



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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Angel Tree Project announced

The Angel Tree will be up in the Narthex on Sunday, November 29th. Please be sure to place your name on the sign-up sheet by the number of the angel you choose. Presents need to be placed under the tree no later than the morning of December 13th with the angel taped to the present. We will also be collecting gloves, mittens, toboggans, scarves and socks for Rowan Helping Ministries. Please use the clothespins in the basket near the tree to clip them on the tree. If you have any questions please call Linda Crouch.



December 6

10:30 am 2nd Sunday in Advent

December 13

10:30 am 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 20

10:30 am 4th Sunday in Advent

December 24

7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion.

December 27

10:30 am 1st Sunday after Christmas

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 1 & Sunday November 8, 2020

On Sunday, November 1, 2020 the annual congregational meeting for council nominations was called to order by Council President Jason Smith. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

The floor was opened for nominations for church council. No nominations were made and the floor was closed. This congregational meeting will remain open until Sunday, November 8th when voting will take place.

On Sunday, November 8, 2020 the annual congregational meeting was reopened by President Jason Smith for the purpose of electing Council members for the term of 2021-2023, a member of the Benevolent Foundation, approval of the 2021 Spending Plan and approval of the 2020 Ratification of Constitutional Amendments approved by the 2020 Mission Convocation.

Nominations for council are: Harry Agner, Kevan Barringer, Jeff Fleming, Tony Hawkins and Thomas Mead.

The floor was opened for questions. There being no additional comments, President Smith called for the vote.

The following individuals were elected to the Church Council:
Harry Agner, Kevan Barringer, Jeff Fleming, Tony Hawkins and Thomas Mead.

Richard Crouch was elected to the Benevolent Foundation.

The 2021 Spending Plan was approved.

The 2020 Ratification of Constitutional Amendments approved by the 2020 Mission Convocation was approved by a consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Crouch

November Attendance

November 1

Sunday School: 42
Worship: 79

November 8

Sunday School: 35
Worship: 72

November 15

Sunday School: 43
Worship: 79

November 22

Sunday School: 50
Worship: 78

To Brighten the Beacon

In honor of Pastor Carl by Larry & Sandra McKenzie

In honor of Richard Crouch by Charlotte Pacilio

In memory of Nancy Agner by Charles & Jenny Roberts,
LaVaughn & Alan Beaver

In memory of Alease Cline by Alan & LaVaughn Beaver, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Mike & Vickie Keene

In memory of Howard Thomas by Doris Ritchie

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Nancy Agner by Timberfield Development; Kay & Allen Roseman; Sister of Laureta Chi Beta Sigma Phi; Livengood, Peeler, Wood Auxiliary, Jerry & Mary Morgan, Susan, Tom, Colton, Caden & Campbell Kingston,

In memory of Alease Cline by Jay & Karen Goodman, Mike & Kate Beretsky

To Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Alease Cline by Madeline Zieverink



Those Who Serve in December

Reader: Barbara Crouch

Usher: Brian Barringer

Altar Guild: Debbie Eller, Linda Crouch, Wendi & Tony Hawkins

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Sound: Terry Ritchie

Lock Up: Jason Smith

Communion Assistants: Suzanna Roth-Tubman

SERVING THIS MONTH

December Birthdays

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ella Shank | 12 Elizabeth Ritchie |
| 1 Madeline Zieverink | 13 Wendi Hawkins |
| 2 Amy Cozart | 13 Annabel Holland |
| 2 Susan Holland | 19 Chris Sease |
| 3 Laura Ritchie | 20 Cameron Eller |
| 4 Tim Lingle | 21 Carmen Pethel |
| 4 Joe Koehn | 23 Jackson Smith |
| 4 Cardell Gibson | 24 Mary Morgan |
| 4 Lani Isley | 24 Joyce Ketchie |
| 5 Glenn Wilson | 24 Brittney Ritchie |
| 5 Mason Preslar | 27 Earlene Ritchie |
| 6 David Lingle | 28 Debbie Lyerly |
| 7 Carmen Merrell | 29 Anne Strazzulla |
| 7 Woodrow Frick | 30 Chris Connell |
| 9 Matthew Rowland | |
| 10 Janet Allen | |



December Altar Flowers

- Dec. 6** Kathie Albright
Pedestal: Kathy Haynes
- Dec. 13** Vickie Keene
- Dec. 20** Branson Pethel
- Dec. 24** Don & Diane Smith
- Dec. 27** Brittney Ritchie

Please see Kathy Haynes ASAP to sign up for 2021 altar flowers.

Congregational Prayer Concerns



Jeanne Diaz, at the hospice house in Winston-Salem. Ricky Cross's uncle David, recovering from fall. Zelia Frick, doing well, released to drive.

Woodrow Frick, fractured hip finds out

Dec. 3 if surgery will be needed. Ron Turbyfill being treated for aggressive brain cancer. Charles Roberts, heart & lung problems. Jenny Roberts' cousin, Jen Amos, shattered tibia in fall. Linda Cline's dad Tommy Austin, chronic back pain; her mom, PT at home. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, radiation treatments. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

Our Sympathy is extended to Janet Allen and family at the death of her mother, Alease Cline.

Scripture Lessons for December

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 6

Isaiah 40:1-4
Psalm 85
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 13

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 20

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

1st Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 27

Service of Lessons and Carols

Poinsettia Orders Due December 6

Orders for Poinsettias will be accepted until December 6th. The cost is \$15 per plant and payment must accompany this order. The poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of Poinsettias _____

Given in Memory of:

By:

Given in Honor of:

By:



**Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2020**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Pastor Carl Haynes
Laurie Ritchie

Pastoral Concerns:

A letter was read from Joyce Cavanagh-Wood regarding the upcoming retirement of Pastor Carl and several concerns she has about the process of finding our next Pastor. Pastor Carl stated that per the guidelines of the NALC, the process of obtaining a new pastor does not start until the current pastor has retired. The church would then select a call committee. The Dean of our mission district will assign an Interim Pastor and will help guide the congregation. Pastor Carl further stated that it is very important for the church to go through a "mourning period" and that we should trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us in our search. A motion was made, seconded and approved to follow the NALC's procedure at the appropriate time.

Committee and Auxiliary Reports and Concerns:

Property – Continual treatment for fire ants around church and cemetery. Hand rail at front side entrance of church is a little loose and has been repaired twice. Will discuss further at next meeting. There is a little water coming in along the roof line where the bee damage was repaired and Graham's Roofing will be contacted to repair. Concrete has been placed in the hole in the parking lot and a bag of patch will be placed over the concrete this week. This area was evaluated by Carolina Sightworks and there is not erosion.

Worship – A thank you was given to those on the committee and for the continued service throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Evangelism – The Loved Bibles have been dropped off at the Pregnancy Support Center and Rowan Helping Ministries. Trunk or Treat was very successful and a thank you was given to everyone involved and to Brittney Ritchie for coming up with the "I Spy" game. Several more donations are needed for the Thanksgiving meals. A Food for Thought packing party will be held at Rowan Helping Ministries this afternoon.

Membership Review – Approximately 12 members were contacted and they are very happy that Sunday School and worship services are being live-streamed on Facebook.

Nehemiah Group – A training session with Sgt. Phillips from the Rockwell Police Department was held on Friday involving different scenarios with an active shooter.

Youth – The Youth Committee met several weeks ago to discuss youth participation in the church. A meeting has been scheduled for November 15th with parents to discuss youth participation and ideas on how to increase youth participation. Monthly youth activities have started within the past few months.

LCW – Sister Lucille Group met on November 4th and discussed several new projects. Will continue to fill stockings in December for our nursing home residents. Miss Katherine Lysterly Group met on November 4th. Will be doing treat bags for nursing home residents and is discussing a possible drive-thru meal in January.

CLM – Will meet the third Sunday in January.

Scouts – A letter was received from the NALC regarding the pending lawsuit against the Boy Scouts. The congregation will need to terminate the program here since we only have one member involved. Michael Lowry is working towards earning his Eagle Scout and Boni Lowry will discuss the possibility of timing with the scoutmaster.

Bus – Kevin Holland is coming by every week to start the bus and let it run for a little. The bus has a new battery and has been inspected.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Members:

The council nominees for the 2021-2023 term are Harry Agner, Kevan Barringer, Jeff Fleming, Tony Hawkins and Thomas Mead. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept these nominees.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Carl Haynes

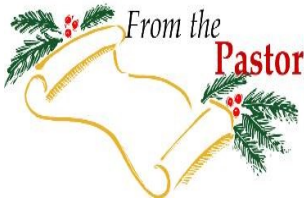
Adjourn

Next meeting: December 13th, 2020 at 7:30am

Lockup and Devotions for December: Jason Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crouch
Council Secretary



Modern Day John the Baptists

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Mark 1:2-3

His name is Mwavu Ronald. He lives in Uganda with his family. He is a newly ordained pastor in the Uganda Lutheran Church. He loves the Lord and despite austere circumstances, serves the Lord by pastoring three congregations. Two sisters churches in Buluya and Kyeeya named Bubugo Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church. These churches are in the wilderness of Uganda. Mwavu is like a modern day John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus to come into the hearts of these people.

Mwavu has no means of transportation other than walking. It is 40 miles from his home to Buluya and 4 miles from there to Kyeeya. It is 15 miles from his home to St. John's Lutheran. These churches are very rural. The people are very poor and most are illiterate. They cannot afford to pay Mwavu a salary, so he digs ditches and deep building foundations to support his family and buy supplies for communion for the congregations. It is dangerous work. The COVID-19 virus is very strong there. Along with it, many people get sick with malaria and a lot of the children die before they reach adulthood. Even now Mwavu is suffering with malaria yet he continues to work and preach and teach.

I found out about Mwavu through Instant Messenger. He is friends with a number of NALC pastors including former Bishop John Bradosky. He was attending the Lutheran College in Uganda, which is also the seminary for this conservative, orthodox branch of the Lutheran Church there. Back in September we helped him finish paying for his seminary, medical bills and rent by sending him \$600. He was very grateful and sent me receipts showing how he had spent the money, which included helping feed orphans who live in an orphanage nearby. The money came from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which had well over \$4000 in it at the time. We are not helping many people locally, so I asked our Council about sending him funds from there.

When I learned Mwavu was not being paid a salary from the congregations he served, I asked him what his living expenses were each month. He told me \$300. That included rent, food, medicine, communion supplies and some travel. One of the council members asked me about a bicycle for him, because of the poor roads a bicycle is not much use in the country according to Mwavu. He said a motorbike would be best and I asked him what a motorbike cost in Uganda and he said \$2200 which included title, tax and tag.

I am going to propose to Council that our Christmas Eve Offering go to help Mwavu. We are so blessed to be able to drive to church on Sunday mornings and gather to worship in a beautiful sanctuary. Without fear. Did I mention that Christians are persecuted in Uganda? Imprisonment and death are a constant threat, yet they persist. Mostly his sister churches worship in homes. St. John's building is a shelter with a roof and a dirt floor.

I'm asking you to add Mwavu to your prayer list. Pray for God to give him courage and strength to continue to minister to the people God has called him to serve. Pray for healing and protection for him. Pray for God to supply his needs so he can also care for his family. Pray for God to keep him safe digging ditches and foundations. Then, if Council approves him being the recipient of our Christmas Eve offering, ask God to guide you in what you should give.

Mwavu has sent me lots of pictures. Most are of him leading worship and ministering to his people. Some are of his family. Some are of his seminary class. I will have a slide show put together so you can see for yourself the conditions this young man is serving under.

John the Baptist ministered to the people of Israel in the wilderness of Judea. The wilderness was symbolic of the spiritual condition the souls of many of the Israelites in his day. Mwavu is finding the same thing in Uganda. I'd dare say we know people who are in need of having the way to Jesus paved in their lives today. Coming to faith in Christ Jesus by the grace of God is the best Christmas present anyone can receive. May God bless us all to be modern day John the Baptists to prepare the way for Christ to come into their hearts.

Merry Christmas!
Pastor Carl

LCW Happenings

Miss Katherine Lyerly LCW

will meet in the Smith Assembly Hall
on Tuesday, Dec. 1
at 10:00am to share a covered dish
meal, bake and share desserts,
and make gift bags for shut-ins.



Sister Lucille LCW

will meet for a Christmas Pizza Supper
on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6:00pm.
in the Smith Assembly Hall
to fill stockings for shut-ins,
assemble Reverse Advent Boxes,
and enjoy fellowship.

Not too Late to Fill Out a Time and Talent Sheet

If you have not filled out a Time and Talent Sheet for 2021, please see an usher before worship. Fill it out, fold it and place it in the offering plate, hand it to Pastor Carl or bring it by the church office. It is very important that everyone fill one out. These are used by the Council, the pastor, the committees and support groups to involve members in using their talents to serve God.

Also, if you have a new mailing address, phone number, or email address, please, please, please, notify the Church Office ASAP!



The Church Office will be closed
December 24—January 4

Remember those in nursing homes



Autumn Care:
Joe Haas

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Cardell Gibson

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

*The Altar Guild will
decorate the sanctuary
on Thursday,
December 3 at 6:00 pm.
The congregation is invited
to help.*

From the Christiana Stewardship Committee,

With the Covid-19 virus concerns keeping members from attending services in person, our committee would like to provide you an opportunity to make a commitment to our Lord's work for all of the blessings that you have received. Please be in prayer about this opportunity and follow through as the Lord leads you.

Yours in Christ,

Cam

PLANT THE SEED OF STEWARDSHIP – 2021 ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, I/we am/are pledging the following in my/our giving.

MY/OUR COMMITMENT IS \$ _____ per week/month to the General Fund
\$ _____ per week/month to the Brighten the Beacon Campaign
\$ _____ other

☐ This represents an increase over last year.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This commitment may be revised or canceled at any time at my/our request

Bible Quiz

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew & Luke
- C. Mark & John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7)

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Mailed Nov. 25, 2020

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

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Council Vice-President: David Preslar
Council Secretary: Linda Crouch

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
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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
7:00 pm Wednesdays

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
No rehearsals at this time

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
No rehearsals at this time

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*Roberts*Robinson*Roper*Roth-Tubman*Rowland*Scott*Sease*Sechler*Shank*Smith*Stack*
*Stokes*Stoner*Strazzulla*Swanner*Swicegood*Thomas*Thompson*Trexler*
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Pastor Carl
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**Wish you all a Blessed Christmas
and a most Joyous New Year!**