

*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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## Bits of History from Christiana's First 150 Years

- \* Above the altar in the first church building (1871-1898), there were two paintings on the wall. One was an open Bible. The other was God's Watchful Eye--a German tradition.
- \* Since 1918, Christiana has had a full-time pastor. From 1871-1918, Christiana shared pastors with other local Lutheran churches.
- \* In 1925, Christiana's Sunday School had an enrollment of 243. Average attendance was 209. 44 members had Perfect Attendance.
- \* The first parsonage was built in 1931 at a cost of \$4,000.
- \* The second parsonage was built in 1976 at a cost of \$40,000.
- \* On January 24, 1971, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Christiana was celebrated at the morning worship service and at a luncheon after worship. For the Centennial Celebration, the Garden of Prayer and a beautiful memorial statue was placed on the location of the previous church building.

## Evening Lenten Service Schedule

*All services will be livestreamed on  
Facebook, no in person worship in Sanctuary*

### **Theme: Return to the Lord Your God**

*from Joel 2:13*

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 pm  
A Call to Return

1st Sunday in Lent, Feb. 21, 5:00 pm  
Return to Prayer

2nd Sunday in Lent, Feb. 29, 5:00 pm  
Return from Betrayal

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 7, 5:00 pm  
Return from False Witness

4th Sunday in Lent, March 14, 5:00 pm  
Return from Denial

5th Sunday in Lent, March 21, 5:00 pm  
Return to the Kingdom of God

### **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm  
Return to the Table

Good Friday 7:00 pm  
Return to the Truth

## Souper Bowl set for Feb. 7

It's time for Souper Bowl Sunday. On February 7<sup>th</sup> funds will be collected for the food pantry at Rowan Helping Ministries. Collections will be taken at the end of the service in 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 7<sup>th</sup> a "Souper Sunday" at Christiana!



# STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There is something good you can do today.

There are some things you can do better than anyone else.

Sometimes I have to stop myself to truly realize the impact of our lives and that our obligation is to GOD. I then think: does GOD want a giver of money? A giver of time? A giver of love? I believe the answer to all these questions is YES.

“Plant the Seed of Stewardship in your Heart.”

Jesus is our Savior. He will get us through and he never lets us down.

## January Attendance

### January 3

Sunday School: 38  
Worship: 74

### January 10

Sunday School: 45  
Worship: 68

### January 17

Sunday School: 42  
Worship: 70

### January 24

Sunday School: 40  
Worship: 71

## Those Who Serve in February

### Nursery Attendants

**Feb. 7** Emily Barnes & Laura Ritchie

**Feb. 14** Leanne & Jason Kluttz

**Feb. 21** Susan & Kevin Holland

**Feb. 28** Chris & Katie Sease

Reader: Vickie Keene

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Karen Goodman

Sound: Mike Keene

Lock Up: Eddie Eller

Altar Guild: Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt, Judy Stoner, Emily Barnes, Suzanna Roth-Tubman



## February Birthdays

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 Rick Roper        | 20 Eric Reavis   |
| 2 Emma Scott        | 21 Judy Stoner   |
| 3 Chloe Shank       | 25 Tommy Burris  |
| 5 Sierra Braun      | 25 Karen Goodman |
| 7 Frances Peeler    | 25 Landon Coffey |
| 7 Caroline Barnes   | 27 Jill Shank    |
| 8 Jarrett Kluttz    |                  |
| 14 Lucas Coffey     |                  |
| 18 Angie Fleming    |                  |
| 19 Debbie Eller     |                  |
| 19 Rhonda Honeycutt |                  |
| 19 T J Woods-Coffey |                  |



## February Altar Flowers

**Feb. 7** Emily Haynes

**Feb. 14** Vickie Keene

**Feb. 21** Lent—no flowers

**Feb. 28** Lent—no flowers

*Please see Kathy Haynes to sign up for altar flowers*

## Scholarships Available Through Christiana in 2021

The following scholarships are available through Christiana Congregation. Those interested in applying please note the requirements. Complete information about each scholarship and applications are available on the church website, [www.christianalutheran.org](http://www.christianalutheran.org). If you have any questions or if you need assistance in accessing the information, please contact either Marsha Beaver, chairperson of the 2021 committee, or the church office.

### Lena Bangle Lyerly Scholarship

Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allows.

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.

Applications may be obtained in the Guidance Counselor's office in any Rowan County High School.

### Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship High School (1)

Must be a participating and engaged member at Christiana Lutheran Church for the previous 24 months prior to the application deadline.

High school senior.

Enrolled full time in a two or four year college/university.

### Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship College (2)

Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allow.

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 12, 2021. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. All applicants applying for scholarships must have an official transcript from the school sent to the church office. No others will be accepted. For those applying, and meeting scholarship requirements, check(s) will be made payable to the educational institution and the recipient awarded the scholarship only. This way we ensure the funds are going to support the student in their academic endeavors and not for miscellaneous or erroneous expenses.

## Congregational Prayer Concerns

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Gloria Cross severe allergic reaction to laundry detergent and bodywash. Madeline Zieverink's brother Wally, COVID-19. Charles Roberts, recovering at home. Kathie Albright, bone on bone knee pain. Woodrow Frick, fractured hip healing nicely. Ron Turbyfill 2<sup>nd</sup> round of chemo treatments. Linda Cline's dad is home, her mom is at Bermuda Village in Advance for rehab. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, radiation treatments. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

*Sympathy is extended* to the family of Larry Corl at his death.

*Sympathy is extended to* Cynthia Lingle and family at the death of her brother Richard Waynick, Jr.

*Sympathy is extended to* Linda Crouch and family at the death of her aunt Peggy Collins.

*Sympathy is extended to* Nathan Richardson upon the death of his father Nathan Richardson.

*Sympathy is extended to* Dale & Marsha Beaver at the death of their son Matthew.



## The BIG One-Five-O

“That all of them may call upon the name of the Lord...”  
*Zephaniah 3:9b*

This year, our congregation is 150 years old. Established in 1871, we have existed as a Lutheran Church body for one and a half centuries. That’s quite an accomplishment.

Christiana was founded on January 22, 1871 when five families met in the house of Nathan Brown and decided to form a Lutheran Congregation. Union Lutheran and Organ Lutheran and St. Matthews Lutheran were too far away, especially during the winter months. Travel back then was by walking, horseback, or wagon.

At some point they decided on the name Christiana. Where in the world did they come up with that name? I asked that question when I was interviewing with the Call Committee and the answer I received was, “Best we can tell, the founding fathers wanted Christ in the name and that’s what they came up with.” Not the best answer, so I did a little research and found out that Christiana is both Latin and Hispanic for Christian. The latter made perfect sense when in 1997 I started getting all this religious mail in Spanish.

It was not until I got the following email from former member Doug Robinson on January 13th, of this year:

“I suspect that Christiana Lutheran was named for the borough of Christiana, established 1833, in Lancaster County, PA.

Rev. Roscoe Brown Fisher on page 12 of his book *Michael Brown of the Old Stone House, His Influence and Descendants*, First Edition 1975 notes that Lancaster County was the home of the Brown clan and it was from there he migrated to the Carolinas. Further research is needed to confirm, but I suspect that Michael's great, great grandson (Nathan) communicated with family back in Christiana and suggested in 1871 to name the new church after the family's first home town in America. Again, this is just conjecture.

Thought this might be of interest as you prepare for your 150th celebration.”

Doug states “this is just conjecture” but it makes more sense than “just wanting Christ in the name.” Doug even put a link to the Wikipedia site about Christiana, PA. I’ve listed it below so you can check it out for yourself.

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christiana,\\_Pennsylvania](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christiana,_Pennsylvania)

A. Howry Epenshade in his book *Pennsylvania Place Names*, writes “Christiana, in Lancaster County, was not named, ..., for King Christian and Queen Christiana of Sweden, but for Christiana, the first wife of William Noble, who built the first house and started a machine shop in 1833.”

So if the Braun family (now Brown) in Rowan County came from Christiana, Pennsylvania, and still had family there, how memorable would it be for those in Rowan County to honor their place of origin in the name of their church?!

That having been said, Michael Braun, Nathan Brown’s great grandfather, came to the United States from Germany in 1737 and moved to Rowan County, NC in 1758. Both moves were before Christiana, PA was founded in 1833. Nevertheless, some of the Brown family still lived there and could have suggested the name to great grandson Nathan when he corresponded with them about the exciting news of establishing a new Lutheran Church in Granite Ridge, North Carolina.

Regardless of how the name of our congregation came about, it has in it the name Christ as well as Christian which means follower of Christ. This should be first and foremost in our minds as members of Christiana 150 years later. Jesus Christ is the head of this congregation, which is a part of the one true church, the body of Christ here on earth. And we are to be His faithful followers who call upon His name and proclaim Christ as Lord to those around us.

*Pastor Carl*

## Thank you!

Thank you for your support and gifts for our treat bags. The officers and inmates were so thankful. Without your contribution we would not be able to do this. We believe hearts were touched through your act of love.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Michael Taylor

Rowan County Sheriff's Department

Dear Members of Christiana,

We would like to offer our sincere thanks for the love offering that took place for Henry's service dog. We are truly humbled by the generous gifts. The money will be used in March when we send the puppy for the first round of training. We are blessed to be a part of this amazing congregation and look forward to updating you on Henry's journey. With much love and gratitude,  
Susan and Kevin Holland

## February Scripture Lessons

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Feb. 7

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 1:29-39

### Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 14

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17

Joel 2:12-19

Psalms 51:1-13

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 21

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalms 25:1-10

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

### Second Sunday in Lent, Feb. 28

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 5:1-11

Mark 8:27-38

## Gifts to our Church

### To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Erin Eller, infant daughter of Debbie & Eddie Eller by Nana & Papa Pethel

In memory of Pat Barringer by Lynda & Roy Pethel  
In honor of Kevan & Brian Barringer by Roy & Lynda Pethel

In memory of Larry Corl by Kevan Barringer, Mike & Kate Beretsky

In memory of Brian Richardson by Mike & Kate Beretsky

### To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Nancy Agner by GQHS Class of 1955, Mike & Julie Lippard

In memory of Junius Danial and Callie Mae Thomas by Patricia Thomas Pena and Kaitlin Christiana Thomas

In memory of Matthew Beaver by Angie & Syler Hayes

In memory of Brian Richardson by Jay & Karen Goodman

### To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Harry & Miriam Fox by Donna Fox

### To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Brian Richardson by Sheryl Lyerly, Madeline Zieverink

In memory of Matthew Beaver by Sheryl Lyerly, Madeline Zieverink

### To the Music Fund

In memory of Matthew Beaver by the Chancel Choir

## Congregational Concerns

### Autumn Care

Joe Haas

### Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

### Trinity Oaks Nursing and Rehab

Cardell Gibson



**Christiana Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes Jan. 10, 2021**

**Present:**

Jason Smith, President	Mike Yarbrough	Eddie Eller	Tony Hawkins
David Preslar, V President	Earlene Ritchie	Harry Agner	Jeff Fleming
Kevin Holland, Sec.	Robbie Robinson	Kevan Barringer	Thomas Mead
Marlene Pethel	Laura Ritchie	Jenny Roberts	

**Also Present:**

Pastor Carl Haynes  
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer

**Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:**

- Minutes from December 2020 meeting were approved.
  - Pastor's Report for December 2020 was presented and approved.
  - Financial Report presented:
  - December income was 1859.26 above budget.
  - December expense was 2683.22 below budget
  - YTD spending was 53,501.43 below budget
  - Committee Appointments document was discussed and is correct—Earlene Ritchie is CR for Sister Lucile, Eddie Eller is CR for CLM.
  - Council Meeting dates/times: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 7:30am.
  - Council Retreat will be rescheduled, possibly in March.
- Lock-up/Devotion schedule completed.

*The financials were approved as presented.*

**Committee and Auxiliary Concerns:**

**Stewardship:** In Faith—Nathan Richardson approved as committee member.

**Christian Education:** Christian Ed is working on ideas for curriculum for Sunday School.

**Property:** Discussion on changes to the Elevator contract. Savings will go into a separate account to be used when the repair needs arise.

Discussion of wrought iron furniture for the fellowship hall patio. This was from a BTB donation.

Discussed a Donation for Mike Yarbrough for his efforts in sanitizing the church after services.

**Worship:** Worship committee was planning a meeting the week of 01/10.

**Evangelism:** RHM offered donated Bibles—D. Preslar can use for Bible project.

**Landscape:** Wants to schedule a clean-up day in the Spring.

**Membership Review:** Message from Robbie Robinson: New people are showing up to church. Council members need to meet and greet them...step up and lead!

**Brighten the Beacon:** Planning a meeting for 01/21/21.

**LCW:** Sister Lucille- No Report Miss Katherine Lyerly- Made a donation to RHM.

**Bus:** Jason Smith purchased a solar battery charger.

**Next Council Meeting: February 14, 2021 at 7:30 am**

**Church Lock-Up and Devotions for February: Eddie Eller**

March: M Yarbrough	May: H Agner	July: E Ritchie	Sept. J Roberts	Nov. T Mead	Jan. 2022
April: K Holland	June: K Barringer	Aug. L Ritchie	Oct. J Fleming	Dec. T Hawkins	R. Robinson

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Holland, Council Secretary



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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 6:45 p.m.

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

Children's Choirs  
Becky Morris, Director  
Little Thrive, afternoon on Sundays  
Young Thrive, afternoon on Sundays

Mailed January 27, 2021



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## Preschool now registering for next year

Christiana Preschool is now registering for the 2021-2022 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](http://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.

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- **WINTER SNOW SCHEDULE** ●
- If it ever snows or ices again on Sunday ●
- morning and the roads are too dangerous ●
- for travel, worship services will be can- ●
- celled and the church phone tree will be ●
- activated and an email will be sent to no- ●
- tify you. ●
- Also check our website or Facebook page ●
- or call Pastor Carl at 704-223-1468. ●
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**LCW Group #1**  
will meet at 10 am on Feb. 2 at the church  
with Jenny Roberts program leader.  
Lunch at O'Charlie's

**Sister Lucille Lyerly LCW**  
will meet at 7 p.m. on February 2  
in the Smith Assembly Hall  
with Kathy Haynes, hostess & program leader