



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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An NALC Congregation that is Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded & Congregationally Focused

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, 10:30 am, April 10
Procession with Palms
Holy Communion

Evening Vespers Service 5pm
Jesus and the Holy Spirit and the Father
John Chapters 13/14

Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm, April 14

Good Friday
7:00 pm, April 15

Easter Sunrise
6:30 am, April 17
Breakfast following

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 17
9:15 am Sunday School
9:20 am Children's Easter Program
10:30 am Worship
Liturgy with Holy Communion
Concludes with singing of
The Hallelujah Chorus



Let's clean our church!
April 2
9am-12pm



Jesus is coming to Christiana Easter morning!
We want to present him with a clean house.

We want to clean the entire building groups that day.
I know you are going to work or shopping, so why not come and help us clean God's house?

Bring your supplies and let's get the job done!

A light lunch will be served at 12 noon.

Called Congregational Meeting set for April 3

There will be a called congregational meeting April 3, 2022 in the church Sanctuary at 10:20am for the purpose of voting on startup funds of \$5500 for the Christiana Preschool. The money is to come from undesignated funds.

The current director, Stacey Evans, is retiring at the end of this school year and Laurie Ritchie will become the new director of a new pre-school which will operate under the auspices of the church. This was approved by Council at its March meeting.

See Laurie's letter on page 4 of this newsletter.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

You say to yourself: It's winter; you can't plant anything now. Jesus tells us to love our neighbor. Well, who *is* our neighbor? It's anyone who comes into our life that needs our help.

Sounds easy. It IS easy because Jesus has shown us how to love others as he loves us. Jesus puts *us* first. You say, "I can't put others ahead of myself." Just ask Jesus to show you how to love as he has loved you!

Plant the seed of love and watch your garden grow.

You can't out-give Jesus; he loves you!

As members of Christiana Lutheran Church, we are here to plant the seed of stewardship.

I told you that the word seed was anything that produces more.

We are given all we have in life. He created us to provide for one another.

He places us to hear the word as well. He gives his word to us by faith. We are to take care of it, use it, and share it for the good of others.

But what about you—me. GOD still expects an offering. GOD is concerned about the one who makes the offering.

We would say stewardship is defined as 'all we have is a gift from GOD.'

Those Who Serve in April

Reader: Vickie Keene

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Mike Keene & Madeline Zieverink

Sound: Terry Ritchie

Lock Up: Charlotte Pacilio

Altar Guild: Marlene Pethel, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Angie & Syler Hayes

Last Month's Attendance

March 6

Sunday School: 55

Worship: No attendance reported

March 13

Sunday School: 45

Worship: 85

March 20

Sunday School: 53

Worship: 93

April Birthdays

3 David Apple	15 David Preslar
5 Gabriel Honeycutt	15 Don Smith
5 Melody Riddle	17 LaVaughn Beaver
8 Stella Kluttz	17 Laurie Ritchie
9 Robert Barringer	18 Linda Crouch
9 Abegail Thompson	18 Brandy Madison
10 Betty Hatley	19 Syler Hayes
10 Betty Weant	20 Kathy Haynes
10 Cam Ritchie	23 Doris Ritchie
10 April Smith	24 Leanne Kluttz
11 Onetia Bruce	24 Scott Lowry
12 Emmett Shank	25 Joyce Cavanagh –Wood
14 Terry Ritchie	26 Chris Fleming

Happy
Birthday!

April Altar Flowers

Apr. 3 *Lent, no flowers*

Apr. 10 *Lent, no flowers*

Apr. 17 Earlene & Brittney Ritchie

Apr. 24 *Flowers needed, contact Vickie Keene*





The One Constant

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever.”
Hebrews 13:8

Thirty years. It’s a long time. It’s a blink-of-an-eye. Where has the time gone since January 1992? I have been your pastor since then. For some of you, I’m the only pastor you have ever known. I held you in my arms and baptized you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I’ve watched you grow from infants into faithful young adults. Others of you were young adults, who like me, are now retirement age. And still others of you were the age I am now, but have gracefully matured into senior saints.

Through the years I prayed that I would preach to you the truth of God’s Word. I prayed that through my preaching and teaching we would grow together and mature in our faith in God and his Word and doing his will. Then when the day came that my call here as your pastor would end, you would be prepared to continue in faith to do God’s will, his work, his mission.

That time is drawing near and I am confident that you will do just that. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in this congregation. We have strong leaders who are faithful disciples of Jesus, who seek to know and do his will. Led by the Spirit, they will lead you in the time that follows into a new day in the life of this congregation. After a period of time you will be ready to call a new pastor and begin a new chapter in ministry.

This person, (whom God already knows) will not be Pastor Carl, (be thankful) they will be their own person who will preach and teach God’s word and under whose leadership you will continue to grow and mature in faith and mission. Give them your complete support and willingness to work with them for the good of the Kingdom of God.

Remember, while change is not always easy and your next pastor will not do things the way I did, the one constant throughout all of this is Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13:8 reads: *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* In that regard nothing will change after I am gone. You see, I was called here for a period of ministry, but Jesus Christ is forever. He is your rock, your cornerstone, your Savior, your salvation.

Like John the Baptist, I only pointed to Christ. My task was to make him known that we might know him and serve him. This congregation has a lot of wonderful ministries in place—opportunities through which you serve our Lord Jesus by serving the needs of others. You will continue to do that. There are good Sunday School teachers in place who faithfully teach God’s Word. You will, however, need to get someone else to teach the children in the Nursery Class. I’m praying that God will lay that on the heart of one of you, that these precious children will continue to be taught the love of God through his Word.

Remember, 1 Corinthians 12:3 tells us “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ without the Holy Spirit.” If you believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior you have the Holy Spirit. So trust him to guide and direct you as individuals in your faith, but more importantly together as a congregation that is a part of the one holy, Christian Church. Believing that, there is nothing you cannot continue to do in Jesus’ name and for his sake.

Remember also Psalm 37:4 “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” To delight oneself in the Lord is pursue him rather than pursuing the things you desire. If you delight in God he will give you the desires of your heart. If, as a congregation, your desire is for a pastor who is a godly man or woman, who will preach and teach God’s word rightly, then delight yourself in God, seek him with all your heart, mind and soul; love him, worship him, praise and thank him and trust him to grant that desire.

Pastor Carl

To My Christiana Church Family,

I am super excited to share with you the opportunity that Christiana has to gain a new ministry of outreach. Stacey Evans is the current director of Christiana Preschool. She is retiring at the end of this school year. Most of you know my education began in Early



Childhood Education. I have always had a special place in my heart for all children. I have presented a proposal to Council to allow me to become the director of Christiana Preschool and bring this program under the church. Council reviewed the proposal and voted unanimously to approve the plan. They are now sending this before the congregation to ask for your approval to proceed. The proposal has been mailed and emailed to the congregation. Below is the mission statement of the preschool proposal.

Mission Statement/Purpose

Christiana Preschool Program (CPP) will be a Christian based learning environment for children ages 2-4 years old.

It is the intention of CPP to provide a safe, caring, learning environment for children. Our program will be comprehensive in many areas of early childhood learning. This includes curriculum that will develop your child in key areas of early development. CPP will help your child develop creative skills, language/communication skills, relationship building, social and emotional development, movement and physical development and cognitive skills, such as learning, critical thinking, music, and problem-solving. Additionally, the program will share and teach the children about Jesus and the love he has for us.

I proposed that the preschool continue to operate with the current hours, and age groups for the coming year. There will not be a change in the cost to the parents at this time.

The Director will be responsible for day to day operations of the program, budgeting, payroll, supply purchasing, communications to parents, and staffing of the classrooms. We will hire 2 lead teachers and 2 assistant teachers.

Why should the church support this program?

This will be a Christian based program. It is our hope to teach these children at an early age the importance of learning about the love of Jesus Christ and connect them to a church.

We hope to integrate some of the programs into the church service in an effort to expose parents to the church service.

This program will be an outreach to the community. If this program no longer continues, there will be only 2 other options for preschool in the East Rowan area.

This is a program that may also attract a Youth Director that could potentially handle this program along with the youth program.

Potential for new members.

Church members' children will have priority registration and reduced tuition.

Will make parents aware of programs of Christiana, such as youth programs, events, and VBS.

I am hoping and asking that my Church family support and pray for this opportunity to minister to these children and their families. Children are our future and any opportunity to provide them with a loving, caring, safe, learning environment is critical to their wellbeing.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Sincerely,
Laurie Ritchie

Spur-of-the Moment Nursery Volunteers Needed

One Sunday we had a family come to worship with two small children. They requested directions to the nursery. We had to tell them there wasn't one. They left.

Currently we have no need for a nursery from among our members, therefore no nursery. Council is making the plea for several members who would be willing, on the spur of the moment, to staff the nursery. We would have to have two volunteers each time. If you are willing to help us out in this manner so we do not have another young family leave, please contact Ann in the church office and give her your name.



Your name will be given to the Head Usher, who would then know who to ask in the event someone shows up requesting the nursery for their child.

LCW April Events

Miss Katherine Lyerly Group will meet
in the Smith Assembly Hall on **April 5** at 10 a.m.
with Jenny Roberts program leader.

Members should bring items for bags for children at
Family Crisis Council of Rowan County

Sister Lucille Group will meet in the
Smith Assembly Hall on **April 5** at 7 p.m.
with Karen Goodman, hostess and program leader

RHM Packing Party is April 11 at 5:30 p.m.



*Together Let's Honor and Celebrate
The Retirement of Our Pastor
Carl M. Haynes and his wife Kathy*

*at the Worship Service on
Sunday, June 5th 2022, 10:30 a.m.*

*Reception following the service
in the Fellowship Hall*

*Christiana Lutheran Church
6190 U.S. 52 Highway
Salisbury, NC 28146*

Remember those in Nursing Homes

Autumn Care
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks:
Cardell Gibson
Patti Holshouser
Ann Meacham



**Christiana Council Minutes
March 13, 2022**

Present:	Laura Ritchie, Sec.	Robbie Robinson	Jeff Fleming	Absent:
Richard Crouch, Pres.	Earlene Ritchie	Karen Goodman	Todd Koontz	Tony Hawkins
Jason Smith, VP	Eddie Eller	Pastor Carl Haynes	Brittney Ritchie	
Laurie Ritchie, Treas.	Harry Agner	Charlotte Pacilio		

Items of Business:

February Meeting Minutes: Council Approved.

Called Council Meeting minutes on February 27th after church: Council Approved.

Treasurers Report: Council Approved.

February Envelope Income: **\$19,298.24**

Total February Income: **\$19,577.84**

YTD Envelope: **\$50,536.11**

YTD Total Income: **\$51,490.71**

Cash on Hand: \$56,213.91

Designated Funds:

Brighten the Beacon February donations: \$285.00

Received a Thrivent Grant of \$668.00 from Thrivent for having loyal members in the Thrivent Choice Program

Expense Notes:

Phone tree increase is going up 4/1/22 from \$50.00 to \$67.00 monthly

The trash company Benefield is increasing or trash pick-up fee \$10.00 per month

Report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report: Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Received a proposition for operating our own daycare/preschool (see below for further details)

Social Ministry:

Serving a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries for anyone who wants to volunteer to contact Linda Crouch.

Evangelism:

Recently had a meeting to discuss plans for the year.

Blessing Bags donations for the rest of the lent.

Will have a packing party after the last Lenten meal.

Will possibly have members do a devotional book again.

Fellowship:

Met and planned meals for the Lenten services.

Reviewed the membership roster.

Landscape:

Church Clean-Up Workday planned for April 2nd from 9:00 – 12:00.

Membership Review:

Only had two visitors this past month.

Council members are encouraged to send cards and make calls to members who have not been here in a while just to make sure they know we are thinking of them.

The pew pad usage is low and needs to be promoted.

Concern was brought up that visitors were present, and they had to leave due to not having a nursery.

Discussed having a protocol to have a number of church members to volunteer to staff the nursery as needed. The plan would be to have a list of attendants who can be notified when a nursery is needed and can go and staff it. A note will be placed in the bulletin to let families know to notify an usher if they need a nursery. The usher will let some of the attendants know.

Nehemiah Group:

Met at the range and worked with Sergeant Phillips to practice.

Brighten the Beacon:

Met and discussed changes in the kitchen in the fellowship hall = decided it was not necessary.

Discussed the change in the gift of money for outdoor furniture that was redirected to sponsor the TVs that are now in the fellowship hall.

Brighten the Beacon meal = only 31 people in attendance. The next meal will be the 3rd Tuesday in April (breakfast for dinner) instead of during Holy Week.

LCW – SL Group:

Packing party on Monday.

LCW - MKL Group:

Made flower eggs for the shut-ins, deserts for the veterans, and bags for the battered women's shelter for Easter.

CLM:

Fishing trip planned for the fall.

CRS:

Met at Olive Garden for a meal.

Requested a possible senior program that would include bible studies, special interest groups, speakers, games, etc. for the community as an outreach project. Council supported this.

Youth:

We hosted the monthly Luther League event two Sundays ago on February 27th from 4:30 – 6:30. We will had over 60 attendees who participated in a bible study session, Rowan Helping Ministries service project, team building activities, and a meal for our youth and youth from other surrounding NALC churches.

Bus:

Plan to extend the option for a member of the church to be a contact for the bus.

Motions from Stewardship Committee:

SON (Spiritual Orphans Network) that is a partner with the NALC that is operating in the Ukraine as a humanitarian support network. The recommendation is to contribute \$2,000 out of our undesignated funds to support this program. Council approved.

A recommendation was made to clean the inside of the church as well as unclutter the church of the unused furniture during clean-up day. The motion was made from the Property Committee to go ahead and purge unnecessary items. Council approved the recommendation.

The original funds donated to Mwuavi Ronald have become too difficult to manage. = A motion was made to redirect the funds to Haiti Missions and Chelsea Wheeler with Lizenbell Missions. Council approved the recommendation.

The director of the preschool has notified the church of her retirement. Laurie Ritchie has stepped up and offered to be the director of the program. This will be a ministry of the church that will include a Christian based curriculum. She presented a program proposal plan to council that it will work as a non-profit preschool due to the fact that it will be a church ministry. She requested that the preschool be added to the church liability insurance for up to \$1,200.00. There will be a need to purchase supplies, curriculum, and equipment. Stacey offered to leave everything to the church for \$2,500.00.

As a nonprofit, they will have to zero out the funds each year. The preschool will reimburse the church for use of electricity, supplies, equipment. The director will receive any remaining funds as a salary. There will need to be money upfronted from the church to cover the initial cost of start-up.

Request council to appropriate \$3,000.00 to start-up costs. An ongoing budget line item of \$5,000. Request 3 members of the church to act as board members to make decisions as needed.

A motion was made to approve and accept all details of the proposal and to take it to the church for a vote in three weeks. It was seconded. Council approved unanimously. A called congregational meeting was set for April 3rd.

Next council meeting: **April 10th at 8:00 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary

Meeting: Called Council Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 27th at 11:50 a.m.

Members Present:

Richard Crouch, President
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer
Earlene Ritchie
Eddie Eller

Jason Smith, Vice-President
Harry Agner
Robbie Robinson
Kevan Barringer

Laura Ritchie, Secretary
Tony Hawkins
Karen Goodman
Pastor Carl Haynes

Absent:

Jeff Fleming
Todd Koontz

Brittney Ritchie
Charlotte Pacilio

Items of Business:

After examining pricing for outdoor furniture for the fellowship hall, it was determined due to delays in shipping and supply that the money gift donated to the fellowship hall project would be redirected toward purchasing and installing four TVs in the new fellowship hall. The donor of this money was consulted and approved this decision.

Next Council Meeting: March 13th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

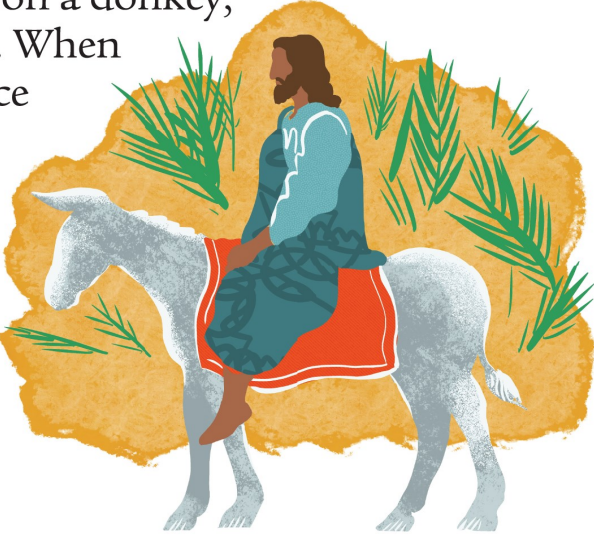
Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

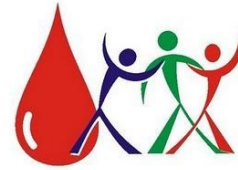


Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



SENIORS

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will meet for lunch at noon on Thursday, April 14 at the Faith Soda Shop.



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3
12:00- 4:30 P.M.
CHRISTIANA
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Gift and memorials received this month

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Jason, April & Jackson Smith by Dale & Marsha Beaver.

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Ralph Thomas and Steven Abernathy by Patricia & Kaitlin Pena

Thank you!

Easter Lily Order Form—Deadline to order is April 10

Orders for Easter Lilies are now being accepted. The cost is \$16.95 per plant and payment must accompany this order.

Name _____ Phone number: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

Given in Memory of:

By: _____

Given in Honor of:

By: _____

April Scripture Lessons

5th Sunday in Lent, April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
Luke 20:9-20

Palm Sunday, April 10

John 12:12-19
Deuteronomy 32:36-39
Psalm 118:19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-56

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 116:12-19
Hebrews 10:19-20
Luke 22:7-20

Good Friday, April 15

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Romans 5:8
John 19:17-30

Easter Sunrise, April 17

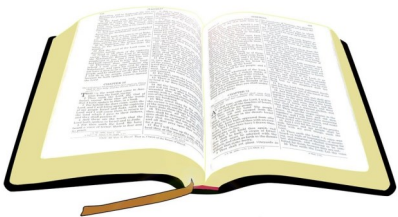
Job 19:23-27
Psalm 118:15-29
1 Corinthians 15:51-57
John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 17

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 16
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 & Hebrews 7:25
Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24

Acts 5:12-20
Psalm 148
Revelation 1:4-18
John 20:19-31



Prayer Concerns

Jackson Pryor, recovering from OP surgery.

Joe Koehn recovering from knee surgery.

Helen Kiker hospitalized with pulmonary fibrosis.

Kathy Haynes' sister Karen Smith, facing surgery to remove pancreatic tumor Mar. 21 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Bonnie Sechler recovering from broken leg.

Patti Holshouser, in room B-9 at TOHAR.

Woodrow Frick recovering at home from surgery to repair broken hip.

Kathie Albright, completed PT, but still in pain; her friend Maxine Campbell, 83, new fracture. Her friend, Marvin Leatherman, Parkinson's Disease.

Michael Carscaddon doing well, finished with chemo.

Vaughn Hatley taking immunotherapy treatments every 3 weeks.

Linda Crouch's sister, reconstruction surgery, awaiting corrective surgery.

Onetia Bruce in poor health.

Louise Crowther, shut-in; failing eyesight & balance.

Ann Meacham, at TOHAR.

Don & Rose Dedmon, poor health.

*Easter
Cantata*

“Emmanuel Has Come”

By Karla Worley

Presented by Christiana Chancel Choir
May 1, 2022 10:30 a.m.

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Mailed March 23, 2022

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

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Council Secretary: Laura Ritchie

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

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

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

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
3 p.m. Sundays

Kids' Puppet Team
Becky Morris, Director
3 p.m. Sundays



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Rediscover Church

Why is the church essential? Because that's where Christ is.

Do we really need to gather? The church gathering shapes a people. It tells the world we are citizens of heaven. What's going on over there, they wonder.

GOD has always meant for his people to be physically gathered with him. GOD gathered the people of Israel in the promised land and told them to assemble regularly at the temple where he dwelled.

Maybe you've never wondered why Jesus chose the word 'church.' We can answer this by looking backward and forward in the storyline of the Bible. Looking backward, we learn that it was Jesus who would assemble a people who had been scattered by exile. Looking forward, we see Jesus at these assemblies—these churches—to be where GOD would dwell with his people. GOD's place is with man.

The point is *not* that attending church makes you a Christian. The point is that attending church is what Christians do. And yet, we wonder. What goes missing when your church experience is nothing more than a weekly livestream? The Christian life and the church life cannot finally be downloaded. It must be watched, heard, stepped into and followed.

Yes, gathering with the church can be inconvenient, but so is love. Relationships are messy, but so is love. GOD wants us to be in his house. We should want it just as much.