



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 2023

Christiana Courier

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Pray for Christiana's NEW PASTOR to Model These Traits

The Call Committee gleaned these TOP 5 characteristics from the Congregational Workshop, Members' Survey and Prayer Team. They are listed here in order of importance. Let's join together in prayer that our new pastor is:

LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christ shines through in their words and actions.
Has no illusions about their own sinful heart.
Seeks Godly wisdom over human wisdom.

GROUNDING IN SCRIPTURE

Believes/teaches the Bible as written (orthodox).
Preaches the Gospel (our need for a Savior).
Seeks the Word for answers, decisions, and problems.
NALC core values.

COMPASSIONATE

Loves people and actively cares for them.
Has a shepherd's heart.

EVANGELISTIC

Has a heart for winning souls to Christ and developing disciples.

RELATIONAL

Personable (likeable, good listener, humble, sense of humor).
Relates well from the pulpit, in small groups, and one-on-one.
Deeply engaged in the life of the church.
A natural leader.

 Pastoral Call Committee
Christiana Lutheran Church



A Special Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 10:20 am in the Sanctuary of Christiana Lutheran Church. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the installation of a sound system in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will come from the Brighten the Beacon Fund not to exceed \$9,000. The single microphone/speaker setup currently in use is inadequate for the space. We encourage you to support this Brighten the Beacon Project. There will be no other business at this meeting.

Sunday in the Grove and premier of Congregational Profile is June 4

Worship begins at 10:30. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. A hotdog/hamburger/dessert lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall after the service.

Anyone interested in viewing the newly completed congregational profile—and its video—prior to its being posted on the NALC website should be **in the Smith Assembly Hall at 9:15 am on Sunday, June 4th before heading out to the Grove for worship service.** The Pastoral Call Committee is very excited to share this profile with you! It's taken nearly a year to collect and assemble the information necessary to finalize Christiana's introduction and invitation to all pastors seeking a call.

The oldest and youngest fathers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Father's Day, June 18, and will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Fellowship Class.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION What Can I Do For You?

How often do we go to the Lord with our request list:

- Keep me safe
- Heal me
- Grant me the means to satisfy my hunger
- New clothes

The list never ends and then we get angry when the Lord doesn't answer right away.

Have you ever gone to the Lord and asked what you can do for the Lord? The Lord's list is very short: Give me your talent, your time, and only 10% of your wealth. Seems like a short list compared to ours!

There is a saying "Pay me now or pay me later." I don't want to gamble with the Lord. I want to share my time, talent, and money now. I may not like the way the Lord might pay me later!

Stewardship is a habit, get in one now.

June 2023 Worship Support

Reader: Todd Koontz

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts, Eddie Eller, Linda Duncan, Marlene Pethel

Communion Assistant: Marsha Beaver & Barbara Crouch

Lock Up: Richard Crouch

Altar Guild: Carmen Pethel, Shelby Harwood, Earlene & Brittney Ritchie

Intercessory Prayers: Todd & Gayle Koontz

May Attendance

May 7 Worship: 102
Sunday school: 58

May 14 Worship: 95
Sunday school: 44

May 21 Worship: 105
Sunday school: 48

June Birthdays

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| 5 Aubrey Honeycutt | 23 Ainslee Lowry |
| 5 Harriet Lyerly | 24 Scott Kelsoe |
| 9 Claire Roth-Tubman | 27 Alisa Mead |
| 14 Kevin Coffey, Jr. | 29 Patsy Holshouser |
| 15 Tammy Hill | |
| 16 Uriah Wyrick | |
| 17 Gene Edens | |
| 18 Nathan Richardson | |
| 19 Jenny Roberts | |
| 19 Judy Chapman | |
| 19 Noah Haivala | |
| 21 Bonnie Sechler | |
| 21 Wanda Smith | |



June Altar Flowers

June 4 Gail Koontz

June 11 *FLOWERS NEEDED!*

June 18 Fellowship Class

June 25 *FLOWERS NEEDED!*





Titus 2:2

*Older Men are to be sober-minded, dignified,
self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.*

It's June and like in May we spend some time honoring those who have influenced us as we grew and mentored us as we got older. Men, we live in an age where being a man in the Biblical sense is not very popular. We are portrayed in books and in media as either being so dumb that we can barely function, or so primitive to be laughable. Biblically, neither of those pictures is what God had in mind for men when He got creation rolling. Of course, we can blame sin. I mean it is the root cause and all, but really that is passing the buck and that leads me to the point of this month's Pastor's Page piece. We have from the beginning been charged with the care of those around us. We are to be influencers. We are to be guides and mentors, especially to younger men. Men in general have given up that roll and the world is a sadder place because of it. Men of influence who can teach others to be men and women of ethical behavior, integrity, and care are sadly in short supply. This is part of our calling as Christian men. We can no longer sit on the sidelines and just complain that the world is not what it should be. We have to step up and lead, care, teach and exhort those around us. The examples that Titus shares seem pretty basic. They are things and all people should be about. However, reread the list and look at the descriptions as facets of our spiritual self. This is what faith in action should look like. How are we doing? It is time to step back into the roles that God has set for us. Go to the places that we are to be of the most use to the building of Christian character in those around us. To be positive beacons of what a man of faith looks like. For those of you who are already actively striving for that, thank you and keep up the good work.

Pastor Keith

The mission of Project Light Rowan

Awareness, Precautions, Reporting Human Trafficking.

We are very active in getting the Awareness of Human Trafficking out to our community and beyond. A big thank you to Christiana and to all who support our efforts.

PLR was recently on iHeart radio for a 30 minute interview, supported Rowan Helping Ministries in providing needed items to folks and comforted them with words of encouragement.

We also presented to the children at Nazareth Children's Home. PLR will have a booth at the Fun Fest at Nazareth on June 3rd.

Our Celebration Fundraiser will be on August 18th and will include great food, entertainment, testimonials from survivors and a live auction. Tickets are available now. See Jim or Linda before they are all sold.

Please pray for the victims, survivors and for Project Light Rowan as we fight against this terrible human trafficking.

June Scripture Lessons

Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4

Genesis 1:1-2a
Psalm 8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Matthew 28:16-20

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 11

Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 119:65-72
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 18

Exodus 19:2-8
Psalm 100
Romans 5:6-15
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-20)

4th Sunday after Pentecost, June 25

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 91:1-16
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

June

Gifts to Our Church

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Rose Dedmon by Larry & Sandra McKenzie,
Mike & Vickie Keene
In memory of Cardell Gibson by Larry & Sandra McKenzie
In memory of Dewey Preslar by Bobby Barringer and Middle/
High School Sunday School Class
In honor of Frances Peeler by Reggie & Bill Hardister
In thanksgiving for the Prayer Team by Dale & Marsha Beaver

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Rose Dedmon by the Fellowship Sunday School
Class
In memory of Ruby Catherine Pepper Thomas by Patricia &
Kaitlin Pena
In memory of Pat Barringer on Mother's Day and in honor of
her sons who have been so gracious to my father by Kathie Al-
bright

To the Endowment Fund

In honor of Madeline Zieverink by Betty Weant

To the Music Fund

In memory of Rose Dedmon by Dale & Marsha Beaver, Ann
Bostian

To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Charles Roberts by Ann Bostian



LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 10 a.m. at the
church with Onetia Bruce
for a covered dish lunch.

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet
at 7 p.m. on June 6
at the home of Linda Crouch, program leader.

Remember those in nursing homes

Terra Bella

Betty Rose Witty

The Laurels of Salisbury

Don Dedmon

Liberty Commons

Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab

Patti Holshouser
Ann Meacham



Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2023

Present

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| Richard Crouch, Pres. | Banks Kluttz | Mike Keene | Kevan Barringer |
| Cam Ritchie, VP | Todd Koontz | Tara Beaver | Jeff Fleming |
| Brittney Ritchie, Sec. | Charlotte Pacilio | Karen Goodman | Terry Ritchie |
| Laurie Ritchie, Treas. | Harry Agner | Linda Duncan | |

Absent

Keith Less,
Interim pastor

Items of Business:

April Council Meeting Minutes: Council approved as presented.

April Treasurers Report:

April Envelope Offering: \$24,273.85

April Offering Variance: \$1,755.18

Total April Income: \$24,708.81

Total April Income Variance: \$1,861.95

YTD Envelope Offering: \$96,101.46

YTD Envelope Offering Variance: \$6,026.78

YTD Total Income: \$97,750.46

YTD Total Income Variance: \$6,363.02

Total April Expense: \$18,906.23

Total April Expense Variance: \$4,004.37

YTD Total Expense: \$81,506.42

YTD Total Expense Variance: \$10,135.98

Cash on Hand: \$37,327.20

Cash on Hand Money Market: \$150,000.00

Treasurer's report approved by council as presented.

April Pastor's Report:

Council reviewed Pastor Keith's sixth month report.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Request from Rockwell Rural Fire Department for \$250 donation. Motions made to take \$250 from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and donate it to the Rockwell Rural Fire Department. Motion approved as presented. Motion made to donate \$250 to Nazareth's children's home. Motion approved as presented.

Christian Ed: Preparing for VBS. Volunteers are in place for VBS in July. After VBS Christian Ed will work with SLC to run a committee fair.

Social Ministry: The baby bottle campaign begins today and runs through father's day. The committee is serving at Rowan Helping Ministries at the end of May (25th and 26th).

Fellowship: For Sunday in the Grove on the first Sunday in June food is provided but asking for people to bring desserts.

Membership Review: Visitor attendance is frequent. Pastor class for new members soon.

Nehemiah Group: Had a range day with Sgt. Phillips and a new potential member.

Landscape: Annual flowers will be planted by the first Sunday and June. Keeping the parsonage yard mowed.

Brighten the Beacon: Planning updates to the Educational Building with remaining funds approved. Looking at church sign ideas but tabled for now. Also looking into options for replacing some of the regular windows on the side of the church. Motion from Brighten the Beacon not to exceed 9,000 from the BTB funds to purchase a sound system for the Fellowship Hall. Motion approved. A call for a vote of the congregation will be made.

Youth: April event in the circle was successful. Long term planning meeting. Carnival day for youth next Sunday, May 21st, 3-5pm. June will be the youth pool party, June 11th, 2-5pm.

LCW SLC Group: Working on Committee Fair.

LCW MKL Group: Cards for the shut-ins. Mother's day gifts for the mothers of the congregation were made.

Preschool: A family from the preschool visited the church for Sunday. Thank you for Jay Goodman for continuing to serve as security for the preschool. Enrollment is full for next year and a waiting list is continuing to grow.

Pastoral Call: David came to present the written and video profiles. Motion made to approve the profile as presented and move forward in the process. Motion approved.

Other Council Matters: Mike and Jay did a beautiful job on the Luther Rose on the back of the blessing box.

June Lock-Up, Devotions, and Closing Prayer: Richard Crouch
Next Meeting: June 11th at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittney Ritchie, Council Secretary

The prayer team

hosted the meal for the BTB meal for May. It was a delicious meal and great fellowship for the Prayer Team. We finished the meal (after clean up of course) with our monthly pray meeting.



Thank you prayer team members for your dedication to pray unceasingly for our new pastor and for our church needs and especially for the sick, military and missionaries.

Feel free to join the 25 or so of us as we regularly meet every month.

PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY PRAYER POSTED BY THE PRAYER

Christiana Rowdy
Seniors will meet on a date
TBD at 11:30 at the
Rockwell Café
in Rockwell.



This month's prayer concerns:



Barbara Crouch, rehab at The Laurels. J Wood's daughter, Mary Beth Mursch, multiple myeloma. Mariah House-Morris, broken arm. Maliyah Morris, broken ankle. Ann Teague's friend, pancreatic cancer. Diane Smith's cousin, Deanna Shue, cancer returned. Tammy Hill. Earlene Ritchie's sister, Dottie McLaurin, metastatic cancer. Earlene's other sister, Theresa, tumor on ear nerve; some hearing loss. Dianne Hall's husband, Doc. Chris Coletta, terminal cancer. Teresa McKinney's husband, esophageal cancer. Pastor Bruce Sheeks, blood clots. Bonnie Sechler, at son's; under new chemo treatment. Vickie Hill. Scott Hayes, prayers for recovery. Jenny Roberts, ALS. Becky Preslar's father, at home with sitters; physical therapy. Linda Cline's neighbor, Ann Mitchell, tests. Kay Abernathy, at home. Betty Rose Witty, Terra Bella. Don Dedmon, The Laurels. Patti Holshouser, Ann Meacham, TOHAR. Elizabeth Ritchie, Liberty Commons. Vaughn Hatley, immunotherapy. Kathie Albright, neck and shoulder pain.

Call Committee Updates as of May 21

The Call Committee continues to meet every other Thursday, working diligently to prepare for Christiana's new pastor. At the beginning of each meeting, Dale Beaver leads us through Bible study to prepare our hearts and minds for discussions and actions needed, to identify the pastor God is calling to Christiana.

The Call Committee has completed both the written and video profiles.

The written profile was shared with Church Council on 5/14/23 and after some minor modifications, Council voted unanimously to accept the written profile.

The video profile will be presented in a called council meeting on 5/28/23 to seek council approval.

Will share both the written and video profiles with congregation on 6/4/23 during the Sunday School hour.

The profiles will be forwarded to Pastor Shelly Schultz for review and posting on the NALC vacancy website.

Steps after profiles are posted:

Receive applications for potential pastors from Pastor Shelly

Call committee screens applications for initial interviews

Schedule and conduct interviews

During this time Ann continues to print and share the characteristics as:

part of our weekly bulletins

part of our weekly updates

part of our monthly newsletter

Jesus making a
difference in the
world through our lives.



Richard completed the updates to the Christiana brochure/flyer and we are

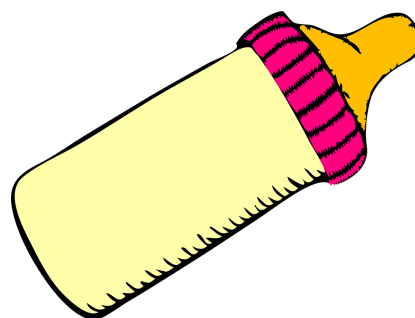
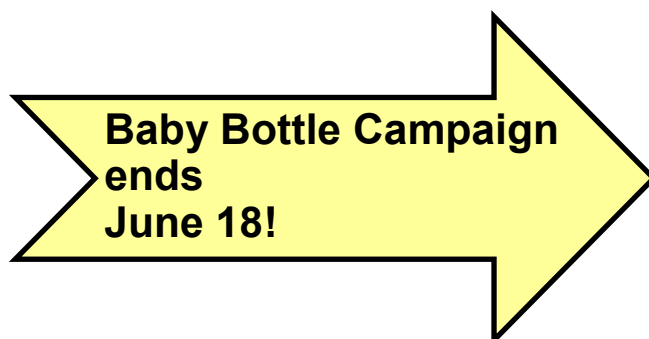
distributing to our congregation, visitors, and others in our community to share the work God is doing at Christiana. Please pick up a couple of these brochures from the narthex and invite others to join us. Remember what Jesus commissioned us to do in Matthew 28:19-20, ***“Therefore Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”***

We continue to be blessed and thankful to Jim and Linda Duncan for leading, and the entire prayer team for the foundational work they have done and continue to do preparing our congregation for our new pastor! We ask that everyone be in prayer concerning this most important process. We discuss in every call committee meeting the importance of prayer in the Call process and the great job our prayer team continues to deliver.

God's peace!

David Preslar <><

Call Committee Chair





A Little Free Food Pantry is available at Christiana in front of the Fellowship Hall. Please spread the word to anyone who may need a few food items to help feed their family. The pantry is re-stocked regularly.

Card Ministry continues

Christiana's card ministry is still seeking names, addresses and the need (sympathy, get well, whatever the need) and we will send the card. Signed by Gg Card Ministry, Your friends/family at Christiana Lutheran Church, Sister Lucille Circle **Send request by email to Gail Koontz at: gisk81@aim.com, or text to Gail's cell phone: 704-773-4439.**

Please note that that 28 cards were sent in April and so far this month 18 and 7 more are set to go out by the end of May!

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to help Christiana members and members of the community who are in need of financial assistance. We have a process in place to qualify all requests for support.

This fund is at an all-time low, and therefore, the Stewardship Committee requests that you consider a donation to this fund so that we are able to continue this outreach ministry.

Please give as God leads you.



VBS 2023

July 12,13,14

6:00—8:00 pm

Ages 2—Grade 5

Contact Laurie Ritchie
to volunteer

Haiti Missions Day is August 27

Save the date for a special Sunday at our church!

The morning service will feature Pastor Alexis Jean Baptiste from LaVictoire, Haiti as our Guest Speaker and The Gospel Plowboys will be in concert that evening at 6pm giving a benefit for the Children of Haiti Missions. They are committed to sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ through Gospel Bluegrass music.



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Mailed May 24, 2023

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

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Council Vice-President: Cam Ritchie
Council Secretary: Brittney Ritchie

Interim Pastor: Keith Less
Church Admin.: Ann Teague
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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Handbell Choir
Marsha Beaver, Director
June 11 & 25 at 4 pm

Puppet Team
Becky Morris, Director
On summer break

www.christianalutheran.org

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Youth Pool Party
Sunday, June 11
2:00—5:00 p.m.

At the home of
LaVaughn Beaver