



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

Congratulations Graduates

Graduates will be honored on May 22 during the 10:30 am worship service. If you will be a 2022 spring graduate or if you have graduated within the last 12 months, **please** contact the church office ASAP!!

On the 22nd, graduates are invited to don cap and gown and process as a group to their reserved seating.

Known Graduates:

Caylee Hawkins will graduate from Salisbury High School. Caylee will attend East Carolina University in the fall.

Emma Shank, will graduate from NC State University on May 7. She has a job with Marriot on Hilton Head Island.



Sunday in the Grove May 29

Sunday School as usual at 9:15am

Worship at 10:30am will be outside
(weather permitting)

**Bring your lawn chair
or blanket**

**Lunch will follow worship in
the Fellowship Hall**
**Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided by
Christiana Lutheran Men**
Please bring a dessert to share.



The oldest and youngest mothers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Mother's Day, May 8th. They will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Men's Bible Class.



Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Nursery attendants
- Worship service camera operator
- Worship service sound system operator
- Nursery age Sunday School teacher

Please see Pastor Carl or Terry Ritchie to volunteer.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

I have always wondered if the widow in Mark 12:41-44 heard what Jesus said about her. Did she ever come to know the Savior who had noticed her small act of faith? Whoever she was, putting her last coins in the offering box, she is an example for us.

We're told she offered all she had to live on. It makes me want to weep with shame for all the times I've fought against sharing just the tiniest bit of my overabundance of time, talent and treasure.

All she had. GOD gave us his all—Jesus—his only son. Jesus willingly offered up himself to death for us.

GOD doesn't ask for all we have—just a tenth. GOD just asks that we return a part of our gifts, our successes to him.

Give as you have been blessed. You can never give more than you have received.

Those Who Serve in May

Reader: Laura Ritchie

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistants: Terry Ritchie & Vickie-Agner Keene

Sound: Tony Hawkins

Lock Up: Harry Agner

Altar Guild: Debbie & Eddie Eller, Linda Crouch, Earlene & Brittney Ritchie

April Attendance

Apr. 3

Worship: 79

Sunday school: 50

Apr. 10

Worship: 90

Sunday school: 49

Apr. 17

Worship: 123

Sunday school: 54

Apr. 24

Worship: 95

Sunday school: 55

May Birthdays

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| 2 Clay Kirk | 18 Kevin Coffey, III |
| 2 Penelope Sease | 19 Stanton Cross |
| 3 Sandra McKenzie | 20 Gary Lingle |
| 3 Oretha Thompson | 21 Charlie Shank, Jr. |
| 4 Pat Burris | 23 Trish Kelsoe |
| 4 Paul Kluttz, Jr. | 24 Kimora Cooper |
| 5 Katherine Diaz | 26 Rhett Sease |
| 6 Robert Mead | 27 Kaitlin Peterson |
| 8 Jennifer Honeycutt | |
| 8 Jeffrey Scott | |
| 9 Michael Lowry | |
| 9 Charles Shank | |
| 16 Caroline Diaz | |
| 17 Charlotte Diaz | |
| 18 Voight Basinger | |



May 1 Kathy Haynes

May 8 Men's Bible Class
Pedestal 1: Kathie Albright
Pedestal 2: J Wood

May 15 Janet Allen

May 22 Becky Morris

May 29 Lynda Pethel



Altar Flowers



His Final Days

“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures...”

Luke 24:45

After Jesus rose from the dead, what did he do? How did he spend his time? We know from the Gospel accounts of the first day that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and some other women. We know he appeared to his disciples. We know he walked along the road to the village of Emmaus with Cleopas and another disciple. Twice in Luke’s account it is recorded that Jesus opened the minds of the disciples to understand what was written about him in the Scriptures.

The Scriptures Jesus used to instruct his disciples were what today is our Old Testament. These Scriptures, Jesus taught, point to him as the promised messiah. With his teaching complete Jesus reassured his disciples that the Holy Spirit would cause them to remember all he had taught them and empower them to be powerful witnesses of his resurrection. Jesus then instructed them to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

In Matthew’s and Mark’s accounts Jesus commissions the disciple to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age.”

Then, according to Luke’s gospel account, Jesus led them out to Bethany and blessed them, and while he was doing so, he ascended into heaven. “The *disciples* worship *Jesus* and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.”

In John’s gospel account, even before he was crucified, Jesus told his disciples he would be going away, but he would be sending the Holy Spirit upon them so he could be with them all the time regardless of where they were. So it is no surprise that after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples went back to Jerusalem joyfully. And it is no surprise that they were continually in the temple blessing God—because they finally understood. While Jesus would not be with them physically, he would be with them spiritually. Their minds had been opened by Jesus to understand the Scriptures. What a blessing!

Our time together is growing short. After June 5th I will no longer be your pastor. But I have, over the past 30 years, sought through working with the Holy Spirit in my teaching and preaching, to open your minds to the Scriptures. It has always been my goal in ministry to preach and teach the truth of God’s Word. God forgive me if I spoke or wrote anything that would mislead someone in the faith. My prayer for you is, that after I am gone, you will continue to read and study and teach and preach the Word of God to the disciples in this congregation, and to those outside this congregation as you seek to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples.

I pray that you will continue to joyfully gather for worship weekly regardless of who is leading the service and preaching. Nothing would sadden me more than to hear that people have quit coming to worship because I’m not the one leading worship. We do not come to worship for the pastor, we come solely for Jesus Christ. Jesus is the one who died for us, who lives for us, who saves us, forgives us, renews us and leads us. He is the one who speaks to us through the worship leaders. He is the one who nourishes our souls through his Body and Blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

Consequently, it is out of appreciation for all that Jesus does for us that we gather for worship, that we love him and one another, that we give our tithes of money, time and talents so that disciples are made, the needs of others served, and God is glorified.

I cannot begin to tell you how much each of you means to me. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you as your pastor. Now, with my leaving, do not despair. Just as Jesus promised to be with his first disciples, he promises to be with you. He will guide and direct you as a congregation in the days ahead so that you are empowered to continue to serve him and make a mighty witness in his name.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Carl



To the Memorial Fund in memory of Helen Kiker by Harold & Joy Mull

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Evean Miller Thomas, wife of Albert D Thomas, by Patricia and Kaitlin Christiana Thomas

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Helen Kiker by G.L. & Sandra Kluttz

CRS to travel to Gold Hill

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will meet at Mama T's Restaurant in Gold Hill on Thursday, May 12 at 12 noon. Everyone's invited!



LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. at the church. with Charlotte Pacilio, program leader

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on May 3 in the Smith Assembly Hall with Robin Adkins, program leader and Madeline Zieverink, hostess.

RHM Packing Party is Tuesday, May 9. at 5:30 p.m.

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- **All Christiana Scholarships** •
- **will be presented during the** •
- **10:30 a.m.** •
- **Sunday in the Grove** •
- **on May 29.** •
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PRAYER CONCERNS:

Don Dedmon recovering from surgery to repair broken hip. Dee Smith, treated for kidney issues at home. Gloria Cross, blood infection cleared up. Lynda Pethel, shortness of breath. Barbara Crouch home from Liberty Commons. Kathy Haynes' sister Karen Smith, chemo treatments. Michael Carscaddon doing well, finished with chemo. Vaughn Hatley continuing immunotherapy. Patti Holshouser, skilled care at TOHAR. Kathie Albright, still in pain; her friend Maxine Campbell, 83, new fracture; her friend, Marvin Leatherman, Parkinson's Disease. Onetia Bruce feeling better. Louise Crowther, shut-in at home; failing eyesight & balance. Ann Meacham, at TOHAR. Don & Rose Dedmon, poor health.

Our Sympathy to Paul Kluttz, Jr. and family at the death of his sister Helen Kiker.



Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2022

Present:

Richard Crouch, Pres. Pastor Carl Haynes
Jason Smith, VP Earlene Ritchie
Laurie Ritchie, Treas. Tony Hawkins
Laura Ritchie, Sec.

Also Present:

Brittney Ritchie Karen Goodman
Harry Agner Charlotte Pacilio
Jeff Fleming Robbie Robinson

Absent:

Todd Koontz
Eddie Eller
Kevan Barringer

Items of Business:

March Meeting Minutes: Council Approved.

Called Congregational Meeting Minutes on April 3rd after church: Council Approved.

Treasurers Report:

March Envelope Income: -\$3,809.99

Total Mach Income: -\$4,055.41

YTD Envelope: \$1,277.80

YTD Total Income: \$891.14

Cash on Hand: \$55,637.45

Designated Funds:

Brighten the Beacon March donations: \$345.00

Received another Thrivent Grant of choice dollars in a total of \$301.00.

Expense Notes:

There are three accounts with a negative balance. Stewardship made a motion to move funds from unbudgeted funds to cover these deficits:

Trunk or Treat: -\$601.75

Fellowship Hall Table & Chairs: -\$402.09

Easter Lilies/Poinsettias: -\$115.82

Council approves this motion to use a total of \$1,119.66 from unbudgeted funds to cover these costs.

Report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report:

Shout out to the Fellowship committee for doing the Lenten meals.

Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Giving was down this month compared to last year.

Discussed the Pastor's retirement party and approved a motion to be sent to council.

Christian Ed:

Met and planned to have a skit with a tomb for the kids and an Easter celebration during Sunday School.

Property:

Clean-up day was a success with 30+ people who donated time and had fellowship to make our church a beautiful place.

An object accidently flushed and Jason fixed the plumbing issue.

Worship:

Recommended Mary Haven for homecoming pastor on September 18th.

Sunday School that week we have the opportunity to have CTEN (Nigerian Mission Group) to speak on their ministries.

Social Ministry:

Recently served a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

Evangelism:

Will have a packing party for the blessing bags after the last Lenten meal. Goal is to pack 100 bags total with the supplies we have.

Plan to meet next month to discuss what is next.

Fellowship:

Planned and served Lenten meals following the services.

Membership Review:

Attendance at the worship service is holding up really well. Need to reiterate the importance of the completion of the pew pads for communion records.
Encouraged each member of council to reach out to members who have not been to church recently to let them know we are still thinking about them via card or phone call.

Cemetery:

Robert Meade and his son cleaned some tombstones in cemetery.

Brighten the Beacon:

Our next meal is Tuesday a week and we will have breakfast food at supper time. Encouraged council to invite other members and neighbors.

LCW – SL Group:

Packing party on Monday night for Rowan Helping Ministries.

LCW - MKL Group:

Provided drinks for the blood drive and drinks for the veteran meals.
Met and did some crafts and bunny gift bags for the children for Easter.
Made 20 drawstring backpack bags with crafts and religious content for the children at the Battered Women's shelter.
Picked up 18 cans of large vegetables for Jeannie's kitchen.
Plan to do a Mother's Day craft for all of the women of the church.
Next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd.

CLM:

They have a fishing trip planned for the fall and they excited for it.

CRS:

This month they are meeting on April 13th at Faith Soda Shop.
Next month is on May 12th at Mama T's in Gold Hill.

Youth:

We will be taking our middle schoolers to a regional Youth lock-in at Holy Trinity in Gastonia church from 8:00 p.m. Friday April 29th – 8:00 a.m. Saturday April 30th.
The Luther League is also planning to host another Easter event on the Sunday following Easter weekend.

Prayerful Considerations:

Camera Equipment for Facebook Live: We would like to revamp the Facebook live streaming program by setting a designated amount of money to spend to ensure that we have a piece of equipment that is dedicated to Facebook live. It would stay at the church and could be used to broadcast other church events. The camera that was bought at the beginning of the pandemic was not effective due to the internet signal we had at the time. We would also need to buy a laptop to go with it. In contrast, this proposed device is designed to be more mobile and user friendly. We will need a plan in place one way or another because we will not have the use of Pastor Carl's cell phone after June 5th. The plan is to bring some options for consideration to council next meeting.

Pastor Carl's Retirement Party: The committee in charge of planning a retirement party for Pastor Carl on June 5th following the service presented a plan for \$4,100.00 from unbudgeted funds to cover the costs of the party to Stewardship. This was made as a motion to the council. Council approved.

Blood Drive Future Sponsors: We need to make a plan and find new sponsors in order for this to be a continued program at Christiana.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary

Baby Bottle Campaign announced

The baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Support Center will begin on Mother's Day, May 8th, and end on Father's Day, June 19th. Bottles will be available in the elevator lobby for you to pick up. The Center also has a need for various items for baby and mother. A detailed item list and more information regarding the campaign will be provided in the church bulletins and weekly updates. Please be in prayer as to how the Lord will lead you to give to this awesome organization.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14.

Carolinas Mission Region Spring Mission-Fellowship Event

**Saturday, May 21, 2022
noon - 2:30 p.m.**

Advent Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain
230 Oak Grove Rd. Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship with fellow Christians from all over the Carolinas!

At this event we will: assemble Health/Hygiene Kits for NALC Disaster Response; hear from Disaster Response Coordinator, Mary Bates, about how the NALC offers help and hope following disasters; dedicate the kits we assemble; enjoy lunch provided by the folks of Advent (If you have strict dietary restrictions, please bring a bag lunch) and have a great time serving the Lord! All ages are welcome to participate!

This is an outdoor event, so bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, bug spray, and sunblock. If we have enough people going we will take the bus. Meet at the church at 10:15am to leave by 10:30am. Call Pastor Carl if you plan to go.



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
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Rediscover Church

Don't you want to be where GOD is? The GOD we serve is an exciting, creative person. Ours is the GOD who spoke the universe into existence. He's the one who shaped the animals; created a donkey that could speak; a fish that could swallow a man, a flock or ravens that could feed a prophet!

He is the GOD who sweeps his hand across the sky, turning it into a crimson blaze of glory. He's the one who can switch on volcanoes, send meteors hurling through space.

He is the GOD who sent Moses to Egypt to turn the Nile into blood, to send plagues across the land, to deliver His people by splitting the Red Sea.

He is the GOD who flung fire from heaven in response to Elijah's prayers, answered Job out of the whirlwind, delivered Daniel from the lions and caused the sun and moon to stand still for Joshua.

Can you imagine a day with the Savior who raised the dead, healed the lepers, overturned the tables of the temple, walked across the sea, fed 5,000 people with a few fish and loaves of bread?

If you are looking for someone like them, then you can find them at our/your church.

Don't miss out! Think how much better your life can be if you spend more time at church with them.

Brighten the Beacon Meal is Tuesday May 10

The next Brighten the Beacon Meal will be on Tuesday, May 10th from 5:30 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 8pm. Sign up for the time slot when you purchase your tickets. The place will be the Rockwell Café because of the menu.

Harry Agner will be frying up his famous Chicken Shack batter dipped chicken and fries which requires a deep fryer that we don't have. The menu will also include: slaw, green beans and dessert.

Tickets are \$10 each. See Harry Agner to purchase yours.

May Scripture Lessons

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 1

Acts 9:1-22
Psalm 116:1-14
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35

4th Sunday of Easter, May 8

Acts 20:17-35
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

5th Sunday of Easter, May 15

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-7
John 16:12-22

6th Sunday of Easter, May 22

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27
John 16:23-33

7th Sunday of Easter, May 29

Acts 1:12-26
Psalm 133
Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20
John 17:20-26

Remember those in nursing homes

Autumn Care
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks:
Cardell Gibson
Patti Holshouser
Ann Meacham



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

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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
4 p.m. Sundays



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Meeting: Called Church Congregational Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 3rd 2022, at 10:20 a.m.

Presenters:

Richard Crouch, President
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer & New Preschool Director

Congregational Speakers:

None

Items of Business:

The meeting was called to order by Richard Crouch, President.

The congregation moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

The purpose of the called congregational meeting is to vote to approve the motion from Council to appropriate funds for the start-up of a new Christiana Preschool Program.

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 and to operate it as 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 (the previous director) offered to leave everything to the church for \$2,500.00.

She also requested council to appropriate \$3,000.00 to start-up costs.

She would like to have 3 members of the church to act as board members to help make decisions as needed.

A motion from council was made to approve a total of \$5,500.00 as start-up costs for the new Christiana preschool.

It was seconded. The church approved it unanimously.

The meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie