



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

Attention Graduates!

Graduates will be honored on May 16 during the 10:30 am worship service. If you will be a 2021 spring graduate or if you have graduated within the last 12 months, **please** contact the church office ASAP!!

On the 16th, graduates are invited to don their cap and gown and process as a group to their reserved seating.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Diego Corona—East Rowan
Chase Hawkins—Salisbury
Aubrey Honeycutt—Carson
Michael Lowery—East Rowan
Blessed Thompson—North Rowan
Blessing Thompson—North Rowan



The oldest and youngest mothers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Mother's Day, May 9th. They will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Men's Bible Class.



May Scripture Lessons

5th Sunday of Easter, May 2

Acts 8:36-40
Psalm 150
1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)
John 15:1-8

6th Sunday of Easter, May 9

Acts 10:34-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17

7th Sunday of Easter, May 15

Acts 2:12-36
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11b-19

Day of Pentecost, May 23

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16)
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 3:1-17

Remember those in nursing homes

Autumn Care
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks:
Cardell Gibson



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Now is the time to plant

There are no better tasting tomatoes than those grown in Rowan County soil. As soil makes the seed come up, your garden sprout produce fruit.

We need to share an encouraging word to those around us. So much uncertainty is going on in our world today. Some have lost their jobs. Some are home-bound.

If you want more from the Lord, it's time to plant the seed of stewardship. Try it and you will be surprised at the harvest you will get.

Save the Date for Day Camp

K—5th Grade

July 18—23

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Those Who Serve in May

Nursery Attendants

May 2 Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

May 9 Tara Beaver & Emily Barnes

May 16 Leanne & Jason Kluttz

May 23 Chris & Katie Sease

May 30 Jason & April Smith

Reader: Terry Ritchie

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Suzanna Roth-Tubman

Sound: Tony Hawkins

Lock Up: Harry Agner

Altar Guild: Carmen & Drew Pethel, Linda Connell, Earlene & Brittney Ritchie

April Attendance

Apr. 4 Worship: 129
Sunday school: 64

Apr. 11 Worship: 83
Sunday school: 54

Apr. 18 Worship: 91
Sunday school: 44

Apr. 25 Worship: 90
Sunday school: 53

May Birthdays

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| 2 Clay Kirk | 18 Kevin Coffey, III |
| 2 Penelope Sease | 19 Stanton Cross |
| 3 Sandra McKenzie | 20 Gary Lingle |
| 3 Oretha Thompson | 21 Charlie Shank, Jr. |
| 4 Pat Burris | 23 Trish Kelsoe |
| 4 Paul Kluttz, Jr. | 24 Kimora Cooper |
| 5 Katherine Diaz | 26 Rhett Sease |
| 6 Robert Mead | 27 Kaitlin Peterson |
| 8 Jennifer Honeycutt | |
| 8 Jeffrey Scott | |
| 9 Michael Lowry | |
| 9 Charles Shank | |
| 16 Caroline Diaz | |
| 17 Charlotte Diaz | |
| 18 Voight Basinger | |



May 2 Alisa Mead

May 10 Men's Bible Class

May 16 Pastor Carl & Kathy Haynes

May 23 Denise Koehn

May 30 Judy Stoner



Altar Flowers



“Listen”

*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear,
slow to speak, slow to anger...*

James 1:19(ESV)

We are a nation of talkers. We want to make our voice heard. We want to get our point across. And we care that we have our own voice, our own point to make. For proof I offer any political debate in recent years. The candidates are simply rude. They interrupt and talk over each other not considering once what the other person has to say.

Look at the editorials in the Salisbury Post on a divisive topic. Even when a definitive point is made, people will continue to argue their side, even though it makes no sense. That’s because people don’t listen. We don’t want to listen, we only want to make our point. And we don’t care what someone else has to say, unless they agree with us.

How did we get this way? How did we become such a rude people? I believe it is because we are not reading and absorbing God’s Word into our way of thinking. Look at the verse from James 1:19 printed above. James’ advice is for us to be quick to listen and slow to respond which will result in our being slow to get angry. It is very easy to get into an argument with someone and instead of listening to what they have to say, we are thinking about making our point to them. And if they do the same, it is very easy to see how such an argument can escalate into an angry shouting match.

Someone once pointed out that God gave us two ears and one mouth, as a sign that we are to listen twice as much as we speak. This is especially true when it comes to God. We need to spend more time listening to Him, than talking to Him. In Psalm 81:1 it says: *“Oh, that my people would listen to me.”*

How do we listen to God speak to us? Through His Word. Before we read Scripture, we need to pray: “O Lord, open my ears to hear you speak to me.” Then read, expecting God to answer our prayer. Psalm 46:10 reminds us to “Be still and know that I am God.” When we finish reading God’s Word, we should quietly meditate on what we have read, listening for God to speak to us. It is holy time in the presence of almighty God.

Too often, though, we are too busy to do that. We are in a hurry. We have things to do. So we read our brief Scripture passage and the devotional. Offer God a quick prayer, listing our requests (demands?) and then get on with the day. Is it no wonder, we have no idea what God wants us to do? How He wants us to live?

In the Devotion Book “Mornings with Jesus, 2021, Tuesday, April 20 Pamela Howard writes “Listening is an art and must be intentional.” To listen to someone, is to give them your undivided attention. In doing so, you show them that you care about what they have to say, what they think, what they care about. Only after we have truly heard the person speak and considered their point of view, should we then respond.

Look at Jesus, He cared for people while here on earth and took the time to listen to them and he responded to them in a way that led them to faith in God. When we respond to people, when we speak to them, is our main objective to get *our point* across, or to bring them closer to God?

Paul tells us in Philippians 2:3 to put the needs of others before our own. In essence what he is telling us is to follow Jesus’ example. Jesus put our need of having our sin paid for and forgiven, before his desire to remain in heaven. He *listened* to his Father, became one of us, showed us God’s love by dying on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave that we might have hope of eternal life.

There’s a saying that goes: *“People won’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.”* If we want people to listen to us when we share our faith in Jesus with them, they need to feel that we truly care about them. Only then will they hear us.

So in the days ahead, let’s practice the art of listening to one another, that we might imitate our Lord Jesus and seek to lead people to Him. May we speak to voice the love of God, more than our voice.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Carl



To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Christy Agner's birthday by Madeline Zieverink.

In honor of April Smith's birthday by Dale & Marsha Beaver

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Jason Smith, David Preslar and Bobby Barringer for their good deed by Doris Ritchie.

CRS to travel again!

Christiana Rowdy Seniors are on the move again. On Saturday, May 1 at 4 pm, the group will travel by church bus to the Classic Restaurant in Denton.



Because of COVID restrictions, only 14 persons will be seated on the bus, so you must reserve your seat in advance by calling Jenny Roberts.

LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, May 4 at 10 a.m. at the church. with Debbie Eller, program leader
At 3 p.m. the group will go to RHM for a packing party.

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on May 4 with Sandra Cross, program leader & hostess in the Smith Assembly Hall.
RHM Packing Party is Tuesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner afterward.

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• **All Christiana Scholarships** •

• **will be** •

• **presented during the** •

• **10:30 a.m.** •

• **Sunday in the Grove** •

• *Scholarships* •

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Ann Meacham, hospitalized with fluid on lungs. Betty Hatley's brother, Mike Carscaddon diagnosed with peritoneal cancer, tests being made to determine treatment. Saundra Fesperman, at home recovering from a broken ankle as a result from a fall. Lynda Pethel, recovering from surgery to repair broken wrist, stitches are out and it's in a hard cast. Becky Kepley's husband Steve, hospitalized in a regular room with COVID pneumonia. Linda Cline's mom, facing eye surgery. Bruce Wilhelm, pacemaker/defibrillator to be installed May 6. Suzanna Roth-Tubman, seeking employment. Kathie Albright, bone-on-bone knee pain. Woodrow Frick, fractured hip healing nicely. Ron Turbyfill taking treatments. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, radiation treatments. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.



Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2021

Present:

Jason Smith, President
David Preslar, V Pres.
Kevin Holland, Sec.
Eddie Eller
Jeff Fleming
Marlene Pethel
Jenny Roberts
Michael Yarbrough
Harry Agner

Also Present:

Earlene Ritchie
Robbie Robinson
Laura Ritchie
Kevan Barringer
Carl Haynes, Pastor
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer

Absent:

Tony Hawkins

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Votes of Reception and Approval

- Minutes from March 2021 were approved.
 - Financial report from March 2021 was approved.
- Loose offering schedule was approved.

Treasurer's Report

March income was \$3,030.46 above budget.

YTD income was \$2,661.89 above budget.

March spending was \$4,288.32 below budget

YTD spending was \$16,009.42 less than budgeted

Cash on Hand \$59,350.55. \$50,000 Cash on Hand in Money Market Account.

Committee and Auxiliary Concerns:

Stewardship:

Harry Agner: InFaith committee meeting Monday (4/12) at 6pm.

Christian Education:

- Easter egg hunt went well.
- Children's breakfast helps attendance.
- Christian ed meeting Thursday (4/15) to discuss Sunday school classes.

Property:

Clean up scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

Social Ministry:

Still going to Rowan Helping Ministries to the extent that they can.

Evangelism:

- 27 Favorite scriptures turned in. David will start sending out.
- Still taking up items for blessing bags. Aiming for 100.
- Love Bible project coming up for summer.
- Plans for upcoming parenting class.

Fellowship:

- Proposed idea of church yard sale.
- Recommendation to sell old chairs in storage. A motion was made to sell/dispose old chairs being stored. The motion was approved.

Landscape:

April 24 clean-up workday.

Membership Review:

Continue to make new people feel welcome.

Brighten the Beacon:

Will plan a committee meeting soon.

LCW:**Sister Lucille:**

- Met this past week.
 - Donating 100 to blessing bags.
 - Raised \$600.00 for Pastor Mwavu.
- Food for Thought planned for May 18.

Miss Katherine Lyerly:

- Met on Tuesday (4/6).
- Packed lunch bags for RHM.
- Sent Easter baskets to shuts.

Sent Easter cards.

CRS: Going to Classic Restaurant on Saturday May 1.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

- Smith Assembly Hall/Fellowship Hall carpet cleaning.

Motion from Property Committee to clean carpet annually money coming from dedicated fellowship account. Additional money would come from Property. The motion was approved.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Carl Haynes

Next Council Meeting: May 9, 2021 7:30 am

Church Lock-Up and Devotions for May: Harry Agner

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Holland

Secretary

Bits of History

Pastor H. A. Trexler was at Christiana from 1924 to 1930. This article was in THE SALISBURY POST one of those Easters.

CHRISTIANA PASTOR IS POUNDED MONDAY

Easter Monday evening was a joyous time to all the Sunday School scholars, teachers, and officers of Christiana Church, Rev. H. A. Trexler, pastor. An Easter egg hunt was held in the beautiful grove of the church in which more than two hundred participated. Other games and races were heartily engaged in by the school. At the close of the pleasant and enjoyable exercises, a bountiful table was spread and all took their fill and were satisfied.

Christiana congregation every Easter Monday for four years has been pounding the pastor bountifully. The first three years they met at the pastor's house, and last year at the church. All these poundings were great surprises, but this time they manipulated a plan of still greater surprise.

While the pastor and wife were enjoying the exercises and egg hunt at the church with the rest of the school, they managed, unknown to the pastor, to send a large truck load of every imaginable useful article for home use to the home of the pastor in Rockwell. Even among the articles boxed up was found a pig which made a big grunt as the pastor's wife opened the door of the house, almost frightening her.

It was the largest and most valuable pounding that the pastor ever received.

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

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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 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
Now on hiatus

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Now on hiatus

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Baby Bottle Campaign announced

The baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Support Center will begin on Mother's Day, May 9th, and end on Father's Day, June 20th. Bottles will be available in the elevator lobby for you to pick up. The Center also has a need for various items for baby and mother. A detailed item list and more information regarding the campaign will be provided in the church bulletins and weekly updates. Please be in prayer as to how the Lord will lead you to give to this awesome organization.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14.

Retirement is like coming home one day and telling your wife, "Karen, I'm home...for good!"



Drop In Retirement Party in honor of Jay Roy Goodman

May 22, 2021 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
Christiana Lutheran Church
6190 US Hwy 52
Salisbury NC 28146

RSVP: Karen B. Goodman 704-213-4376 by 5/8/21