



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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Sunday School in the Fall

What will Sunday School at Christiana look like this fall? Who knows? Right now we're leaning toward Pre-K, K and grades 3-5 doing online SS through the Sermons4Kids program. Middle and High School students could come back to the church with masks and social distancing in the Thrive Room. There would also be the live stream option for them as well via Zoom.

As for adults, the New Life Bible Class could begin meeting in the Smith Assembly and livestreamed. A number of the class members were in favor of this and wanted to practice social distancing and wear masks.

The Peggy Boggs Class and Men's Bible Class could combine and meet in the Fellowship Hall where they could spread out. Social distancing and wearing masks would be protocol too.

All this would start the first Sunday in September. Keep in mind this is tentative and subject to change. It just depends on what happens with this crazy pandemic.

Sunday School Rally Day tentatively set for August 30th

In these uncertain times of Coronavirus pandemic, Rally Day is tentatively set for August 30th. The plan is to begin at 9:15a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast for all members and guests.

The Rally Day Program will start there at 9:35 a.m. Since we have not had Sunday School for children and youth and most adult classes since March, we need to talk about what Sunday School will look like moving forward in September.

We will still plan to honor the 2019-2020 teachers and install the 2020-2021 teachers during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

August Scripture Lessons

10th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.2

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 136:1-9
Romans 9:1-13
Matthew 14:13-21

11th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.9

Job 38:4-18
Psalm 18:1-6
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33

12th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.16

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28

13th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.23

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20

14th Sunday after Pentecost, 8.30

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



July Attendance

July 5

Worship: 52

July 12

Worship: 70

July 19

Worship: 69

July 26

Worship: 73

Blessing of book bags set

On Sunday August 16, Christiana will have the annual blessing of the book bags. All students and teachers are invited to bring their book bags to worship for a blessing.



Back to
School

August Worship Support

Reader: Suzanna Paskiewicz

Usher: Brian Barringer

Altar Guild: Carmen Pethel, Linda Connell, Earlene Ritchie

Greeters: Trish Kelsoe & Jenny Roberts

Sound: Terry Ritchie

Lock Up: Kevin Holland

Communion Assistants: Jason Smith & Jenny Roberts



August Birthdays

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Harold Morris | 20 Claude Lingle, Jr. |
| 3 Joy Bernhardt | 20 Ben Lyerly |
| 4 Jackson Pryor | 21 Rebecca Kepley |
| 5 Drew Pethel | 22 Mike Merrell |
| 7 Abby Cozart | 22 Lindsay Wright |
| 10 Angie Hayes | 25 Louise Crowther |
| 12 Scott Hayes | 25 Marsha Beaver |
| 12 Mike Keene | 27 Sandra Cross |
| 12 Dee Smith | 28 Dale Beaver |
| 14 Henry Holland | 30 Joe Haas |
| 17 Barbara Crouch | |
| 18 Diane Smith | |
| 19 Zelia Frick | |
| 19 Brian Cross | |
| 19 Caidee Hawkins | |



Altar Flowers

Aug. 2 Kathie Albright
Pedestal—Carmen Pethel

Aug. 9 Debbie Eller

Aug. 16 Carmen Pethel
Pedestal—LuAnne Scott

Aug. 23 Marsha Beaver

Aug. 30 Jenny & Charles Roberts
Pedestal—Ron & Wanda Smith



NALC Mission Convocation August 7 & 8, 2020

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NALC will be hosting their first ever Virtual Mission Convocation. As a result they are inviting not only pastors and lay delegates, but all members and guests to join the convocation virtually to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo on the 2020 Vision, participate in elections and voting (*delegates only*), and hear updates from across the NALC. The dates are: Friday, August 7, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, August 8, 2-6 p.m. The cost is \$0 for visitors. You will need to register, however, so go to <https://lutheranweek.com/> and sign up by 5pm August 3rd.

This makes it easier than ever to attend the NALC Mission Convocation. With no need to travel, and no registration costs to visitors. David Preslar is our delegate and he and I will be attending online. I want to invite you, members of Christiana, to join in as well! What an opportunity!

After you register, download [GoToWebinar](#) on your computer or tablet with an internet connection . You will not need access to a webcam. The day of the event you will receive a link via email to the webinar. Simply click on the link to join the webinar.

David and I will be voting on members to be elected to the Executive Council, the Court of Adjudication and the Board of Regents. We will also be voting on three constitutional amendment. The NALC Executive Council met online on April 28-29 and voted to propose to the 2020 Convocation amendments to the NALC Constitution in three areas: 1) move from an annual to a biennial convocation; 2) name regional subdivisions of the NALC as Mission Districts; and 3) clarify the process by which the Executive Council apportions more lay delegates to the convocation so there is approximately an equal number of lay and clergy delegates.

Youth News: Gary and Laurie Pecuch, NALC Youth & Family Ministry coaches, are offering a couple of online sessions. They have scheduled two GoToMeeting sessions on **Saturday, Aug. 15**. The first session is from noon to 1:30 p.m. ET. on the topic of safeguarding. The second session is a question-and-answer session on topics of your choice from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Here is the link: global.gotomeeting.com/join/261525789 Download the GoToMeeting application now and be ready for the sessions. The GoToMeeting access code for both sessions is 261-525-789.

Women of the NALC News: “God Creates Women of Purpose: Women Who Reflect the Heart of God” is the theme of this year’s Annual Gathering. Join women from across the NALC. The gathering will be held **August 4, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** through GoToWebinar. Visit the [WNALC website](#) for more information and to register.

I encourage all who can to attend one or more of these events that interest you. As we learn more about our national church body and its ministries we gain a broader appreciation for the Church beyond our own congregation and the women and men whom God has called to lead it.

Pastor Carl

Prayer concerns:

Ron & Wanda Smith's grandson, Dylan, Levine Children's Hospital with head injury from bike accident. Nancy Agner, recovering at Autumn Care from hip surgery, taking PT. Gloria Cross recovering from back surgery. Robbie Robinson, tests. Tony Hawkins' aunt Susan File, recovering from a stroke. Linda Haynes, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery at NHRMC. Robert Mead, taking radiation treatments for cancer. Jeanne Diaz, antibiotics for infection and 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. Coffey's friend Landon, 8 years old broke his back in an ATV accident, home, in brace for 12 weeks. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.



Our Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Doris Pethel at her death on July 1.

Madeline Zieverink at the death of her brother-in-law Roy "Satch" Stollerly.

New Address:

Patti Holshouser has moved to Oak Park Retirement Center. Her new address is:
548 White Oaks Dr, Apt 312
Salisbury, NC 28147



Mailing and e-mail addresses needed for college students

Christiana supports its college students by keeping them informed of the church's events so they will know they are still an important part of their church family while away in school. Please send mailing and e-mail addresses to the church office ASAP to:
christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
or call 704-279-4655.

Remember those in nursing homes

Autumn Care

Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Pauline Lyerly
Cardell Gibson





We welcome into our church family
Evelyn Rose Mead
through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Evelyn will be baptized on
Sunday, August 2, 2020.

She is the daughter of
James & Rachel Mead
and
the granddaughter of
Robert and Alisa Mead



Confirmation Class is set for
August 4 & 5
11—12 pm
Smith Assembly Hall

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Sunday, August 19
12:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

If you would like to make an
appointment, please contact
Denise Koehn at 704-433-4877
to schedule an appointment.

Walk-ins are welcome
Bring a friend!

Dear Christiana family,

Would like to say thanks to our church family for
all the cards and notes of sympathy and concern
during this time of loss.

Even though it has been difficult to let Mom go,
we are celebrating her life and the impact on those
she touched. She had a lot to do with who each of
us are today.

As the notes and cards have reminded us, the suf-
fering is over and she is now gardening, fishing,
cooking and celebrating in the presence of our
Lord. She will be missed, but her love and encour-
agement will live in all of us until we meet again.

God's peace and love,

David Preslar and
family

*Thank
You*

Dear Brothers and
Sisters in Christ at
Christiana,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$796.25
to the ministry of Joy Mission Church.

We have, as have all congregations, been facing
many challenges during the pandemic, however
God is always faithful and good. He has used this
time to challenge us to be more creative and has
led us to embrace technology in order to share His
Word with a much wider audience.

We are slowly beginning to resume in-person
ministry, and your gift offers us some much-
needed encouragement. Thank you for your part-
nership in the gospel and in the mission that we
share. I look forward to being with you for your
homecoming on September 20. Until then, we
press on in faith and...

In Joyful Service to the Glory of Our Lord,
Paulette D. McHugh,
Mission Development Pastor for
Joy Mission Church

**Christiana Council Minutes
July 12, 2020**

Members Present:

Jason Smith, President
Secretary
Jenny Roberts
Jay Goodman

Marlene Pethel
Earlene Ritchie
David Preslar
Mike Yarbrough

Zoom:

Laura Ritchie
Robbie Robinson
Eddie Eller

Sue Wall
Kevin Holland
LaVaughn Beaver

Also Present:

Pastor Carl Haynes
Laurie Ritchie

Absent:

Linda Crouch
Boni Lowry

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Council meeting minutes for June 14, 2020 approved as presented.
June envelope offering was below budget \$5,087.33 with year to date above \$6,055.98.
June income was under budget \$5,611.34 with year to date \$4,746.20 above budget.
June expenses were under budget \$4,559.73.
Year to date expenses under budget \$27,465.05.
Spendable cash as of June 30, 2020 was \$87,359.98.
Contributions to Brighten the Beacon Fund in June were \$4,440.00.
Jason Smith received a request from our Stewardship Committee to change the account description for the financial line item currently titled "Spendable Cash" to "Cash on Hand." Jason asked for a motion and a second from church council so we could ensure that there was discussion, understanding and support for making this modification. This motion was approved after a short discussion.

The financials were approved as presented.

Reception of:

Pastors Report for June 2020 was received and accepted as written.

Committee & Auxiliary Reports: (All committee reports were waived to allow time for discussion concerning the called church meeting and Vanco implementation)

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

VBS: The 2020 Vacation Bible School Program *Bolt* has been loaded to our Website and is available to those that are wanting to lead this event with family and friends. This is a self-paced program, designed as a three-day event conducted in one and a half hour sessions. The on-line application can be found on our Website under VBS.

Vanco: The official launch date for Vanco online giving app is 7/12/2020.
This application can be used for pledging and gifting.
There is a small fee that is charged for this service and transactions that you can cover as part of your giving.
You can include the fee in addition to your pledge or gift.
This can be set up either as an application for your computer or mobile device. One thing to consider and advantages of having the app on your computer is you can designate where your gift is going. With the mobile app it goes directly to the general fund.
Richard Crouch is setting up a button / link on our Website that directs you straight to the Christiana location.

We have two volunteers that will train and support congregation members through the process. They are:
Susan Holland for mobile application training and support
Katie Sease for computer application training and support

Church sanitizing: Mike Yarborough has been sanitizing the church each week before services. Mike is donating the labor and supplies needed to complete this process. Over the past four week the expense has been \$872.

Absentee voting: There was some discussion concerning the potential for updating our constitution to allow absentee voting. Jason has discussed this with both Cam Ritchie and Branson Pethel. They will look into potential opportunities for future ballots.

Lockup and Devotions for August: Kevin Holland

Respectfully submitted,

David Preslar for Linda Crouch, in absentia

Congregational Meeting Minutes July 12, 2020

A recommendation was presented from the Stewardship Committee to the church council in our June meeting to use \$30,000 from spendable cash in the General Fund to pay down the principle on the F&M Bank loan for the Fellowship Hall project. This measure will decrease interest on the loan but would not release the congregation of their pledge/contribution commitments for this amount. The \$30,000 would be repaid to the General Fund with continued contributions to BTB. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendation from the Stewardship Committee to take \$30,000 from spendable cash to pay on the BTB loan with F&M Bank and to schedule the motion for a congregational vote on July 12, 2020.

A motion and a second was made. Then Jason called for questions. A question was asked concerning why we didn't pay off more or the entire amount since there is almost \$90,000 in spendable cash. Jason explained that we didn't want to deplete the entire amount in case of an emergency need for the funds. It could be possible to make another draw at some point if the spendable cash account had enough funds available.

With no further questions Jason called for the vote. It unanimously passed with 60 yes and zero no votes.

Respectfully submitted,

David Preslar, for Linda Crouch, Council Secretary in absentia

Looking for volunteers to support an evangelism project starting in August titled: "Loved Bible Project Rowan"

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. We will be tracking where our Loved Bibles end up. If you're interested please communicate that to Ann Teague who will be collecting names so we can purchase enough Bibles and supplies to support the need. Thrivent is supporting this project and the first 20 folks signing up to complete the process will receive a free Live Generously T-shirt. Get on board with sharing the Bible in an inspiring way to those seeking Christ.

Stay tuned for additional information on how you can participate in this project!



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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 6:45 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
On summer break

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

Mailed July 29, 2020

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To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Pastor Carl & Kathy, Harold & Becky, Joyce, Jason, Dale & Marsha for all they have done in helping to lead worship and Sunday school during the pandemic.

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Geraldine Preslar by Alan & LaVaughn Beaver, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Doris Ritchie, Sheryl Lyerly, LaVaughn & Alan Beaver

To Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Patti Boles by Glenn & Sue Wall

To Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Doris Pethel by Dale & Marsha Beaver, Madeline Zieverink

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Ann Carscaddon by Bobby Barringer

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Doris Pethel by Sheryl Lyerly, Bobby Barringer, Kevin Barringer, Doris Ritchie, St. James Lutheran Church, Kay Abernathy, Kate & Mike Beretsky, LaVaughn & Alan Beaver, Jenny & Charles Roberts, Mike & Vickie Keene, Mike & Cathy Lyerly, M/M Eric Baggarly, Edna Burger, Nancy Massey & family, Roy & Lynda Pethel, Branson & Carmen Pethel, Glenn & Sue Wall, Larry & Sandra McKenzie, Larry Corl & Linda Taylor, Betty Rose Witt, Donald & Debbie Lyerly

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Roy Thomas Stollery by Jay & Karen Goodman, Alan & LaVaughn Beaver

