



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

Homecoming planned for September 18

Christiana Lutheran Church will celebrate its 151st Homecoming on Sunday, September 18.

The day will begin with Sunday School at 9:15am. Worship will be in the Sanctuary at 10:30a.m. with lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. The church will supply the meal, cups, plates, plastic ware, napkins and ice.

Now is the time to invite former members, family and friends to this special event.

Our homecoming preacher will be Pastor Mary Havens. Dr. Havens, a native of Nebraska, received her undergraduate degree from Midland Lutheran College, M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and earned her Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is the Director of Lutheran Studies at Gordon Conwell Seminary as well as Interim pastor at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Simpsonville, SC.

We will receive a special offering for the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.



Are you eligible to vote?

Christiana's constitution states in C8.02c:
Active/Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a financial contribution of record to this congregation during the preceding 12 months. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

Your tithing envelope is your record of contribution, and the entry of your name in the pew pad is your record of communing. Contact the church office if you wish to confirm your voting eligibility.



Rediscover Church

YOU WILL BE MOST RICHLY BLESSED!

I asked GOD for strength that I might achieve. I was made weak that I might learn to obey.

I asked GOD for health that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy. I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness that I might feel the need of GOD.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.

You can experience all these things when you are I church on Sunday. Don't miss out! Come share with us.

September Worship Leaders

Sept. 4 Pr. Keith Less
(communion)

Sept. 11 Harry Agner

Sept. 18 Pr. Mary Havens
(Homecoming/communion)

Sept. 25 Jason Smith

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

First, we give of ourselves. GOD wants us to take our thoughts and plans to him. In fact, He wants us to seek him first in all things!

1. Stand firm in the Lord. God won't let you down, let go of you, or give up on you.
2. Be mission-minded. Paul planted churches with Philippians' support.
3. Be open-hearted. The Philippians sent Paul aid again and again.
4. See giving as an investment, not a sacrifice. Give up ambitions and put your resources at GOD's disposal.
5. Care about what GOD thinks. Make an offering pleasing to him. Want what GOD wants in spite of what you want.
6. Trust GOD to provide. GOD will meet your needs.
7. Let GOD have his way. GOD will complete the work.
8. Pray. Take your needs to the Lord in prayer.
9. Live consistently. Suffer for Jesus Christ as Paul did.

September Children's Church Leaders

Sept. 4 Debbie & Eddie Eller

Sept. 11

Sept. 18 Robin Adkins & Marlene Pethel

Sept. 25

September Worship Support

Reader: Madeline Zieverink

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeters: Jenny Roberts, Barbara Crouch, Eddie Eller

Communion Assistants: Terry Ritchie & Richard Crouch

Sound: Tony Hawkins

Lock Up: Kevan Barringer

Altar Guild: Earlene & Brittney Ritchie, Linda Duncan, Angie Fleming

August Attendance

August 7

Worship: 86

Sunday School: 54

August 14

Worship: 78

Sunday School: not reported

August 21

Worship: 82

Sunday School: 46

August 28

Worship: 85

Sunday School: 51

September Birthdays

2 MacKenzie Coffey

6 Jason Smith

6 Cody Pruette

7 Daniel Honeycutt

8 Jason Kluttz

9 Brantley Lyerly

11 Charles Roberts

12 Linda Cline

14 Ann Meacham

15 Harry Agner

18 Robin Adkins

20 Avalyn Scott

26 Branson Pethel

28 Benjamin Rowland

29 Dave Beretsky

30 Adam Cross

Happy Birthday!



September Altar Flowers

Sept. 4 Vickie Keene

Sept. 11

Sept. 18

Sept. 25 Diane Smith

Pedestal Lynda Pethel

Altar flowers are also needed for October 2, 16, 23, & 30 and every Sunday in November. Please contact Vickie Keene.



CRS plans lunch at Caprianos

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will gather for lunch at Caprianos Restaurant in Salisbury on Tuesday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to come together for food and fellowship!



I would like to thank the congregation for the cards sent to me and to Mike, and for your thoughts and prayers during Mike's cancer journey and his death. Your kindness is so appreciated.

Love in Christ,
Betty

Thank You

**CHRISTIANA PRESCHOOL
CLASSES HAVE BEGUN. DURING
SCHOOL HOURS, THE INSIDE
GLASS DOOR LEADING TO THE
PRESCHOOL HALL WILL BE
LOCKED. PLEASE COME TO THE
LOBBY OFFICE WINDOW TO BE
ADMITTED.**

Being a member of our church prayer team is a real privilege. Linda and I are blessed to be part of this great group of believers to pray for our pastor.

Our team is organized in groups and we meet together mostly on the phone at least once a week and pray for our pastor AND THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES.

We meet every month for a meal and fellowship and prayer.

There are about 20 of us on the Prayer Team and we have room for more folks.

Our next get together is September 13th right after the Brighten The Beacon meal. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome.



First Brighten the Beacon meal set for September 13

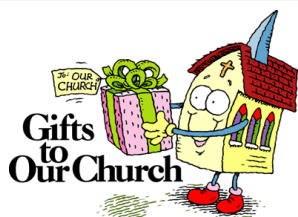
The first Brighten the Beacon meal of the season will be Tuesday, September 13 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sister Lucille circle will furnish the meal and all are encouraged to attend.

Contact Karen Goodman for complete information.

Gifts in memory of Mark Carscaddon:

To the Memorial Fund
Carscaddon by Mike &
Kate Beretsky, Mark &
Kathie Albright



To the NALC Disaster Fund for Bibles by
LaVaughn Beaver

To the Endowment Fund by Madeline Zieverink

To Brighten the Beacon by Doris Ritchie



To the Memorial Fund in memory of Helen
Thomas Gardner and Howard Frick Thomas by
Patricia & Kaitlin Pena

September Scripture Lessons

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 4

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-35

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 11

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Psalm 119:169-176

1 Timothy 1:95-11) 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 18

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 1:1-15

Luke 16:19-31

16th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 25

Amos 6:1-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Luke 16:19-31

September Prayer Concerns



Sympathy is extended to Betty Hatley and family upon the death of her brother, Mike Carscaddon and to Katie Sease and Leanne Kluttz upon the death of their grandmother, Dot Honeycutt.

Roy Pethel, blood pressure issues. Glenn Wilson, shingles; hernia surgery postponed. Jenny Roberts, tests. Debbie Eller, Nick Pacilio, Charlotte Pacilio, Linda Haynes, Voight Basinger, Angie Fleming, Jeff Fleming, all recovered from COVID. Barbara Crouch, recovering from heart valve replacement. Bonnie Sechler, broken leg, tests. Kay Abernathy, at home. Don & Rose Dedmon, room 405 The Laurels of Salisbury; Dee Smith, kidney issues. Kathy Haynes' sister Karen Smith, chemo treatments. Vaughn Hatley, immunotherapy. Patti Holshouser, Ann Meacham, Cardell Gibson at TO-HAR. Kathie Albright, pain from spondylolisthesis, spinal stenosis, and osteoarthritis; her friend Maxine Campbell, multiple health issues.

Remember those in care facilities

Autumn Care:

Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Cardell Gibson

Patti Holshouser

Ann Meacham

The Laurels of Salisbury

Don & Rose Dedmon



Christiana Council Minutes
August 14, 2022

Members Present:

Richard Crouch, President
Jason Smith, VP
Laura Ritchie, Secretary

Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer
Todd Koontz
Eddie Eller

Earlene Ritchie
Karen Goodman
Jeff Fleming

Robbie Robinson
Brittney Ritchie
Harry Agner

Absent:

Charlotte Pacilio
Tony Hawkins
Kevan Barringer

Items of Business:

July Meeting Minutes

Council approved as presented.

July Treasurers Report:

July Envelope Income: \$2,625.87

Total July Income: \$2,867.29

YTD Envelope: \$628.80

YTD Total Income: \$679.24

Total July Expense: \$4,884.17

YTD Total Expense: \$22,777.02

Cash on Hand: \$52,228.00

Cash on Hand Money Market: \$100,000.00

Designated Funds:

Interest earned: \$25.82

July contributions to BTB: \$410.00

Council approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Will meet Monday, August 15th to prepare the budget for next year. If anyone has a request to change their budget, they need to make it prior to the meeting.

Richard Crouch gave an overview of the updated job descriptions for all church employees.

Christian Ed:

Met last week and decided they would not be doing Rally Day for the whole church. It will be contained to the Sunday School classes for cradle roll through high school. It is scheduled for September 4th.

Property:

Plan to have quotes next month for resealing the basement wall to avoid water damage.

Social Ministry:

Baby Bottle campaign was overly successful at more than \$2,411.00 for Life Choices Rowan.

Will be serving at the homeless shelter in September.

Evangelism:

Finishing the Anxious for Nothing Devotional Booklet. Plan to publish them as a daily email or a week of messages.

Have a scheduled meeting this week on Aug. 18th to plan for the Trunk or Treat and the Thanksgiving Meal.

Membership Review:

Attendance has been good.

We have had between one to three visitors each Sunday.

Ann brought to our attention the fact that there are quite a few people who have not met the requirements for being considered an active member (give regularly, communion once a year). This will become important as we move into our Pastor calling process. A notification was placed in the bulletin for today and in the newsletter for the month.

Nehemiah Group:

Everything is going well.

Asked about the procedure for lock-up. Reminded council members to turn off lights.

Upon doing a walk through, they noticed the door to the kitchen in the fellowship hall has been left unlocked. Harry will follow-up with the veterans group.

Brighten the Beacon:

The sound system is on the plan to be the next thing on the agenda for improvement.

We have contacted two different companies who stated that repairs would mean waiting for the parts. It would be possible to replace the whole system quicker but that would require a meeting to review the costs.

Laurie Ritchie will plan a meeting for the Brighten the Beacon Committee to discuss next steps on this.

LCW – SL Group:

Had the pool party at LaVaughn Beaver's home.

LCW - MKL Group:

Donated 274 pounds of food to Rowan Helping Ministries.

Provided desserts for the Veteran's meals.

Made desserts for the DAR district meeting.

Decorated the men's restroom in the fellowship hall.

Donated \$100.00 to Gordon Conwell for a lifetime membership in honor of Louise Crowther, the group's woman of the year.

Provided two pedestal arrangements on LCW Sunday and a floral arrangement for the Smith Assembly Hall.

Coordinated the collection of Noisy Offerings during July and thanks to the congregation's generosity (over \$911.00 collected), Charlotte was able to purchase gift cards for our four public school teachers and two homeschool families.

Sent a \$200.00 donation to Samaritan's Purse designated for Kentucky flood relief.

Sent birthday/thinking of you cards to shut-ins.

Working to put together twenty school supply bags for children at the Family Crisis Council-Battered Women's Shelter. They are also planning to purchase underwear for women and children at the shelters as that is an immediate need.

Plan to purchase needed items (body wash, razors, and detergent) for selected veterans.

CRS:

July 12th met at Faith Soda Shop for dinner.

August 9th met at Cracker Barrel with 10 members present.

Youth:

Youth Committee has planned one event for our youth each month to keep them active during the transition. The events will be sent to Ann to add to the monthly calendar and Laura Ritchie will announce it to the congregation to let them know when they are coming up.

All youth will be invited (youth 5th grade and lower will require family chaperones)

Each event will include a devotion/lesson, community service focus, and fun activity.

We will request volunteer adult helpers from the congregation for each event as needed.

Prayerful Considerations:

Quilting Guild: They make quilts for the veterans and donate them at no cost to them. Between the materials it costs roughly about \$400.00 a quilt. They do their own fundraising every couple of months. They would like to move to one fundraiser a year and they are requesting use of the Fellowship Hall on October 6-7, 2023. They also want to use it for the 2nd Monday of the month to have their sit and sew. The council made a motion to allow them to use the fellowship hall and not charge them. The motion was seconded. Council approved.

Request for Cubbies from Preschool: We do not have enough cubbies for all of the three and two year-olds. Received a quote to get them built for \$540.00 and the company will donate the second one. The recommendation was to take it from Unbudgeted Funds. Council made the motion and it was seconded. Council approved.

Horseshoe Pits: Dale wants to construct horseshoe pits behind the fellowship hall that will be donated by the Beaver family. They will help maintain the pits as long as they use the fellowship hall for their family reunions. Council made a motion to approve and seconded it. Council approved.

Tony Hawkins' Council resignation: Resigned from council. Richard Crouch has made contact with Tony to discuss his decision and encourage him to remain a part of the council. Tony continued with his resignation. We will need to elect a person to replace him for the rest of his term through January 2023. Richard will make a recommendation to the council for approval.

Mission District Dean Meeting: This meeting will take place on August 18th at 7:00 p.m. with the council and the call committee members to discuss the pastor call process.

Possible Interim Pastor: On September 4th Pastor Keith Less, who is trained interim pastor who is writing a handbook on how to train interim pastors for the NALC is coming to preach. For an interim pastor, normally the church contracts with them anywhere from 6 months to 2 years. Richard would like to have a called council meeting, including a light lunch, following the church service to discuss Pr. Less's possible service as our interim pastor.

2023 Council Nominating Committee: The outgoing council members are the nominating committee and need to start contacting possible nominees. The outgoing council members are Eddie, Earlene, Laura, Robbie, & Jason. Plan to bring a list of nominees to the October council meeting. Richard to send out list of ineligible members.

Project Light: Made a request to increase their copying limit from 80 to 150 a month. Council made the motion and seconded it. Council approved.

September Lock-Up, Devotions, & Closing Prayer: Month of August is Kevin Barringer.

Next council meeting: **Sunday, September 11th at 8:00 a.m.**
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary

Called Church Congregational Meeting , Sunday, August 7, 2022

- Called to order by Richard Crouch, president.
- Moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous congregational meeting. It was seconded and passed.
- Purpose of the called congregational meeting is to vote to approve the Pastor Call Committee that comes as a motion from the council.
- Richard called for the vote and it passed unanimously.
- After the vote, Richard explained what to expect in the next steps of the process.
- With no further questions the meeting was concluded.

Celebrate Sunday School!

The Christian Education committee has decided to discontinue Rally Day. We have not had it in almost 3 years, and think that this might be the time to try something new!

So, instead of having adults and children all together, we are planning a fun gathering of Kindergarten-High School classes on Sunday, September 4. This will begin at 8:50 a.m. with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, followed by some Bible games, Bible drills, stories, and some fun games as well.

Our hope is that this will be a good way for our young students to know how much we appreciate them coming to Sunday School, and also a time to thank our teachers and helpers for all that they do as well.

And PARENTS! We are always so thankful to you for bringing your children and youth to SS and Church service.

To volunteer to help with the breakfast, games, etc. please contact Marsha Beaver.



Labor Day laughs

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!



- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for taking time to let me know your favorite hymns and anthems. The list became too long to publish (isn't that wonderful?) and expresses the diverse musical tastes of our congregation. I received many requests for "the old hymns" but also for Lutheran standards and contemporary songs straight from K-LOVE radio. I hope that you will be present in person or through Facebook every Sunday because I promise that as I plan the music I will incorporate ALL your suggestions (either as hymns or as instrumental music and anthems) when they appropriately illuminate the scriptures and theme for the day. Many titles have already found their way into the bulletin this summer and I hope you have enjoyed the variety. That said, please know that the door is never closed on my listening and considering your requests. Keep them coming! Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to hold and guide us all as we go forward in worship and mission, all to the Glory of God through Christ Jesus!

Serving Christ together,

Becky



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Mailed August 31, 2022

Phone: 704-279-4655
Fax: 704-279-1595

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

Council President: Richard Crouch
Council Vice-President: Jason Smith
Council Secretary: Laura Ritchie

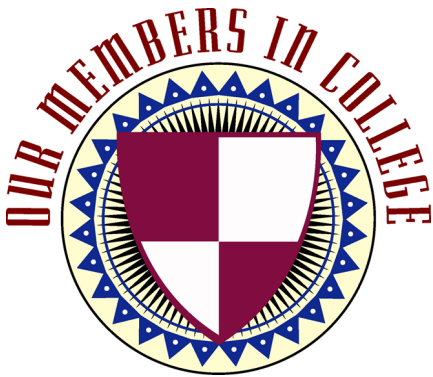
Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Sundays, 4 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Marsha Beaver, Director
Sundays at 5:15 pm

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Caylee Hawkins	East Carolina University
Aubrey Honeycutt	Western Carolina University
Jackie Lowry	Lees McRae College
Lani Isley	Appalachian State University

Please advise the church office of any additions or corrections to this list at 704-279-4655 or
christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com.



Miss Katherine Lyerly Group
will meet on Tuesday
September 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the church.
Marlene Pethel is program leader.

Sister Lucille Lyerly Group
will meet on September 6 at 7 p.m.
in the Smith Assembly Hall.
Marsha Beaver is hostess and
Laurie Ritchie, program by
Faythe & David Diloreto