



*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

## August Scripture Lessons

### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-6  
Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 14

Jeremiah 23:16-29  
Psalm 119:81-88  
Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3  
Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 21

Isaiah 66:18-23  
Psalm 50:1-15  
Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)  
Luke 13:22-30

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 28

Proverbs 25:2-10  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-15  
Luke 16:19-31



A special meeting of the congregation will take place at **10:30 a.m. on August 7, 2022 in the sanctuary** of Christiana Lutheran Church. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a motion from the church council to establish the Pastor Call Committee comprised of the following six members: Dale Beaver, Charlotte Pacilio, Brittney Ritchie, Cam Ritchie, Jason Smith, and David Preslar as chairman. Richard Crouch will serve on the committee as ex officio. There will be no other business at this meeting.



## August Worship Leaders

August 7 David Preslar  
 August 14 Rev. Gary Coble  
 (communion)  
 August 21 Rev. George Rhyne  
 August 28 Haiti Mission Sunday

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

First, we give of ourselves.

“Giving in Grace” is the center point of stewardship. This is the reason for giving. OUR gifts are joyfully given so our church can grow and serve all people.

How can we receive the blessings of GOD? We acknowledge that all is from GOD. GOD’s grace is free and undeserved.

This is done in delight for all that GOD has done for us through Christ.

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### August Children’s Sermon Part 2 Leaders

**Aug. 7** Debbie & Eddie Eller  
**Aug. 14** Charlotte Pacilio & Tara Beaver  
**Aug. 21** Diane Smith & April Smith  
**Aug. 28** Laurie Ritchie & Laura Ritchie

### August Worship Support

**Reader:** Marsha Beaver  
**Usher:** Brian Barringer  
**Greeters:** Jenny Roberts, Ron & Wanda Smith  
**Communion Assistants:** Karen Goodman & Dale Beaver  
**Sound:** Terry Ritchie  
**Lock Up:** Laura Ritchie  
**Altar Guild:** Marlene Pethel, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Angie & Syler Hayes

### July Attendance

**July 3**  
 Worship: 92  
 Sunday School: 41  
**July 10**  
 Worship: 88  
 Sunday School: 52  
**July 17**  
 Worship: 90  
 Sunday School: 55  
**July 24**  
 Worship: 87  
 Sunday School: no report

## August Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Harold Morris       | 20 Ben Lyerly      |
| 3 Joy Bernhardt       | 21 Rebecca Kopley  |
| 4 Jackson Pryor       | 22 Mike Merrell    |
| 5 Drew Pethel         | 22 Lindsay Wright  |
| 7 Abby Cozart         | 25 Louise Crowther |
| 10 Angie Hayes        | 25 Marsha Beaver   |
| 12 Scott Hayes        | 27 Sandra Cross    |
| 12 Mike Keene         | 28 Dale Beaver     |
| 12 Dee Smith          | 30 Joe Haas        |
| 17 Barbara Crouch     |                    |
| 18 Diane Smith        |                    |
| 19 Zelia Frick        |                    |
| 19 Brian Cross        |                    |
| 19 Caidee Hawkins     |                    |
| 20 Claude Lingle, Jr. |                    |



Altar Flowers

**Aug. 7** Debbie Eller  
**Aug. 14** Wendi Hawkins  
**Aug. 21**  
**Aug. 28** Jenny & Charles Roberts

## **Philippians 4:6-7 ESV**

*[6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

The Prayer Team has experienced an amazing July. We welcomed new team members Onetia Bruce, Harry Agner & Eileen Full and have room for more! Call Jim or Linda to join the team.

Of course we were asked to pray for our prospective pastor and we are doing that individually and together on a weekly basis. But that is just part of our commitment.

Each month we all meet in person to pray together and discuss our concerns.  
. We pray for our folks and friends on our three prayer lists, the sick, the military and the missionaries.

. We pray for our leaders and staff and members.

. We pray for all of our great committees that are so active as well as our new Call Committee.

. We pray for other needs as they arise.

What can the congregation do???? PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!!!!

Whether you are on the transitional team or not, please join us as we daily pray for our new pastor, whoever they may be. Join in on the excitement.

Consider being an active member of our team. The more the merrier! Our next meeting is August 11th at 6 p.m. in the Smith Assembly Hall and a light meal will be served.

God is so good and He wants us to bind together and pray for His choice for us.

Jim and Linda Duncan, team leaders



## **Christ's hands**

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ “has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform.”

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

*Christ has no body but yours;*

*no hands, no feet on earth but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.*

*Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

*Christ has no body now but yours.*



## Prayer concerns:

Cardell Gibson, shingles. Barbara Crouch, upcoming heart valve replacement. Voight Basinger, COVID; recovering at home from facial surgery. Katie Sease, emergency appendectomy. Angie Fleming, recovering at home from colon surgery and COVID. Jeff Fleming, recovered from COVID. Bonnie Sechler, infusions treatments. J Wood, beginning rehab. Glenn Wall, hormone therapy & radiation scheduled; COVID. Kay Abernathy, at home. Don & Rose Dedmon, room D4, The Laurels of Salisbury. Dee Smith, kidney issues. Kathy Haynes' sister Karen Smith, chemo treatments. Mike Carscaddon, at home in Hospice care. Vaughn Hatley continuing immunotherapy. Patti Holshouser, Ann Meacham, Cardell Gibson at TOHAR. Kathie Albright, pain from spinal stenosis and osteoarthritis; her friend Maxine Campbell, multiple health issues.



## Mailing and e-mail addresses needed for college students

Christiana supports its college students by keeping them informed of the church's events so they will know they are still an important part of their church family while away in school. Please send mailing and e-mail addresses to the church office ASAP to:  
[christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com](mailto:christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com)  
or call 704-279-4655.

## Remember those in nursing homes

**Autumn Care**  
Joe Haas

**Liberty Commons:**  
Elizabeth Ritchie

**The Laurels of Salisbury**  
Don & Rose Dedmon

**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:**  
Cardell Gibson  
Patti Holshouser  
Ann Meacham



# LCW August meetings

## Miss Katherine Lyerly Group

will meet on Tuesday  
August 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the  
Smith Assembly Hall  
Jan Pruette is program leader.

## Sister Lucille Lyerly Group

will meet on August 7 immediately  
following worship for a covered dish pool  
party at the home of LaVaughn Beaver.

*The church is in need of a volunteer* to  
serve as the American  
Red Cross blood drive  
contact for the rest of  
the year.

As of now, there is no  
one to serve as contact  
and no one signed up to help with blood  
drives on the latest Time & Talent sheets.



If you are interested in  
playing Handbells,  
please meet in the choir  
room on Sunday, Au-  
gust 21 at 5:15 pm.



# Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully,  
it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



*Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and  
circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order  
below to complete the verses.*

	Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_\_e, j\_\_ \_\_, pea\_\_e,  
pa\_\_ie\_\_ce, \_\_ind\_\_ess, go\_\_dne\_\_s,  
fait\_\_ful\_\_ess, gen\_\_leness, sel\_\_-cont\_\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

## Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old  
Testament do people cross a  
body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2)

## CRS plans outing

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will gather for lunch at Johnny's Restaurant in Rockwell on Tuesday, August 9 at noon. All are invited to come together for food and fellowship!



*Calling All Seniors!*

## Blessing of book bags set

On Sunday August 7, Christiana will have the annual blessing of the book bags. All students and teachers are invited to bring their book bags to worship for a blessing.



## Christiana Lutheran Congregational Meeting Notes

**Meeting:** Called Church Congregational Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Number of Members Present:** 73

### Presenters:

Richard Crouch, President

Jason Smith, Vice-President

### Congregational Speakers:

None

### Items of Business:

Called to order by Richard Crouch, President.

Moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous congregational meeting.

Purpose of the called congregational meeting is to vote to make repairs to the Carillion system.

The follow motion comes from the council to approve repairing of the Carillion system at a cost of \$6,050.00.

This system will allow for the bells to ring and chime hymns. The current wiring was checked to ensure it was functional. The part that needs to be replaced is the computer system that controls the system. A large part of the cost is the copyrighting of the songs.

Paul Kluttz Jr. has donated the entire amount to the glory of God in honor of his parents and sister.

The congregation no longer needs to approve the motion.

The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie  
Council Secretary

**Christiana Council Minutes  
July 10, 2022**

**Present**

Richard Crouch, Pres.	Laurie Ritchie, Treas.	Todd Koontz	Eddie Eller	Earlene Ritchie
Jason Smith, VP	Tony Hawkins	Kevan Barringer	Karen Goodman	Robbie Robinson
Laura Ritchie, Sec.	Harry Agner	Charlotte Pacilio	Brittney Ritchie	

**Absent**

Jeff Fleming

**Items of Business:**

June Meeting Minutes

Council approved as presented.

June Treasurers Report:

June Envelope Income: \$3,667.99  
Total June Income: \$3,948.41  
YTD Envelope: \$3,254.67  
YTD Total Income: \$2,188.05  
Total June Expense: \$1,491.74  
YTD Total Expense: \$18,392.85  
Cash on Hand: \$51,155.57  
Cash on Hand Money Market: \$100,000.00  
Designated Funds:

Interest earned \$24.96  
June contributions to BTB were \$535.00

Expense Notes:

Pastors Retirement Party \$2,008.23  
Preschool Budget money \$3,000.00  
Council approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Attendance is up despite the absence of a pastor.  
Discussed options for where interim pastor would possibly live.  
In August, the committee will be preparing the budget for next year (any committees need to let them know of changes in budget prior to that time).

Christian Ed:

Vacation Bible School coming up on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Property:

The Carillion system was inspected to make sure everything was ok other than the part to be replaced.

Social Ministry:

Baby Bottle campaign was overly successful at more than \$2,000.00.

Evangelism:

Anxious for Nothing Devotional Booklet is in the works and they are hoping to reach 30 or above entries.  
They are currently at 20. Plan to publish them as a daily email or a week of messages. They will print some paper copies for those without email.

Landscape:

Kevan Barringer continues to do voluntary work around the church to keep it looking beautiful.

Membership Review:

We have had quite a few visitors in the past few weeks most of which were family members of members of the congregation.  
Richard Crouch will remind the congregation to fill out the pew pads each week.

Nehemiah Group:

Had a meeting Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to recap on procedures and policies.

Examined different insurance options.  
Will be scheduling a training with Sergeant Philips for the spring.  
Will be present during VBS.

LCW – SL Group:

Will have a packing party at Rowan Helping Ministries.  
Starting to work on the blessings box ministry.  
Planning to purchase large print bibles for NALC Disaster Relief.

LCW - MKL Group:

Met two times in April:

Made cookies for Father's Day to give out to the congregation.  
Sent out cards to shut-ins for Father's Day, Get Well, etc.  
Donated \$100.00 for Baby Bottle Campaign.  
Made deserts for veterans' meal.  
Collected cans for noisy offering for teachers in the church (they are bright orange cans like school buses).

CLM:

13 people signed up for the men's fishing trip.

CRS:

Met at Cracker Barrel for meal with 10 people.  
Next meeting TBD.

Youth:

Youth Committee will have a meeting late July to plan youth events for our youth over the next few months. The goal is to provide at least one event for our youth each month to keep them active during the transition. A calendar of these events will be provided to the congregation following the meeting.

Bus:

The softball league had some trouble with the belts on the bus. Scott Lowry tuned it up and it is back in service now.

Prayerful Considerations:

**Transition Call Process Update:** We are currently putting together a call committee. Pastor Reid wants to come meet with the council and the call committee next month to provide information. The Pastor Care and Transition Team (PCAT) team will set a date to come to the church and poll us to make a profile for us that will be used by the call committee in the search for a pastor. The mission district and NALC will be very supportive and active throughout the process.

**Supply Pastor Plan Update:** We will eventually hire an interim pastor for a period of time during the call process. Richard Crouch has spoken with a possible candidate who is booked to come on September 4<sup>th</sup> to preach. We will have a called council meeting after the service to discuss his potential as an interim.

**Sound System Concern:** We have had several complaints about not being able to hear in church and on Facebook live. We had previously planned to wait for a new pastor's input, but it has gotten progressively worse. After doing a diagnostic on it, there is not much left we can do with the system we have at this time. In order to improve the sound, we need to rework some of the speaker structuring to improve the experiences for both in-person and Facebook Live viewing. The suggestion is to begin investigating options for updating and choosing a system that is expandable. The council also encouraged requesting the input of the sound system operators prior to making any decisions about it. It is next focus on the Brighten the Beacon project list.

**Facebook Live Team:** We need someone who can head up the Facebook Live team. We now have to have a page editor/administrator to record the service and post it. We have a phone to do it with but will need someone to login on it. Tony Hawkins will work on solutions.

**August Lock-Up, Devotions, & Closing Prayer:** Month of August is Brittney Ritchie.

Next council meeting: **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie  
Council Secretary



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

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Council Vice-President: Jason Smith  
Council Secretary: Laura Ritchie

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

Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
Sundays, 4 p.m.

Handbell Choir  
Marsha Beaver, Director  
On break



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### To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Jenny Thomas by Patricia & Kaitlin Christiana Pena.

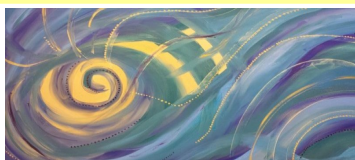
In memory of Helen Kiker by Harriet Lyerly and Robin Agner

### To the new Carillon System

In memory of his parents, Paul Lee Kluttz and Erma Kluttz and sister Helen Kluttz Kiker, by Paul Kluttz.

### To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of her great aunt, uncle, and their son: Murry, Catherine, and Phillip Trexler and their Faith family 4th by Mark and Kathie Albright



# Rediscover Church

There is no rest for any of us.

When you pray, it's more important than medication.

This is the time for the church to be the church. The church is our hope for tomorrow. Then we will be totally different people! We will be reminded that Jesus loves all of us.

Remember, we are not alone. GOD is with us and our hearts are connected.

We are people who want to be loved.

Let us praise GOD, for the church is where you will find all your answers.