



*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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## 150th Year Homecoming planned for September 19

Christiana Lutheran Church will celebrate its 150th Year Homecoming on Sunday, September 19.

Hopefully, the day will begin with in person 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 Bishop Dan Selbo of the North American Lutheran Church. Bishop Selbo has been married for 33 years. He and his wife, Mary, have been blessed with four children and just recently with two grandchildren. Bishop Selbo graduated from San Jose State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 1986 and earned a Doctorate of Ministry in Biblical Preaching in 2013, both from Luther Seminary. He enjoys golfing, fishing, working in the yard and spending time with family and friends.

We look forward to the day, praying for God to keep the COVID Delta variant far from us that we might enjoy worshipping God, studying His Word, receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, opening the time capsule after it is removed from the Cornerstone and then fellowshiping with one another in the Fellowship Hall over a delicious meal. May God hear our prayer and grant it according to His gracious will.

## First Communion Classes announced

First Communion Classes for 4th and 5th graders will be held on Wednesdays in the Smith Assembly Hall from 4pm to 5pm.

The dates of the classes are September 1, 8, 22 and 29.

Pastor Carl will teach the class. Our text will be Sola's "Learning about Communion." A Bible and study book will be given to them on their first class.

Since they will be coming after school, Pastor Carl will have a snack for them. Let him know if your child has a food allergy.



**Christiana has been certified  
as a Safe Place by the  
Granite Quarry  
Police Department.**

[https://  
www.nationalsafeplace.org/what-  
is-safe-place](https://www.nationalsafeplace.org/what-is-safe-place)

## Bible Study Continues

The Bible Study on Parables will continue on Thursday, September 2, and finish on September 9. The parables we will study are: The Two Debtors: Luke 7:36-50 and the Great Banquet: Luke 14:12-24.

Hopefully, we will meet live and in person in the Smith Assembly Hall on those dates at 6:30pm.

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

### Never Enough

We are never enough on our own. There is never enough we can do to earn a spot for ourselves in heaven. Ask yourself how much (time, talent, money) would be an acceptable trade for that spot.

GOD does not demand, but encourages us to give as we have been blessed. We can never give to GOD as he has given to us. We can plant the seed of stewardship when we return to the Lord some of our Time, Talent, our 'Money.'

Give as you have been blessed and count your many blessings to see what GOD has done for you.

### September Nursery Attendants

**Sept. 5** Leanne & Jason Kluttz

**Sept. 12** Chris & Katie Sease

**Sept. 19** Emily Barnes & Laura Ritchie

**Sept. 26** April & Jason Smith

### September Worship Support

**Reader:** Suzanna Roth-Tubman

**Usher:** Brian Barringer

**Greeter:** Jenny Roberts

**Communion Assistant:** Madeline Zieverink

**Sound:** Tony Hawkins

**Lock Up:** Jenny Roberts

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

### August Attendance

**August 1**  
Worship: 90  
Sunday School: 54

**August 8**  
Worship: 95  
Sunday School: 61

**August 15**  
Worship: 88  
Sunday School: 60

**August 22**  
Worship: Service cancelled

## September Birthdays

- 2 MacKenzie Coffey
- 6 Jason Smith
- 6 Cody Pruette
- 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. 5** Laurie Ritchie
- Sept. 12**
- Sept. 19**
- Sept. 26** Diane Smith

Altar flowers needed for October 3, 10, 17, 24.





## *If the Lord Wills*

*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—<sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.<sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."<sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.<sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*

**James 4:13-17 (ESV)**

This September is full of uncertainties. Just when we thought we could get back to some semblance of order in August, the COVID Delta variant reared its ugly head and on August 22 we closed worship to in person worship and had it live on Facebook only. As I am writing this article, it's uncertain whether or not we will worship in person on August 29<sup>th</sup>. And who knows what the month of September will bring?

Already the number of students and staff testing positive for COVID in our schools is up and getting worse. Hospitals in our area are almost at capacity with COVID patients. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved by the FDA. Is mandatory vaccination around the corner? Will we soon be back to mandated mask wearing? What about restaurants and other places of business? Who knows? God.

In the Scripture passage above James writes about the sin of human certainty. He reminds us that we are but ***a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes***. We make plans all the time to do thus and so as if our time is guaranteed. Truth of the matter is, it is not. Only God knows for sure how much time we have here on earth. James' advice is for us to have the frame of mind that says: ***If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that***.

Kathy and I have a beach trip planned. Will we get to take it? God knows. Will we as a congregation be able to remain open and worship in person? Will we get to have homecoming and have Bishop Dan Selbo with us? Will we continue to have Sunday School? Will public and private schools be able to remain open to in class learning? Will businesses continue to operate normally? We hope so, but we're not sure. God knows.

The sad part about this pandemic and its surging variant is the arrogance of a lot of people. People are divided on the issue of masks and the vaccines. Each boasting in their position. James tells us ***All such boasting is evil***. The truth of the matter is that as Christians we need to be seeking the will and mind of Christ in all this, so that we do what's best, not only for ourselves, but for others as well.

Paul advises us in Philippians 2:3-4 ***Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.***

God's will for us during this time of pandemic is to put the needs of others before our own. And Paul uses as his example our Lord Jesus who set aside his need to remain in heaven, with our need for the forgiveness of our sins. We need to do whatever is necessary to keep ourselves and others safe from COVID. If we refuse, risking infecting ourselves and others, we are sinning against our self and our neighbor. James says in verse 17: ***So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.***

We knew on Saturday, August 21 that we had three members who tested positive for COVID and those three members had been in close contact with other members of the congregation. The right thing to do was to call off in person worship on Sunday. It would have been sin for us in leadership to say nothing and hold in person worship exposing more people to the virus.

As this COVID variant surges and spreads, I want to encourage all of us to do what we can to keep safe and to keep from spreading it. Get vaccinated, (It has the FDA's approval!) wear a mask, stay apart from one another out in public. If you're not willing to be vaccinated and wear a mask, then stay away from folks. Better yet, if things continue to get worse, stay at home. This is good advice for all of us. If we're not going to be a part of the solution, let's at least not be a part of the problem.

Since only God knows the future, let's do what we can to help insure a brighter today for everyone.

*Pastor Carl*

**To the Nehemiah Group** by Betty Weant

**To Brighten the Beacon**  
in memory of Shirley  
Buckner by Jenny &  
Charles Roberts



**To Brighten the Beacon**  
in memory of Alan Bea-  
ver by Larry & Sandra McKenzie

**To the Memorial Fund** in memory of Alan Bea-  
ver by Grady & Teresa Pickler, Sharon Hoffman

**To the Memorial Fund** in memory of Helen Vir-  
ginia Thomas Gardner and Howard Frick Thomas  
on their birthdays by Patricia and Kaitlin Pena

## September Scripture Lessons

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 5

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10, 14-18  
Mark 7:24-37

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 12

Isaiah 50:4-10  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 9:14-29

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 19

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:10  
Mark 9:30-37

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 26

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
Psalm 104:27-35  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

## September Prayer Concerns



Cynthia Lingle & Frances Basinger's daughter Carol and her husband Phil, all hospital-ized with COVID. Madeline Zieverink, Terry Ritchie, Penelope Sease, Ashley Rowland all tested positive for COVID. Earlene Ritchie, quar-antining. Bonnie Sechler, recovering from surgery to remove cancerous tumor from bladder. Marlene Pethel's grandson, Ethan 9 ½, mass in brain. Vaughn Hatley, treatment for cancer in lungs and liver. Linda Crouch's co-worker: Nikki Etheridge surgery to redo previous foot surgery. Bill Welch, complications from COVID. Kathie Albright, in-jection in knee & facing neck surgery. Jan Gore, recovering from surgery for stage 4 colon cancer. Mike Carscaddon, chemo treatments working; fac- ing surgery. Mike Keene's cousin, Wendell Thornton, hospice care. Louise Crowther, shut-in at home due to failing eyesight & balance. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

### **Our Sympathy to:**

Denise Koehn and family at the death of her moth-er Shirley Buckner.

Kathy French and family at the death of her mother Geraldine Kluttz.

## Remember those in care facilities

**Autumn Care:**  
Joe Haas

**Liberty Commons:**  
Elizabeth Ritchie

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



**Christiana Council Minutes  
August 11, 20241**

**Members Present:**

**Also Present:**

**Absent:**

Jason Smith, President	Jeff Fleming	Marlene Pethel	Mike Yarbrough	Pastor Carl Haynes	Kevan Barringer
David Preslar, VP	Jenny Roberts	Harry Agner	Richard Crouch	Laurie Ritchie	
Laura Ritchie, Secretary	Robbie Robinson	Tony Hawkins	Eddie Eller		
Earlene Ritchie					

**Items of Business:**

Meeting Minutes: Approved = Correct the absence of LaVaughn Beaver. She is no longer on council.

Treasurers Report: Approved.

July income was above budget: \$1,791.06

YTD Income was above budget: \$1,310.90

July Spending was below budget: \$2,749.99

YTD Spending is below budget: \$4,741.37

Cash on Hand: \$68,188.89

Designated Funds: Brighten the Beacon donations \$925.00.

Pastor's Report:

Elementary Bible Camp = well attended by our church

Middle-High Bible Camp = only 3 grandkids but went really well

NALC Convocation = LaVaughn Beaver will do a report next Sunday to the congregation.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship:

Instead of using the term "audit" which is used in the Constitution the Stewardship committee wants to make a motion to change it to a "review" that is conducted by the treasurer and another member of the church (can change as needed). Council seconded the motion. It will now go to the congregation to vote on the official change.

The motion was made to change the wording in the constitution to state that you have to be notified 10 days before the meeting via 1<sup>st</sup> class mail or via email instead of just mail. It will continue to be printed in the bulletin two weeks prior to the meeting.

Any committee chairs needs to contact Cam Ritchie or Jason with requests for funding prior to the budget meeting.

Christian Ed: Next meeting August 29<sup>th</sup>

Property:

Security system has been installed. New iPads for the security team.

Still need internet in the new fellowship hall. After getting several quotes the best price was \$7,050 to get campus wide internet using wireless routers throughout. Would mean that we could go to one internet provider instead of two which would save on average \$150.00 a month.

A motion was made and approved to move forward with this offer using the funds from the Building Fund. This will go to the congregation for final approval.

The police department recommended that we post signage that this is a Certified Safe Place which is monitored. A general consensus to post this information in the newsletter.

Evangelism:

28 people for the bible devotions project.

Fellowship:

Veterans meeting = 100 people attending.

Some donations are made from the group. Gifts are given in honor of members.

Landscape:

Some of the youth weeded the flower beds and then treated them for prevention.

Membership Review:

Contacted members to ask why people came to Christiana = were invited by someone to come and attend.

Pastoral Relational: Richard Crouch to become new chair.

Cemetery:

If the spouse of someone wants to be buried in the same space as someone who is a member, they will not be charged.

Brighten the Beacon:

Want the church to do a buffet breakfast for the Gables as a fundraiser. They would pay us \$10.00 per person. Do the cooking in our fellowship hall and then cater into them. Dates suggested were September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, and October 16<sup>th</sup>. Approved by the council.

LCW:

To meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> for a pool party at LaVaughn Beaver.  
The Katherine Lyerly LCW donated 54 lbs. of cereal to homeless shelter.  
Made gifts for shut-ins and then went to the packing party at Rowan helping ministry.

CRS:

The seniors are meeting at Cracker Barrel on Thursday August 12.

Money to Mwavu Ronald:

The Missouri Synod is not the best options for getting him the funds.  
Pastor Carl recommended to send money using a certified check to Mwavu Ronald via registered mail which must be signed for but will not provide Church bank information. This will be done monthly.  
A motion was made to accept the recommendation and was approved.

Bus: No report

**Next Council Meeting:** September 12 at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie  
Council Secretary

## Constitutional Amendment

The following amendment to Christiana Lutheran Church's Constitution comes from the Congregation Council for passing. According to our constitution **Chapter 17. AMENDMENTS C17.01**. A 30 days notice is to be given by the Council of any amendment to its constitution. Notice is hereby given that at our annual meeting to be held at 10:20am in the Sanctuary on November 14, 2021, we will vote on the following Amendment to its constitution and by-laws:

**Amendment: 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 by email** sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient.

**By-laws: 3.4** Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered, either personally or by mail **or email**, to each member as set out in the Church Constitution in Chapter 10, Congregation Meeting. (C10.03).

When our constitution was originally written, emailing information to people was not an option. Now it is a viable way of communication. Here at Christiana we email newsletters, contribution records, bulletins and weekly updates, saving us a lot of money in postage. The council feels it is a good thing to add to this list notices of congregational meetings whether annual or called, as well as letters to the congregation of other matters.

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Mailed August 25, 2021

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

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Council Secretary: Laura Ritchie

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

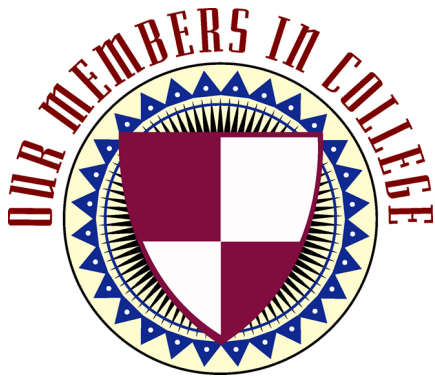
Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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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**Miss Katherine Lyerly Group**  
will meet on Tuesday  
September 7 at 10:00 a.m.  
Marlene Pethel is program leader.

**Sister Lucille Lyerly Group**  
will meet for a pool party/pizza lunch at  
LaVaughn Beaver's after worship on  
September 5.  
On September 7 at 7 p.m.  
the group will meet at the church.  
Linda Cline is hostess and  
program leader