

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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Lenten Worship Services Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm

Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Evening Lenten Service, March 5 at 5:00 PM

“What are you looking for?” Or “What do you want?” – John 1:38 What are you looking for in life? Jesus wants to give us an abundant life.

Evening Lenten Service, March 12 at 5:00 PM

“Do you love me?” – John 21:16 Every day in sometimes quiet and sometimes wonderful ways God tells us He loves us. How we responds tells God that we love Him.

Evening Lenten Service, March 19 at 5:00 PM

“Are You Able to drink the cup that I drink?” – Mark 10:38 GW Suffering for the faith: If we are true to the faith, suffering is inevitable. But, Romans 8:18 reminds us that our suffering in this life is nothing compared to the glory of eternal life that awaits us.

Evening Lenten Service, March 26 at 5:00 PM

“Do you also want to leave?” – John 6:67 MSG It’s unthinkable that we would answer “yes” to this question, but many times we do just that. In an uncaring word spoken, in neglecting to come to worship or to read God’s Word, we leave our Lord for our own ignorance.

Lenten Living & Offering

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 this year, and our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Christians have observed this season of the church year since the fourth century. It’s traditionally a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.

During Lent, some Christians fast or give up something in order to focus on their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth — a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

This year our Lenten Offering (Ash Wednesday—Easter Sunday) is going to Food for the Poor. FfTP ministers to the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean Islands. In Haiti, which was hard hit by hurricanes, they are working in the Limbe Community to provide housing with water and sanitation components for 50 families, solar lighting, a community center, a water filtration system, repair school buildings, provide training in animal husbandry and agriculture as well as tools. All to help this community get back on its feet. Please consider prayerfully what you will give to help Food for the Poor help these families. 95 cents of every dollar will go to help the poor.



A Night to Remember

The Brighten the Beacon committee will host “A Night to Remember” raffle and silent auction on March 25th beginning at 6 p.m. A \$25 filet mignon dinner will be served by the youth of the church.

Raffle items include paintings by Joyce Wood and Jan Pruette, stained glass by LaVaughn Beaver, wooden furniture by Ann Swanner, a meal for 6 provided by Silver Spoon Catering, golf round tickets on local courses, and more!

Silent auction items include:

- ◇ Family YMCA membership—\$800 value, starting bid \$200
- ◇ Quilt by Christiana ladies—\$200 starting bid
- ◇ Horseshoe rocking chair by Jim Duncan—\$5,280 value, starting bid \$400

Games include the Dessert Dash and Heads and Tails, the winner of which receives one week at North Myrtle Beach.

The more money we raise now, the less we borrow later! Can we not come together now as people who want to extend Jesus’ message beyond the walls of Christiana into our community?

THRIVE

Youth Ministries

Last Month's Attendance

Feb. 5
 Sunday School: 89
 Worship: 138

Feb. 12
 Sunday School: 82
 Worship: 137

Feb. 19
 Sunday School: 83
 Worship: 135



Chaos Youth Theater presents

SHINE

March 12

(Thrive will leave the church
at 3:15 p.m.)

March Acolytes

March 1—Ainslee Lowry & Aubrey Honeycutt

March 5—Meredith Stokes & Riley Isley

March 12—Blessed and Blessing Thompson

March 19—Michael Lowry & Diego Corona

March 26—Chase and Caylee Hawkins

Those Who Serve in March

Nursery Attendants

Mar. 5 S Paskiewicz & E Barnes

Mar. 12 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

Mar. 19 April Smith, Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt

Mar. 26 Joe & Denise Koehn

Children's Sermon Part

Mar. 5 Jason & April Smith

Mar. 12 L Scott & M Riddle

Mar. 19 B Barnhardt & youth

Mar. 26 K Haynes & K Goodman

Offering Counters

Mar. 5 R Crouch & E Eller

Mar. 12 M Zieverink & K Goodman

Mar. 19 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

Mar. 26 Marsha & Dale Beaver

March Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Frances Basinger | 21 Gloria Cross |
| 5 Janet Pruette | 21 Nick Pacilio |
| 10 Don Dedmon | 22 Mike Beretsky |
| 10 Jim Duncan | 25 James Swanner, Jr. |
| 12 Richard Crouch | 28 Mark Roberts |
| 15 Matthew Preslar | 31 Amy Shank |
| 15 Shayla Stack | |
| 15 Lane Pethel | |
| 16 Donald Lyerly | |
| 18 Patti Holshouser | |
| 19 Barbara Shank | |
| 19 Michael Stack | |
| 19 Brodi Madison | |
| 20 Carlee Lowry | |



March Altar Flowers

Lent No Flowers



Four Scholarships are available through Christiana in 2017

The following scholarships are available through Christiana Congregation. Those interested in applying please note the requirements. Complete information about each scholarship and applications is available on the church website, www.christianalutheran.org. If you have any questions or if you need assistance in accessing the information, please contact either Cam Ritchie, chairperson of the 2017 committee, or the church office.

Lena Bangle Lyerly Scholarship

Must be an active member of Christiana Congregation Enrolled in a two or four year college/university Working toward a degree in Health or Christian Ed. and having accrued 12 or more credit hours in that school of study. Courses should be verifiable on the provided transcript.

Brad Patrick Scholarship

Scholarship will be awarded to a Rowan-Salisbury Public High School Senior with a financial need to further their education. Application may be obtained in the Guidance Counselor's office in any Rowan County High School.

Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship (1)

Active member of Christiana Congregation
High school senior
Enrolled in a two or four year college/university

Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship (2)

Active member of Christiana Congregation
Full time college student
See full eligibility requirements on the church website.

All scholarship applications must be completed and returned to the church office by **12 noon on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. **Church members applying for scholarships must**

Easter Lily Order Form—Deadline to order is March 26

Orders for Easter Lilies are now being accepted. The cost is \$9.00 per plant and payment must accompany this order. Name _____

Phone number: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

Given in Memory of:

By:

Given in Honor of:



True Repentance

Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15 (ESV)

Mark, in his Gospel account of Jesus' life, begins with Jesus coming into the city of Galilee preaching the good news by telling people to repent and believe in the gospel. It is like our Lord was following up on John the Baptist's message to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of one's sins.

The Jews had a ritual of baptism but it was only for gentile converts who wanted to come into the Jewish faith. John was telling the Jews they needed to repent of their sin and be baptized. Among those John baptized was Jesus, the Messiah. At the beginning John protested and said that Jesus needed to baptize him, but Jesus convinced John to baptize him.

So Jesus received John's baptism which was a baptism for the forgiveness of sin. But Jesus was the sinless Son of God, he had no sin to be forgiven of – or did he? With his birth Jesus took on our human flesh and nature. He was born the God/man who came to die for our sin. In the waters of baptism Jesus took our sin upon himself. Jesus repented of our sin. He was baptized that we might be forgiven.

The Greek word for "repent" is *metanoia* and it is translated change of mind. When one repents, he or she, changes his or her mind from a sinful way of thinking, to a way more in line with God's way of thinking. In and of ourselves we want no part in this change. We are content in our sinfulness.

But when Jesus took on our sin at his baptism and then paid the price for those sins by his death on the cross, he made it possible for us to recognize our sin and to be sorry for them and so want to confess them to God and repent of them and seek God's forgiveness.

A word that defines this process is "contrition." Contrition is when you are sincerely sorry for the sins you have committed. When you have a "contrite heart" you have a heart that is truly sorry for the wrongs you have done and the desire to tell God about them, i.e. confess them, and seek God's forgiveness through repenting of them. Repentance is then the results of contrition, such that you have no desire to want to commit those sins again; at least for the moment.

Unfortunately, even after confession and repentance, we're still sinners. And even with the best intentions, will sin again. It is our nature. We are sinful and unclean. The Apostle Paul put it this way in Romans 7: 18-20 (ESV) *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

In frustration Paul cries out: *Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!* Thanks be to God indeed! For in Jesus we have hope of life, we have forgiveness of sin, we have the gift of faith (Ephes. 2:8-9) that leads us to believe in him, to desire to repent of our sins and trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us to live our lives in obedience to Christ's commands.

To remind us of all this and give us a refresher course, we observe the Season of Lent. I call each of you to journey with me to the Cross of Jesus so that we might see anew what a priceless thing Jesus did for us when he suffered and died to pay for our sin.

Pastor Carl

Congregational Prayer Concerns

Barbara Crouch facing surgery for partial knee replacement in April. Charlie Shank, neck/back pain, surgery early March. Louise Crowther fell Friday a week ago, bruises. Phyllis Robinson, recovering at home from pneumonia, doing better. Linda Haynes' sister Brenda recovering from foot surgery. Glenn Wilson taking PT at Autumn Care, rm 613 recovering from broken leg. Linda Crouch recovered from blood clot in leg. Shelby Harwood's mom, Loretta, being treated for cancer. John Wall still dealing with a deep vein thrombosis. Ed Clark, chemo for liver cancer. Juanita Hovis, back at Liberty Commons for PT. Wanda Smith, stage 2 kidney disease, her daughter Sandy being treated for stress related blood pressure. Patti Boles, Cushing's disease. Pat Ramsey, back at the Meadows taking chemotherapy. Joyce Ketchie's daughter Tonya recovering from brain surgery to remove cancerous tumor. LaVaughn Beaver's husband Alan, renal dialysis. April Smith's brother, Chase Deal, continues to improve and gain strength. Pauline Lyerly, Carillon, rm. C13. Gloria Cross, kidney issues. Ann & Bill Meacham in poor health.



Our Sympathy is Expressed to:

Kay Abernathy and Betty Rose Witty at the death of their great-niece Callie Chandler.

Scripture Lessons for March

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Joel 2:12-19

Psalms 51:1-13 (14-19)

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

1st Sunday in Lent, March 5

Genesis 3:1-21

Psalms 32:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

2nd Sunday in Lent, March 12

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

John 3:1-17

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 19

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95:1-9

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-42

4th Sunday in Lent, March 26

Isaiah 42:14-21

Psalms 142

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Gifts to our church

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in honor of Pastor Carl & Kathy by Dale & Marsha Beaver

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Pastor Carl & Kathy by Mike & Vickie Keene, the Shirley and Trexler families, and Madeline Zieverink; in memory of Gearlean Hatley by The United in Christ SS Class, Mike & Kate Beretsky; in memory of baby Callie Jo Shirley, great-great granddaughter of Callie Thomas by Betty Rose Witty & Kay Abernathy; in memory of Milus Miller by Marvin & Betty Weant

Thank you!

A total of \$378.00 was collected for the food pantry at Rowan Helping Ministries on Souper Bowl Sunday. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this wonderful ministry.

—Social Ministry Committee

LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Group #1

will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 AM
with Tammy Hill & Jenny Roberts, program leaders
Lunch at China Grove Family Restaurant

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on March 7
in the Smith Assembly Hall with Karen Goodman, hostess
Vickie Agner-Keene, program leader

Our Savior Lutheran Church

cordially invites you to the
Ordination and Installation Service for

Peter Hardy Feige

Saturday, March 4, 2017

at 1 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
725 Gastonia Technology Parkway
Dallas, NC 28034

Reception to follow

The punch provided at the Haynes 25th Anniversary reception was included in the Christiana Lutheran Church cookbook titled: Feeding The Flock, published in 2003. The recipe was submitted by Judy Kirk, now Judy Stoner.

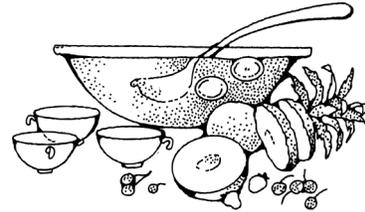
This punch has surely been served at many Christiana functions over the years and is still a crowd favorite today. It was definitely a hit at the reception as we made four batches that afternoon.

It is beautiful when served in a crystal punch bowl provided by Charlotte Pacilio and tastes even better if you have Barbara Crouch smiling when she serves your cup!

Mock Champagne Punch

2 (25.4) bottles nonalcoholic sparkling white grape juice
2 (2-liter) bottles ginger ale (can use diet ginger ale)
1 (32-oz.) bottle white grape juice (most come in 64 oz. size now so ½ of this bottle)
1 (6 oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed, undiluted
Ice Ring made with additional ginger ale

Chill all ingredients. Combine in punch bowl. Add ice ring if desired. Makes 6 ½ quarts.



Congregational Concerns

Genesis:

Carolyn Barringer Corl

Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie, Juanita Hovis

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Katherine Lyerly

NC State Veterans Home: Gib Russell

The Meadows of Rockwell: Pat Ramsey

Carillon Assisted Living: Pauline Lyerly

Autumn Care: Glenn Wilson



WINTER SNOW SCHEDULE

If it snows or ices on Sunday morning and the roads are too dangerous for travel, worship services will be cancelled and the church phone tree and email will be activated to notify you. You may also watch WBTV or WSOC television stations for cancellation notices. You can get a quick list of all cancellations by going to www.wbtv.com or www.wsoc.com. Also check our website or Facebook page or call Pastor Carl at 704-223-1468.

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Return Service Requested

Mailed February 22, 2017

Phone: 704-279-4655
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Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Pastor: Carl M. Haynes
E-Mail: pastorcarl@charlotte.twcbc.com
Council President: Richard Crouch
Council Vice-President: Madeline Zieverink
Council Secretary: Bruce Wilhelm

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



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Join Christiana Rowdy Seniors March 17

The Fourth Cross

FOUR CROSSES...FOUR MEN...One man is a murderer. Two are thieves. The fourth, a carpenter from Nazareth. Pilate shouts to the crowd and the stones echo back: "I will save one man and crucify the other! Whom do you choose?" And though the cry of the crowd that day set only one man free - it saved us all. This is the story of The Fourth Cross, an original, Broadway-style dinner show.

WHERE: NARROWAY CHRISTIAN THEATER, CHARLOTTE

WHEN: MARCH 17, 2017 TIME: 4:15 PM (meet at church to leave)

COST: \$49

AN AUTHENTIC BIBLICAL MEAL!

Boneless beef short ribs with white pepper sauce
Fresh roasted vegetables
Couscous with dried cranberries
Mediterranean herb bread brushed with olive oil
Homemade bread pudding with sour cream and cherry sauce
Sweet iced tea or water

Homemade Chicken Noodle Dinner

Relay for Life Fundraiser

Sponsored by



Sweet
Potato
Queens

Organ Lutheran Church

Saturday, March 11
4—7 p.m.

\$7 for adults, age 6 & under, \$3
See Ann Teague for tickets

*Proceeds to the
American Cancer Society*

Minutes of Feb. 12, 2017 Council Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Banks Kluttz

Also Present:

Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer
Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Minister

Invocation: Pastor Carl Haynes

Prayer of Blessing (prayed in unison)

Council Business

Council Minutes January 21, 2017 council retreat and council meeting minutes were revised to specify the location of the picnic table that the Health Care Committee is raising funds to purchase (see attached copy). Minutes were then approved pending this correction.

Financial Report The financial report for January, 2017 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer. Laurie explained that the financial records are currently on a cash basis and wants to change them to an accrual basis. She will work with Dale Beaver to make this change. The financial report was then approved as submitted.

Pastor and Youth Director Reports Both reports were accepted as submitted. Pastor Carl also thanked the Council and all those who worked on the recent reception for his and his wife's 25th anniversary at Christiana.

New House Branson Pethel reported that the donation letter has been provided to the seller and that he had documents pertaining to the purchase which will be given to Ann to file.

In-kind Donation Vickie Keene asked about how we handle in-kind donations to the church. Laurie indicated that should provide a receipt or bill and Ann would provide an in-kind donation letter. Branson stated that the Council or Executive Committee should handle larger donations. Vickie stated that she will put together a procedure for handling such donations.

Loose offerings several council members asked about the loose offering calendar for the year. Madeline stated that she will work on putting an offering calendar together.

Committee & Auxiliary Concerns

Stewardship Committee *Cam Ritchie, Chairman.* Expenses for the rest of the year were adjusted (see attached financial report and notes) and the overall numbers are looking good.

Christian Education Committee *Dale Beaver, Chairman.* They are developing an action plan for the rest of the year that will include the goal of Making Disciples. The plan will be ready by April.

Property Committee *J. Wood, Council Representative.* Presented Council with a printed report from Jason Smith, property committee chairman. J. Wood also reported on the status of the newly acquired house and property. The New House Committee has met to discuss the property. The electric power is on at the property. A security light has been installed. Leaves have been raked. The metal building has been cleaned out. The plan is to finish cleaning up the house and property and then close up the house until plans are made. The committee is not planning to ask Council for restoration funding at this time.

Worship Committee *Charlotte Pacilio, Council Representative.* Met on February 8 to make plans for the rest of the year. Working on the Living Last Supper and the Living Last Word scheduled for April 13 & 14. Also planning to invite people outside of the congregation in the community to attend. Invitation cards are being made.

Social Ministry Committee *Banks Kluttz, Council Representative.* No report.

Brighten the Beacon Committee *Richard Crouch, Chairman.* Last week the congregation voted to allow architects Ramsey, Burgin, Smith to come up with final design drawings with 3 to 4 options on various items. A survey of the property was done last week. This design phase should take a couple of months. Richard also thanked Terry Ritchie for designing and printing the materials used for the presentation.

Evangelism Committee *Vickie Agner Keene, Chairman.* Met in February to discuss plans. The focus will be on internal Evangelism within our congregation. Plans are to work closely with the Visitation Committee.

Evangelism Committee sub-committee *Richard Crouch, Chairman.* Met to discuss an outreach plan and a member re-engagement plan. Richard noted that there is currently no plan in place to reach out to members who miss services and do not attend church regularly. These are members who do not attend church for reasons other than health problems or job requirements. Also discussed the Active Member designation and asked the question, what is an active Member? Also noted that we need to keep the pew pads refilled and get new envelopes.

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

Landscape Committee *Richard Crouch, Council Representative.* No report.

Cemetery Committee *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* The new columbarium is scheduled to be installed next week. Scott lowery will update the information on the columbarium for Council by the next meeting.

Facilities Committee *Jeff Fleming, Council Representative.* Jeff met with the martial arts instructor.

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

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

LCW *Madeline Zieverink, Council Representative.* No report.

CLM *Harold Morris, Council Representative.* No report.

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

Boy/Cub Scouts Committee *J. Wood Council Representative.* Rick Roper, Cub Scout Master, was advised that he can use the Smith Assembly Hall for their first meeting of each month for their awards ceremony. The troop will also help clean up leaves at the new house this afternoon.

Membership Committee *Branson Pethel, Council Representative.* The membership committee is in the process of reviewing church membership rolls to determine who is an active member and who is not. The committee has determined that there are a total of 25 families that are inactive to some degree. It was suggested that the evangelism committee along with the visitation group make plans to contact these families (individuals) as part of our new discipleship and outreach program. A motion was made to revisit the "active member" designation and come back to Council with a recommendation.

Senior Citizens Committee *Jenny Roberts, Council Representative.* The next planned group trip to Naroway Dinner Theatre has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Only 16 people signed up and 25 are needed to pay for the bus.

Visitation Committee No Report.

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

Prayerful Concerns

Bible Study: Authentic Leadership

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Next Council Meeting

March Council Meeting: The council will meet on **Sunday march 12, 2017 from 7:30 am until 9:00 am.**

Church Lock up Schedule

February – Jeff Fleming

March – J. Wood

April – Terry Ritchie

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Wilhelm

Council Secretary

Council Preparing Calendar of Fundraising Events

Council is working on an Events/Loose Offering Calendar for 2017. All fund raisers and loose offering requests should be submitted to Council for approval. We are working on calendar so congregation members will know what's already planned and we won't have overlapping events from different committees/groups.

If your committee, Sunday School Class, or group is planning a fund raiser for 2017 or would like to request Loose Offering for a Sunday in 2017, please send your request to Madeline at mzieverink@carolina.rr.com. Council will approve the requests received at the March 12th Council meeting. Once Council approves, the calendar will be posted in newsletter and weekly email updates. If you have a request after March 12, please contact the Council Rep for your committee, or let Madeline Zieverink or Richard Crouch know and they will present to the Council for approval.

Christiana Preschool is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 preschool year. Classes are offered for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Please check the church website for more information and applications or call Stacey Evans at 704-798-5089 .