



*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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## Homecoming planned for September 20

Christiana Lutheran Church will celebrate its 149th Homecoming on Sunday, September 20.

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 Paulette McHugh. Pastor Paulette is a native of Chapin, SC. She is the pastor of Joy Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. Joy Lutheran was the recipient of our Lent/Easter Offering this year. We will receive a special offering for the congregation at our Homecoming service.

Pastor Paulette is a graduate of Chapin High School; the University of South Carolina; and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. She completed her internship at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC and was ordained and installed at St. Peter's as associate pastor on January 9, 2015. She served there two years and helped the congregation transition between senior pastors. She then spent a year serving as a supply pastor in the Carolinas Mission District, before receiving a commission to begin a mission congregation in the West Columbia/Lexington area.

With the support and encouragement of local NALC congregations and under the parentage and supervision of Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, SC, Joy Mission Church began worship services at the chapel of Thompson Funeral Home in Lexington on June 3, 2018. In just two short years, the people of Joy have become missionaries who reach out to people in their community and beyond, drawing them into deeper relationship with the Lord.

Joy attained full NALC member congregation status in July 2020. And while Joy is no longer a mission congregation, they are still (and prayerfully always will be) a congregation in mission, growing in faith and engaging their community in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Paulette and her husband, Chris, have been married for twenty-two years and have three children. In her free time, she enjoys running, biking, hiking, going on mission trips, building things, gardening, and spending quality time with her family.

## Food for the Poor speaker coming

Please join us on Sunday, September 27 during our morning worship service to hear The Rev. Dr. James Stoltenberg speak about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Stoltenberg will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Stoltenberg has been a pastor for over 41 years. He has a great passion for the poor and has led over 20 Servant Events taking teenagers into the Appalachian Mountains. These trips taught many things including that we can learn from the poor, Jesus was a servant, and how we can be servants too. Many who participated in these trips are now using their careers to help the impoverished.



**Regular  
Church Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday  
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

## August Worship Attendance

**August 2**  
Sunday School: : 70

**August 9**  
Worship: 87

**August 16**  
Worship: 72

**August 23**  
Worship: 73

## LCW Sister Lucille Circle resumes meeting

After pausing for several months due to the COVID pandemic, the Sister Lucille circle will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. in the Smith Assembly Hall.

COVID precaution guidelines will be followed at the meeting.



## NALC Convocation Report

David Preslar and Pastor Carl attended the NALC Convocation online August 7 & 8. The 7th was at David's home and the 8th was at Pastor's Carl's home. The agenda consisted of voting for pastors and laity for various committees, voting on constitutional amendments—among them was to go to having convocations every other year (we will ratify this at our annual congregational meeting in November), and passing a budget of \$2,065,615.

We celebrated congregational anniversaries including Organ Lutheran in Salisbury—275 years.

While this saved us considerable dollars—\$50 in registration—I'm looking forward to gathering in person in 2021. Friday's session was 3 hours; Saturday's was 7 hours. All in all, this was better than having no convocation.

## September Worship Support

**Reader:** Ainslee Lowry

**Usher:** Brian Barringer

**Altar Guild:** Jeniffer Honeycutt, Judy Stoner, Marlene Pethel

**Greeter:** Jenny Roberts

**Sound:** Tony Hawkins

**Lock Up:** Sue Wall

**Communion Assistants:** Karen Goodman & Marsha Beaver

SERVING THIS MONTH

## 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. 6** Jeniffer Honeycutt

**Sept. 13** Emily Barnes  
*Pedestal-Vickie Keene*

**Sept. 20** Teresa McKinney  
*Pedestal-LuAnne Scott*

**Sept. 27** Carmen Pethel  
*Pedestal-Diane Smith*



Altar Flowers



## *So Far, So Good*

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*  
Philippians 2:4

We have been worshipping in the Sanctuary at Christiana since June 14th. As of this writing we have had no one contract the coronavirus as a result of gathering for worship in person. Most folks wear a mask and practice social distancing. I believe this has kept us safe thus far. That and the fact that members have been conscientious of not coming to worship if they feel bad or suspect they have had a contact with someone who has tested positive.

Another possible reason we have had no COVID-19 outbreak is because we have not been singing. That has been hard on those of us who love to sing; but consider this: singing really throws out our air particles – 16 to 20 feet! Speaking throws them out only 3-4 feet. Singing makes for the possibility of spreading the virus way past the suggested physical distancing of 6 feet. This is fact.

Becky and I have been discussing the idea of resuming singing under the following conditions: hymns are printed in the bulletin; we sit and hold our bulletins down and sing into our laps; we sing softly while wearing a mask. We have held off on implementing this until we saw what happened once schools started back. Most experts figured colleges and universities would have outbreaks within a week of students coming back on campus. And sure enough, students got together without taking the precautions of masks or social distance and cases occurred as expected. Now many campuses have gone completely to online classes for undergraduate studies.

Here in Rowan County we've seen cases at some of the schools, but not to the extent that schools have closed and gone to online learning for everyone. Who knows what the future will hold? God. God alone knows what the future holds. And while he does not reveal the future to us, he does promise to be with us as we live into the future. God also gives us his Word to guide us.

If we as disciples of Jesus follow his Word, we find that life goes better. Especially in regards to our love and concern for one another. Philippians 2:3-4 says, *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.* Because of our love and concern for one another, we willingly set aside our interests and seek to do what's best so that we can continue to come together for worship and fellowship.

When we follow God's Word and seek to live in obedience to it, we find that life is simplified. In my own life I don't have to struggle with decisions of should I do this or not. God's Word gives me direction for the purpose of giving me the freedom to live my life in him, doing his will.

Had those students on college and university campuses listened to their administrators and adhered to safe practices, classes would probably still be open. But because they ignored the authorities and put their interests before those of others, campuses are shut down and everyone suffers.

We've been fortunate at Christiana to not have had any cases of the virus as a result of our coming together. So far, so good. I hope and pray it stays that way. I missed seeing you, worshipping with you when we were only having services live on Facebook. Yes, we could sing that way, but if not singing, means we can come together, worship and fellowship, partake of our Lord's body and blood, then I will willingly not sing. Being with you, my brothers and sisters in Christ is worth far more than any sacrifice it takes for us to be together safely.

I hope you feel the same way too. Keep in mind that this pandemic won't last forever and that when it is over we will be glad we sacrificed our interests to be together safely. Being with you in worship is one of the things that keeps me sane through these perilous times. May God bless us and keep us safe as we seek to do his will.

*Pastor Carl*

## To Brighten the Beacon

In honor of Jason Smith, Kevin Barringer, Brian Barringer by Charlotte Pacilio.

In memory of Doris Pethel by Phil Hedrick & Charlene Shoemaker

In memory of Ann Renegar by Larry Corl

In memory of Patti Boles by Louise Crowther

In memory of Thomas Stollery by Janet Allen

In honor of the Brighten the Beacon Committee by Madeline Zieverink

In memory of Carolyn Corl by the Hayden Lingle Men's Class



## September Prayer Concerns



Pauline Lyerly & Cardell Gibson both testing positive for COVID-19 at TO-HAR. Alease Cline at Trinity Oaks HAR for PT, rm C-14. Linda Cline's friend Carol West, hospitalized with cancer.

Linda Clines' dad Tommy Austin, chronic back pain. Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky recovering for surgery to repair injuries to his neck and shoulders. Vaughn Hatley, recovering at home from hip surgery, taking PT. Robert Mead, taking radiation treatments for cancer. Jeanne Diaz chemo treatments. Linda Cline's mother, Nancy Austin, at home taking PT. Rick Roper's dad is in a nursing home in NY for PT. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, stage 3 breast cancer. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

### Our Sympathy is extended to:

Tony Hawkins and family at the death of his aunt, Susan File.

## September Scripture Lessons

### 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 6

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Psalm 32:1-7  
Romans 13:1-10  
Matthew 18:1-20

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 13

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103: 1-12  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 20

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 27:1-9  
Philippians 1:12-14,-19-20  
Matthew 20:1-16

### 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-10  
Philippians 2:1-18  
Matthew 21:23-32

## Remember those in care facilities

### Autumn Care:

Joe Haas

### Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

### Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Pauline Lyerly  
Cardell Gibson  
Alease Cline (rehab)



**Christiana Council Minutes  
August 9, 2020**

**Members Present:**

**Also Present:      Absent:**

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

**Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:**

Council meeting minutes and congregational minutes for July 12, 2020 were approved with the addition of LaVaughn Beaver in attendance by zoom.

July envelope offering was above budget \$1,393.72 with year to date above \$7,449.70.

July income was above budget \$930.71 with year to date \$5,676.91 above budget.

July expenses were under budget \$3,645.88

Year to date expenses under budget \$31,110.93.

Spendable cash (Cash on Hand-new name) as of July 31, 2020 was \$60,329.19.

Contributions to Brighten the Beacon Fund in July were \$3,444.00.

The financials were approved as presented.

**Reception of:**

Pastors Report for July 2020 was received with special notes of two funerals: Doris Pethel and Roy Stollery (Madeline Zieverink's brother-in-law). VBS was conducted online this year with several families participating. Made several home visits which included communion.

**Committee & Auxiliary Reports:**

**Stewardship:** Bank Loan: Stewardship Committee discussed the possibility of using another \$30,000 (or less) from spendable cash (cash on hand) in the General Fund to pay down the principle on the F&M Bank loan for the Fellowship Hall project. This measure would greatly decrease interest on the loan but would not release the congregation of their pledge/contribution commitments for this amount. The designated amount would be repaid to the General Fund with continued contributions to BTB. Council will notify the Stewardship Committee to make a recommendation to Council regarding the designated amount to pay towards the F&M loan with the possibility of scheduling this for a congregational vote at our Annual Congregational Budget vote in November 2020.

**Christian Education:** Discussions have been held about the possibility of opening up Sunday School for Middle School and up. Lower grades will still be conducted online. The Men's Sunday School class and the Peggy Boggs' Sunday School classes will join together and meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Property:** Will be replacing the fluorescent lights near the ceiling in the sanctuary and stain glass window at altar with LED lights.

**Evangelism:** The Loved Bible project has begun. Sixty Bibles have been purchased and 14 individuals have signed up thus far.

**Landscape:** Mulch has been spread under the crepe myrtle trees on the side of the church by ProMow. This mulch was left over from another job and was donated to the church. Kevan Barringer comes by weekly to water the flowers and plants and a thank you was extended for his time and effort in keeping our landscape in such beautiful in all seasons.

**Nehemiah Group:** Scott Kelsoe has turned in his resignation as lead on this committee effective July 2021. The committee will discuss and decide on a new lead.

**Youth:** A meeting was held to discuss ideas on how to involve the youth during this time of Covid-19 and several outdoor activities were suggested. A leader (possible church member) is needed to help sponsor this group.

**Brighten the Beacon:** Dedication of the newly enlarged Fellowship Hall is today. A huge thank you was given to Jason Smith for all of his time, effort and dedication in overseeing the construction through to its completion.

**LCW-Miss Katherine Lyerly-**Having discussions on trying to start meetings again.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:**

**Fellowship Hall Dedication-**Dedication is today at the end of our worship service.

**Fellowship Hall Usage Guideline/Agreement-** these were discussed with several changes to be made.

**Next meeting: September 13th, 2020 at 7:30am**

**Lockup and Devotions for September: Sue Wall**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Crouch, Council Secretary

## Christiana: Preparing for the 150th Anniversary of Ministry Honoring Our Past: Envisioning Our Future

In January of 1871 seven families met at the Nathan Brown House to form a church in their eastern Rowan County community. They had been going to the Lutheran churches which were nearest to them at that time....either Organ Lutheran or Union Lutheran. They wanted a church nearer to them so that they and their children could worship and study the teachings of the church. So, Christiana was born!

As we approach the January anniversary of this event, we would like to look at celebrating the 150 years of ministry from January 2021 until a special Homecoming in September 2021. We will share little bits of history throughout that time while praying about what we need to do to rededicate ourselves to the mission of Christiana for the future. Please help by informing former members and others interested in our church of the celebration. If you have memories of people, events, services, lessons, etc. please share them with us. We also need folks who would be willing to join in thinking of ways to "Honor Our Past and Envision Our Future." Currently our Archives Committee of Sandra Fesperman, Jenny Roberts, and Sue Wall are beginning to collect memories and think of ways to share them. Won't you help, too?



### Looking for volunteers to support an Evangelism Project starting in August titled; "Loved Bible Project Rowan"

#### We have 24 Bibles that need to be Loved!!



In this process you'll complete a 31-day devotional titled "I Am". As you're reading the scripture that goes along with the daily devotion, you'll highlight and make notes (insert cards or sticky notes) in a new Bible on what resonates with you about the scripture. In other words, what was important to you and what does someone new to the "Word" need to understand about the passage. It's like you become a tour guide to scripture explaining the purpose and relevance of what a new, or potentially new believer needs to understand about the passage each day. We will provide you with a Bible and some supplies to leave your messages.

Also, as you're going through this process, you will share and inspire others with your favorite scriptures from the Bible, being a guiding light for those seeking to understand the power of God's word. Sharing those scripture passages that have inspired and motivated you to do God's work! Be a blessing that leads other to Christ!

You'll select your favorite passages from the Bible highlighting them and leaving notes on why that passage is an inspiration to you. Leave bookmarks and cards concerning scripture that brings you closer to God's kingdom. Most importantly, have fun sharing God's word to those in need of it!!

When you're done with the process the Bible you have completed will be turned back in and given to someone seeking to understand the importance of God's word. At this point we will be providing these bibles to the Pregnancy Support Center of Rowan County and Rowan Helping Ministries or to someone you know in need of His Word. We will be tracking where our Loved Bibles end up.

If you're interested please contact Ann Teague in the office and she has access to the materials during the week. David will also be handing out Bibles and supplies in the Narthex prior to our worship services each Sunday. We have 24 more Bibles that are in need of love and this project goes through 9/27, so you have plenty of time to get started on this journey of bringing others to Christ!!! Thrivent is supporting this project and provided funding for the Bibles we are using for this initiative. I also believe there are a few t-shirts left in various sizes. **Get on board with sharing the Bible in an inspiring way to those seeking Christ.**

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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

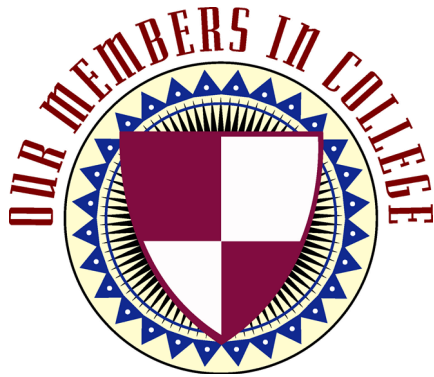
Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
No rehearsals at this time

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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## Facilities open for business

Both Christiana's newly renovated Fellowship Hall and the Smith Assembly Hall may be now be reserved for use by church members and others. All guidelines for usage should be followed.

Anyone using either of the spaces must fill out and return a reservation form and will receive a copy of the guidelines for usage and cleanup of the space. You may view the reservation form and guidelines on the church website: <https://www.christianalutheran.org/calendars>  
There is no charge for Christiana members wishing to use the spaces.

Please contact the church office to reserve a space.

