

An NALC Congregation that is Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded & Congregationally Focused

July 2018

*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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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 July 8-13 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Visit [www.christianalutheran.org](http://www.christianalutheran.org) or call 704-279-4655 to register.

Pastor Carl and members of Christiana,  
Thank you so much for the recognition and gift card for my masters graduation. I truly appreciate being thought of. This church will always hold a special place in my heart! Thank you again.  
Love, Cristin Smith

*Thank  
You*

Christiana family,  
Thank you all so much for your phone calls, cards, and especially your prayers during my recent illness. I especially want to thank Pastor Carl for the calls, visits, and your beautiful prayers. You are such a blessing to Mike and I. I love and appreciate you, my church family, all the time, but over the last few weeks your love and concern gave Mike and me such great comfort and we are so grateful for each of you. I cannot imagine life without my church family!  
All my love, Kate Beretsky

Members of Christiana,  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and memorials after the recent death of our brother, Larry Thomas. A special thank you to Pastor Carl and Bobby Barringer for their help and guidance at this time.  
Kay Abernathy  
Betty Rose Witty

### Christiana Rowdy Seniors

This group of Senior Citizens will meet for lunch at noon on Thursday, July 12 at O'Charley's in Salisbury.  
All are welcome!



## Last Month's Attendance

### June 3

Sunday School: 67

Worship: No attendance recorded

### June 10

Sunday School: 93

Worship: 125

### June 17

Sunday School: 78

Worship: 138

### June 24

Sunday School: 86

Worship: 131

# THRIVE

Thrive @ 5 is July 8 & 22 at 5 p.m.

Asheville Mission Trip is July 15—21

Youth Sunday is July 29

Followed by a fundraiser lunch  
in the Smith Assembly Hall

Pool Party following lunch!

Thrive Lounge open every Sunday for breakfast at 9:15 a.m.

## Those Who Serve in July

### Nursery Attendants

**July 1** Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

**July 8** Chris & Katie Sease

**July 15** Kevin & Susan Holland

**July 22** C Merrell & Chase Hawkins

**July 29** S Paskiewicz & E Barnes

### Children's Sermon Pt. 2

**July 1** L Scott & M Riddle

**July 8** B Barnhardt & youth

**July 15** K Haynes & K Goodman

**July 22** Jason & April Smith

**July 29** L Scott & M Riddle

### Offering Counters

**July 1** Laurie & Cam Ritchie

**July 8** Marsha & Dale Beaver

**July 15** R Crouch & E Eller

**July 22** M Zieverink & K Goodman

**July 29** Laurie & Cam Ritchie

## July Birthdays

4 Doris Pethel  
5 Vickie Keene  
8 Linda Haynes  
12 Larry McKenzie  
16 Jeff Fleming  
16 Matthew Morris  
17 Cindy Thomas  
17 Teresa McKinney  
18 Ashley Coffey  
20 Alease Cline  
22 Ansley Lyerly  
22 Colten Hawkins  
24 Saundra Fesperman  
24 Kevin Holland

25 J Wood  
27 Dean Crouch  
28 Adam Lingle  
27 Blessed Thompson  
27 Blessing Thompson  
29 Vance Lapish  
30 Savannah Lyerly  
31 Kathy French



## July Altar Flowers

**July 1** Laurie Ritchie

**July 8** Vickie Keene

**July 15** Linda Crouch

**July 22** Joyce Cavanagh-Wood

**July 29** Becky Morris





## The Cost of Freedom

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,  
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:1

My son-in-law, Patrick, served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. During the time he was overseas fighting I was keenly aware of the cost of freedom. He saw and experienced things no young person should have to witness. Through my daughter Emily, I learned of what Patrick was dealing with in that war, and what she was dealing with too as his wife here at home. I prayed daily for Patrick's safe return as well as all of those who are serving our country overseas. I am enough of a realist to know that not all of them will come home alive. There will be some who will pay the ultimate price with their lives. That is the cost of freedom—the lives of those who are willing to serve their country no matter what.

Many of the men and women serving on foreign soil will come home to their loved ones. They too, gave of their lives so that we might be free here in the United States of America. But some of them will come home and have a hard time of it. Troubled with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), they will be haunted night and day by the horrors they experienced. They will have a hard time with relationships—family and/or friends. Holding down a job, if they can find one, will be difficult. Some, no longer able to cope, will reach the end of their rope and commit suicide. Tragic.

War is tragic. It is the product of sin, period. It is the result of sinful people not able to get along and think the only way to resolve the problem is to fight. Sometimes when an aggressor seeks to conquer others for their own evil purposes, others are forced to respond in defense. If they want to protect their rights, their freedom, and the freedom of others they feel compelled to fight back.

I'm looking forward to that day when Christ will return and bring into being his Kingdom and an end to all wars. But in the meantime, it's a mean time and we have to put up with war. However, for those of us who are followers of Christ, we know from Scripture that ultimately the cost our freedom is not based on the might of our country's military—it is based on Jesus Christ sacrificing his life for ours.

In the above scripture passage we learn that Christ has set us free from our sin to be free, to live free and he advises us to not submit again to the slavery of sin. We can live in the freest country in the world and still be enslaved to sin. Through his death and resurrection Jesus has defeated sin, death and the devil and made it possible for us to be truly free. So on the other hand, we could live in the most enslaved country in the world and be truly free in Christ Jesus. Our Lord says in John 8: *"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

We are free, when by his grace, Jesus Christ forgives us of our sin and gives us hope of eternal life. We are free from sin to live by the Spirit. Paul tell us in Galatians 5:16: *"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature."*

The best way we can honor God is to live our lives in the freedom Christ has graciously given us. The best way we can honor those who are serving overseas or here at home in the military for their sacrifice is to pray for them, to support them, and work here at home to make America a country that is truly free in Christ Jesus.

*Pastor Carl*

## LCW

### Miss Katherine Group

will not meet in July.

Next meeting will be August 7 at the church.

### Sister Lucille Group

will go out to eat at a place and time TBA.



## July Scripture Lessons

Pentecost 6/2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment – July 1

*How Sweet a Name*

Exodus 20:1-17

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 12:22-37

Pentecost 7/3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment – July 8

*Keeping Sunday Holy*

Exodus 20:8-11

Genesis 2:2-3

Hebrews 10:19-25

Luke 4:16-22

Pentecost 8/4<sup>th</sup> Commandment – July 15

*Respecting Parents and Those in Authority*

(Exodus 20:1-17)

Ephesians 6:1-4

Romans 13:1-4

Matthew 15:1-8; 22:15-22

Pentecost 9/5<sup>th</sup> Commandment – July 22

*Human Life is Sacred*

(Exodus 20:1-17)

Genesis 4:1-16

1 John 3:11-16

Matthew 5:21-26

Pentecost 10/Youth Sunday—July 29

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 136:1-9

Ephesians 3:14-21

Mark 6:45-56

## Gifts to our Church

### To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Marie Wall by Woodrow & Zelia Frick

In memory of Marvin Weant by Mike & Vickie Keene, LaVaughn Beaver, Doris Colleen Weant, T Burt Harris, Charles Sowers, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Dale & Marsha Beaver, J W & Bobbie Ann Brown, Roana Bost, Rowan Amateur Radio Society, Kay Abernathy, David & Shelia Weant

In memory of Mickey & Alice Hallett by Jay & Karen Goodman

In memory of Larry Thomas by Alan & LaVaughn Beaver

In memory of Carr Peeler and Bruce Becky by Bill & Reggie Hardister

### To the Bus Fund

In memory of Marvin Weant by Madeline Zieverink, Doris Ritchie

### To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Marvin Weant by Sheryl Lyerly

In honor of Pastor Carl by Betty Weant

### To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Larry Thomas by Robert Barringer & Brian Barringer

In honor of Bobby Barringer by the Thomas family

### To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Marvin Weant by Martha & Jay Arey

## Community Events at Shiloh Reformed Church of Faith:

**Shiloh 5K Mission Run/Walk (8 a.m.) & ½ Mile Fun Run**  
8:50 a.m. – June 30. Registration at 7:15 a.m.

Contact [financialsecretary@shilohreformedchurch.com](mailto:financialsecretary@shilohreformedchurch.com) for entry form. Enter before race date and save \$25!

**Shiloh VBS, July 15-19, 6-8 pm.** Supper for kids at 5:30.

Theme: *Game On!*

Contact [youthdir@shilohreformedchurch.com](mailto:youthdir@shilohreformedchurch.com) for info



### Remember those in nursing homes:

**Genesis Healthcare:**  
Carolyn Barringer Corl

### Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Katherine Lyerly

Pauline Lyerly

**Liberty Commons:** Elizabeth Ritchie

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

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Council Secretary: Vickie Keene

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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie  
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris  
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

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

Chancel Choir  
Becky Morris, Director  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir  
Kathy Haynes, Director  
4 p.m. Sundays

Children's Choirs  
Becky Morris, Director  
Little Thrive, afternoon on Sundays  
Young Thrive, afternoon on Sundays

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## Prayer Concerns

*Our Sympathy is expressed to:*

- ◆ Betty Weant and family at the death of her husband Marvin.
- ◆ Kay Abernathy, Betty Rose Witty and family at the death of their brother, Larry Thomas.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ann Carscaddon, pain in legs. Kate Beretsky, taking antibiotics at home for a severe skin infection. Eddie Eller, upcoming PET Scan. Vance Lapish injured back at work, recovering at home. Ron and Wanda Smith's grandson Dylan, suffering from headaches, meeting with eye doctor for further tests. Colin Donaldson, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Sacred Heart, being aggressively treated for Burkitt's non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Joe Koehn's brother, Butch, small cell carcinoma. Lane Pethel, treatment for immune deficiency. Randy Brown, cancer of bile duct. Denise Koehn's mom Shirley Buckner, at home. Glenn Wall's mom, Marie, Lutheran Home rm. B9. J Wood's sister, Anne Widholm, long term care facility. Becky Morris' friend, Dawn Holder, lung cancer. Ed Clark, cancer. Ricky Cross, COPD. Gloria Cross, stage 3 kidney disease, pinched nerve. Kathie Albright, recovering from car wreck. Denise Koehn's friend, Sandy Morris, stage 3 breast cancer. Marsha & Dale's friend, Gail Reynolds, stage 3 pancreatic cancer.

### Things Christiana needs to Brighten the Beacon



- ◆ Someone or group to provide a congregational meal on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in September. Council has approved to reimburse up to \$150 for food cost. If you are willing to help, please contact Harry Agner at 704-633-3503.
- ◆ The Car Show committee wants new leadership. The time is right now! Please see Harry.

These are WE things, and not ME things because it's OUR church, not MY church projects!

**Council Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2018**

**Present**

Cam Ritchie            Terry Ritchie            Branson Pethel            Boni Lowry  
Dale Beaver            LaVaughn Beaver            Linda Crouch            Leanne Kluttz  
Vickie Keene            Bruce Wilhelm            Harold Morris            Charlotte Pacilio

**Absent**

Pastor Carl Haynes    J Wood  
Brittney Barnhardt    Sue Wall  
Laurie Ritchie  
Jason Smith

**Concerns, Receptions and Approvals**

An In-Kind donation in the amount of \$4083 received unanimous approval. This donation reflects the value of a vehicle donated to the church for the Thompson family.

An insurance claim from May 4, 2018 for \$813.89 was filed and paid relating the church bus.

For clarification, work performed on the Education Building door (Fellowship Hall side) for security upgrades and weather stripping will be charged to the Building Fund as previously approved rather than Property Maintenance Fund.

A proposal to contract with ClearStar to provide background checks for those who work closely with the children and youth of Christiana was received from the Nehemiah Group. The initial set-up fee is \$125 and each background check at \$12.95. It was recommended that a background check be completed for those who work closely with Christiana children and youth; Sunday School teachers, nursery, Thrive Youth, etc. Individuals would complete a consent form so that the church secretary could perform the check. Results of the background check would be shared with the Executive Committee and electronically stored for privacy and safe-keeping. An annual review of current volunteers will be performed by the church office and other positions may be added to the list as identified. Vickie Keene will work with Marsha Beaver and Ann Teague to implement this process *The following was unanimously approved: Christiana will contract with ClearStar to perform background checks on specific individuals based on their roles and close association with Christiana children and youth under 18 and repeated every five years or as needed. Funding for this expense will come from the operating fund of the Nehemiah Group previously approved.*

Minutes for the Council meeting on May 13, 2018 and Called Council meeting on May 27, 2018 were approved as presented. Corrections to the April 2018 Financial Report was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer. Laurie noted that incorrect information was used to create the April Profit & Loss report. The changes did not materially change the results previously reported.

The Financial report for May 2018 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie.

May income is under budget \$2,526 with YTD income under budget \$4,229

May expenses are \$121 over budget with YTD expenses under budget \$1,313

Otis Elevator maintenance anticipated 30% increase was not billed. Actual increase was \$19.45

Received \$1,500 from NALC for Navigators Coaching Fund

May Master Plan donations \$2,509 which included \$539 from May BtB Dinner

\$110 received towards Bus /cover repayment to Undesignated Funds

Spendable cash as of April 30, 2018 was \$61,904.87

The financials were approved as presented.

**Reception of:**

**Pastor's Report for May**

The pastor's report was presented and accepted as submitted.

**Thrive Youth Report for May**

Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director reported Thrive kids attended two Christian inspirational programs last month: Nick

Vujicic; Life without Limbs and Tiffany Johnson; Trusting God in Everything. Nick was born without arms or legs and

Tiffany lost her arm in a shark attack. Both live their life in gratitude to God who has blessed them.

**Committee and Auxiliary Reports**

**Stewardship Committee**

A corrected projection for April was shared along with May for the General Fund Income and Spending. Based on giving in April a budget shortfall would occur by year-end if giving in the remaining months is below budget.

A representative from the church insurance company will meet on Wednesday with members of the Nehemiah Group to discuss insurance coverage for the Safety team.

**Property Committee:** Jason Smith shared estimates from Carolina Siteworks for a variety of options to repair or replace asphalt in the main driveway, circle drive and parking lot. It was noted that the estimates exceed the 1.5% of budget amount Council can approve requiring a congregational meeting and vote. A decision to table the discussion for further view of the proposal was made.

**LCW:** Christiana Church Women will lead the service on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Fellowship Committee:** BtB monthly dinners are suspended during June, July and August and plan to resume in September.

**Bus Committee:** General information regarding the use of a Fleet gas/maintenance card for drivers of the church bus was shared. This information will be forwarded to Richard Crouch for further review and recommendation from the committee. It was noted that parts have been ordered for repairs needed to repair the automatic doors.

**Nehemiah Group:** A new logo, '*Safe Haven*' and scope of the safety and security project was shared. Chairman, Jim Duncan will present the new logo and provide an overview of the Nehemiah Group to date next Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayerful Consideration:** No discussion was held on the following items: Renegar property, Security Camera proposal, security renovations in the elevator lobby.

**Next Council Meeting**

July Council Meeting: **Sunday, July 8, 2018** from 7:30 am - 9:00 am

**Church Lockup Schedule: July - Jay Goodman**

Members were reminded to contact Cam Ritchie if back-up is needed in their absence.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vickie Agner-Keene*

Church Council Secretary



**Called Council Meeting  
May 27, 2018**

**Present**

|                             |                 |              |                            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Cam Ritchie, President      | Terry Ritchie   | J Wood       | Harold Morris              |
| Dale Beaver, Vice President | Jay Goodman     | Linda Crouch | Leanne Kluttz              |
| Vickie Keene, Secretary     | LaVaughn Beaver | Boni Lowry   | Jim Duncan, Nehemiah Group |

This meeting was called following worship to review and clarify a proposal upgrading locks in the exterior doors in the Sanctuary and Educational Building.

President Ritchie first clarified the exterior door nearest to the Fellowship Hall in the Educational building is not a part of this proposal. It was previously determined immediate security maintenance was needed for this door which has since been completed in the amount of \$372.50. This expense was funded from Property Maintenance.

Next, a review of proposals from Tarheel Safe & Lock and JJ's Construction was held by those present. This included details related to the type locks and exit devices by door location. Specific doors include: front Sanctuary doors (Hwy 52), side front doors (driveway), Choir room entrance doors (driveway) and Pastor's entrance doors (basement level). It was noted that the keypad entry at the choir entrance would allow the same individual code to be used as the elevator lobby. In addition, JJ's Construction will re-hang /adjust and install weather stripping on four exterior doors for better security and to address energy efficiency.

President Ritchie shared that the maximum Council can approve is 1.5% of the budget or \$4319.00. The project as presented including sales tax is \$4276.35. If approved and paid appropriately the sales tax can be refunded further lowering the cost of the upgrades by \$233.00.

***After further discussion, a motion was made by J Wood to accept the proposal with funding from the Building Fund. The motion was unanimously approved.***

The called meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vickie Keene*

Vickie Keene, Church Council, Secretary