ity Center. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, we will be glad to give you information on the available classes and help you find the right one for you. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to grow as a Disci-



**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 12:- 4:30 P.M.**  
**CHRISTIANA FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## LCW April Events

Group #1 will meet in the United in Christ Sunday School classroom on Tuesday, April 4 at 10 a.m. with Onetia Bruce, program leader. Christo's for lunch.

Sister Lucille Group will meet in the Smith Assembly Hall on Tuesday, April 4 with Becky Morris, program leader and hostess.



**Genesis:**  
Carolyn Barringer Corl

**Brookdale Assisted Living:**  
Juanita Hovis

**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:**  
Katherine Lyerly

**Carillon Assisted Living:** Pauline Lyerly

**The Meadows of Rockwell:** Pat Ramsey

**Liberty Commons:** Elizabeth Ritchie

**NC State Veterans Home:** Gib Russell

**Autumn Care:** Glenn Wilson

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

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Council Secretary: Bruce Wilhelm

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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie  
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris  
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

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

Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir  
Kathy Haynes, Director  
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs  
Becky Morris, Director  
Sunday afternoons; times & days vary



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## **Living Last Words and Supper rehearsal and performance schedule set**

**April 2** Immediately after morning service: Living Last Words dress rehearsal in sanctuary (no choir)

**April 2** 6:30 pm (following Lenten service/meal) Living Last Supper dress rehearsal in sanctuary (no choir)

**April 5** 7:30 Choir Rehearsal in balcony

**April 9** Set construction in sanctuary. Time TBA

**April 9** 7:00 pm final dress rehearsal Living Last Words with choir

**April 12** 7:00 pm final dress rehearsal Living Last Supper with choir

**April 13** 7:30 Living Last Supper performance (Cast and Choir report at 7:00 pm)

**April 14** 7:30 Living Last Words performance (Cast and Choir report at 7:00 pm)

**No choir practices on Easter Sunday or the following Wednesday, April 19**

## **Kids' choirs**

Thrive Tots will practice on April 2 at 3:45 pm and on April 23 at 4:00 pm

Little Thrive will practice on April 2 at 4:15 pm and on April 23 at 4:30 pm.

Thrive Youth Choir will continue to practice as announced week by week, and as part of Thrive@5 meetings.

**Christiana Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**MARCH 12, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Richard Crouch, President	Dale Beaver	Cam Ritchie
Madeline Zieverink, Vice President	Jeff Fleming	Terry Ritchie
Bruce Wilhelm, Secretary	Vicki Agner Keene	Jenny Roberts
Pastor Carl Haynes	Harold Morris	J. Wood
	Branson Pethel	

**Members Absent:**

Banks Kluttz  
Leanne Kluttz  
Charlotte Pacilio

**Also Present:**

Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer  
Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director

**Invocation: Pastor Carl Haynes**

**Prayer of Blessing** (prayed in unison)

**Council Business**

**Approval of:**

**Council Minutes** February 12, 2017 council meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**Financial Report** The financial report for February, 2017 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer. The financial report was then approved as submitted.

**Reception of:**

**Pastor's Report** Pastor Carl noted that the next special service in the Reformation 500 series of events will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Carl encouraged all council members to attend as representatives of Christiana. The Reformation 500 service that was recently held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church was very successful and had a very good attendance.

**Youth Director's Report** Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director, reported that the youth had a very good time in the mountains recently. She also reported on the "Thank You Jesus" signs that are being seen around the area. She presented a plan to buy these signs for \$8.00 and resell them for \$12.00 each as a fundraising project for Thrive.

Both reports were then accepted as submitted.

**Committee Reports & Auxiliary Concerns**

**Stewardship Committee** *Cam Ritchie, Chairman.*

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** \$900 that was spent on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Pastor Carl and Cathy was not approved to be taken from any particular line item in the budget. A motion was made to specify that the \$900 would come from Undesignated Funds. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Fundraising Events** A motion was made to allow the funds necessary to pay for a fundraising event (such as an after service dinner) to be taken from specific line items in the budget. This way, all of the funds raised by the event would go directly to the specific cause or event with no money having to be deducted to pay for the fundraiser. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Mission Trip** Brittney reported that the upcoming mission trip has been fully paid for. She also stated that they have until May to get refunds if not all of the slots are filled.

**Christian Education Committee** *Dale Beaver, Chairman.* An action plan for increasing Sunday school attendance was presented. See attached plan.

**Property Committee** *J. Wood, Council Representative.* Presented Council with a printed report from Jason Smith, property committee chairman. J. reviewed the list of repairs and general maintenance items handled by the property committee since the last meeting. Brittney Barnhardt noted that the Wi-Fi in the fellowship hall needs to be fixed. Richard Crouch also asked council members to be sure to thank Jason Smith for all of the things he does to keep the church running. Jason is here almost every day working on something.

**Social Ministry Committee** Banks Kluttz, Council Representative. Richard Crouch gave the report in Bank's absence. The social ministry is planning to serve supper at the homeless shelter on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and need volunteers to help. Anyone interested in helping should contact Richard Crouch.

**Brighten the Beacon Committee** *Richard Crouch, Chairman.* Richard reported that the architect is currently working on plans for the new building and that the Building Committee will meet next Thursday to review these plans. The BTB committee is also working on new brochures that can be used when approaching foundations and other local organization to request funding.

**Membership Committee** *Branson Pethel, Council Representative.* No meeting.

**Evangelism Committee** *Vickie Agner Keene, Chairman.* A committee that was formed specifically for visitations met for the first time last week. A subcommittee is working to develop a process to identify members who have not attended church services more than two weeks in a row. Council members were asked to keep track of members who sit near them in



church and identify anyone who has not been to services in several weeks. The committee is also looking at other ways for outreach including Facebook blasts and discipleship geared devotions.

The council member in charge of lockup for the month will now also be responsible for checking pew pads to make sure they are full and checking offering envelopes while waiting to lockup.

**Fellowship Committee** *Bruce Wilhelm, Council Representative.* No report.

**Landscape Committee** *Terry Ritchie, Council Representative.* Planning on a cleanup work day in the next couple of weeks.

**Cemetery Committee** *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* The new columbarium has been installed and the paving completed. Scott Lowery will update the information on the columbarium for Council by the next meeting.

**Facilities Committee** *Jeff Fleming, Council Representative.* No report.

**Health Care Committee** *Leanne Kluttz, Council Representative.* No report.

**Archives Committee** *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* No report.

**LCW** *Madeline Zieverink, Council Representative.* No report.

**CLM** *Harold Morris, Council Representative.* No report.

**Youth Committee** *Brittney Barnhardt, Council Representative.* See attached Youth Directors monthly report.

**Boy/Cub Scouts Committee** *J. Wood Council Representative.* The effort is underway to find replacements for several scouting leaders who are retiring in the near future. One of those leaders is Jeff Fleming, Scout Master, who will be retiring at the end of this school year. J. Wood is leading the effort to recruit new leaders for the troop.

**Senior Citizens Committee** *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* No more trips are being planned at the present time due to lack of interest and participation. Only weekly lunches will be continued.

**Visitation Committee** No Report.

**Constitution Committee** *Branson Pethel, Committee Chairman.* No report.

### **Prayerful Concerns**

**Fundraisers and Loose Offerings.** June 11<sup>th</sup> Health Care committee is planning a fundraiser for a new picnic bench. May 7<sup>th</sup> loose or special offering for mission trip to Congo. Richard asked Laurie to keep up with loose offerings. A motion was made to approve these fundraisers. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Smith Hall/Fellowship Hall Use Guidelines.** Madeline and Vickie presented the Smith Assembly Hall use guidelines that they had been working on (see attached guidelines). The off-premises use of furniture was discussed. It was agreed that NO furnishings, including table and chairs, may be removed from the Church property to be used for any private or public use except that of the Church itself. Only the metal tables in the existing fellowship hall may be rented with prior council approval. NO furniture from the Smith Assembly Hall can be removed for off-property use or rented. Madeline will make the appropriate changes and send out corrected guidelines. A motion was made to approve these changes. The motion was seconded and passed.

**In-Kind Donations.** Vickie presented the updated form for In-Kind Donations. Branson stated that we should not include the fair market value of the donation. The donor is responsible for filling in the dollar amount of the fair market value. For larger donations we should also use a letter instead of a card to acknowledge the donation. A question was raised as to the tax deductibility of the donation of services. Madeline will check with a CPA regarding this matter. A motion was made to approve the In-Kind donation guidelines. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Brighten the Beacon.** The following church members were nominated to serve as Board Members for the In Faith Community Foundation: Madeline Zieverink, Chris Sease, Branson Pethel, and Ronnie Smith. Also included were two advisors: current Council President, Richard Crouch and previous Council President, Laurie Ritchie. A motion was made to approve these individuals to serve as board members. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Rise Books.** Pastor Carl recommended - a new book for the Council to read called "Rise".

### **Bible Study:**

"Authentic Leadership", pages 84-88, "The Leader as Model".

### **Closing Prayer and Adjourn**

### **Next Council Meeting**

**April Council Meeting:** The council will meet on **Sunday April 9, 2017 from 7:30 am until 9:00 am.**

### **Church Lock up Schedule**

April - Terry Ritchie

May - Leanne Kluttz

June - Vickie Agner Keene

Respectfully submitted,

*Bruce Wilhelm*

Church Council Secretary