

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
704-279-4516 (Home)
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Sunday in the Grove May 28

Sunday School as usual at 9:15am

**Worship at 10:30am will be outside
(weather permitting)**

Bring your lawn chair or blanket.

Graduates will be honored.

So plan on wearing your cap & gown.

Lunch will follow worship

**Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided by
Christiana Lutheran Men**

Relay for Life set for Saturday, May 6

Relay for Life is a life-changing event that brings together millions of people across the country who gather to celebrate the lives of those who are battling or have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost to the disease and to fight back against this disease that takes too much.

This year's Rowan County event begins at the fairgrounds at 4 p.m. on May 6 and ends at 10 p.m.

- **6 p.m. Survivors' Walk**
- **9 p.m. Luminary Ceremony**



Carolinas Mission District of the NALC 2017 Convocation May 19-20

at

**St. James Lutheran Church,
1942 St. James Church Rd.
Newton, NC 28658**

The 7th annual convocation of the Carolinas Mission District of the NALC will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 19-20. Business items to be addressed include: a budget for 2017-18, the election the mission district dean, and of three members to the Executive Council (two clergy & one lay), and the ongoing partnership on theological education between the CMD and the Dept. of Lutheran Studies at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Bishop John Bradosky will be among those speaking at the convocation.

We now have ten mission congregations in the CMD and they will have displays at the convocation. There will also be displays by Sola Publishing and The American Lutheran Publicity Bureau.

Pastor Carl and our delegate, Harry Agner will be attending, but this convocation is not just for pastors and delegates! A focus on mission and updates on the NALC will provide helpful information for anyone involved in ministry in all congregations.

Registration is \$50 which includes all materials and Friday supper. Pastor Carl has registration forms in his office. Or you can email Pastor Carl at pastorcarl@charlotte.twcbc.com and he will email a copy to you.

Youth Stuff

YOUTH HELPING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

May 7

Crucifer: Diego Corona

Torches: Gabe Honeycutt, T J Wood

Banners: Michael Lowry & Ainslee Lowry

May 14

Acolytes: Chase & Caylee Hawkins

May 21

Acolytes: Hannah & Riley Isley

May 28

Sunday in the Grove, no acolytes



THRIVE

Thrive @5

May 7 & 21

May 7: Thrive Tots & Little Thrive

YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 14

*Save the date!
Confirmation
June 18-24*

Those Who Serve in May

Nursery Attendants

May 7 A Smith & J & A Honeycutt

May 14 Joe & Denise Koehn

May 21 Chris & Katie Sease

May 28 *Sunday in the Grove*

Children's Sermon Part 2

May 7 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

May 14 Jason & April Smith

May 21 L Scott & M Riddle

May 28 *Sunday in the Grove*

Offering Counters

May 7 M Zieverink & K Goodman

May 14 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

May 21 Marsha & Dale Beaver

May 28 R Crouch & E Eller

May Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Clay Kirk | 20 Gary Lingle |
| 2 Penelope Sease | 21 Charlie Shank, Jr. |
| 3 Sandra McKenzie | 23 Trish Kelsoe |
| 3 Oretha Thompson | 24 Kimora Cooper |
| 4 Pat Burris | 26 Carolyn Barringer Corl |
| 4 Paul Kluttz, Jr. | 26 Rhett Sease |
| 4 Teresa Stack | 27 Kaitlin Crouch |
| 8 Jennifer Honeycutt | 27 Carl Yost |
| 8 Jeffrey Scott | 27 Carla Yost |
| 9 Michael Lowry | |
| 9 Charles Shank | |
| 16 Maxine Casper | |
| 18 Voight Basinger | |
| 18 Kevin Coffey, III | |
| 19 Stanton Cross | |



May Altar Flowers

May 7 Joyce Cavanagh-Wood

May 14 Men's Bible class

May 21 Earlene Ritchie

May 28

*ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED MAY 28
PLEASE SEE KATHY HAYNES
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.*



A Vacation from Church?

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

I generally don't do a summer column in "From the Pastor." I get newsletters from colleagues who always do a column in June reminding their congregation that when they leave for vacation, don't forget to give their offering to the church. The church's work still goes on, still needs their support even when their gone.

While that's true, I figure that those of us who love the Lord and are committed to giving to Him are going to take care of that. We need no reminder. However, something that does concern me is what folks do when they go on vacation. Do you find a church and go and worship the Lord? Or do you take a vacation from worship too?

I have a lot of people tell me, "Pastor I don't have to be in church to worship God. I can worship on the golf course or on the beach or in the mountains." While that may be true, the truth of the matter is people don't. Further more, God doesn't promise to meet us by the swimming pool or on the golf course, or in the mountains or on the beach or wherever we might be. He promises to be with us where his people are gathered together in his name.

Christians gather together in Jesus' name to worship him. There we hear the Word of God, we are nourished with bread and wine, we praise God, we commune with fellow believers and are strengthened to live our lives for God. And we need that even on vacation.

The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us to "*not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...*" We generally think of this verse in terms of regular worship attendance, but I want you to think of it also in terms of going on vacation. I want to encourage you to find a church, (*doesn't have to be Lutheran*) but find a church and go there to worship God.

If you have a regular place you vacation you might make that church your vacation church. After a while you make friends there and it is encouraging to them to know there are fellow believers who believe that worship is important enough to attend even when on vacation.

Hebrews 10:24 says *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* The "one another" in this verse applies to fellow believers in the Church, not just our congregation. Remember we are members of "the one, holy Christian and apostolic church" that's the true Church made up of all believers. We are to encourage one another in the true Church, not just our congregation.

The Bible is full of passages regarding worship and how wonderful it is to be in God's presence. I want to encourage you to experience that presence in another church when you go on vacation. Join with fellow believers you don't know yet and get to know them and commune with them and encourage them in the faith.

Remember true rest and relaxation is found only in Christ. Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:28-29, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*"

After all that's what vacation is about isn't it? Rest and Relaxation! Why not make the worship of Him to promises to give it to us a part of our vacation?

Pastor Carl

Thank You

Thanks to all of you that were a part of our "Night to Remember," those who gave their time and talent. That night we raised \$4,576. Our expenses totaled \$379, making a profit of \$4,167. The Christiana Lutheran Men gave \$3,000 in memory of Joe Renegar as well and all monies go to the Brighten the Beacon campaign. That's truly a "Night to Remember!"

Dear Christiana Church family,

Please know that we appreciate all the love and support we received during the illness of our mother, Loretta B Whitley. We want to thank you all very much for the prayers, cards, visits and meals during this difficult time. It is a comfort in knowing that others care and our sweet mother is with her Lord and Savior.

Love in Christ,
Shelby and Banks and the Loretta B Whitley family

My deepest thanks to Brittney and her *Thrive* group for the beautiful work they did on my fence and yard on Good Friday. They Rock!
Onetia Bruce

I would like to thank Pastor Carl and the congregation for your visits, cards and most of all your prayers during my hospital stay and recuperation at home. God has blessed me for 97 years and continues to do so each day. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.
Ann Carscaddon

Dear Christiana Family,

I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for the many personal discussions, calls, notes and cards that I have received from many members of this congregation. Your thoughts and prayers have definitely helped in my recent shoulder surgery rehab. Although I never doubted the power of prayer, it became crystal clear two years ago when I struggled with severe headaches. The doctors could not find a decisive answer to the cause. The headaches were quite severe for hours, 6-7 days a week. Once my wife put me on the church's prayer list, results started almost immediately. My headaches started to reduce in severity and duration. Today, headaches are few and far between. I realize this was a direct result of God's love and the prayers from this congregation. I thank everyone in this congregation and consider my self extremely blessed to be a member of this church. Joe Koehn

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive set

Salisbury letter carriers will participate in the food drive on Saturday, May 13. Please leave non-perishable items at or in your mailbox for your carrier to pick up.

Last year's drive raised more than 19,000 pounds of food and was distributed to Main Street Mission, Salvation Army, and Rowan Helping Ministry.

For more info visit www.usps.com/stampouthunger



Congregational Concerns

Genesis:

Carolyn Barringer Corl

Brookdale Assisted Living: Juanita Hovis

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Katherine Lyerly

Carillon Assisted Living: Pauline Lyerly

The Meadows of Rockwell: Pat Ramsey

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

NC State Veterans Home: Gib Russell

Autumn Care: Glenn Wilson



The Brad Patrick Scholarship will be presented during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Grove on May 28.

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Loretta Whitley by LaVaughn Beaver, Madeline Zieverink, Don & Rose Dedmon

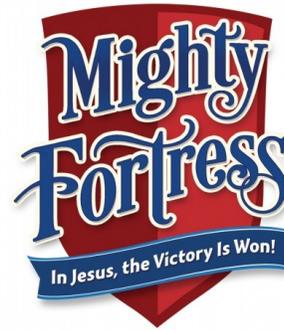
To Brighten the Beacon by Terry and Carolyn Barringer

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Joe Renegar by Christiana Lutheran Men

To the General Fund in honor of Jason Smith and Harry Agner by Linda Haynes

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of the cast, choir and crew of Living Last Supper, Living Last Words and choir by Mike & Vickie Keene

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Terry Connell and his cross ministry by Eddie & Debbie Eller



July 9 –14
Save the date for
VBS!



Prayer Concerns:

Linda Connell, recovering from partial knee replacement surgery. Barbara Crouch, recovering from partial knee replacement surgery. Nancy Agner, recovering from surgery to repair broken hip; she will recuperate in the Stan-back Center at NH RMC. Lynda Pethel, diagnosed with COPD. Zelia Frick, diagnosed with a benign tumor that has caused hearing loss in her left ear, begins treatment process June 12. Joe Koehn, recovering from shoulder surgery to repair torn rotator cuff. Robert Young, recovering from head injury from a fall. Kathie Albright, recovering from surgery to set broken ankles. Ricky Cross diagnosed with COPD. Gloria Cross, diagnosed with kidney failure. Glenn Wilson, in Autumn Care for PT. John Wall, blood clot in leg. Dan Denton recovering from heart attack. Glenn Wilson taking PT at home. Ed Clark, taking chemo for liver cancer. Juanita Hovis, back at Liberty Commons for PT. Wanda Smith, stage 2 kidney disease. Patti Boles, Cushing's disease. Pat Ramsey, back at the Meadows taking chemotherapy. LaVaughn Beaver's husband Alan, renal dialysis. April Smith's brother, Chase Deal, continues to improve and gain strength. Pauline Lyerly, Carillon, rm. C13. Ann & Bill Meacham in poor health.



Our Sympathy is Expressed to: Shelby Harwood and family at the death of her mother Loretta Whitley.

Summer Bible Reading Challenge announced

This summer the Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Bible Reading Challenge. It goes like this: for 65 days from June 1 to August 31, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, you are challenged to read the first six books of the New Testament: Matthew through Romans. That's 133 chapters which comes to a little over two chapters a day.

Now, let's make it interesting. Let's see if more women than men can complete this challenge, and let's see if more youth 1st through 5th grade than youth 6th through 12th grade can complete this challenge. Parents/grandparents of younger children can read it to them.

Pastor Carl would love to see 100% of worshipers take on the challenge. Sign up will be May 21 & 28. You will receive a check list of the books and chapters read.

May Scripture Lessons

4th Sunday of Easter, May 7

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

5th Sunday of Easter, May 14

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60
Psalm 146
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

6th Sunday of Easter, May 21

Acts 17:16-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 15:15-21

The Ascension of our Lord, May 25

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

7th Sunday of Easter, May 28

Acts 1:12-26
Psalm 68:1-10
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

LCW

Miss Katherine Lyerly Group

Will not meet in May

Sister Lucille Lyerly Group

Will meet in the Smith Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. on May 2 with Vickie Keene, hostess and program leader.



May 14

The oldest and youngest mothers present on Mother's Day will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Mother's Day, May 8th. They will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Men's Bible Class.

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Mailed April 26, 2017

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

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Council Vice-President: Madeline Zieverink
Council Secretary: Bruce Wilhelm

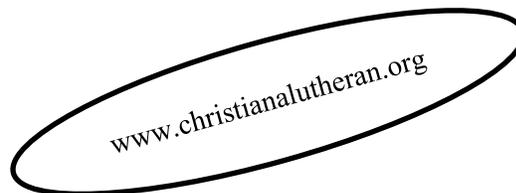
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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

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
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Sunday afternoons; times & days



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Making Disciples in Sunday School

Did you have a blessed Easter? Did you celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior? Do you want to continue celebrating? Consider joining us each Sunday morning as we fellowship with each other and with the Word of God in Sunday school. Join us from 8:45 to 9:15 for fellowship and refreshments at the Smith Assembly Hall Hospitality Center. At 9:15, join one of our Adult Sunday school classes for fellowship and study in the Word. We will help you find the class that best suits you. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to grow as a Disciple of Christ. All adults and children are welcome!



Attention Graduates

Graduates will be honored on May 28 during the 10:30am Worship Service. If you will be a 2017 spring graduate or if you have graduated within the last 12 months, please contact the church office ASAP!!

Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2017

Present:

Richard Crouch, President	Vicki Agner Keene	Branson Pethel
Madeline Zieverink, Vice President	Banks Kluttz	Cam Ritchie
Bruce Wilhelm, Secretary	Leanne Kluttz	Terry Ritchie
Pastor Carl Haynes	Harold Morris	Jenny Roberts
Dale Beaver	Charlotte Pacilio	J Wood

Absent:

Jeff Fleming

Also present:

Laurie Ritchie, treasurer
Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director

Invocation: Pastor Carl Haynes

Prayer of Blessing (prayed in unison)

Council Business:

Approval of:

Council Minutes March 12, 2017 council meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Report The financial report for February, 2017 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer. Laurie reported that \$4,576 was raised for Brighten the Beacon during the "Night to Remember" dinner and auction fundraiser. She also reported that \$1,071 remains to be paid for the columbarium and that this will be paid this month. The financial report was then approved as submitted.

Reception of:

Pastor's Report Pastor Carl reported that lightning struck the church during a storm on March 28th. The elevator sustained \$3,500 worth of damage and has been repaired. It is now in operation. Also, Ann's computer sustained minor damage while Pastor Carl's computer sustained \$1,500 worth of damage. All repairs were made and paid for. Richard asked if we need additional surge protectors for the church. The property committee was asked to follow up on this by getting recommendations from several sources on how to better protect the entire church from future lightning strikes. Madeline will ask the insurance company that handles the churches property insurance for recommendations on lightning protection. She will also talk to the insurance company about quotes for a higher deductible on our insurance policy. For additional details, see the attached pastor's report.

Youth Director's Report Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director, reported that the youth had a very good time watching CHAOS perform recently. She also reported that she and Pastor Carl had visited Gordon Conwell for a Youth Mission District Meeting. The THRIVE youth helped at the "Night to Remember" event. Also working to confirm those who want to go on the mission trip in July to New Bern. Both reports were then accepted as submitted.

Committee Reports & Auxiliary Concerns

Stewardship Committee *Cam Ritchie, Chairman.* Cam reported that there was concern that "Capital Improvement Fund" was showing up twice on the balance sheet and causing some confusion. Dale Beaver suggested simply changing the hierarchy of the accounts and the second 3065 Capital Improvement Fund. Other" will not show up.

Cam also presented a list of suggested guidelines for balance sheet fund uses. Vickie asked if we could have this guideline include other balance sheet categories. Cam indicated that he would work on it and present an updated list at the next meeting.

Christian Education Committee *Dale Beaver, Chairman.* Met on April 6th to discuss action plan. There is a need for more people to participate in providing refreshments for the social time prior to Sunday school. There is also a need for more promotion for people to attend Sunday school.

On August 28th we will have Rally Day that morning and host the Reformation 500 Service that afternoon. Since we have not had a "Homecoming Sunday" in the sense that former members come back for a number of years now, it was suggested that the congregation be surveyed to see if there was any interest in calling it something like "Heritage Day".

Property Committee *J. Wood, Council Representative.* Presented Council with a report on recent repairs and maintenance. See attached report for details.

Worship Committee No report.

Social Ministry Committee Banks Kluttz, Council Representative. See attached report.

Brighten the Beacon Committee *Richard Crouch, Chairman.* Richard reported that the architect is continuing to work on

the plans for the new building and that the Building Committee has met recently to review these plans. Richard also reported that five members of the committee made a trip to Charlotte recently to meet with a manufacturer and view samples of the proposed window walls. They visited the show room of Nana Wall and were very impressed with the product. A second company, Euro Wall has been suggested and that company is currently being researched. Another meeting with the architects is expected in a few weeks.

Membership Committee *Branson Pethel, Council Representative.* No report.

Evangelism Committee *Vickie Agner Keene, Chairman.* No meeting. Work is continuing on a system to track attendance and reach out to individuals who have not been attending church services. J. Wood stated that we need a way to transport individuals who are wheel chair bound and need assistance in getting to church. Richard stated that he sends out an email on Sunday mornings to remind council members to help identify anyone who is not attending.

Fellowship Committee *Bruce Wilhelm, Council Representative.* No report.

Landscape Committee *Terry Ritchie, Council Representative.* Committee members trimmed and cleaned out the shrubs and bushes surrounding the church. Kevin Barringer will plant new flowers in the next couple of weeks.

Cemetery Committee *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* No report.

Facilities Committee *Jeff Fleming, Council Representative.* No report.

Health Care Committee *Leanne Kluttz, Council Representative.* No report.

Archives Committee *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* No report.

LCW *Madeline Zieverink, Council Representative.* LCW#1 is changing its name to the "Miss Katherine Lyerly" women's group. The Sister Lucille women's group asked permission to upgrade the ladies room upstairs. They will not ask for funds from council or the congregation to do the work. Instead, they will provide all of the funding for the makeover from their own funds. A motion was made and council gave its unanimous approval.

CLM *Harold Morris, Council Representative.* The annual men's group chicken dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Friday April 28th. Businesses or other groups will need to order at least 10 dinners in order for them to be delivered.

Youth Committee *Brittney Barnhardt, Council Representative.* See attached Youth Directors monthly report.

Boy/Cub Scouts Committee *J. Wood Council Representative.* J. Wood told the council that support from the church in the form of volunteers for both committees and leaders. The Boy Scout troop is down from 15 scouts to only 6 at the present time. With most of the current leadership retiring in the near future, the church is at risk of losing the troop entirely if new leaders can't be found soon. Several council members stated that the parents of the scouts need to be more involved.

Senior Citizens Committee *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* 24 people showed up at the last lunch meeting.

Visitation Committee No Report.

Constitution Committee *Branson Pethel, Committee Chairman.* No report.

Prayerful Concerns

Church Bus. Richard Crouch presented council with information on a used church bus that is for sale by another local church. The bus is a 26 passenger model that is 10 years old and has only 22,000 miles on it. The asking price is \$36,000. Council agreed that there is a need for a bus of some kind for youth activities, senior trips and other uses. Several questions were raised involving operating costs, storage (it is currently stored in a garage out of the weather), the need for a separate line item in the budget, who maintains the bus and the cost of insurance. Vickie also suggested that we would need to have the bus inspected by a third party before making an offer. Richard agreed to have someone inspect the bus and he would also look into the other items of concern. He will report back at the next council meeting.

In-Kind Donations. A request was presented for an in-kind donation letter for the use of a condo in Myrtle Beach. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Equipment Purchase. The purchase of a 50 foot cable and spotlight along with new wireless microphones for the upcoming Living Last Supper and Last Word performances was approved after a motion was made and seconded.

Bible Study:

"Authentic Leadership", pages 84-88, "The Leader as Model".

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Next Council Meeting

April Council Meeting: The council will meet on **Sunday May 14, 2017 from 7:30 am until 9:00 am.**

Church Lock up Schedule

April - Terry Ritchie

May - Leanne Kluttz

June - Vickie Agner Keene

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Wilhelm

Church Council Secretary