

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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Men's Prime Rib dinner will be Feb. 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Don't delay, don't wait, don't be left out!

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased by Jan. 26.

Profits will go to the Brighten the Beacon.



Lent Begins on February 26th

The Season of Lent will begin on February 26 with the Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Time is yet to be determined.

On February 25, Shrove Tuesday, Thrive Youth will have the Pancake Supper fund raiser. It will be from 5—7 pm in the Smith Assembly Hall.

The first Sunday in Lent will be March 1. The Sunday evening Lenten Services will be held at 5pm in the Sanctuary. The topic this year is "At the Name of Jesus." It will be based on the Scripture passage from Philippians 2:5-11. The recipient of our Lent/Easter offering will be Joy Mission Church, an NALC church in Columbia, SC. See page 7 for more info.

Pastor Carl will conduct a Bible Study on this passage on Monday evenings at 6:30pm beginning Feb. 24 and going through March 23. There is no cost for the Bible Study. Bring your Bible, pen and note pad.

**Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 29
5:30 pm
Choir Room**



Souper Bowl set for Feb. 2

It's time for Souper Bowl Sunday. On February 2nd funds will be collected for the food pantry at Rowan Helping Ministries. Collections will be received 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 2nd a "Souper Sunday" at Christiana Lutheran Church.

Youth Stuff

Thrive February Events



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

PANCAKE SUPPER

February 25, 5—7 p.m.

Come join us any Sunday!
THRIVE Lounge at 9:15 for breakfast
Sunday School 9:15am
Worship 10:30

January Attendance

January 5

Sunday School: 70

Worship: Attendance not recorded

January 12

Sunday School: 80

Worship: 106

January 19

Sunday School: 77

Worship: Attendance not recorded

Those Who Serve in February

Nursery Attendants

Feb. 2 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

Feb. 9 Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt

Feb. 16 April Smith & Madison Brown

Feb. 23 Suzanna Paskiewicz & Emily Barnes

Children's Sermon Part 2

Feb. 2 Becky Morris & Chase Hawkins

Feb. 9 Dale & Marsha Beaver

Feb. 16

Feb. 23

Offering Counters

Feb. 2 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

Feb. 9 Marsha & Dale Beaver

Feb. 16 R Crouch & E Eller

Feb. 23 M Zieverink & K Goodman

Feb. 26 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

February Birthdays

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| 1 Rick Roper | 20 Eric Reavis |
| 2 Emma Scott | 21 Judy Stoner |
| 3 Chloe Shank | 25 Tommy Burriss |
| 5 Sierra Braun | 25 Karen Goodman |
| 7 Frances Peeler | 25 Landon Coffey |
| 8 Jarrett Kluttz | 27 Jill Shank |
| 14 Lucas Coffey | |
| 17 Nancy Agner | |
| 18 Angie Fleming | |
| 19 Debbie Eller | |
| 19 Rhonda Honeycutt | |
| 19 T J Woods-Coffey | |



February Altar Flowers

Feb. 2 Linda Crouch

Pedestal: LuAnne Scott

Feb. 9 Emily Barnes

Pedestal: Suzanna Paskiewicz

Feb. 16 Vickie Keene

Feb. 23 Marlene Pethel

Scholarships Available Through Christiana in 2020

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 Emily Barnes, chairperson of the 2020 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 13, 2020. 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

Melody Riddle, recovering from a broken foot. Linda Cline's mother, Nancy Austin, bleed behind eye. Carol Williams-Swoope, under hospice care. Lane Pethel, chemotherapy for lung cancer. LaVaughn Beaver's husband, Alan, recovering at home from toe amputation. Ava Scott, allergies and asthma. Linda Crouch's sister, Diane Owens, taking chemo treatments for breast cancer. Kathie Albright, being treated for a growth on her elbow. Patti Boles, under doctor's care. Ann Carscaddon, hospice care at Autumn Care, rm. 205. Tammy Hill's friend, Linda Shaw, cancer spread. Joe Koehn, having a back stimulator reposition in his back; also facing knee replacement surgery this month. Joe Haas, Autumn Care in rm. 808 for PT. Wanda Smith's friend Becky Lord, treatment for stage 4 cancer. Marsha Beaver's friend, Patsy McBride, cancer. Wanda Smith receiving injections for back pain. Linda Haynes' co-worker, early stage liver cancer. Rose & Don Dedmon in poor health. Bill Welch, bladder cancer. Ricky Cross, COPD.

Our sympathy to Louise Crowther at the death of her brother, Clyde Brown, Jr.

Our sympathy to the family of Maxine Casper at her death.

Congratulations to Devin and Cristen Ritchie Smith at the birth of their daughter Dot Waverly.



Jesus' Desire for us

"Be kind to one another"
Ephesians 4:32a

I had someone ask me a couple of weeks ago *"Pastor, before you retire, what would you like to see get done here at Christiana?"* I know they were asking me about things like physical improvements to our buildings and grounds, but honestly I couldn't think of anything. I could think of a number of things that have to do with spiritual growth.

I would love to see our members take seriously their baptismal promises that they made to God on behalf of their children. I want our parents to put raising their children in church, the body of Christ, as their top priority, so that their children grow up in the faith and desire to be a part of the Christian Fellowship as they grow older. As it is now, a number of our parents have their children at weekend activities that take them away from church for months at a time out of the year. Studies have shown if the pattern of weekly worship is not set at an early age, it will be lost. Parents consider this: you promised God to raise your child in the faith, if you fail to do so one day you will stand before God and he will ask you why you broke that promise.

Another concern I have and would like to see changed is how a number of us treat one another. I get calls all the time from members telling me about how another member treated them or spoke to them in a hateful manner. It disturbs me when "Christians" treat one another this way.

As far as I know, I get along well with everyone in this congregation and everyone should be able to get along well with each other. It's not that hard. It is a matter of choosing to do what Jesus tells us to do. In John 13:34-35 Jesus tells us: *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

People who love are not hateful in their speech to others. We are by nature sinful, which is why Jesus has to command us to love one another. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13:4a, says *"Love is patient and kind..."* Too often people get impatient with someone and do and say unkind things. If we regularly respond to people that way it is obvious that the love of Jesus is not in our hearts. Remember Jesus tells us in John 13:35 that it is by our love for *one another* that people will know we are His disciples. Being kind is a part of loving.

In Ephesians 4: 31-32 Paul writes: *"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* If we love Jesus, then we want to obey him. That means getting rid of all bad feelings we might harbor toward certain people.

How do we do this? We rely on the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that *"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."* Notice the word *fruit* is singular. These nine things are the fruit the Holy Spirit produces in the lives of faithful followers of Jesus.

If we are not displaying these nine characteristics in our lives, then we are not bearing the fruit of the Spirit. If we are not bearing fruit, then we must be stifling the Spirit from working in our lives. Paul warns against this in 1 Thessalonians 5:19 where he says *"Do not quench the Spirit."* When our hearts are open to the Holy Spirit, he will produce in us his fruit. He will fill our hearts with the love of Jesus and empower us to be loving and caring toward not only our brothers and sisters in Christ, but all people. That, dear friends is Jesus desire for us. And that is what I want to see in the lives of the people of this congregation as well.

Pastor Carl

Christiana Rowdy Seniors
will meet at noon on
Thursday, February 6 at
the Olive Garden Restau-
rant in Salisbury.



Senior Citizens

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 2

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

5th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 9

Isaiah 58:3-9a
Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

6th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 23

Exodus 24:8-18
Psalm 2:6-12
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26

Joel 2:12-19
Psalm 51:1-13
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Gifts to our Church

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in honor of
Betty Weant by Madeline Zieverink

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of the Thomas/Frick families by Patricia
Pena & Kaitlin Pena
In memory of Bill Meacham by Mike & Vickie
Keene, Kay Abernathy, Doris Ritchie
In memory of Maxine Casper by Mike & Vickie
Keene

To the General Fund

In memory of Bill Meacham by Sheryl Lyerly

To the Cemetery Fund

by Brent Lyerly
In memory of Moses & Ola Klutz by Jean & Vi-
render Puri and Kay and Elvin Clapp
In memory of Harry & Miriam Fox by Donna Fox

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Bill Meacham by Nancy Huneycutt,
Robert & Laura Gobble

Congregational Concerns

Autumn Care

Ann Carscaddon
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

Genesis Healthcare:

Carolyn Barringer Corl

Trinity Oaks:

Cardell Gibson Katherine Lyerly
Pauline Lyerly Doris Pethel



**Christiana Lutheran Church
Council Minutes Jan. 11, 2020**

Present:

Jason Smith, President	Marlene Pethel	Sue Wall
David Preslar, V President	Jay Goodman	Boni Lowry
Linda Crouch, Secretary	Linda Crouch	Kevin Holland
Earlene Ritchie	Laura Ritchie	Mike Yarbrough
Robbie Robinson	Eddie Eller	

Also Present:

Carl Haynes, Pastor
Laurie Ritchie, Treas.

Absent:

Jenny Roberts
LaVaughn Beaver

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Council members received a copy of the 2020 Committees and the committee and auxiliary assignments were reviewed for 2020.

Council representatives were instructed to contact the Chair of their assigned committee for future committee reports.

Christiana's calendar for 2020 was distributed outlining detailed information regarding events scheduled for the year along with special church services. Members were instructed to be mindful of this calendar when scheduling vacations, etc...

Meeting dates and times were reviewed for future council meetings. All meetings will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7:30am – 9:00am with the exception of the April council meeting which will be on Sunday, April 19, 2020 from 7:30am-9:00am.

Council meeting minutes of December 8, 2019 were approved.

Preliminary financial reports were presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie.

December envelope offering was over budget \$4,745.06 with YTD envelope offering over budget \$1,719.42.

December income was over budget \$4,872.79 with YTD income over budget \$803.39.

December expenses were under budget \$500.84 with YTD expenses under budget \$13,191.87.

Spendable cash as of December 31, 2019 was \$65,926.69.

Contributions to Brighten the Beacon Fund in December were \$10,344.00 which included \$888 from the BtB meal, \$4,000 from the Men's Car Show and \$171.00 from the jewelry sale by Laurie Ritchie.

The financials were approved as presented.

Treasurer Ritchie requested permission to donate her salary to the building fund. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate treasurer's salary to the building fund.

Reception of:

Pastors Report for December 2019 and Pastors Annual Report for 2019 were received as submitted.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

- A recommendation was received from Christiana Scout Troop 317 to transfer the ownership of the cub scout trailer and contents to the Cub Scout Pack 351 at Faith Lutheran Church due to the inactive cub scout troop at Christiana. The trailer was initially given to Christiana Lutheran Church by Union Lutheran. A motion was made to transfer ownership of the cub scout trailer and contents to Faith Lutheran Church. After much discussion, the motion was **amended** as follows: A motion was made to transfer ownership of the cub scout pack trailer and contents therein to Faith Lutheran Church and said cub scout trailer is to be passed along to another cub scout pack if the cub scout pack at Faith Lutheran disbands. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Christiana Lutheran Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2021. A committee has been formed to make plans to celebrate this ministry milestone during the entire year of 2021. The following persons have volunteered to be on this committee: Sue Wall, Boni Lowry and Sandra Fesperman.
- Jason Smith informed Council that the elevator maintenance has been switched from Otis to Thyssenkrupp because most of the component parts of the elevator are obsolete and not covered by the Otis service contract. A more beneficial agreement was procured through Thyssenkrupp that will cover routine load test and lube service. The Stewardship Committee recommends holding the money previously designated for the Otis contract in a separate line item to be used for repairs to the elevator. The church is in dispute with Otis over a final invoice and it is recommended by Stewardship to consult with Branson Pethel on how to proceed with payment of the balance owed.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Carl Haynes

Adjourn

Next meeting: February 9, 2020 at 7:30am

Lockup and Devotions for February: Jay Goodman

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Crouch, Council Secretary

Joy Mission Church is Our Lent/Easter Offering Recipient

Joy Lutheran Church is a mission congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), that supports the core values of the NALC. They are Christ centered, mission driven, traditionally grounded, and congregationally focused. They serve the Columbia, SC area. Joy is led by Pastor Paulette McHugh.

The first two Sundays in January they had 42 people in worship on the first Sunday and 32 (including those on the marriage retreat) on the second! Sunday school and Bible studies continue to be well attended, and God's Word is growing faith among them.

They are excited to see how God's Word is changing hearts and growing relationships in their community Bible study each Wednesday. They find it a blessing to be able to do ministry far outside their comfort zones and the confines of a church building. The church is God's people in every time and place.

Their Ministry of the Month for January is the Congo Mission led by Pastors Stephane Kalonji and David Nuottila. They will be sending cross bookmarks, monetary donations, and prayers to support this ministry of freeing babies from hospitals and sharing the Gospel of Christ.

Their council is working diligently to discern how God is calling them to serve throughout the year. They ask for our *prayers for Joy and the mission we share!*

See their website at <https://joymission.church/> and like and follow them on Facebook. Please be in prayer for their mission and how God is leading you to contribute to their support by your giving to our Lenten/Easter offerings this year.

Pastor McHugh will be our Homecoming Preacher on September 20 of this year.



Please Join Us for Our
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner



Please join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on February 25th from 5 to 7pm
in the Smith Assembly Hall.

The funds raised at this meal are going to support the youth retreat
at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center March 13th-15th.

Please come out and support this youth event!!

Gods Peace <><

2020 Lenten Challenge for Members of Christiana Lutheran Church



Forty Days - Forty Items Challenge

Wednesday February 26th is the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and place it in this trash bag. At the end of the forty days, we'll donate these items to Rowan Helping Ministries so they can share them with someone who can really use them!!

(see details below)



Please join us with this Evangelism challenge and provide for those less fortunate in our community. Remove an item from your closet or drawer, **but something that is still in good shape (lightly worn) and in season**. If you want you can remove an item every other day or even once a week. In order to make the process easier to manage for us and the folks at Rowan Helping Ministries, bring your bag to church every Sunday during Lent and place it in the Narthex. Our youth and members of the Evangelism Committee will collect and deliver your donation to Rowan Helping Ministries weekly. We have bags and instructions in the Narthex. We'll have plenty of bags to replace the ones you bring in.

Matthew 25: 35-40

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

