

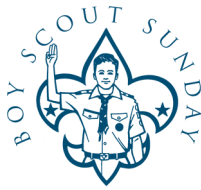
We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.

Christiana Courier

Carl Haynes, pastor
704-279-4516 (Home)
704-223-1468 (Cell)

Boy Scout Sunday is February 12

Christiana will recognize its Boy Scouts on February 12 during the morning worship service and the Scouts will take part in leading the service. We are blessed at Christiana to have such an active Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop and are grateful to the leaders for their faithful guidance of these young men and boys.



Men's Prime Rib dinner will be Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Only 80 tickets will be sold for the annual dinner to insure the comfort of all attending and will be available for purchase until all tickets are sold.

Don't delay, don't wait, don't be left out!

Tickets are \$25 per person and profits will go to the Brighten the Beacon campaign.

This is one of the most popular events of the year; remember only 80 tickets will be sold!

The Members and Friends
of Christiana Lutheran Church
cordially invite you to a reception honoring

Pastor Carl & Kathy Haynes

in celebration and appreciation for their

25 years of ministry at

Christiana Lutheran Church

Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Smith Assembly Hall

Christiana Lutheran Church

6190 US Hwy 52, Salisbury NC



Souper Bowl set for Feb. 5

It's time for Souper Bowl Sunday again. On February 5, funds will be collected for the food pantry at Rowan Helping Ministries. Collections will be taken at the Narthex and at both side doors. The food pantry is constantly giving food to those in need and any donation would be greatly appreciated. Let's make February 5th a "Souper Sunday" at Christiana Lutheran Church.



Youth Stuff

Thrive February Events

- ⇒ Thrive Tutoring each Tuesday and Thursday from 4—5 pm
- ⇒ Thrive Mountain Trip to Blowing Rock/Boone is Feb. 24—26. Cost is \$50/per person and includes transportation, food, lodging, activities. (Extra money is needed for other opportunities)
- ⇒ Thrive @ 5 and Thrive Choir is February 19
- ⇒ Feb. 5 & 19
 - 4:00 pm Thrive Tots
 - 4:30 pm Little Thrive
- ⇒ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is February 28



For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, NRSV

Those Who Serve in February

Nursery Attendants

- Feb. 5** Joe & Denise Koehn
- Feb. 12** Chris & Katie Sease
- Feb. 19** Kevin & Susan Holland
- Feb. 26** Carmen Merrell & Caylee Hawkins

Children's Sermon Part 2

- Feb. 5** LuAnne Scott & M Riddle
- Feb. 12** Brittney Barnhardt & youth
- Feb. 19** K Haynes & K Goodman
- Feb. 26** Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

Offering Counters

- Feb. 5** R Crouch & E Eller
- Feb. 12** M Zieverink & K Goodman
- Feb. 19** Cam & Laurie Ritchie
- Feb. 26** Marsha & Dale Beaver

February Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Rick Roper | 19 Rhonda Honeycutt |
| 2 Emma Scott | 19 T J Woods |
| 2 Christian Stokes | 20 Eric Reavis |
| 3 Janis Smith | 21 Judy Stoner |
| 3 Chloe Shank | 25 Tommy Burris |
| 5 Sierra Braun | 25 Karen Goodman |
| 7 Ty Honeycutt | 25 Landon Coffey |
| 7 Frances Peeler | 27 Pat Ramsey |
| 8 Jarrett Kluttz | 28 Jill Shank |
| 11 Thomas Stokes | |
| 14 Lucas Coffey | |
| 15 Pete Ward | |
| 17 Nancy Agner | |
| 18 Angie Fleming | |
| 19 Debbie Eller | |



February Altar Flowers

- Feb. 5** Emily Barnes
- Feb. 12** Karen Goodman
- Feb. 19** Jay Goodman
- Feb. 26**

Please see Kathy Haynes to sign up for altar flowers

Four Scholarships are available through Christiana in 2017

The following scholarships are available through Christiana Congregation. Those interested in applying please note the requirements. Complete information about each scholarship and applications is available on the church website, www.christianalutheran.org. If you have any questions or if you need assistance in accessing the information, please contact either Cam Ritchie, chairperson of the 2017 committee, or the church office.

Lena Bangle Lyerly Scholarship

Must be an active member of Christiana Congregation Enrolled in a two or four year college/university Working toward a degree in Health or Christian Ed. and having accrued 12 or more credit hours in that school of study.

Brad Patrick Scholarship

Scholarship will be awarded to a Rowan-Salisbury Public High School Senior with a financial need to further their education. Application may be obtained in the Guidance Counselor's office in any Rowan County High School.

Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship (1)

Active member of Christiana Congregation
High school senior
Enrolled in a two or four year college/university

Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship (2)

Active member of Christiana Congregation
Full time college student
See full eligibility requirements on the church website.

All scholarship applications must be completed and returned to the church office by **12 noon on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. **Church members applying for scholarships must have an official transcript from the school sent to the church office. No others will be accepted.**

Congregational Prayer Concerns

Shelby Harwood's mom, Loretta, being treated for lung cancer at Baptist Medical Center. Lynda Pethel home after being treated for pneumonia and taking PT at Autumn Care. Sue Wall was treated for pneumonia. John Wall, deep vein thrombosis. Ed Clark, taking chemo for liver cancer. Juanita Hovis, back at Liberty Commons for PT. Janis Smith's friend Sharon Whittington at TOHARC. Wanda Smith, stage 2 kidney disease, her daughter Sandy being treated for stress related blood pressure. Zach Thompson cancer in remission. Patti Boles, Cushing's disease. Pat Ramsey, back at the Meadows taking rehab 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. Dee Smith, at home, on oxygen. Pauline Lyerly, Carillon, rm. C13. Gloria Cross, kidney issues. Ann & Bill Meacham in poor health.

Our Sympathy is expressed to:

Vaughn & Betty Hatley at the death of Vaughn's mother Gearlean. She died on January 1.





True Love

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.
(Matthew 22:37-40)

February is LOVE month. Valentine's Day is the 14th and is the day for lovers to spend money on those they love buying cards and chocolates and all kinds of crazy stuff associated with love to show how much they care. The marketing media plays it up, commercializing love like it does all the other holidays and guilt-tripping us in spending ridiculous amounts of money on things that will be thrown away or at least tucked away in a drawer or closet shelf. Such a big deal is made of Valentine's Day that we feel terrible if we don't at least get our loved ones a card. And *if we care enough to send the very best*, it will be a Hallmark Card.

Pfft. This has nothing to do with true love. True love is sacrificial, the giving of one's life for loved ones. The Apostle Paul's definition of love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 shows us what true love is about. ***Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

This definition of love defines the love God has for us *and* calls for us to have for one another. This kind of love is not easy, it takes work and effort. That's why God commands us to do it. For the most part we don't have to be commanded to love our spouse, our parents, our children, our friends—that comes easy. But what about when it doesn't? What about loving those who don't love us? We are commanded to love them too. Jesus commands us in John 13:35: ***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.***

We're to love others as Jesus has loved us. How has Jesus loved us? Sacrificially. In Romans 5:8 we read: ***...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*** As Jesus has loved us, so we are to love one another. Like I said earlier, this is not an easy thing to do. Our old sinful nature doesn't want to do it at all. That's why in the waters of Holy Baptism God makes us new creations in Christ Jesus and gives us his Holy Spirit so that we can love one another as God commands us to.

Read 1 John 4:7-21. This passage is entitled "God is Love." In it John tells us about God's love for us and our love for God. He tells us in vs. 19 that ***We love because God first loved us.*** The fact that we humans can love at all is because God loved us first. Now how do we use this ability to love? Is it just in the giving of cards and trinkets, or is it in acts of understanding, compassion and caring for others as Christ commands us?

True love manifests itself in love for God and love for others. That's the Great Commandment Jesus tells us about in Matthew 22 (*see verses above*). And our Lord tells us that by keeping this commandment, we don't have to worry about fulfilling the Law and the Prophets because they're taken care of through love.

So this Valentine's Day, and all other days you want to show your love to others, show them you care by giving them the very best—Jesus Christ and his incredible, sacrificial love. Then invite them to experience God's love by coming to know Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Carl

Gifts to our Church

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Jim & Willene Lyerly by Jimmy & Kathy Davis, in memory of Moses & 'Mac' Klutz by Virender & Jean Puri

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Naomi Cates and Mark Smith by Dale & Marsha Beaver, in honor of Rose & Don Dedmon by Sheryl Lyerly

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Mark Smith by Faye & Larry Moore, in memory of Junius and Callie Thomas by Patricia & Kaitlin Pena

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Gearlean Hatley by Doris Ritchie and LaVaughn & Alan Beaver

Preschool now registering for next year

Christiana Preschool is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration is now open to currently enrolled preschool students, their siblings, Christiana church members and their families. For more information, please check our website: www.christianalutheran.org and click on Preschool or contact Stacey Evans at 704-798-5089. After Feb. 1, the registration will be open to the public.



WINTER SNOW SCHEDULE

If it snows or ices on Sunday morning and the roads are too dangerous for travel, worship services will be cancelled and the church phone tree will be activated and an email will be sent to notify you.

Also check our website or Facebook page or call Pastor Carl at

Scripture Lessons for February

5th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 5

Isaiah 58:3-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

6th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:221—37

7th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 26

Exodus 24:8-18

Psalms 2:6-12

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Congregational Concerns



Genesis: Carolyn Barringer Corl

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

Liberty Commons: Juanita Hovis

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Katherine Lyerly

NC State Veterans Home: Gib Russell

The Meadows of Rockwell: Pat Ramsey

Carillon Assisted Living: Pauline Lyerly

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Mailed January 25, 2017

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

Pastor: Carl M. Haynes
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Council President: Richard Crouch
Council Vice-President: Madeline Zieverink
Council Secretary: Bruce Wilhelm

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christiana1@charlotte.twebc.com
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



Join us on Facebook



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and also the cards and gifts during my mom's sickness and death. Your kindness is so appreciated.

Vaughn and Betty



Christiana Rowdy

Seniors will dine out for lunch at the new Smoke Pit restaurant on East Innes Street in Salisbury on Thursday, February 2 at 12 noon.



Senior Citizens

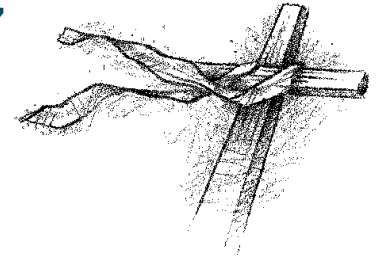
It's time to update the Funeral Meal Committee!

Many THANKS to each person who has faithfully helped with this ministry through the years. A special THANK YOU to Harry Agner who is retiring from the Co-Chairmanship of the committee to devote himself to Brighten the Beacon Campaign. Patti Holshouser will take his place and I look forward to working with her.

For many reasons members have had to leave the committee this year. If you would be willing to take one of their places, we would love to have you. We try to rotate meals among the four Food Zones so no one has to be called on too often. We need folks who will provide a "dish" of food....whether "home cooked" or purchased....whenever their Food Zone is called upon. The leader of each Food Zone helps to coordinate the meal and will appreciate your willingness to help in any way. We also need tea, soft drinks, rolls, etc.

I will be glad to talk to you before you commit to becoming a member. Please consider this opportunity to serve and call me with any questions! Sue Wall 704-603-8366

Join Christiana Rowdy Seniors March 17



The Fourth Cross

Step back in time and EXPERIENCE GOD!

FOUR CROSSES...FOUR MEN...One man is a murderer.

Two are thieves. The fourth, a carpenter from Nazareth. Pilate shouts to the crowd and the stones echo back: "I will save one man and crucify the other! Whom do you choose?" And though the cry of the crowd that day set only one man free - it saved us all. This is the story of *The Fourth Cross*, an original, Broadway-style dinner show.

NARROWAY CHRISTIAN THEATER – MARCH 17

AN AUTHENTIC BIBLICAL MEAL!

Boneless beef short ribs with white pepper sauce
Fresh roasted vegetables
Couscous with dried cranberries
Mediterranean herb bread brushed with olive oil
Homemade bread pudding with sour cream and cherry sauce
Sweet iced tea or water

Contact Jenny Roberts to sign up.



LCW Group #1

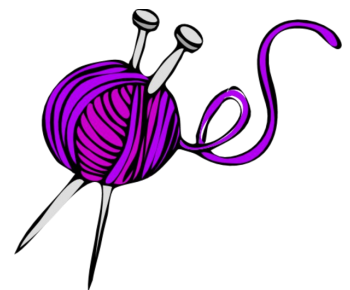
will meet at 10 am on Feb. 7 at the church
with Jenny Roberts, program leader.
Lunch at O'Charley's

Sister Lucille Lyerly LCW

will meet at 6 pm on Jan. 31 at Rowan
Helping Ministries to pack Food for Thought
bags, then dinner at Cracker Barrel and
February meeting

Calling all hands with hooks and needles!

I am excited to announce the
formation of a Thrivent Ac-
tion Team for chemo caps
and I'm recruiting more



team members. If you crochet or knit and have a desire
to use that talent for community service,
please join my team. Thrivent is providing yarn and
supplies. Your only investment is your time and
talents.

Please call Cynthia Lingle at 704-729-4382 (h) or 704-
223-1905 (c).

**Christiana Lutheran Church
Council Minutes Jan. 17, 2017**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Banks Kluttz

Also Present: Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer, Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Minister

Invocation: Pastor Carl Haynes

Reading of Mission Statement (read in unison)

Prayer for Guidance (prayed in unison)

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals

Committee appointments

Council member lockup schedule (see attached schedule)

December 11, 2016 council minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial Report for December, 2016 was presented and explained by Dale Beaver, 2016 Treasurer. The financial report was then approved as submitted. Laurie Ritchie, the incoming treasurer, reported that all of the church financial information has been transferred to her.

Pastor and Youth Director Reports were accepted as submitted.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

Committee Reports At all future council meeting, each committee chair or council rep will do a 1-2 minute report on their committee's activities and plans.

Stack's paid off loan for vehicle.

Marvin and Betty Weant's request to transfer from St. Johns to Christiana was approved.

The floor in the Peggy Boggs classroom has been taken repaired.

Assembly Hall Use Guidelines Vicki Keen and Madeline Zieverink will work together to review and come up with a final proposal for the Smith Assembly Hall use guidelines.

Cub Scout use of basement assembly hall after several minutes of discussion a motion was made to allow the cub scouts to use the Smith Assembly Hall for their first meeting of each month for their awards program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Delegates for 2017 Harry Agner was asked to be a delegate for the next two years and accepted. A motion was made to appoint Harry as a delegate to represent Christiana at various church meetings. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The health and wellness committee proposed purchasing an 8" picnic table and placing it outside the church near the water fountain. It would be made of wood wrapped in PVC and sit in an area approximately 10' by 10' with mulch for a base. The cost would be \$400 and would be paid for with money from a fundraising dinner. The exact date of this dinner will be determined at a later date. A motion was made to approve this project and fundraiser. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Brittney requested that all loose offering for the month of January be designated for Thrive. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

New house committee Council approved the formation of a new committee to be headed by J. Wood and Jim Duncan to explore the possible uses for the newly acquired property adjacent to the church.

Visitation Committee PC requested approval from council to organize a visitation committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Constitution Committee Council authorized the formation of a new committee to review the existing church constitution and make any corrections or updates needed. This committee will be headed by Branson Pethel and Cam Ritchie and include other church members. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Nursery Committee A motion was made to organize a nursery committee to work on revamping the nursery schedule and guidelines. Members of the committee would include Susan Holland, Katie Sease, and Wendy Hawkins. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Vickie Keene brought a request from the Brighten the Beacon committee to begin a loan pre-approval application with F&M Bank before the next phase of construction begins. This is not a loan application, only a pre-approval review to determine what the church could qualify for in the event the church decided to apply for a loan to finance the Beacon Center. This would not cost the church anything and there is no current talk of a loan, only that it could happen at a later date based on donations and pledges. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer

February Council Meeting: will be **Sunday February 12, 2017 at 7:30 am.**

Church Lock up Schedule

January – Cam Ritchie	April – Terry Ritchie	July – Jenny Roberts	October – Harold Morris
February – Jeff Fleming	May – Leanne Kluttz	August – Richard Crouch	November – Charlotte Pacilio
March – J. Wood	June – Vickie Keene	September – Banks Kluttz	December – Branson Pethel
			January (2018) – Dale Beaver

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Wilhelm
Council Secretary

Lutheran Reformation Series announced

East Rowan Area LCMC / NALC Congregations Present a Series of five Worship Services concluding in a Celebration of the Lutheran Reformation on Sunday, October 29, 2017

Session 1: 4:00 PM Sunday February 26, 2017 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMC); speaker Pr. David Nuottila, topic is "Martin Luther"

Session 2: 4:00 PM Sunday April 30, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker Pr. Carl Haynes, topic is "The Two Kingdoms"

Session 3: 4:00 PM Sunday June 25, 2017 at Union Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker Pr. D.J. Lura, topic is "Theology of the Cross"

Session 4: 4:00 PM Sunday August 27, 2017 at Christiana Lutheran Church (NALC); speaker Pr. Carlin Ours, topic is "Impact of Reformation on the World"

Session 5: Joint Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: 4:00 PM Sunday October 29, 2017 at Organ Lutheran Church (LCMC / NALC); guest speaker is Pr. Mark Ryman

The first four sessions will include a brief evening prayer service with 3-5 Lutheran hymns selected by the host congregation. Following the speaker's message, refreshments will be served as a fellowship opportunity.

The Joint Reformation Sunday event will include a full worship service with the Lord's Supper celebrated. There will be a combined choir from the participating congregations. Pr. Mark Ryman will provide the evening's message and refreshments will follow for additional fellowship.

Come worship with us for a laity refresher perspective on what the Reformation has meant to Lutheran Christians. A Nursery will be available for little children during each of the five services. Questions about these services may be directed to any of the four pastors serving as session speakers. This would be an excellent learning opportunity for everyone, especially confirmation students and new or prospective congregational members.