

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
704-279-4516 (Home)
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Lenten Worship Services Schedule

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 4

10:30am Worship with Communion
5pm Evening Lenten Service

4th Sunday in Lent, March 11

10:30am Worship with Communion
5pm Evening Lenten Service

5th Sunday in Lent, March 18

10:30am Worship with Communion
5pm Evening Lenten Service

Palm Sunday, March 25

10:30am Worship with Blessing of the Palms
and Processional

Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:30pm Worship
Footwashing/Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 30

7:30pm Tenebrae Worship Service

Spoiler alert

In these days of DVRs and streaming programming, it's common courtesy to warn people before discussing a show's plot or ending. How frustrating to inadvertently hear how a much-anticipated drama concludes!

Knowing how everything ends is a blessing for Christians, however. Jesus' victory over death gives us hope and confidence for this life — and for the life to come.

"The church does not pretend ... that it does not know what will happen with the crucified Jesus," writes Thomas

Hopko in *The Orthodox Faith*.

"It does not sorrow and mourn over the Lord as if the church itself were not the very creation

which has been produced from his wounded side and from the depths of his tomb. All through [Holy Week] services, the victory of Christ is contemplated and the resurrection is proclaimed."



Indeed, Jesus' followers know how his story — and therefore our story — ends: in Easter life!

A Note from the Treasurer

It has been brought to my attention that some Christiana members who are giving donations to various fundraisers sponsored by different church groups are not getting credit on their financial statement at the end of the year. Unfortunately, the only way Ann or I can give you credit for these donations is to use an offering envelope and write the amount, your name, and envelope number on it. We will make every effort to see that all the various fundraisers place these envelopes near the donation basket for your use if you would like to receive credit. Thank you for your generous giving to these special fundraisers.

Laurie Ritchie

Last Month's Attendance

Feb. 4

Sunday School: 73
Worship: 95

Feb. 11

Sunday School: 84
Worship: 135

Feb. 18

Sunday School: 70
Worship: 121

**LITTLE & YOUNG
THRIVE WILL RE-
HEARSE TOGETHER
FROM 4-4:15 PM
ON FEB. 25 &
MAR. 11 & 25**

You are wanted! You are needed!

The BTB committee needs a sponsor for the April congregational supper.

An even greater need is for 2 to 4 people to help clean up after each meal. It has fallen on the same 2 people to clean up each time.

These suppers are raising a great deal of money for our projects.

T-E-A-M really meals Together Everyone Accomplishes More. When we "share the load" we can go higher and go farther. When WE are together, we can do and accomplish more.

You can sponsor a meal for \$100 to \$150. Call Harry Agner for complete information.

THRIVE Youth Ministries

THRIVE will travel to CHAOS theater on March 11, leaving the church at 3:00 pm and eating afterward. We will return to the church by 6:00pm.

THRIVE Drama club is coming! If you would like to be part of this exciting club please see Britney or Diego Corona. We will have practices soon to prepare for for YOUTH SUNDAY in April!

Mission Trip Dates
Asheville NC July 15th-21st. NEED \$100 deposit by MARCH 18th!
Total for the week long trip is \$300!
Includes stay, food, and whitewater rafting!

Those Who Serve in March

Nursery Attendants

Mar. 4 April Smith & Ashley Coffey

Mar. 11 Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt

Mar. 18 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

Mar. 25 Chris & Katie Sease

Children's Sermon Part

Mar. 4 L Scott & M Riddle

Mar. 11 Brittney Barnhardt & youth

Mar. 18 Kathy Haynes & Karen Goodman

Mar. 25 Jason & April Smith

Offering Counters

Mar. 4 M Zieverink & K Goodman

Mar. 11 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

Mar. 18 Marsha & Dale Beaver

Mar. 25 R Crouch & E Eller

March Birthdays

2 Shelby Harwood	20 Carlee Lowry
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	
16 Lane Pethel	
16 Donald Lyerly	
18 Patti Holshouser	
19 Barbara Shank	
19 Michael Stack	
19 Brodi Madison	



March Altar Flowers

Lent No Flowers



Scholarships Available Through Christiana in 2018

The following scholarships are available through Christiana Congregation. Those interested in applying please note the requirements. Complete information about each scholarship and applications are 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 David Preslar, chairperson of the 2018 committee, or the church office.

Lena Bangle Lyerly Scholarship

- Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allows.
- 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.

Brad Patrick Scholarship

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

Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship High School (1)

- Must be a participating and engaged member at Christiana Lutheran Church for the previous 24 months prior to the application deadline.
- High school senior.
- Enrolled full time in a two or four year college/university.

Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship College (2)

- Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allow.
- 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 9, 2018**. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. **All applicants applying for scholarships must have an official transcript from the school sent to the church office. No others will be accepted.**

Easter Lily Order Form—Deadline to order is March 18

Orders for Easter Lilies are now being accepted. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and payment must accompany this order. Name _____ Phone number: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

Given in Memory of:

By:

Given in Honor of:

By:

Pastor's
Message for
LENT



You can tell it's Lent....

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Acts 2:22-24, 37-39 (ESV)

You can tell it's the season of Lent as soon as you walk into the worship space at Christiana. You notice that there are no flowers adorning the Altar. The Paraments are purple. You can tell when the worship starts by the more somber tone of the music. No alleluias are sung either.

Lent is a time of reflection on what Jesus did for us on the cross. Jesus willingly and intentionally became one of us that he might show us the Father's love by dying on the cross to pay for our sins. Once we realize this, our reaction should be that of the Jews who asked the disciples upon hearing Peter's Pentecost sermon in Acts 2—“Brothers, what shall we do?” We repent. We repent of our sins each day because we sin each day. And God mercifully forgives us every time we ask for it. Do we deserve it? No! But God loves us so much that he will go to any length to make it possible for the likes of us sinners to have a relationship with him.

In the words of hymn 666: *“What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?”*

What wondrous love indeed! As Paul writes in Romans 5:6-8 *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Why would Christ, the Son of God, die such a horrible death for us sinners? For the ungodly? That's the million dollar question and the answer is simply this — “love.” God the Father loves us. God the Son loves us. God the Holy Spirit loves us. And lest we take that notion for granted it behooves us to spend some time contemplating God's wondrous love. Hence, the season of Lent.

We began with Ash Wednesday and will continue for five Sundays contemplating our unworthiness because of our sin to be in a relationship with God; let us further contemplate God's incredible love for us that sent his only Son to die on a cross to pay for our sin; let us walk with our Lord to the cross on Holy Week that in the end we might celebrate with joy beyond measure our Lord's Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Carl

Congregational Prayer Concerns

Our Sympathy is expressed to

Chuck Ramsey and family at the death of his mother, Patricia Ramsey.

Charlie Shank and family at the death of his brother Thomas Shank.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Kathie Albright, Wake Forest Baptist Med. Center treated for injuries sustain in a car wreck. Glenn Wall's mom, Marie, Lutheran Home rm. B9. Tommy Stoner, at home. Glenn Wilson, recovering from broken hip at home. Denise Koehn's mom, Shirley, The Laurels, rm. 302 for rehab. Nancy Agner, at her home. Eddie Eller, chemo for cancer in back and prostate. Jenny Roberts' friend, LuAnne Phelps, thyroid cancer. J Wood's sister, Anne Widholm, going to long term care facility. Roy Pethel, issues. Juanita Hovis rm. 210 Autumn Care. Pauline Lyerly, Trinity Oaks rm. E09. Becky Morris' friend, Dawn Holder, lung cancer. Ed Clark, cancer. Ricky Cross, COPD. Gloria Cross, pinched nerve, fibro myalgia, stage 3 kidney disease. Kathie Albright, under doctor's care. Wanda Smith, recovering from cataract surgery; husband Ron recovering from 3rd surgery to attach retina. Denise Koehn's friend Sandy Morris, stage 3 breast cancer. Marsha & Dale's friend, Gail Reynolds, stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Ann & Bill Meacham poor health.



Scripture Lessons for March

Third Sunday in Lent, March 4

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 95:1-9

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-26

4th Sunday in Lent, March 11

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

5th Sunday in Lent, March 18

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:32-45

Psalms Sunday, March 25

John 12:12-19 (Proclamation Gospel)

Zachariah 9:9-12

Psalms 118:19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

March 15:1-47

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, March 30

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

John 18:1-19:42

Gifts to our church

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Carolyn Morrow by Larry & Sandra McKenzie and Janet Allen

In memory of Teresa Fox by Mike & Vickie Keene

In honor of Jeff & Angie Fleming by Woodrow and Zelia Frick

In memory of Emma Crossen, Thomas Shank & Carolyn Haas by Alan & LaVaughn Beaver

In honor of Frances Peeler's birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

In memory of Pat Ramsey by Eddie & Debbie Eller, Marvin & Betty Weant, LaVaughn & Alan Beaver, New Life Sunday School Class, Becky Morris

To the Bus Fund

In memory of Carolyn Haas by Charles & Jenny Roberts

In memory of Pat Ramsey by Madeline Zieverink

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for our family at this difficult time. Your kindness and comfort has given us great support during this time of sorrow and it is deeply appreciated!
The family of Emma Crossen, mother of Charles Shank

Charles Roberts sends sincere thanks to Pastor Carl and all who sent cards, prayers and well-wishes on his behalf following his recent knee replacement surgery.

Thank you!

LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 10:00 AM
to bake goodies for the March 23 CLM Barbecue

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on March 6
in the Smith Assembly Hall with
Becky Morris hostess and program leader

Weight Loss Challenge announced

The Healthcare Ministry Committee is hosting a weekly weight loss challenge in the Smith Assembly Hall. A scale is provided for weigh-ins and notebooks to discretely keep track of your progress via your own "alias/ code name." You then add any losses to the chart on the clipboard, so we can tally all those participating.

Please join us for weigh-ins before the fellowship breakfasts 8:45-9:15am on Sunday mornings. See someone on the Healthcare Committee for additional assistance. A weight loss goal will be set to get something like a waffle station going on for our fellowship breakfast aka your cheat meal.

Have any old jeans?

Sole Hope is an organization based in Salisbury that partners with Ugandans to provide them with shoe pieces cut out of denim that the Ugandans use to make shoes to protect their feet from parasites that produce painful inflammation, ulceration and fibrosis. These parasites may result in loss of toenails, amputation of toes or even death.

Sole Hope is in desperate need of denim at this time. If you have old denim jeans you are willing to part with, place them in one of the boxes provided in the narthex and elevator lobby by Mar. 11.

www.solehope.org



Healthcare Ministry Committee offers Gardening Class

When: March 3

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5.00

Host: LuAnne Scott & Healthcare Ministry

All ages are welcome. Please RSVP by March 1 to LuAnne at 704-637-0568 or

Lrscott_2@hotmail.com

The class will include hands-on education on plant growing and organic pest control ideas for spring and summer crops. Each participant will receive one of the plants they plant in a 4" container and an information packet.

All information is geared on a child's level and with a Godly perspective. Extra plants planted will be available for purchase on April 15.

Our hope is that these plants will help your family and help us grow our very own garden share.

All proceeds will go to the Healthcare Ministry at Christiana.



Congregational Concerns



Genesis Healthcare:
Carolyn Barringer Corl

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Katherine Lyerly
Pauline Lyerly

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Autumn Care:
Juanita Hovis

6190 US Hwy 52
Salisbury NC 28146
Return Service Requested

Mailed February 21, 2018

Phone: 704-279-4655
Fax: 704-279-1595

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

Pastor: Carl M. Haynes
E-Mail: pastorcarl@charlotte.twcbc.com
Council President: Cam Ritchie
Council Vice-President: Dale Beaver
Council Secretary: Vickie Keene

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
4 p.m. Sundays

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



Join us on Facebook



CPR Class offered

What: CPR Class: Infant to Adult including AED

When: 2.26.18

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Smith Assembly Hall

Cost: approx.: \$4.00 for card, no card FREE

Host: Sandra Cross and The Healthcare Ministry Committee

Ages 8 and up welcome

RSVP: by 2.19.18 to LuAnne

Scott 704.637.0568 or

Lrscott_2@hotmail.com



Homemade Chicken Noodle Dinner

Relay for Life Fundraiser

Sponsored by



**Sweet
Potato
Queens**

Organ Lutheran Church

**Saturday, March 10
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. 11, 2018 Council Meeting

Present:

Cam Ritchie, President J Wood
Dale Beaver, V Pres. Harold Morris
Vickie Keene, Sec. LaVaughn Beaver
Terry Ritchie Jay Goodman
Branson Pethel Boni Lowry

Also Present:

Carl Haynes, Pastor,
Brittney Barnhardt,
Youth Director
Richard Crouch, Brighten the Beacon, Chair

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals

The executive committee reported they had met with Tim Goodman, retired Senior US Probation Officer for the Western District of North Carolina to discuss the safety and security of the church property, members and visitors during worship and the normal course of activities during the week. Mr. Goodman provided an overview of the presentation he has made to other churches in our area from the standpoint of awareness and preparedness. As a next step, the executive committee made a recommendation that the church contract with the Rowan County Sheriff's Department to have a safety and security site assessment of the church campus performed by a deputy sheriff not to exceed a cost of \$200. The recommendation received unanimous approval.

January 6, 2018 council minutes were approved with one spelling correction.

Financial Report for January, 2018 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer.

January income and expenses were below budget. Items of note included:

January loose offering of \$253 went to the Youth Fund

Annual \$1800 meal payment received from Rufty Holmes

Payment of unbudgeted 2017 Rowan County tax bill for the Old 80 property. This is a one-time tax bill that will not reoccur.

Cost of new stage was \$204.27 under amount of funds donated. Council approved moving these funds to the building fund.

Reception of:

Pastor's Report for January

The pastor's report for January was presented and accepted as submitted.

Thrive Youth Report for January

The youth directors report was presented and accepted as submitted.

The youth director reported that four high school youth have signed the L.I.T. contract and will intentionally be in contact with younger members of THRIVE each month.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

Stewardship Committee: Committee received a request from CLM to add the BBQ chicken fundraiser on 3/23 to the loose offering fundraiser which was approved by council.

Christian Ed: Committee met on 2/6/18 to begin planning for the year. To ensure the safety of children in the time between Sunday school and worship, the committee will work with teachers and parents to keep younger children in classrooms until a parent comes to pick them up and older children will not leave classrooms until the second bell rings. This will limit the time a child might be unattended while on church property. A dinner for Sunday school teachers is under consideration for addition communication and training before rally day later this year.

Property Committee: A report of maintenance items for January was received. The following items were noted:

The problems with running water in bathroom sinks did not occur in January after Jason had conversations about the problems with various people in the church. The automatic cutoff faucets approved for purchase have not been installed in part because they are not compatible with the existing sinks; new sinks would need to be purchased and because there have been no new incidents with running water recently.

A request was made to repair and rehang the eternal candle that broke in January.

A request was made by Charlotte Pacilio on behalf of the quilting group to move the stage pieces out of the room off Smith Hall which had been approved for the quilters use.

Social Ministry: Winter items (hats, scarves, and gloves) were delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries. \$341 was collected at Souper Bowl Sunday on February 4th.

Worship Committee: Committee held its first meeting to make plans for the year. A request from the memorial fund is planned to replace the altar cloth due to damage from dripping candle wax over the years. Options were discussed for restoration of the ledge where altar flowers are placed including refinishing and/or glass installation. It was recommended that Altar Guild purchase candle lighter adapters that would replace the 'wicks' presently used in the brass candle lighters.

Evangelism Committee: Lenten Devotionals have been distributed and Tony Hawkins will be posting the devotions daily on the Christiana Facebook page. A discussion was held regarding the use of Facebook for advertising church activities and events. A PayPal account would need to be opened with a credit card linked for payment of the events, activities and outreach such as the Lenten Devotions that are 'boosted' outside of those following the Christiana Facebook page. This can be done at a very reasonable charge. A motion was made by Terry Ritchie and seconded by Pastor Haynes as follows: *Allow Tony Hawkins to serve in the role of 'advertiser' with permission to establish a PayPal account for the Christiana Facebook page. Ann Teague's credit card will be attached to the PayPal account. Written guidelines will be created for requesting an advertisement such as; VBS, Men's Car Show, etc. by committee chairs' not to exceed 10% of the committee's line item budget without council approval. Tony will provide a monthly report of any advertising activity for payment and accounting purposes.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Fellowship Committee: The Pancake Supper is Tuesday night from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lenten meals have been planned. Volunteer groups are needed to provide Brighten the Beacon meals in March and April. The meal in May will be provided by the Sister Lucille Circle. The meals will resume in September after a summer break from June - August.

Archives Committee: Have not met - transitioning to new leadership

Scout Committee: Today is Scout Sunday with Scouts participating in the worship service and providing lunch afterwards. A request to sell popcorn at the luncheon was approved by affirmation.

Health Committee: Requested approval for storage area for first aid kit and designated area in archive room for someone who is ill to go for assistance or wait for emergency responders.

A cabinet in the archive room was approved for this purpose. Committee will need to locate a key for access as the cabinet is currently locked.

Brighten the Beacon Committee: The committee met on 1/25/18 to determine a recommendation for council as requested. Richard Crouch provided a summary of events through June 2017 and subsequent conversations with Ronnie Smith by committee members and Cam Ritchie. The following motion was presented by the committee: *The June 2017 postponed congregational meeting be rescheduled for the earliest possible date, at which time the Beacon Center design and funding package - as originally approved by council be presented to the congregation for a vote.* The motion passed with three dissenting votes. Cam Ritchie will pursue additional details for the funding option from the Smith Family Foundation for the meeting. Sue Wall asked that each council member be in prayer about where we are today and the next steps to be taken for this ministry. The executive committee will work with the BtB committee to coordinate the best option to present the information and selecting a date for the congregational meeting.

Bus Committee: A presentation from the bus committee was tabled until the next council meeting due to time constraints.

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Next Council Meeting is March Council Meeting: Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Church Lockup Schedule

March - Linda Crouch, April - Terry Ritchie, May - Leanne Klutz, June - J Wood, July - Jay Goodman, August - Charlotte Pacilio, September - Sue Wall, October - Boni Lowry, November - Harold Morris, December - Branson Pethel.
Members were reminded to contact Cam Ritchie if back-up is needed in their absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Agner-Keene

Church Council Secretary

10th Annual Meals on Wheels BBQ Fundraiser

Food provided by College Barbecue

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 First Presbyterian Church 308 W. Fisher St. - Salisbury

Meal includes:

BBQ, Roll, Baked Beans, Slaw & Dessert

\$9.00/plate or \$15.00/buy one & feed one person one meal

● **Dine-In & Carry-Out 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 6pm** [Fisher Street entrance]

● **Drive Thru 11am - 6pm** [S. Jackson Street]

● **Delivery - 5 or more Meals**

● **Carry-Out, Pre-orders Only, 4-6pm**

[Christiana Lutheran Church & Mt. Zion UCC]

To purchase Tickets, schedule a Delivery or Volunteer, **Call 704-633-0352**

All proceeds to benefit Meals on Wheels Rowan