

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

Carl Haynes, pastor
704-279-4516 (Home)
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Vote on Beacon Center scheduled for April 8

On April 8, 2018 there will be a special congregational meeting called by the congregational council. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Brighten the Beacon committee proposal to go out for bids on Stages 1 & 2 of the proposed Beacon Center and to approve the funding plan for the project. The meeting will be called to order in the Smith Assembly Hall of Christiana Lutheran Church, 6190 US Hwy 52 at 9:30 AM to bring the motion to the floor for a second and discussion. All questions will be addressed and the discussion period will take place in the Smith Assembly Hall with the meeting held open until the 10:30 worship service where a written paper ballot vote will be conducted.

**Vote**

Haiti Mission Day planned

Sunday, April 15 will be Haiti Missions Day at Christiana for loose offering and a fundraiser luncheon. Banks Kluttz will be sharing about his recent Vision Trip to Haiti at 9:15am during Sunday School in the Smith Assembly Hall and all classes are invited. Please plan to join us after church for an authentic Haitian meal and more videos and stories on Haiti.

It's Spring Cleaning time!

It's been many years since our church had a thorough cleaning inside and out. On April 28 from 8:30—11:30 am we want to renew our church.



It is estimated that we will need 40 plus people to accomplish what we want. Please sign up to help in any way by contacting Harry Agner at 704-633-3503.

Christiana Preschool has openings for the 2018-19 school year. Call 704-798-5089 or email sevans014@carolina.rr.com Applications may also be found on the church website: www.christianalutheran.org

Youth Stuff

April Acolytes

- 1 Ainslee Lowry and Aubrey Honeycutt
- 8 Jackie Lowry and Sierra Braun
- 15 Blessing and Blessed Thompson
- 22 Carlee and Michael Lowry
- 29 YOUTH SUNDAY-Caylee Hawkins

Thrive @5
April 8 & 15
5 p.m.

Youth Sunday
April 29
Fundraiser lunch
following

(rehearsal is April 28
at 11am)

Last Month's Attendance

March 4
Sunday School: 92
Worship: 133

March 11
Sunday School: 72
Worship: 91

March 18
Sunday School: 87
Worship: 124

March 25
Sunday School: 95
Worship: 137

Those Who Serve in April

Nursery Attendants
Apr. 1 S Paskiewicz & E Barnes

Apr. 8 Carmen Merrell & Chase Hawkins

Apr. 15 S Paskiewicz & E Barnes

Apr. 22 A Smith & A Coffey

Apr. 29 J & A Honeycutt

Children's Sermon Part 2
Apr. 1 L Scott & M Riddle

Apr. 8 K Haynes & K Goodman

Apr. 15 B Barnhardt & youth

Apr. 22 Jason & April Smith

Apr. 29 L Scott & M Riddle

Offering Counters
Apr. 1 M Zieverink, K Goodman

Apr. 8 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

Apr. 15 M Zieverink, K Goodman

Apr. 22 R Crouch & E Eller

Apr. 29 Marsha & Dale Beaver

April Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Ryan French | 12 Emmett Shank | 24 Scott Lowry |
| 3 Aaron French | 14 Terry Ritchie | 25 Joyce Cavanagh -Wood |
| 5 Ann Carscaddon | 15 David Preslar | 26 Chris Fleming |
| 5 Gabriel Honeycutt | 15 Don Smith | |
| 5 Melody Riddle | 15 Michelle Yost | |
| 6 Geraldine Kluttz | 17 LaVaughn Beaver | |
| 8 Stella Kluttz | 17 Laurie Ritchie | |
| 9 Robert Barringer | 18 Linda Crouch | |
| 9 Abegail Thompson | 18 Brandy Fox | |
| 10 Betty Hatley | 19 Syler Hayes | |
| 10 Betty Weant | 20 Kathy Haynes | |
| 10 Cam Ritchie | 21 Ed Clark | |
| 10 April Smith | 23 Doris Ritchie | |
| 11 Onetia Bruce | 24 Leanne Kluttz | |

Happy
Birthday!

April Altar Flowers

Apr. 1 Easter Lilies

Apr. 8 Debbie Eller

Apr. 15 Carmen Merrell

Apr. 22 Carl Haynes

Apr. 29 Marlene Pethel



Prayer Concerns:

Our Sympathy is expressed to

Vickie Olsen and family at the death of her mother Juanita Hovis.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Randy Brown, cancer of bile duct. Lane Pethel, treatment for immune deficiency. Ron Smith recovering from retina surgery. Wanda Smith recovering from cataract surgery. Kathie Albright recovering from injuries sustain in a car wreck. Glenn Wall's mom, Marie, Lutheran Home rm. B9. Tommy Stoner back at home. Glenn Wilson, recovering from broken hip at home. Denise Koehn's mom, Shirley, at home. Nancy Agner, at her home. Eddie Eller, chemo & radiation for cancer in back and prostate. J Wood's sister, Anne Widholm, in a long term care facility. Roy Pethel, balance issues. Pauline Lyerly, Trinity Oaks rm. E09. Becky Morris' friend, Dawn Holder, lung cancer. Ed Clark, cancer. Ricky Cross, COPD. Gloria Cross, pinched nerve, fibromyalgia, stage 3 kidney disease. Wanda Smith, recovering from cataract surgery; husband Ron recovering from 3rd surgery to attach retina . Denise Koehn's friend Sandy Morris, stage 3 breast cancer. Marsha & Dale's friend, Gail Reynolds, stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Ann & Bill Meacham poor health.



Bible Quiz

In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd..."
- C. Both A & B
- D. Neither A nor B



Answer:
C. (See John 10:9, 11)

Speaking God's Word into Every Heart

WHAT: **Banquet**

SPEAKER: **PASTOR JACOB RAMATHUDI**

WHERE: **SALISBURY CIVIC CENTER
315 MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE
SALISBURY NC 28144**

WHEN: **TUESDAY MAY 1 @ 7 PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:
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No Cross, No Easter

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)

Some years ago I came into the church to get ready for a wedding. The wedding party was already there having pictures made. I happened to look up at the altar and noticed to my horror the cross was missing.

I walked to the altar and began looking for it and found it sitting on the floor off to one side. As I picked it up to put it back on the altar I heard the photographer tell me he had removed the cross and asked me not to put it back on the altar because the glare from it was ruining the pictures.

I think that was the first time I was ever really angry in church. I told the photographer that the cross was the central focus of our faith and that under no circumstances was it to be removed. As a professional photographer he would just have to make adjustments with his camera and lighting to take care of the glare.

In a church marketing newsletter called the Church's Advertising Network, a campaign was developed to attract people to church during the season of Easter. In this public relations campaign, it was suggested that the cross be removed from the altar. According to the author, a survey revealed that the cross is one of those symbols that the new generation of church goers considered too "churchy." One pastor interviewed for the campaign gave his whole hearted endorsement: "We are going to attempt to concentrate on the resurrection, and not the death of Jesus.

Easter without the cross? A blasphemous thought! Is it possible to have resurrection without crucifixion? No. It distorts the entire gospel if crucifixion is separated from resurrection. The road to the empty tomb will forever pass by a cross. The one who is raised from the dead is none other than the crucified Christ. Easter without a cross is a hoax.

And yet sadly enough many Christians do just that – celebrate Easter without going through the discipline of Lent and Holy Week. We like the beauty and glory of Easter, but we need to realize that it only comes because of the shame, the humiliation, the pain and suffering of the cross. If Jesus did not die on the cross, there could have been no resurrection on Easter morning.

The same is true for us – until we go the way of the cross with Christ, until we take up our cross and follow Jesus we will not know the true joy of Easter. The discipline of the Lenten services is not just to add something else for us to do in the midst of our busy lives – it is to cause us to take the time to intentionally focus on why Jesus became a human in the first place—love.

In the familiar words of John 3:16 Jesus tells us that ***God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*** That everlasting life is only possible because Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Consequently, according to Romans 6:3,4 we are baptized into Christ's death so that we might also be raised to live the new life now and for all eternity.

The cross then has central place spiritually in our faith and physically in our church. When you come into the nave through the doors of the narthex the first thing you see is the cross on the altar. That is a reminder that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. But note too that it is an empty cross. Our Lord is not longer there, just as he is no longer in the tomb. It, like the cross, is empty.

Jesus is risen from the dead and he lives and reigns forever. Because he lives, we who believe in him shall live forever too. In the meantime we must bear our cross – in whatever form that may take – but we do so joyfully because of Easter. We know that this is not all there is. There is the Resurrection. There is eternal life! Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

Pastor Carl

April Scripture Lessons

Resurrection of Our Lord, April 1

Sunrise

Exodus 15:1-11
Psalm 118:15-29
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-18

10:30am

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 16
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

The 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 8

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 148
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

The 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 15

Acts 3:11-21
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36-49

The 4th Sunday of Easter, April 22

Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

The 5th Sunday of Easter, April 29

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 150
1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)
John 15:1-8

Indoor Yard Sale
April 21, 7am-12pm
Ursinus UCC, Rockwell



Sweet Potato Queens

All proceeds to American Cancer Society

Powles Staton Funeral Home **Veteran Appreciation Day is** **April 26**



- Free lunch
- Door Prizes
- Bring a worn American flag to be retired
- Bring a toy for Operation Toy Soldier

11 a.m.—2 p.m.
Powles Staton Funeral home

Why we need Easter

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way through it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey, *Disappointment With God*

Christiana Rowdy Seniors

Christiana's senior citizens will meet for lunch at the Smoke Pit restaurant at noon on Thursday, April 5.



Gift and memorials received this month

In memory of Pat Ramsey by Colleen Walton, Ruth Whiten, Anne Strazzulla, Sophia Douglas, Mike & Vickie Keene, MKL of LCW, Kay Abernathy

In memory of Juanita Hovis by Mike & Vickie Keene, LaVaughn Beaver, Onetia Bruce, Paul & Beth Landry, MKL of LCW

In memory of Carolyn Haas by Sheryl Lyerly
In honor of Terry Connell by Charlotte Pacilio



LCW April Events

Miss Katherine Lyerly Group will meet at Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab on April 10 at 10 a.m.

Sister Lucille Group will meet in the Smith Assembly Hall on Tuesday, April 3
Program TBA

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
12:- 4:30 P.M.



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

Remember those in Nursing Homes



Genesis Healthcare:
Carolyn Barringer Corl

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Katherine Lyerly
Pauline Lyerly
Marie Wall, Glenn Wall's mom

CHRISTIANA FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to everyone for the cards, visits, and prayers while I was recovering from surgery. Hope to be back to church soon.

Nancy Agner

Thank you!

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

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Council Vice-President: Dale Beaver
Council Secretary: Vickie Keene

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

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
4 p.m. Sundays

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



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New scholarships offered

We are thrilled to announce two scholarship opportunities available to students of Christiana.

InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship – One \$5,000 scholarship

The InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship was established in 2013 to benefit students who are members of churches that have an active church endowment fund at InFaith Community Foundation. Applicants must be high school graduating seniors

seeking a four-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Through this scholarship award, we hope to provide educational opportunities to an individual who demonstrates financial need, high academic achievement, and a

commitment to sharing their blessings with the world. This scholarship program is made possible through an InFaith Field of Interest Fund, a collaborative fund made possible by InFaith donors to serve our shared community.

WomenLead Scholarship - Two \$3,000 scholarships

WomenLead recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits and civic organizations, and seeks to accelerate the extraordinary leadership of women to lead change using their talents to *educate, advocate, and activate*. The WomenLead Scholarship was established in 2017. Two educational scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a Masters or Doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership and/or in Christian ministry. Women of diverse backgrounds (race/ethnicity, age, faith) eager to lead through bold action, innovative vision and faith-inspired passion are encouraged to apply.

Visit our website to learn more - <https://www.infaithfound.org/newsgrants/scholarships>.

Applications are due on April 30, 2018. If you have any questions about the scholarships or the application process please contact Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, at (800) 365-4172, or scholarships@InFaithfound.org.

**Christiana Lutheran Church
Council Minutes March 11, 2018**

Members Present:

Cam Ritchie, President
Vickie Keene, Secretary
Terry Ritchie
LaVaughn Beaver
Sue Wall

J Wood
Linda Crouch
Charlotte Pacilio

Harold Morris
Boni Lowry
Bruce Wilhelm

Absent: Dale Beaver, Branson Pethel, Jay Goodman, Leanne Kluttz

Also Present: Carl Haynes, Pastor, Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director and Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals

The executive committee presented the following motion: *To form a Safety and Security Taskforce to the purpose of creating a written safety and security plan with recommendations for implementation for Christiana Lutheran Church.* Jim Duncan was identified by the executive committee to lead the taskforce and has agreed to serve in this capacity. It was noted that the taskforce does not have the authority to expend church funds without approval from the Council. The motion was unanimously approved.

A meeting has been scheduled on March 21st at 6:00 pm for the taskforce and Council to hear a presentation from Tim Goodman on church security from the aspect of awareness and preparedness, to review the Security Report prepared by Captain Tim Wyrick from the Sheriff's Dept. and to review the scope of the goals of the taskforce.

At this time, Cam Ritchie shared that a congregational meeting has been scheduled on **Sunday, April 8th at 9:30 am** in Smith Hall to present the Beacon Center design and funding option. Jim Duncan and a representative from Ramsey, Burgin, Smith, Architects will present the 3D design renderings followed with details of the funding option from Branson Pethel. Discussion and questions will follow until 10:15 am. The meeting will then reassemble in the sanctuary for a ballot vote of the proposal. The goal is to minimize disruption of the worship service, as much as possible, by beginning the presentation at 9:30 am.

February 11, 2018 council minutes were approved with the correction of Laurie Ritchie as attending.

Financial Report for February, 2018 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer.

February income was \$2016 below budget with expense \$5098 above budget

Items of note included:

\$951 budget shortfall in February

\$4,146 to purchase various lighting equipment was charged to the general balance and will be moved to the building fund as previously approved in 2017.

\$412 for the purchase of two bus tires.

No allowance was made for Pastor's Shared Housing in February and will adjust next month.

The service charge for elevator maintenance will increase by \$272 quarterly.

February contributions to the Master Plan was \$1100

Balance of Christiana Endowment Fund with InFaith Community Foundation is \$25,587

Reception of:

Pastor's Report for January

The pastor's report for February was presented and accepted as submitted. Pastor Carl shared that he was asked to serve on the Pastoral Care and Transition Team (PCAT) for Carolinas Mission District.

Pastor Carl shared that he and Kathy are building a house and should move out of the Parsonage by year-end in preparation for retirement in four years.

Thrive Youth Report for January

The youth directors report was presented and accepted as submitted.

Items of note included:

16 Thrivers attended the Mission District Youth retreat in Little Mountain, SC.

Diego Corona, Jackie Lowry, Carlee Lowry, Chase Hawkins, and Sierra Braun are participating in the L.I.T program.

Brittney shared that she has been approved by her school to attend the Leadership Rowan program next year. This is a one year Rowan County immersion program that meets once a month throughout the year. The school will pay the cost of a substitute teacher on the days she is absent. Brittney asked if the church would consider an education stipend of \$600 which is ½ of the \$1200 cost of the program. *A motion was made to pay \$600 towards the cost of the Leadership Rowan program. After discussion, the motion was amended to approve payment for \$1200.* The motion received unanimous approval.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

Stewardship Committee: Line item description for the Van was changed to Bus and Bus Shelter to explain the total pay-back to undesignated funds. Determined payment for lighting invoice of \$6,054.06 should be charged to the building fund.

Christian Ed: Committee made plans for children's Easter program and Vacation Bible School. To address the safety of children in Sunday School a letter was sent to teachers and parents' asking them to hold children in classrooms until the second bell and keep younger children in classrooms until a parent comes to pick them up. This will limit the time a child might be unattended while on church property

Property Committee: A report of maintenance items for February was received. Replacement of the automatic faucets will be tabled at this time as the running water issues appear to have stopped at this time. A status report for the repair of the eternal flame was requested.

Social Ministry: Christiana will serve the evening and morning meals at Rowan Helping Ministries on March 22 and March 23rd.

Worship Committee: Homecoming will be September 16th with Junior Gaither as guest Pastor.

Evangelism Committee: It was reported that 53 different women participated in the Women's Bible Study with many positive comments. The Lenten Devotional booklet has also received positive comments and there has been increased Facebook activity with the daily posting of the devotions.

Fellowship Committee: Reported BTB fundraiser meals will continue through May with a break during June, July and August.

A motion to offer meal reimbursements up to \$150 was presented by the committee and unanimously approved. A discussion followed regarding the proper way to receive reimbursement for this type of expense. There was general agreement that all proceeds should be turned in and receipts submitted for reimbursement. It was noted that no funds should be taken from proceeds and Council was in favor of this type of transparent process. Laurie Ritchie and Vickie Keene will create a draft document for Council approval. Once approved, the guidelines will be shared with all committees and others who coordinate fundraisers.

The committee was given permission to schedule a 'Spring Clean-Up' day and will find a convenient date to share with our members.

MKL: reported they will be making brownies for the BBQ Chicken fundraiser. They are also making shut-in bags.

Archives Committee: Committee is requesting pictures of former pastors to frame and display.

Scout Committee: Reported two Scout leaders had received debit cards for the Scout account and will contact the Scout treasurer, Tammy Hill or Boni Lowry to verify funds availability.

Brighten the Beacon Committee: Committee will meet after congregational meeting.

The choir is sponsoring a BTB fundraiser on June 2nd @ 7:00 pm. It will be a jazz style musical evening with Natalie Haynes and ensemble. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. This date will be added to the fundraiser calendar.

Bus Committee: Reported they are looking for insurance with roadside assistance. A presentation from the bus committee on operating guidelines will be presented at the next council meeting.

Miscellaneous: A request was made of the executive committee to form a taskforce for the Old 80 property purchased by the church so that a written report on the condition of the two buildings on the property with needed improvements cost estimates where possible.

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Next Council Meeting

April Council Meeting: **Sunday, April 8, 2018** from 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Church Lockup Schedule

April - Terry Ritchie	May - Leanne Kluttz	June - J Wood
July - Jay Goodman	August - Charlotte Pacilio	September - Sue Wall
October - Boni Lowry	November - Harold Morris	December - Branson Pethel
January 2019 - Dale Beaver		

Members were reminded to contact Cam Ritchie if back-up is needed in their absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Agner-Keene

Church Council Secretary