



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 and Congregationally Focused

Lenten Worship Services Schedule

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

2nd Sunday in Lent, February 28, 5 p.m.
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, April 1, 7:00 pm
Return to the Table

Good Friday, April 2, 7:00 pm
Return to the Truth



Miss Becky would like all youth and children to sing “The Perfect Ten” for service on March 7. Please find the video on YouTube and practice and then meet (wearing masks) upstairs in the sanctuary at 10:10 a.m. for group run-through.



Though St. Patrick’s Day has become a secular “holiday,” March 17 commemorates the life of a Christian missionary. St. Patrick grew up in a Christian home in Britain but wasn’t very devout until he experienced crisis. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping after six years. “The Lord opened my unbelieving eyes” in Ireland, Patrick later said. God led him back there, and he converted tribe after tribe to Christianity.

In *Confessio 61*, St. Patrick writes, “I testify in truth and in great joy of heart before God and his holy angels that I never had any other reason for returning to that nation ... except the Gospel and God’s promises.”



February Attendance

Feb. 7

Sunday School: 41
Worship: 72

Feb. 14

Sunday School: 50
Worship: 72

Feb. 21

Sunday School: 42
Worship: 82

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

What on earth are we here for?

Please pray that we will all be committed to living better together when we:

- REACH OUT** Pray that we will work side by side to share our faith those locally and around the world who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- BELONG** Pray that we will love one another with the abundant love we ourselves receive from God.
- GROW** Pray that we will grow spiritually as we encourage one another to have daily devotions and memorize a weekly Bible verse.
- SERVE** Pray that we will work together with one heart by using our talents, offering our help and sharing our resources with those in need.
- WORSHIP** Pray that we will long to worship GOD together in our daily roles.

All this can happen if we Plant the Seeds of Stewardship.

Those Who Serve in March

Nursery Attendants

Mar. 7 Tara Beaver & Emily Barnes

Mar. 14 Jason & April Smith

Mar. 21 Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

Mar. 28 Leanne & Jason Kluttz

Reader: Marsha Beaver

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Dale Beaver

Sound: Tony Hawkins

Lock Up: Mike Yarbrough

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

March Altar Flowers

Mar. 7 *Lent No Flowers*

Mar. 14 *Lent No Flowers*

Mar. 21 *Lent No Flowers*

Mar. 28 *Lent No Flowers*

March Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Frances Basinger | 25 James Swanner, Jr. |
| 5 Janet Pruette | 28 Mark Roberts |
| 7 Thomas Mead | 31 Amy Shank |
| 10 Don Dedmon | |
| 10 Jim Duncan | |
| 12 Richard Crouch | |
| 15 Matthew Preslar | |
| 16 Donald Lyerly | |
| 18 Patti Holshouser | |
| 19 Barbara Shank | |
| 19 Brodi Madison | |
| 20 Carlee Lowry | |
| 21 Gloria Cross | |
| 21 Nick Pacilio | |
| 22 Mike Beretsky | |



happy
birthday

LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at the church.
with Jan Pruette, program leader

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on March 2
in the Smith Assembly Hall with Angie Hayes, hostess
and Marsha Beaver, program leader

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. 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.

Easter Lily Order Form—Deadline to order is March 14

Orders for Easter Lilies are now being accepted. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and payment must accompany this order.

Name _____ Phone number: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

Given in Memory of:

By: _____

Given in Honor of:

By: _____

FROM THE PASTOR



Pastors Through the Years

This year Christiana celebrates 150 years of existence. The “History of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina” records the church as being organized on January 23, 1871 in the home of Nathan Brown. It began with seven charter members and was organized by Rev. Simeon Scherer, who was pastor of Union Lutheran Church at the time. He served both congregation for 3 months until Rev. R.L. Brown took over on March 25, 1871. He served for 13 years.

Christiana and Union were a parish together and served by the following pastors: Rev. R.L. Brown, Rev. J.M. Hedrick, Rev. J. W Strickler, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, Rev. C.A. Brown, Rev. J.P. Miller, Rev. N. D. Bodie, Rev. L.B. Spracher, Rev. J. A. Linn, Rev. R.R. Sowers. During this time three seminarian students served the two congregations for a few months each: Harry Yarger, J.L. Morgan (who later became a pastor and President of the NC Synod ULCA) and B.E. Petrea.

In 1914 Rev. N.D. Bodie returned to serve Christiana a second time and was the pastor of Christiana for just four years. The Rev. C.B. Miller took over in 1919 and was the supply pastor for two years. Next Christiana called Rev. H.W. Jeffcoat who served only one year. Then the congregation was served by student E. R. Lineberger for four months. Rev. H.A. Trexler served 6 years, followed by Rev. G.W. McClanahan who served seven years. Rev. White Iddings served 6 years, followed by Rev. Paul Kinney, followed by Rev. Gilmer Boggs, followed by Rev. G.A. Phillips, followed by Rev. Franklin Dorton. Rev. Harold Rhoads served as Vice-Pastor for six months until Rev. Bill Hall was called in 1970. He served for six years. Rev. Herman Fisher was the interim pastor from August 1976 until mid April 1977. Rev. Don Safrit was called and began serving in April 1977. Pastor Safrit served for fourteen years. Then Rev. White Iddings returned to serve as interim pastor from May 1991 until December 1991. In January 1992, I began my ministry as your pastor.

Rev. Kinney was pastor when the white framed building burned in March 1945 and he was pastor when the new building was dedicated April 17, 1949.

In her 150 years of existence Christiana has been served by 27 pastors and three seminarians. Of the pastors one, Rev. N.D. Bodie, was called to serve as pastor on two occasions: 1903-1907 and 1914-1918. Pastor White Iddings also served twice—once as pastor from 1938-1943 and once as interim pastor from May 1991—December 1991. Rev. Iddings and his wife Pauline are both buried in our cemetery.

Only three pastors served into double digits in their time of ministry. Rev. R.L. Brown served for 13 years. Rev. Don Safrit served for 14 years, and to date I have been blessed to serve you for 29 years. In between Rev. Brown and Rev. Safrit, the pastors served between one and seven years.

God has blessed Christiana with faithful pastors who served Him through her 150 year history and we trust Him to be faithful to bless her with faithful pastors in the years to come.

Pastor Carl

PRAYER CONCERNS

Madeline Zieverink's brother Wally and Jay & Karen Goodman's son, Matt, COVID 19. Becky Kepley's husband James, recovering from open heart surgery. Charles Roberts recovering at home from open heart surgery. Kathie Albright, bone on bone knee pain. Woodrow Frick, fractured hip healing nicely. Ron Turbyfill 2nd 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.



Dear friends,

It is at times like this that one realizes the amazing function of the body of Christ, the church. Our family has been so blessed by the love and caring expressed by our brothers and sisters at Christiana Lutheran Church. You have honored Matt, comforted us, and most of all glorified God. To say 'thank you' is simply not enough, but where words fall short, love excels. So from the bottom of our hearts and by the grace of God, we simply, but earnestly say— We love you all and God bless you.

Dale, Marsha, Ruth, Jackson, Ella & family



Scripture Lessons for March

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 7

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 2:13-25

4th Sunday in Lent, March 14

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

5th Sunday in Lent, March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:32-45

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28

John 12:12-19 (Processional Gospel)
Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 118:19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:20-43

Gifts to our church

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Albert Daniel Thomas and Junius Daniel Thomas from Patricia Thomas Pena and Kaitlin Christiana Pena.

In memory of Larry Corl by the families of Donald, David and Brantley Lyerly

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Matthew Beaver by Mike & Vickie Keene, Alan & LaVaughn Beaver
In memory of Larry Corl by Alan & LaVaughn Beaver
In memory of Brian Richardson by Alan & LaVaughn Beaver

To the Music Fund

In memory of Matt Beaver by Charlotte Pacilio
In memory of Brian Richardson by the families of Donald, David and Brantley Lyerly

To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Pastor H A Trexler by Pastor Frank Lyerly

To the Holland therapy dog

In memory of Matthew Beaver by Doris Ritchie

**Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2021**

Present:	Sue Wall	Marlene Pethel	Also Present:	Absent:
Jason Smith, President	Earlene Ritchie	Jenny Roberts	Carl Haynes, Pastor	Thomas Mead
David Preslar, V Pres.	Robbie Robinson	Mike Yarbrough	Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer	Tony Hawkins
Kevan Holland, Sec.	Jeff Fleming	Laura Ritchie	Jay Goodman	
Eddie Eller	Kevan Barringer			

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Votes of Reception and Approval

*Minutes from January 2021 were approved.

*Pastor's Report for January 2021 presented and approved.

*Financial report January 2021 approved.

*J Goodman: Nehemiah Group recommendation to pursue Christiana (Fellowship Hall) as vaccination site, Reminders about COVID protocols/screening.

*Motion approved to move \$50,000 from cash on hand to money market account (that draws interest.)

Treasurer's Report

January income was \$788.30 above budget

YTD income was \$ 788.30 above budget

January spending was \$5456.83 below budget

YTD spending was \$5456.83 less than budgeted

Cash on Hand \$103,198.31

January contributions to Brighten the Beacon were \$1,555.00.

Committee and Auxiliary Concerns:

Stewardship:

Recommendation to move \$50,000 from cash on hand to interest account. (Motion approved to move \$50,000 from cash on hand to money market that draws interest.)

Harry Agner: Stewardship is a year-round endeavor: encourage everyone to read newsletter, plant the seed of stewardship (not just money—time and talent)

Suggestion to add online tithing link to website

Worship: Youth Sunday went well

Evangelism: Working on Favorite Scripture Devotion (D. Preslar)

Landscape: Need to set a date for workday in the spring

Nehemiah Group: J Goodman-recommendation to work to make Christiana (Fellowship Hall) as vaccination site

LCW: Sister Lucille: Met on 2/2

Miss Katherine Lyerly: Cooking meals at Fellowship for lunch. Made Valentine's cards, going to make Easter baskets for those that cannot get out. Donating food.

Bus: License tag stolen from the bus. Eddie Eller will go to DMV to pick up the new tag.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

Pastor Carl

Lent/Easter offering to Pastor Mwavu Ronald—motion approved

Propose 4/28/21 for Gideon presentation, loose offering—motion approved

Kathy Haynes for NALC conference delegate—saves money on travel and room expenses

Youth Day Camp-counselors to church, \$120/week for kids, provide lunch snacks, house counselors, need minimum for 20 kids, take the place of Vacation Bible School for this year-motion to approve summer day camp in July for kids K-5 and use VBS budget item for this year—motion approved

Jason Smith

Continue to pray for guidance to guide church through pandemic/COVID issues. Council needs to stay on the same page in terms of COVID procedures.

Next Council Meeting: March 14, 2021 7:30 am Church Lock-Up and Devotions for March: Mike Yarbrough

**Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Holland, secretary**

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Return Service Requested

Mailed February 24, 2021

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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 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
Now on hiatus

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Now on hiatus



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Daylight Saving Time begins March 14

Congregational Concerns

Autumn Care
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks:
Cardell Gibson



Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



(A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)