



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.

June 2022

Christiana Courier

Carl Haynes, pastor
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June Scripture Lessons

Day of Pentecost, June 5

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 143
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:23-31

Holy Trinity, June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 8:48-59

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 19

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 3
Galatians 3:23 — 4:7
Luke 8:26-39

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 26

1 Kings 19:9b-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

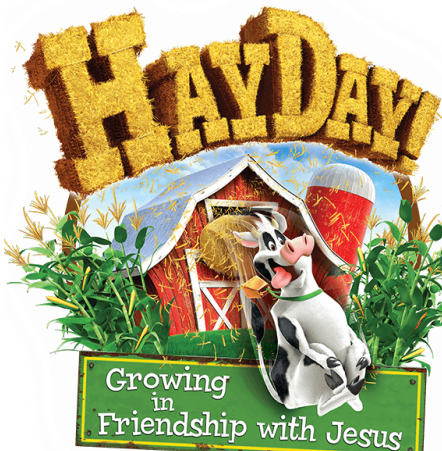


Together, let's Honor and Celebrate
The Retirement of Our Pastor
Carl M. Haynes and his wife Kathy

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



VBS 2020
July 19, 20, 21
6:30—8:30 pm
Ages 2—Grade 5

Contact Laurie Ritchie to volunteer

Volunteers needed for Meals On Wheels

If you feel led to give
about 1 1/2 hours every
five weeks to this ministry,
it would be much
appreciated.
Contact Debbie Eller.

The oldest and most recent fathers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Father's Day, June 19, and will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Fellowship Class.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION Robbing God?

Will man rob GOD?

The Israelites inquired, "How have we robbed you?" GOD responded, "In your tithes and contributions."

While these are strong words from the Lord, we might ask ourselves if we have proportionately given back to GOD the firstfruits of his blessing so that others can hear of Jesus.

Have we managed all of our resources, such as time, family, and work as GOD would have us do?

When the answer is no, it's usually because of our fears. We might miss out on something else. GOD's response? "Put me to the test. See if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down blessings until there is no more need."

Worship Support

Reader: Dale Beaver

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Marsha Beaver & Barbara Crouch

Sound: Mike Keene

Lock Up: Richard Crouch

Altar Guild: Carmen & Drew Pethel, Linda Connell, Earlene & Brittney Ritchie

May Attendance

May 1 Worship: 105
Sunday school: 63

May 8 Worship: 123
Sunday school: 61

May 15 Worship: 96
Sunday school: 53

May 22: Worship: 104
Sunday school: 50

June Birthdays

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| 3 Rose Dedmon | 27 Alisa Mead |
| 5 Aubrey Honeycutt | 29 Patsy Holshouser |
| 5 Harriet Lyerly | |
| 9 Claire Roth-Tubman | |
| 11 Tony Hawkins | |
| 14 Kevin Coffey, Jr. | |
| 15 Tammy Hill | |
| 17 Gene Edens | |
| 18 Nathan Richardson | |
| 19 Jenny Roberts | |
| 19 Judy Chapman | |
| 21 Bonnie Sechler | |
| 21 Wanda Smith | |
| 22 Eston Doyle | |
| 23 Ainslee Lowry | |
| 24 Scott Kelsoe | |



June Altar Flowers

June 5 Suzanna Roth-Tubman

Pedestal 1: Betty Weant

Pedestal 2: Suzanna Roth-Tubman

June 12 Karen Goodman

June 19 Fellowship Class

Pedestal: Kathie Albright

June 26 Charlotte Pacilio

Pedestal: Marsha Beaver





“In All My Remembrance of You”

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

The relationship between a congregation and its pastor is a lot like a marriage between a husband and wife. There's a time of courtship when the pastor and call committee begin their talks, and if they go well, then the council is brought in and if that goes well the pastor is introduced to the congregation. There's a vote to call the pastor and if approved, there's an installation service (the wedding ceremony) and then the honeymoon. That's the period of time when the congregation and pastor do everything they can to make life smooth and easy. Then after a while both get down to the business of seriously living together. Hopefully, all goes well for the most part. Sometimes there are arguments, maybe even fights, but they make up and get on with ministry. Together pastor and congregation work to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around them and beyond. Eventually there comes the time when the pastor is called to serve another congregation, or retires. And here the analogy ends, because the separation is not a divorce, it is God calling the pastor to another phase of ministry or life.

There have been many times during my ministry when I have conducted the funeral of an elderly member and in conversation with the surviving spouse they talk about how much they miss the dearly departed. I asked how long they were married and the answers varied: 40, 50, 60, 70 some years. And I would comment, you cannot live with and love someone for that long without missing them when they are gone. In Genesis God declares that when a couple marry, the two become one flesh. I believe when a spouse dies a part of the surviving spouse dies too; but by the same token I like to think that a part of the deceased spouse lives on in the surviving spouse.

As the time draws nearer for me to retire as your pastor after 30+ years, the separation is going to feel like a death to me. We have been together a long time. I have loved and cared for you, ministered to you, buried your loved ones, baptized, confirmed and married your children. I've installed council members and Sunday School teachers each year; given a number of children their First Communion. I've been with you during surgeries, visited you in the hospital, comforted you in times of death; counseled you during troubled times.

It has been a blessing and a joy to be your pastor. We've been through some tough times, but God brought us through them and made us stronger. I can truly say that while I will no longer be your pastor after June 5, I will not stop praying for you. You will continue to be in my prayers as long as I am able to pray, but I can truly say I will miss being your pastor.

My main prayer for you will be for wisdom and discernment to recognize the person God has called to be your next pastor when that person comes to talk with the call committee and council. Just as the Holy Spirit brought us together, he will bring you and the next pastor together. So be in prayer, be patient, operate on God's time and in the meantime bask in his loving care.

Continue doing ministry together, loving one another, caring for one another, praying for one another. Look to God to guide you as you continue to serve in Jesus' name. Put God first in all you do and he will bless you.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Carl*

Chelsea and Ben Wheeler asked me to thank you for your generous gift to their school project. They plan to start the renovations to the building in May. Once the repairs/renovations are complete, they will make chalkboards and desks!

This gift will go a long way to help them be a blessing to others.

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thank you

Gifts to Our Church

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Helen Kiker by Mike & Vickie Keene

In memory of Ruby Catherine Pepper Thomas by Patricia & Kaitlin Pena

To Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Helen Kiker by Kate Beretsky, LaVaughn Beaver

To Brighten the Beacon

In honor of Frances Peeler by her family

Please list 3 of your favorite hymns or praise songs to be used in worship planning over the summer and drop in offering plate or text to Becky at 704-213-1894 or email beckycarolmorris@yahoo.com

Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Sermon Pt. 2 on Sunday mornings. Please see the sign-up sheet on the desk in the choir room.

LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 10 a.m. at the church with Jenny Roberts, program leader and Debbie Eller, hostess.

Please bring food for RHM.

In addition, the group will meet on Thursday, June 16 at 10 a.m. in the Smith Assembly Hall for a project.

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on June 7 at the home of Linda Crouch, program leader.

Remember those in nursing homes

Autumn Care:

Joe Haas
Kay Abernethy

The Laurels of Salisbury

Don & Rose Dedmon

Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Cardell Gibson
Patti Holshouser
Ann Meacham



Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2022

Present:

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

Absent:

Jeff Fleming

Items of Business:

April Meeting Minutes

Note Correction: The LCW-MKL group provided deserts for the Veterans, not drinks.
Council Approved as presented.

Treasurers Report:

April Envelope Income: -\$3,056.82
Total April Income: -\$3,236.42
YTD Envelope: -\$1,779.02
YTD Total Income: -2,345.10
Total April Expense: \$4,803.33
YTD Total Expense: \$14,223.86
Cash on Hand: \$59,285.59
Cash on Hand Money Market: \$80,000.00

Designated Funds:

Brighten the Beacon April donations: \$310.00 (\$240.00 from the meal)

Expense Notes:

Benfield increased the gas trip fee \$9.50. Our total bill is now \$101.20.

We have changed over to Waste Management in order to have a locked dumpster and pay \$30.00 less a month.

Council Approved as presented.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Carl noted this as his last Pastor's Report for the Council and reminded the council that the Holy Spirit will guide us and lead us to what is next as a congregation.

Council Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Cash on Hand is currently at \$59,000. Stewardship proposed a motion that we move \$20,000 to the Money Market account. This motion was approved.

February, March, and April offering totals are all down; however, attendance is up.

Annual Budget Meeting is August 5th at 5:30

When planning a fundraiser, include Ann in the details so she can put it on the calendar.

The THRIVE youth account in F&M is dormant. Stewardship proposed a motion to close the F&M account and move it to the THRIVE account in the General Fund. Council approved this motion.

Stewardship proposed a motion to buy table cloths for the fellowship hall not to exceed \$1,100.00 from the unbudgeted account. Council approved this motion.

Christian Ed:

Planning Vacation Bible School July 19th - 21st from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Requesting volunteers from the church to assist.

Worship:

We have followed up on the camera/phone for Facebook Live streaming and have two different options to consider:

One would be for us to buy and use a small portable system that we could train anyone on how to use and we could rotate responsibility. Also allows for flexibility of location. There are number of features from noise cancelling to a device will track the speaker as they move around.

Or, we could do wall mounts, but would need to integrate it with the sound system with more costs surrounding that process. We would also need to train only a few people who are able to work the system.

The discussion focused on waiting for the new pastor before making a big investment one way or another. A motion was made not to exceed \$500.00 to buy a system to maintain in the meantime. Motion passed.

Social Ministry:

Baby Bottle campaign starts today and goes through Father's Day.
We will be doing a baby picture guess challenge throughout.
Serving the meal at the homeless shelter on the evening of May 26th and breakfast the morning of May, 27th.

Evangelism:

Working on putting together a church devotional with members writing entries.
The mission district evangelism meeting is this coming week.

Fellowship:

Met to discuss how to make pasta salad for the Pastor's retirement reception.

Landscape:

Flowers that were planted earlier are still growing and thriving.

LCW - MKL Group:

Met two times in April:
Donated \$100 for Ukraine Relief Fund.
Sent cards to shut ins.
Delivered food to Rowan Helping Ministries.
Provided desserts for the Veteran meals.
Finish decorating the women's bathroom in the fellowship hall and will move on to the men's
Will meet again on 6/7 & 6/16 for prayer and project planning.

CRS:

Next meeting/dinner will be on May 12th at O'Charley's.

Youth:

Unfortunately, the regional Youth lock-in at Holy Trinity in Gastonia church from April 29th – Saturday April 30th was canceled a few days prior.
The Luther League is holding its next community youth meeting on Sunday, May 22nd at Salem at 4:00 p.m.

Bus:

The bus is sitting unused regularly and it is costing a lot for repairs.
The Rowan County girls' softball team has five away games and need help with transportation and would pay for gas.
Harold Morris agreed to drive the bus, so a member is still operating it.
Council approved the use of the bus with a Christiana driver for this season only.

Prayerful Considerations:

Pastor's/Secretary's Checklist: Ann requests that all committee chairs and leads communicate to her all events and plans so that they can be put in the calendar. This includes any minutes or notes to her as well so she can be knowledgeable about it so she can provide support when asked. Members will need to be more active in the communication in the absence of a Pastor.

Rockwell Fire Department Donation: A total of \$250.00 will be given to Rockwell Fire Department which will come from the Pastor's discretionary fund.

Letter to the Congregation: Richard Crouch will send a letter out to the congregation in the next week or so to let the members know the plan for our church in the weeks following the Pastor's retirement. We will use supply pastors and lay people while looking for an interim pastor. We will also work with the NALC to make the transition.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura E. Ritchie, Council Secretary

This month's prayer concerns:



Angie Fleming facing colon surgery. Kay Abernathy, Autumn Care for PT. Karen Goodman, recovering from eye surgery, has COVID. Cam Ritchie, COVID. Kathy Haynes' sister Karen Smith, chemo treatments. Michael Carscaddon, cancer advanced; consulting specialists in Pittsburg. Vaughn Hatley continuing immunotherapy. Don & Rose Dedmon, room 309 The Laurels of Salisbury; Dee Smith, kidney issues. Kathie Albright, bone-on bone knee pain; her friend Maxine Campbell, 83, new fracture; her friend, Marvin Leatherman, Parkinson's Disease. Louise Crowther, shut-in at home; failing eyesight & balance. Ann Meacham, Patti Holshouser and Cardell Gibson at TOHAR.

During the pastoral transition, please update the church office of any known prayer concerns.

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Mailed May 24, 2022

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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

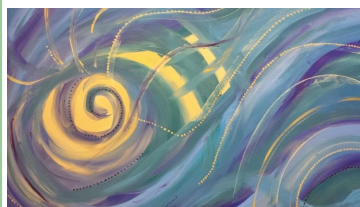
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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

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

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

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Rediscover Church

A Christian without a church is a Christian in trouble.

Since a global pandemic closed places of worship, many Christians have skipped church life, even neglecting virtual services.

But this was a trend even before COVID-19. Polarizing issues, including political and racial strife, convinced people to pull away from the church and one another. Now it is time to re-commit to gathering as brothers and sisters in Christ.

A church is a group of Christians who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom to proclaim the good news and commands of Christ the King, to affirm one another as his citizens through the ordinance, and to display GOD's own holiness and love through a unified and diverse people in all the world following the teaching and example of elders.

You can't find this at home, or virtual church, on the radio, or on the street. We need to be in GOD's house to truly worship Jesus and serve our fellow church members. After all, we are a family.