



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.

July 2021

Christiana Courier

Carl Haynes, pastor
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K—5th Grade Day Camp

July 18—23

Orientation Sunday July 18 at 4 p.m.

Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

Thursday 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Camp ends Friday at noon

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cost:\$100 (see PC re: scholarships)

Singing, creative crafts, engaging Bible

Middle School/High School Day Camp

July 25—29

Orientation Sunday, July 25 at 4 pm

Monday—Thursday 9a.m.—4 p.m.

Thursday 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Followed by overnight camp

Camp ends at noon on Friday

Union Lutheran Church

Cost:\$50 (see PC re: scholarships)

Games, crafts, skits, Bible study, singing, and fun!!

Day Camp brochures are available in the narthex, elevator lobby, and church office.

Two adult volunteers from Christiana are needed for each week.

Remember the Sabbath

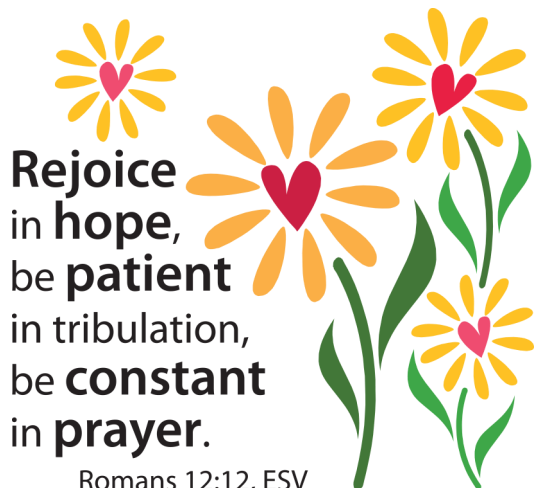
O day of all the days the best,
When — laid aside each earthly care —
We meet with God's dear saints so blest,
And in their praise and worship share.
Not by a rigid code we're bound
With death to all who disobey;
But through God's love within us found,
We keep this precious worship day.

—Charles W. Naylor



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**To volunteer, please contact
the church office ASAP!**



Romans 12:12, ESV

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION WHAT'S YOUR MARKET VALUE?

You own a car, house, beach house, mountain retreat. Do you have investments, savings accounts? Great, these are gifts from GOD.

Our life is more valuable than our money. That is why we need to place it in the hands of the best known investment of lives: GOD. It is very important that we build the habit of committing ourselves to GOD. He wants to bless us.

Now is the time of year when we consider our investment with our church. Our time, our talent, and yes, our money.

All of us waste some of our time. We don't share our talent. We want to hold on to our money. It is time to give some of all these things back to GOD. If you do, you will harvest even more good things in your life. That's GOD's promise to you. What's your promise to GOD going to be? There will be a payback time for each of us before or when we leave this world.

July Nursery Attendants

July 4 Tara Beaver & Emily Barnes

July 11 Chris & Katie Sease

July 18 Jason & April Smith

July 25 Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

July Worship Support

Reader: Madeline Zieverink

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Marsha Beaver

Sound: Tony Hawkins

Lock Up: Earlene Ritchie

Altar Guild: Marlene Pethel, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Angie & Syler Hayes

June Attendance

June 6

Sunday School: 57

Worship: 115

June 13

Sunday School: 61

Worship: 90

June 20

Sunday School: 53

Worship: 85

July Birthdays

5 Vickie Keene
8 Linda Haynes
12 Larry McKenzie
16 Jeff Fleming
16 Matthew Morris
17 Cindy Thomas
17 Teresa McKinney
18 Ashley Coffey
22 Ansley Lyerly
22 Colten Hawkins
23 Joseph Pryor
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
31 Sheryl Meyers



July Altar Flowers

July 4 Kathie Albright

July 11 Vickie Keene

July 18 *Altar flowers needed; contact Kathy Haynes*

July 25 Joyce Cavanagh-Wood





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

Through my years of ministry our country has gone through a number of foreign wars and conflicts sending men and women in the military overseas to fight. During those times I was keenly aware of the cost of freedom. Many of the men and women saw and experienced things no young person should have to witness. I prayed for their safe return knowing full well many of them would come home scarred physically, mentally, and emotionally; and others would not return alive. They are the ones who paid 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 today serving on foreign soil will come home to their loved ones. They too, will have given 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 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. As a result, 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 truly 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

July Scripture Lessons

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 4

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Mark 6:1-13

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 11

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3:-14

Mark 6:14-29

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 18

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-44

9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 25

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 136:1-9

Ephesians 3:14-21

Mark 6:45-56

Congregation of Christiana,
Thanks for all the love, support and prayers
you have offered on my behalf during my
recent hospital visit.

I consider you as my second church and I
have many great memories there.

Alan Beaver



Gifts to the Church

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Steve Kepley by Charles & Jenny Roberts

In memory of Carr Peeler by Bill & Reggie Hardister

To the General Fund

In memory of Carl Holland Thomas and Mary Echerd Thomas by Patricia Thomas Pena

To Fellowship Hall Expenses

In honor of Jason Smith & Pastor Haynes by Ronnie & Janis Smith

LCW

Miss Katherine Lyerly Group will meet for lunch on
Tuesday, July 13 at noon at a location TBA.
A packing party at Rowan Helping Ministries
will follow at 2 p.m.

Sister Lucille Group will meet for dinner at Los
Jacubes in Rockwell on Tuesday July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Remember those in nursing homes:

Autumn Care:

Joe Haas

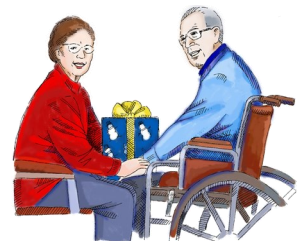
Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Cardell Gibson

Ann Meacham



Council Meeting Minutes June 13 2021

Present

Jason Smith, President	Tony Hawkins	Laura Ritchie	Harry Agner
David Preslar, V Pres.	Jenny Roberts	Robbie Robinson	Kevan Barringer
Kevin Holland, Sec.	Eddie Eller	Jeff Fleming	

Also Present Absent

Laurie Ritchie	Pr. Carl Haynes
	Marlene Pethel
	Earlene Ritchie
	Tommy Mead
	Mike Yarbrough

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Votes of Reception and Approval

- Minutes from May 2021 meeting were approved.
 - Financial report presented and approved.
- Pastor's report included in Council documents.

Treasurer's Report

May income was \$2,247.66 below budget
YTD income was \$5,199.22 below budget
May spending was \$7,271.72 below budget
YTD spending was \$29,419.90 less than budgeted
Cash on Hand \$60,741.22 (Does not include \$50,000 Cash on Hand in Money Market.)

May contributions to Brighten the Beacon were \$635.00.

Committee and Auxiliary Concerns:

Stewardship:

- Discussion regarding giving being down.
- Discussion of finishing renovations of fellowship hall kitchen.
- Discussion of outside security cameras.
- Discussion on support of Mwavu Ronald. Motion from Stewardship to send money to Missouri Synod organization instead of directly to Mwavu Ronald, primarily to ensure safety for him. Motion approved.

Property:

- Motion to spend up to \$2,000 to remove dead tree and limbs in the grove.

Worship:

- Attendance up
- Sunday in the Grove went well.
- Looking to purchase new communion linens (from memorial funds).

Evangelism:

- Finished favorite scriptures
- Packed 110 Blessing Bags on 5/23.
- Planning 14-day Love Bible Summer Reading project
- One more parenting class to go. Plans to continue with the group.

Fellowship:

- Assisted with cooking/cleaning for Sunday in the Grove.

Landscape:

- Annual flowers have been planted.

Membership Review:

- Want a list of names/numbers of new people that attend so they can contact.

Pastoral Relationship:

- Jason is forming a transition committee to begin work for new pastor to ensure smooth transition when the time comes.

Nehemiah Group:

- Discussion regarding security cameras. Motion from Nehemiah Group for 11 hardwired outdoor cameras and the hard drive capability of adding more (indoor) cameras. Cost would not exceed \$12,500 to come from Capital Improvement account (currently has \$64,000). Motion approved. Need two-week notice for congregational meeting. Second Sunday in July.

Brighten the Beacon:

- Committee identified three areas for improvement:
 1. Finish education building renovations (upstairs)
 2. Refresh the fellowship hall kitchen
 3. Start raising funds for new sound system (address after we obtain new pastor).
- Need someone to take leadership role for Car Show. If no one steps, there will need to be changes...change to a bazaar?

LCW:**Sister Lucille:**

- Met June 1. Gave 121 lbs. of food to Jeannie's kitchen.
- Gave \$40 to Rowan Help Ministries
- Went to a Packing Party at RHM

Miss Katherine Lyerly, no report

CRS:

- Lunch at Johnny's

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

- Daniel Honeycutt has requested to rejoin the Church. Motion approved to accept him as a member.
- Second lay delegate to go with Pastor to NALC Convocation?
- Harry has arranged for pressure washing outside the church on July 8.

Next Council Meeting: July 11, 2021, 7:30 am
Church Lock-Up and Devotions for July: Earlene Ritchie

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin B. Holland
Council Secretary



We need friends. Friends guide us, care for us, confront us in love, console us in times of pain. Although we speak of “making friends,” friends cannot be made. Friends are free gifts from God. But God gives us the friends we need when we need them if we fully trust in God's love.

Friends cannot replace God. They have limitations and weaknesses like we have. Their love is never faultless, never complete. But in their limitations they can be signposts on our journey towards the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Let's enjoy the friends whom God has sent on our way.

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*

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

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Council Vice-President: David Preslar
Council Secretary: Kevin Holland

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
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
On break

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
On break

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This month's prayer concerns

Zelia Frick sore from car wreck.
Richard & Linda Crouch's brother-in-law Joey Owens recovering from surgery for subdural hematoma.
JJ Pryor recovering from broken arm.
Mike Keene's cousin, Wendell Thornton, hospice care.
Pr. Johnny Boggs struggling with COVID.
Ann Meacham at TOHAR for rehab.
Mike Carscaddon chemo treatments for peritoneal mesothelioma.

Lynda Pethel healing from surgery to repair broken wrist, husband Roy shots in back for pain.
Saundra Fesperman recovering from broken ankle.
Linda Cline's dad recovering from emergency gall bladder surgery.
Suzanna Roth-Tubman, seeking employment.
Kathie Albright, bone-on-bone knee pain.
Woodrow Frick, fractured hip healing nicely.
Ron Turbyfill cancer treatments.
Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

Our Sympathy is extended to:

Bruce Wilhelm at the death of his brother David.

LaVaughn Beaver at the death of her husband Alan.