

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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Sunday in the Grove May 22

Sunday School as usual at 9:15am

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

**Bring your lawn chair
or blanket**

**Lunch will follow worship
Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided by
Christiana Lutheran Men
Please bring a dessert to share.**

Carolinas Mission District of the NALC

**2016 Convocation
May 20-21**

at

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
531 Church Street
Little Mountain, SC**

The 6th annual convocation of the Carolinas Mission District of the NALC will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21. Business items to be addressed include: a budget for 2016-17, the election of two lay members and one clergy member to the Executive Council, and the ongoing partnership on theological education between the CMD and the Dept. of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

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 delegates, Richard and Linda Crouch will be attending, but this convocation is not just for pastors and delegates! A mission intensive, "I Will Build My Church," will be incorporated with this year's convocation to encourage mission and discipleship. It will be helpful for anyone involved in ministry through worship and music, evangelism, missions, social ministry, and youth committee members of 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.

Relay for Life set for Saturday, May 7

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 12 noon on May and ends at 10 p.m.

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



Youth Stuff

YOUTH HELPING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

May 1

Crucifer: Cameron Eller
 Torches: Meredith Stokes & Carlee Lowry
 Banners: Aubrey Honeycutt & Chase Hawkins

May 8

Acolytes: Ainslee Lowry & T. J. Woods

May 15

Crucifer: Brody Madison
 Torches: Brandy Fox & Kayla Swicegood
 Banners: Michael Lowry, Blessed & Blessing Thompson

May 22

Sunday in the Grove, no acolytes

May 29

Acolytes: Caylee Hawkins & Gabe Honeycutt



THRIVE

- ◆ May 1 Thrive@5
- ◆ May 1 Thrive Youth Choir at 6 p.m.
- ◆ May 1 Little Thrive Choir at 6:30 pm
- ◆ May 7 Thrive to Relay for Life at 5 pm
- ◆ May 8 Thrive Youth Choir after worship
- ◆ May 15 Thrive Youth Choir at 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ May 22 Thrive to lake following Sunday in the Grove

Those Who Serve in May

Nursery Attendants

May 1 April Smith & K Swicegood
May 8 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins
May 15 Jill Shank & Brandy Fox
May 22 *no nursery*
May 29 Chris & Katie Sease

Children's Sermon Part 2

May 1 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins
May 8 Jason & April Smith
May 15 LuAnne Scott & M Riddle
May 22 *no CS Pt. 2*
May 29 B Barnhardt & youth

Offering Counters

May 1 D Smith & K Goodman
May 8 M Zieverink & L Haynes
May 15 Laurie & Cam Ritchie
May 22 Marsha & Dale Beaver
May 29 R Crouch & E Eller

May Birthdays

2 Clay Kirk	20 Gary Lingle
2 Penelope Sease	21 Charlie Shank, Jr.
3 Sandra McKenzie	23 Trish Harris-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 1 Joyce Cavanagh-Wood
May 8 Men's Bible class
May 15
May 22 Trish Kelsoe
Pedestal—Leanne Kluttz
May 29 Jeff Yost

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED MAY 15.
PLEASE SEE KATHY HAYNES
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Followers of Christ

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24 NRSV

Christiana is an unusual name for a church. After I became pastor here I asked several of the older members about the name. Where did it come from? How did it come to be the name of this congregation? No one really knew except to say that the founding members wanted Christ in the name and came up with Christiana.

Doing research I discovered Christiana is Latin *and* Hispanic for Christian. I also learned that the name means “Followers of Christ.” How appropriate! For that is what we are to be as Christians—*followers of Christ*. In Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34 and Luke 9:23 Jesus himself tells us *“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”*

While we may choose to follow Christ, it is Christ himself who sets the standards for what that means. And in the passage listed above we learn that being followers of Christ involves denying ourselves and taking up our cross.

As Christians we follow our Lord by imitating his life and obeying his commands. In Jesus’ day, to take up the cross meant to carry your own cross to the place where you would be killed. Many Galileans had been killed that way by the Romans. Applied to us as disciples, it means we identify completely with Christ and his message, even if it means death. We are to deny our selfish desires to use our time and money our own way and to choose our own direction in life without regard to Christ. Following Christ is costly now, but in the long run, it is well worth the pain and effort.

People are willing to pay a high price for something they value. Is it any surprise that Jesus would demand this much commitment from his followers? And so Jesus gives us three conditions that must be met if we want to be his followers. We must be willing to deny self, to take up our crosses, and to follow him. Anything less is superficial lip service.

When Jesus called his original disciples he said to them, “Follow me.” And numerous times in the Gospels it is recorded that “they got up and followed Jesus.” As time went on they learned just what that meant. But by then, they realized who Jesus was and what he had come to do and they were “hooked.” In fact, on one occasion when many of Jesus’ disciples left him, he asked the twelve, “What about you, don’t you want to leave also?” To which Peter replied, “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Jesus does indeed have the words to eternal life. In fact Jesus is the life. He is also the way and the truth and no one receives eternal life without him. In John 10:27 Jesus tells us: *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.* As members of Christiana and disciples of our Lord Jesus, we have the unique opportunity to make a mighty witness of our Lord Jesus through our presence here in the East Rowan community.

Our commitment to the youth of this area is seen in our hiring a Youth Director who is working hard to teach our youth what it means to be followers of Christ so they can reach out and bring other youth to be followers of Christ. Our Thrive Tutoring Program is one way our youth and adults are reaching out to the youth of this area and minister to them through education.

Our Brighten the Beacon Capital Campaign program will afford us tools in the form of buildings, new and renovated, to enable us to invite the community onto our campus where we might share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ. But in order for us to make the most of these buildings we ourselves have to become knowledgeable in sharing our faith so that God can use us to make a difference in peoples’ lives.

God has blessed us in the forms of godly leadership and committed disciples, let us dedicate our lives to the Lord and live up to our name “followers of Christ” in order that we might reach out to the East Rowan community and the whole world with the Good News that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.

Pastor Carl

Jesse's Ride for PTSD

On May 7 a fundraiser for those suffering with PTSD will be held at Organ Lutheran Church.

Registration for Jesse's Ride for PTSD and the Shive Shuffle Run is \$20 and begins at 10 a.m.

Other activities include food, games and music. All proceeds go to *Honor One*, whose Heal One Mission is to create financial help for veterans, firefighters and police officers suffering with PTSD.

Facebook: Jesse's Ride for PTSD Gofundme: Jesse's Ride for PTSD



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive set

Salisbury letter carriers will participate in the food drive on Saturday, May 14. Please leave non-perishable items at or in your mailbox for your carrier to pick up.

Last year's drive raised more than 23,000 pounds of food and was distributed to Main Street Mission, Salvation Army, and Rowan Helping Ministry.

For more info visit www.nalc.org/food.



Community Blood Drive
May 15
12:00—3:30 p.m.
Church Fellowship Hall

For appointments
email Joe Koehn @ jkoehn@bellsouth.net
Walk-ins welcome!



Attention Graduates

Graduates will be honored on June 5 during the 10:30am Worship Service. If you will be a 2016 spring graduate or if you have graduated within the last 12 months, please contact the church office ASAP!!

Congregational Concerns



The Brad Patrick Scholarship will be presented during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Grove on May 22.

Genesis: Carolyn Barringer Corl

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie, Pauline Lyerly

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Katherine Lyerly, Kate Lingle

Autumn Care: Naomi Cates

NC State Veterans Home: Claude Lyerly, Gib Russell

At Home: Grace Kluttz, Ann Carscaddon

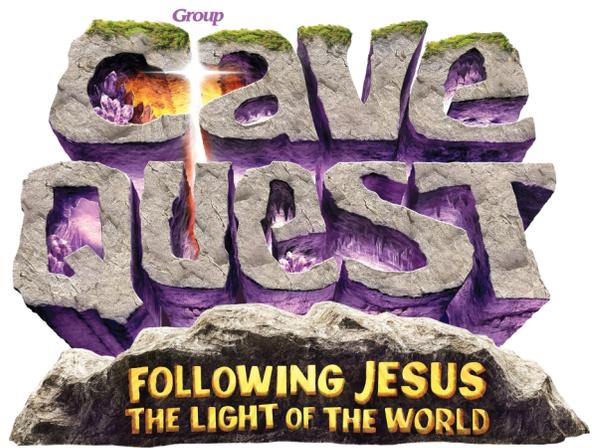


To the Brighten the Beacon Fund in memory of Toby Honeycutt by Mike & Kate Beretsky, Becky & Harold Morris, Jenny & Charles Roberts, Dale & Marsha Beaver

To the General Fund in memory of Toby Honeycutt by Sheryl Lyerly.

To the Brighten the Beacon Fund in memory of Wade Fisher by Joyce Trexler, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Becky & Harold Morris, Mike & Vickie Keene, Salisbury Newsmedia, LLC, Don & Pat McDonough, Kent & Carol Brown, Bettie & Jim Lyerly, Granite Quarry High School Class of 1949, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Hurley, the Peggy Boggs Class, Helen Brown & family, Nancy Honeycutt, Dale & Judy Lefler & family, Randy & Linda Brown & family, Don & Betty Huffman & family, Thomas Joe Lyerly, Don & Rose Dedmon, James & Annita Davis, Larry Corl, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Elaine Honeycutt, Doris Ritchie

To the Brighten the Beacon Fund in honor of Branson Pethel and Ronnie & Janis Smith by Woodrow and Zelia Frick; in honor of Maxine Casper by LCW Group #1; in honor of Terry Ritchie by Linda Haynes



July 10 –14
Save the date for

VBS!



Prayer Concerns:

Marsha Beaver, recovering from surgery. Banks Kluttz, recovering from knee surgery. Bill Meacham, recovering at home from back surgery. Phyllis Robinson, pneumonia. Kate Lingle, TONARC D4 for rehab. Charlotte Pacilio, popliteal artery aneurism stent place in kidney April 28. Pat Ramsey, chemo for ovarian cancer. J & Joyce Wood's son-in-law Butch diagnosed with inoperable cancer. Pauline Lyerly in rm. 410 at Liberty Commons. Claude Lyerly, taking breathing treatments. Gloria Cross, kidney issues. Tammy Hill's friend, Bob Fisher, congestive heart failure. Louise Crowther's brother, Clyde Brown, Jr., liver cancer. David Preslar's friend, Frankie Dotson, prostate cancer. Joe Koehn, headaches. LaVaughn Beaver's sister-in-law, Lana, Genesis, cancer. Miles Rhodes, prostate cancer. Diane Smith's mother, Kat Cook, lung cancer. Ruth Overcash, liver cancer. Ann & Bill Meacham in poor health.

Congratulations to Sophie Douglas & Pat Ramsey at the birth of their twin great-grandsons: Leo and Charleston Leece. Their parents are Sophia and Ryan Leece.





Happy
Mother's
Day!

May 8

LCW

Group #1

will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 10 a.m.
with Wanda Smith, program leader.
East Coast Wings for lunch

Sister Lucille

will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m.
at the home of Kathy Haynes, hostess.
Becky Morris, program leader

May Scripture Lessons

6th Sunday of Easter, May 1

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27
John 16:23-33

7th Sunday of Easter, May 8

Acts 1:12-26
Psalm 133
Revelation 22:1-6, (7-11) 12-20
John 17:20-26

Day of Pentecost, May 15

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 143
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:23-31

Holy Trinity Sunday, May 22

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 8:48-59

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, May 29

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43
Psalm 96:1-9
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

"Food for Thought" packing party volunteers from Sister Lucille Circle met April 4 in the basement of the new Rowan Helping Ministries shelter on Long Street. Working with Thrivent, they purchased and delivered \$250 worth of needed food items, and packed 100 bags of weekend sustenance for our county's at-risk children. Good job ladies!!



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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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Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt
Lutheran Church Women: Sue Wall
Christiana Lutheran Men: Jason Smith

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Wednesdays 7:00 PM
Little Thrive
Becky Morris, Director
(check calendar for time & date)
Thrive Youth Choir
Becky Morris, Director
(check calendar for time & date)
Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

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We, the family of Wade Fisher would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the loving support our Christiana Church family has shown us during recent months. We will never forget all the concerned phone messages, lovely cards and the delicious food prepared for the funeral meal. Many thanks for the memorial gifts dedicated to the Brighten the Beacon Fund.

Also, we wish to publically thank Pastor Carl for his countless efforts to assist our family due to our physical incapacities. We'll never forget the many acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. God bless you all!

Sincerely, Nancy Fisher & family

*Thank
You*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for responding to our request for Mission Support! Imagine our surprise when we opened up the letter and received this generous donation from you. We are so excited and humbled to share this journey with you. The \$1,727.87 arrived at just the right time. Now that we have purchased our new space and property, renovations have begun. As with any renovation there are unanticipated discoveries and variables and these all affect the budget. Your gift helps us stay mobilized in faith, believing that with Christ all things are possible.

We would also like to invite you to join us for a day or weekend and be physically involved in the renovation. Accommodation, meals and materials will be supplied.

Please visit our webpage: www.christunitedlutheran.org for all ministry updates and discover the difference you help us make. May God continue to bless Christiana and may His story filter through each of your lives.

Faithfully His, Pastor Heidi Punt

Christiana Lutheran Church Council Minutes
APRIL 10, 2016

Members Present: Laurie Ritchie, Jason Smith, Jeff Fleming, Joe Renegar, LeAnne Kluttz, J Wood, Bruce Wilhelm, Pastor Carl Haynes, Banks Kluttz, Madeline Zieverink, Joe Koehn, Richard Crouch, Harold Morris, Charlotte Pacilio

Members Absent: Melody Riddle, Glenn Wall

Also Present: Dale Beaver, Brittney Barnhardt

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals

March 13, 2016 council minutes were approved as submitted.
Minutes from the church congregational meeting were approved as submitted.
Financial Report for March, 2016 was approved as submitted.
Pastor and Youth Director Reports were accepted as submitted.

Committee Reports and Old Business

Seniors group report was presented and accepted as submitted. Also, Tammy Hill and Dale Beaver are the signers for the senior's checking account.

Prayerful Considerations

Pastor Carl requested that the front porch of the parsonage be screened in. There has been a problem with birds and other critters making a mess. Wood framing would be used and painted to match the house. Holes that already exist from the wrought iron railing would be used to install the frame. Pastor Carl also stated that he would pay for the materials and installation. Jason made a motion to accept the proposal and Madeline seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Laurie Ritchie stated that a number of unauthorized individuals have been entering the church buildings, using the facilities and leaving a mess for others to clean up. She asked the property committee to look into changing the locks on all of the exterior doors. There was a brief discussion of the types of door lock systems available. The suggestion was made to change all of the exterior door locks and replace them with digital numbered locks. Authorized individuals would then be issued a pass code number instead of a physical key. The system could then keep track of who entered and when. Jason stated that he will investigate the type locks available and report back. Jason also stated that he is planning to meet the various groups currently using the church facilities and inform them that they need to do a better job of overseeing their group member's behavior.

Other Items

The Fellowship Hall will need to be emptied out by June 28th when a crew comes in to refinish the floors. Madeline Zieverink and Joe Renegar switched months for church lock-up. Joe will now have the May lock-up and Madeline will have the August lock-up.

Closing

Pastor Carl closed with a prayer and council proceeded to their Bible study.

Bible Study – “Growing in Christ”

Discussed chapter three, “Assurance of Victory” and reviewed Bible passages from chapters one through three. Assignment for next meeting - read Chapter Four, “Assurance of Forgiveness” and memorize all four Bible passages from chapters' one through four.

Next Council Meeting: May 8, 2016 at 7:30am

Church Lock up for April: Melody Riddle/Laurie Ritchie/Jeff Fleming

May: Joe Renegar

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Wilhelm
Council Secretary

Little Thrive Choir will have their final practice on Sunday May 1 at 6:30 pm and will sing for the service on May 8. End of year party will be at LaVaughn and Alan Beaver's pool on June 17, time TBA.



Thrive Youth Choir will practice on May 1 at 6:00 PM right after Thrive@5. They will also have a very short practice right after church on May 8 and at 10:15 on May 15, just before singing for the Pentecost service that day.



"I AM GOING TO THE FATHER."
JOHN 14:28

Christiana Rowdy Seniors enjoy tour of Waterworks Visual Arts Center under guidance of Joyce Cavanagh-Wood



The group's next meeting will be on Thursday, May 5 at noon at the Salisbury K & W Cafeteria.

Upcoming events:

- June 2, 11:30 a.m.—covered dish lunch at home of LaVaughn Beaver
- July 7, 9:30 am—Leave for Billy Graham Library

You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream.

—C.S. Lewis

Mothers to be recognized on Mother's Day

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.



Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
On behalf of the family of Toby Honeycutt we would like to thank the congregation for their love and support during this very difficult time. Between the food brought, the choir singing, and lovely donations made in Toby's name, we are thankful for our loving church family.
God bless you all,
The Honeycutt family
The Kluttz family
The Sease family