



*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  
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## Bible Study on 1 Corinthians

Pastor Carl will lead a six session Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians entitled "Issues that Still Matter." It will be offered on Thursdays beginning September 30<sup>th</sup> and going through November 18<sup>th</sup>, minus October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>, when he will be gone. It will be offered at two different times: 12:30pm to 1:30pm (bring a bag lunch and Bible). And in the evening: 7pm to 8pm. There is no cost. An outline will be provided. Bring your Bible and a writing instrument.

## Confirmation Orientation

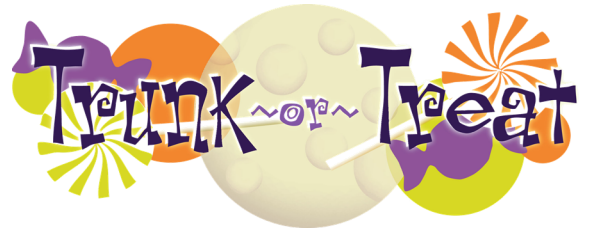
Confirmation Classes for 8th and 9th graders will begin in October. Orientation for parents and confirmands will be held Sunday, October 3rd, right after worship. At this time we will determine the day of the week and time for classes and talk about the requirements.

## Today's mission. Tomorrow's mission. The mission 80 years from to today.

A church like ours is on a mission. It's not just about our work today—though that's why most of us do our giving—it's also about creating a durable church that's here for your grandkids' grandkids. This can be done by giving something extra to our endowment fund, a fund that can grow even as a portion of it is used when needed. Many tax-beneficial giving options are available when you support the Christiana Endowment Fund that's managed by Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing. Detailed information is coming soon.



Saturday, October 30  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



**Yes, I want to help with Trunk or Treat. I have checked off how I can help.**

- ☐ Set up (5:00 pm)
- ☐ Clean up (8:00 pm)
- ☐ Furnish decorated trunk

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Monetary donations for candy and hot dogs will be much appreciated!**  
**Please place your donations in the offering plate, designated for Trunk or Treat.**



**October 31, 2021**

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

### GIVE AS YOU HAVE BEEN BLESSED

It's that time again! We're counting on you to make that commitment so the church can serve all the people in our community. Generous giving with a cheerful heart, our acts of giving reflect in a small way the greatest gift of all.

GOD is the first giver

- GOD gave the earth and creation
- GOD gave life to all mankind
- GOD gave Israel the promised land
- GOD gave the law and gospel
- GOD gave his son, Jesus Christ
- GOD gave us everything we have

We have all been blessed. Now return some of it back to him. Count your blessings. Count them one by one. See what GOD has done.

### October Nursery Attendants

**Oct. 3** Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

**Oct. 10** Tara Beaver & Emily Barnes

**Oct. 17** Chris & Katie Sease

**Oct. 24** Jason & April Smith

**Oct. 31** Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

### October Worship Support

**Reader:** Laura Ritchie

**Usher:** Brian Barringer

**Greeter:** Jenny Roberts

**Communion Assistant:** Vickie Keene

**Sound:** Mike Keene

**Lock Up:** Jeff Fleming

**Altar Guild:** Jeniffer Honeycutt, Judy Stoner, Suzanna Roth-Tubman, Emily Barnes

### September Attendance

**September 5**

Worship: 70

Sunday School: 39

**September 12**

Worship: 70

Sunday School: 45

**September 19**

Worship: 90

Sunday School: 49

**September 26**

Worship: 86

Sunday School: 48

## October Birthdays

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ron Smith          | 22 Terry Connell   |
| 2 Jay Goodman        | 24 Christian Eller |
| 2 Matthew Roberts    | 24 Emma Shank      |
| 3 Dennis Pethel      | 24 Cynthia Lingle  |
| 6 Betty Rose Witty   | 24 Caylee Hawkins  |
| 9 Mark Albright      | 24 Kathie Albright |
| 12 Janice Holshouser | 26 Banks Kluttz    |
| 12 Brian Barringer   | 26 Kay Abernathy   |
| 13 Becky Preslar     |                    |
| 14 Liberty Webster   |                    |
| 16 Rufus Thompson    |                    |
| 17 Kevan Barringer   |                    |
| 19 Oliver Shank      |                    |
| 20 Linda Connell     |                    |



Happy  
Birthday!

## October Altar Flowers

**Oct. 3** Linda Duncan

**Oct. 10** Ron & Wanda Smith

**Oct. 17** Vickie Agner-Keene

**Oct. 24** Wendi Hawkins

**Oct. 31** Pastor Carl & Kathy Haynes



# *A Heart of Wisdom*

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*  
Psalm 90:12



How long will you live? Who knows? God. Psalm 90:10 gives us an approximate number of years we can expect to be here on earth—70 to 80 years. But we don't know. The age spectrum in the obituary of the Salisbury Post is all over the place. As of this writing (Sept. 28) the youngest age was 54 and the oldest was 101. In between were folks who lived to their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. So since we don't know how long we're going to live, Scripture says it behooves us to number our days, that is make the most of the time we have here on earth.

What does that mean? For some folks it means acquiring the finer things in life: a good job, a big salary, a huge bank account, nice cars, etc. For others it means taking care of one's body, eating right, exercising, getting enough rest, doing everything possible to de-stress one's life. But guess what? In either case the people will eventually die.

Years ago Schlitz beer had a commercial that said, "You only go around once in life, so go for the gusto!" That's rather fatalistic in my opinion. So you go for the gusto, then you die, then what? You have a great life here on earth, but then spend eternity in hell—that's no good!

Psalm 111:10 says: "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...*" So to get a heart of wisdom begins with fearing the Lord, not in the sense of being afraid of Him, but in being in awe of Him. God loves us and cares for us more than we will ever know, and He wants a relationship with us. That's why He sent His only Son to die on a cross to pay for our sin. Wisdom knows this and is appreciative to God for this gracious gift and desires to live one's life for God. In doing so we truly "*go for the gusto!*" in this life. Jesus tells us in John 10:10 "*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*"

In Jesus, and Him alone, can we, do we have abundant life. In this life it means we have Christ with us until the end of our days here on earth, and then we are with Him for all eternity. But while we are here we will want to live our lives for God pleasing Him, worshipping Him, serving Him, telling others about Him. In doing so we will come to see that we have *got our heart of wisdom.*

So to get a heart of wisdom begins with fearing the Lord, not in the sense of being afraid of Him, but in being in awe of Him.

*Pastor Carl*



## Proposed Changes to Christiana's Constitution announced

The congregation council approved a recommendation from the Stewardship Committee for two changes to our constitution. The first change is in the Continuing Resolutions, Article 1 regarding Committees. 1.6 Stewardship Committee, the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence, change the word “audits” to “review.” “It shall also provide for annual ~~audits~~ **reviews** of the accounts of the treasurers and the financial secretary, if there be one, as well as of the accounts of the schools and organizations within the congregation.” The reason for this is financial. A true audit of our books, according to CPAs, would cost in excess of \$15,000. A review of the books, only several hundred. We have for years been conducting a “review.” This change to the constitution will put us in compliance with what we are actually doing.

The second change is to Chapter 10 of the Constitution regarding Congregational meetings. The proposed change is to add the words “or email” to the two places in **C10.03**. “Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays and by mail **or email** to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the regular postage affixed or paid, **or email** sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient.”

These changes will be voted on and ratified by said vote at our Annual Congregational meeting on November 14, 2021, at 10:20am in the Sanctuary. They were presented to the Congregational Council at its regular meeting in August and will be mailed to the congregation 30 days prior to the meeting in November. This is in accordance with the Constitution, Chapter 17. Amendments. C17.01.

### Scripture Lessons for October

#### **Pentecost 19B, October 3**

Genesis 2:18-25  
Psalm 128  
Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)  
Mark 10:2-16

#### **Pentecost 20B, October 10**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
Mark 10:17-22

#### **Pentecost 21B, October 17**

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20  
Psalm 119:9-16  
Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-160)  
Mark 10:23-31

#### **Pentecost 22B, October 24**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

#### **Reformation Day B, October 31**

Revelation 14:6-7  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

### Sock It To Me Christiana!

We need socks... and you can help! Donate socks of all types during the month of October. Adults and Children's sizes – Any type will work.

#### **“Sock It To Me Sunday”**

On October 31<sup>st</sup> our sock collection will be dedicated and then delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries.

**Don't like to shop?** Donate cash and our personal shoppers will make the purchase for you. See LaVaughn Beaver or Madeline Zieverink for more details.



## New items needed for a new time capsule

How long will Christiana continue to exist? We've been around for 150 years so far. Can we make it to our 200th Anniversary? Maybe. Hopefully. Depends. On what? On how faithful we are in making disciples. Unless we make disciples, unless the next generation comes to faith in Jesus and makes disciples, the future could be dim. On the other hand if we are diligent and faithful to bring the next generation on board and reach out to the community making disciples of all ages, the future will be very bright.



At our Homecoming in September, the contents of a time capsule that had been placed in behind the cornerstone sometime between 1947 and 1949, were displayed in the Fellowship Hall for folks to view during lunch. Many of the contents were in very poor condition. The Bible was so fragile that when one tried to open it, the pages disintegrated. But among the materials that did survive were a list of members who were a part of the Luther League (youth group). Many of them are still members and are in their 70s, 80s and 90s!

We want to place some of those items back in a new time capsule along with new ones provided by you. So if you have items of interest connected to Christiana Lutheran Church, bring them to the church on Reformation Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will collect them, view them and then place them in vacuum sealed bags and place them in a large plastic tub. The tub will be placed under the Pulpit with a plaque mounted on the base of the pulpit telling of the Time capsule and how to get to it. It is to be opened on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the congregation.

## Before saying yes

I keep learning the same lesson over and over (so maybe that means I haven't learned it yet). With church, school and community volunteer work, my schedule is packed. I'm exhausted! And to be honest, only about a third of the roles truly excite me.

Of course, service is important and yields blessings. And in a pinch, helpers need to step up. But consider all these benefits of occasionally saying no:

- You give someone else a chance to shine and thrive.
  - You free up your schedule to be present elsewhere.
  - You protect your mental resources for existing roles.
  - You gain a bit more sleep or rest.
- The last time you felt fully alive while volunteering, what were you doing? Who was serving alongside you? Can you do this — or something similar — again?

Before quickly agreeing to a request, see if God is tugging your heart in a certain direction. If he prompts you, by all means, shout yes! If not, "rest" assured that it's okay to say no.

—Janna Firestone



EVERYONE  
OUGHT TO  
EXAMINE  
THEMSELVES  
BEFORE THEY  
EAT OF THE  
BREAD AND  
DRINK FROM  
THE CUP.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:28, NIV



## Three to take their First Communion

Kadence Cooper, Syler Hayes and Joseph Allen have been instructed in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

They will receive their First Communion on Sunday, October 3rd during the morning worship service. We welcome them to the Lord's Table.



We welcomed Kadence into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 26th.

## To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

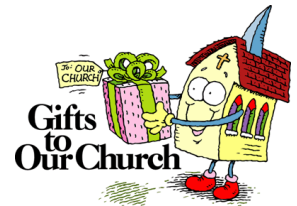
In memory of Shirley Buckner by Dale & Marsha Beaver

In memory of Barbara Rufty by LaVaughn Beaver

## To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Alan Beaver by

Gilbert & Deborah Kurfees



## Lutheran Church Women

### Miss Katherine Lyerly LCW

will meet October 7 at the church at 10 a.m. in the Smith Assembly Hall with Debbie Eller, program leader.

Members are reminded to bring a case of cereal and craft items

For your baking needs, MKL-LCW will accept your orders **at any time** during the year.

See any member of this circle

### Sister Lucille LCW

will meet on Tuesday Oct. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Madeline Zieverink, hostess and program leader.



## Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



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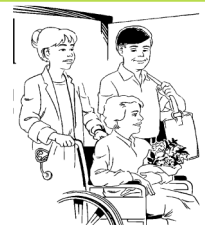


## Remember those in care facilities

**Autumn Care:** Joe Haas

**Liberty Commons:** Elizabeth Ritchie

**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:** Cardell Gibson  
Ann Meacham



**Council Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2021**

**Present**

Jason Smith, President  
David Preslar, VP  
Laura Ritchie, Secretary  
Jenny Roberts

Earlene Ritchie  
Mike Yarbrough  
Marlene Pethel  
Richard Crouch

Robbie Robinson  
Eddie Eller  
Harry Agner  
Tony Hawkins

**Also Present**

Kevan Barringer  
Jeff Fleming

**Absent**

Laurie Ritchie    Pastor Carl Haynes

**Items of Business:**

August Meeting Minutes: Approved

Treasurers Report: Approved.

August Envelope Income was above budget: \$1,622.29

Total August Income was above budget: \$1,167.26

YTD Envelope was below budget: \$1,127.70

YTD Total Income is below budget: \$3,574.11

August total expense was under budget: \$1,160.83

YTD total expense was under budget: \$36,833.01

The Pastor's business expense fund was over budget this month and will be significantly over budget next month. = This was addressed with Pastor Carl by the executive council and administrative team.

Next year's convocation will be virtual so we will not need to adjust the budget to include these increases until the following year.

The few other funds that were approaching their spending limit have been notified and consulted regarding the need for a budget increase = All stated they did not need it.

Nehemiah group are approaching budget limit due to an increase in insurance policy premium to cover the members.

Cash on Hand: \$ 69,052.64

Designated Funds: Brighten the Beacon August donations \$645.00.

Proposed moving more money over the money market account. Currently we have \$50,000 in that account.

Will take to Stewardship for recommendation.

Report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report: Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Spent most of our time on the budget.

Stewardship made a motion to the council to give:

\$1000 to Samaritan's Purse for Haiti

\$1000 to NALC Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ida relief

This motion was approved by council.

It was discussed that we should change the terminology from "audit" to "review" of the books in the church constitution so it would not be so expensive to conduct each year. This proposal will go to the Congregation for approval.

Christian Ed:

Rally Day was rescheduled for Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Concern for lack of youth attendance and participation in church was expressed.

Efforts to reach out to parents and problem solve have been made and were not successful in the long-term.

Brainstormed ideas but and unsure how to move forward. We will pray about this.

Property:

The small church sign needs bulbs and hinges = To be discussed at the brighten the beacon meeting.

Ant treatment was done everywhere around the exterior of the church.

Evangelism:

Trunk or Treat coming up on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will need funding for hotdogs and candy.

We will also do the Trunk or Treat so everyone can eat program with Rowan Helping Ministries.

Thanksgiving meal will also take place again this year.

Fellowship:

Veterans group is thriving with activities from our church.

LCW – SL Group:

Recommendation to have a Sock It to Me Sunday (basically a sock drive) for Rowan Helping Ministries was approved by the council via vote.

LCW - MKL Group:

Made wreaths and took them to several shut-ins.

Sending cards to shut-ins who have not come to church due to COVID-19 to let them know we are thinking of them and miss them.

CRS:

Attendance has fallen off due to COVID. September get-together was cancelled

Next meeting: **October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie  
Council Secretary

**Called Church Congregational Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:20 a.m.**

**Number of Members Present:** 70

**Presenters:** Jason Smith, President

**Congregational Speakers:** Brantley Lyerly

**Items of Business:**

Called to order by Jason Smith, President

Moved to waive the reading of the minutes from last meeting

Purpose of the called congregational meeting is to combine the Wi-Fi setup to a single, campus wide internet access

Cost of this will be a max of \$7,500

Goals include: the elimination of two different internet services to help reduce fees

Brantley spoke to notify the congregation: the main concern is that we get very strong passwords, one for guests, one for members, and one for administration personnel. He also stated that it was pricey

Jason responded with the plan to use a security plan that includes IP specific identification for Wi-Fi usage. It will have a multi-firewall system. The one that the office uses is blocked and not available for public use.

Spectrum does offer this service and can install it for cheaper initially, but fees associated with equipment rental would eventually outweigh the difference in price.

Jason asked for any other questions or comments.

Executive council met and decided to vote via show of hands due to COVID-19 protocols.

A call for the question was made, and seconded.

The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

The meeting was concluded.

**Next Council Meeting:** September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie, Council Secretary

Dear Christiana Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your contribution to the 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign! By God's grace and through your support, PSC raised more than \$30,000! Even in the midst of these challenging times, generous gifts like yours enable PSC to continue to provide life-affirming resources to families in need in our community.

Blessings,

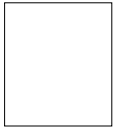
Shari Evans, Executive Director  
Pregnancy Support Center



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

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Organist/Music Director: Becky  
Morris

Christiana Lutheran Men: Jason  
Smith  
Christiana Rowdy Seniors: Jenny  
Roberts

Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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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<http://carolinasnalc.com>  
<http://thenalc.org>

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## Congregational Prayer Concerns

***Our Sympathy** is extended to Frances Basinger and family at the death of her daughter Carol who died Sunday September 19th of the COVID-19 virus.*

***Our Sympathy** is extended to the family of Shirley Bost at her death due to the COVID-19 virus.*

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Kathie Albright, facing neck surgery October 5. Mike Carscaddon, chemo treatments working; facing surgery October 8 in Pittsburgh.

Vaughn Hatley, treatment for cancer in lungs and liver. Bill Welch, complications from COVID. Louise Crowther, shut-in at home due to failing eyesight & balance. Ann Meacham, at TOHAR. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.