

*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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## Day of Pentecost/Confirmation

Sunday, May 20th is the Day of Pentecost and we will celebrate the Birthday of the Church. On that day the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples of Jesus and empowered them to boldly speak that Jesus is the Christ in other languages. We will celebrate the day with a birthday cake. We will celebrate with Confirmation of six of our members: Diego Corona, Chase Hawkins, Aubrey Honeycutt, Michael Lowry, Blessed and Blessing Thompson. And we will celebrate with Holy Communion—receiving our Lord's body and blood in the bread and wine. Make plans to be present for this special occasion in the life of the Church, our confirmands and our Lord Jesus.



## Carolinas Mission District of the NALC 2018 Convocation

The Seventh Annual convocation of the Carolinas Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Troutman, NC.

There will be several business items to be addressed: a budget for 2018-19, the election of three members to the Executive Council (one clergy member and two lay members), and the structure of the Seminarian Academic Assistance Fund Committee recommended by the 2017 CMD Convocation.

Pastor Carl and our delegate, Harry Agner will be attending the convocation. They will be traveling back and forth, since it's only an hour drive. So, if you are interested in attending and riding with them, please contact Pastor Carl. The convocation is not just for pastors and delegates. A focus on mission and updates on the NALC will provide helpful information for anyone involved in ministry in all congregations.

Plenary Session Presenters include: Bishop John Bradosky giving updates on the NALC, Pastor David Nuottila with the CMD Mission Team, Pastors Samar Ghandour and Melinda Jones with Victory Ministries, Pastor Melinda Jones and Richard Jansek with the NALC Executive Council Church Structure task force, Mary Bates, Pastor Dieter Punt, Pastor Joshua Morgan with the NALC Disaster Relief in the Carolinas, Scott Licht with Lutherans for Life, and ...

Registration is \$50 and includes all materials and Friday Supper.

## Relay for Life set for Friday, April 27

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 illness that takes too much.

This year's Rowan County event begins at the fairgrounds at 6 p.m. on April 27 and ends at 11 p.m.



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

# THRIVE

## MAY & JUNE HAPPENINGS

May 4, 5:00 pm Thrive leaves church for Unstoppable Faith Event with Nick Vujicic

May 6—THRIVE@5

May 20—THRIVE@5

June 3—THRIVE@5

June 24-30—Campfirmation



Join us every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for breakfast in the THRIVE lounge!

## April Attendance

### April 1

Sunday School: 84  
Worship: 188

### April 8

Sunday School: N/A  
Worship: 108

### April 15

Sunday School: 78  
Worship: 120

### April 22

Sunday School: 87  
Worship: 122

## Those Who Serve in May

### Nursery Attendants

May 6 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins  
May 13 Chris & Katie Sease  
May 20 Kevin & Susan Holland  
May 27 Carmen Merrell & Chase Hawkins

### Children's Sermon Part 2

May 6 B Barnhardt & youth  
May 13 K Haynes & K Goodman  
May 20 Jason & April Smith  
May 27 L Scott & M Riddle

### Offering Counters

May 6 Laurie & Cam Ritchie  
May 13 Marsha & Dale Beaver  
May 20 R Crouch & E Eller  
May 27 Madeline Zieverink & Karen Goodman

## May Birthdays

2 Clay Kirk	18 Voight Basinger
2 Penelope Sease	18 Kevin Coffey, III
3 Sandra McKenzie	19 Stanton Cross
3 Oretha Thompson	20 Gary Lingle
4 Pat Burris	21 Charlie Shank, Jr.
4 Paul Kluttz, Jr.	23 Trish Kelsoe
5 Katherine Diaz	24 Kimora Cooper
8 Jennifer Honeycutt	26 Carolyn Barringer Corl
8 Jeffrey Scott	26 Rhett Sease
9 Michael Lowry	27 Kaitlin Peterson
9 Charles Shank	27 Carl Yost
16 Maxine Casper	27 Carla Yost
17 Caroline Diaz	
17 Charlotte Diaz	



### May Altar Flowers

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED MAY 20**  
**PLEASE SEE KATHY HAYNES**

May 6 Joyce Cavanagh-Wood  
May 13 Men's Bible Class  
May 20  
May 27 Becky Morris



## A Place for You

*“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”*  
John 14:2

After Jesus had celebrated the Passover with his disciples and before he was arrested and put to death, Jesus sought to prepare the hearts of the disciples by telling them he was going to prepare a place for them in his Father’s house. In this Easter season as we celebrate our Lord’s resurrection and victory over sin, death and the devil, I give thanks to Almighty God that he has prepared a place for you and me and all believers in God the Father’s house.

Just think, when we die, there is a place, a room (*the KJV says mansion!*) that Jesus has prepared just for us in heaven. That takes a lot of worries off of my mind. How about yours? It gives me great comfort to know that my parents and my wife’s parents and all our loved ones who’ve died in Christ are with him now in that place Jesus prepared for them. I look forward to joining them one day.

Until then I need a place to live. For most of our married life Kathy and I have lived in parsonages—a home provided by the church I served. We have been blessed to live in two very fine houses in my 36 years of ministry. The parsonage here at Christiana is a lovely house which has been our home for 26 years now. We raised our family in this house and now have a granddaughter, Claire, who stays with overnight with us on occasions. She enjoys the house too.

But as nice as this house is, reality tells me Kathy and I cannot live there forever. I’m looking at retiring in about four years and you will be looking for a new pastor. (*Maybe he or she will have a young family who will enjoy growing up in this house.*) When I retire, Kathy and I will need a place of our own, which we have started building now.

On a piece of the property I grew up on located on Webb Road, Kathy and I are building a home. It should be completed late August or September, depending on the weather at which time we will move out of the parsonage and into our new home. We will be eight miles from the church.

We cannot begin to express to you what it has meant to us to live in the beautiful house you provided for us. And you have allowed us to make it our home and respected our privacy to raise our family there. But in four years when I retire, I don’t want to be moving out of the parsonage. So while Kathy and I both have our health, we’re going to build now and move in when it is completed.

When I told someone we were building, they commented “Oh, you’re building your forever home.” No, Jesus built our forever home; we’re building our home to live out our days here on earth. That’s the other thing we all need to keep in mind. As the old hymn goes “this world is not my home, I’m just a passin’ through...” If we have a place to call home, while we’re here on earth, we’re blessed. But it’s more important for us to have a place in heaven to call home that Jesus has prepared just for us. For that is where we will spend eternity.

So we thank you for the parsonage and the years we’ve lived in it. We thank Jesus for our *forever home*, and we look forward to living in our new home later this year.

*Pastor Carl*

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Jim and Linda Duncan by Woodrow and Zelia Frick

To the memorial Fund in memory of Juanita Hovis by Kent & Donna Winrich, Don Duggan

To the Youth Fund in honor of Terry & Linda Connell by Ron & Wanda Smith



## CRS to take road trip

On Thursday May 10, Christiana Rowdy Seniors will take a road trip to Lexington to enjoy some Lexington barbecue and then visit the nearby Bob Timberlake Gallery. Be at the church ready to leave at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome!



The Brad Patrick Scholarship will be presented during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Grove on June 3.



Christiana's member directory and pictorial are now available on the church's website:

[www.christianalutheran.org](http://www.christianalutheran.org).

The password to the page is: bible123

### Prayer Concerns:

*Our Sympathy is expressed to*

- ◆ Louise Crowther at the death of her sister Mildred Brown. Her nieces are Patti Boles & Judy Stoner.
- ◆ Onetia Bruce at the death of her sister, Frances Goodman..



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Colin Donaldson, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Sacred Heart, cancer in abdomen. Vickie Keene's friend Billy Hutchens, in rehab for recovery from stroke. Joe Koehn's brother Butch, small cell carcinoma. Lane Pethel, treatment for immune deficiency. Miles Rhodes, Charlotte Health and Rehab Center. Randy Brown, cancer of bile duct. Denise Koehn's mom Shirley Buckner, at home. Glenn Wall's mom, Marie, Lutheran Home rm. B9. Eddie Eller, chemo & radiation for cancer in back and prostate. J Wood's sister, Anne Widholm, long term care facility. Becky Morris' friend, Dawn Holder, lung cancer. Ed Clark, cancer. Ricky Cross, COPD. Gloria Cross, stage 3 kidney disease, pinched nerve. Kathie Albright, recovering from car wreck. Wanda Smith, spinal stenosis & stage 2 kidney disease. Denise Koehn's friend Sandy Morris, stage 3 breast cancer. Marsha & Dale's friend, Gail Reynolds, stage 3 pancreatic cancer.

## Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive set

Salisbury letter carriers will participate in the food drive on Saturday, May 12. Please leave non-perishable items at or in your mailbox for your carrier to pick up.

Last year's drive raised more than 27,000 pounds of food and was distributed to Main Street Mission, Salvation Army, and Rowan Helping Ministry.



For more info visit:  
[www.usps.com/stampouthunger](http://www.usps.com/stampouthunger)

## May Scripture Lessons

### 6th Sunday of Easter, May 6

Acts 10:34-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-8  
John 15:9-17

### 7th Sunday of Easter, May 13

Acts 1:12-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-15  
John 17:11b-19

### Day of Pentecost, May 20

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 139:1-12  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

### Holy Trinity Sunday, May 27

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36  
John 3:1-17

# LCW

## Miss Katherine Lyerly Group

will meet at 10 am on Tuesday May 8th with Charlotte Pacilio, program leader. On Wednesday May 30, the meeting will be at Lutheran Home Chapel at 10:45 am.

## Sister Lucille Lyerly Group

will meet 7 p.m. on May 1 at the home of Linda Crouch, hostess and program leader.



The oldest and youngest mothers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Mother's Day, May 13th. They will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Men's Bible Class.

## Remember those in nursing homes

**Genesis Healthcare:**  
Carolyn Barringer Corl

**Liberty Commons:**  
Elizabeth Ritchie



**Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:**  
Katherine Lyerly  
Pauline Lyerly  
Marie Wall, Glenn Wall's mom

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Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Council Vice-President: Dale Beaver  
Council Secretary: Vickie Keene

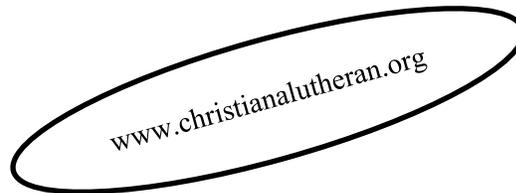
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Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris  
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

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



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## Baby Bottle Campaign announced

The baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Support Center will begin on Mother's Day, May 13th, and end on Father's Day, June 17th. Bottles will be distributed on Mother's Day. Please be in prayer as to how the Lord will lead you to give to this awesome organization.

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14.*



## Attention Graduates

Graduates will be honored on May 27 during the 10:30am Worship Service. If you will be a 2018 spring graduate or if you have graduated within the last 12 months, please contact the church office ASAP!!

## Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2018

### Present:

Cam Ritchie, President	Laurie Ritchie, treasurer	Bruce Wilhelm	LaVaughn Beaver	J Wood
Dale Beaver, Vice President	Jason Smith, property	Harold Morris	Terry Ritchie	Jay Goodman
Vickie Keene, Secretary	Charlotte Pacilio	Boni Lowry	Leann Kluttz	
Pastor Carl Haynes	Linda Crouch	Branson Pethel	Sue Wall	

### Absent:

### Concerns, Receptions and Approvals

President, Cam Ritchie noted that options for the Smith Hall hot water heater are pending. Jason Smith verbally shared several options for gas water heaters including larger capacity and tankless from Medley Electric to increase capacity and recovery time. The council asked Jason to prepare a written summary of these options including estimated costs, installation considerations and estimated operating expense. The summary will also include a tankless electric water heater option suggested by Boni Lowry.

An overview of the presentation and ballot for congregational meeting in Smith hall at 9:30 am was shared at this time. Richard Crouch will begin with a historical timeline leading up to the meeting today. Jim Duncan and Dan Norman from Ramsey, Burgin, Smith Architects will present the proposed building design followed by Branson Pethel with details of the funding option. After Q&A and the Call for the Question the meeting will resume in the sanctuary with a ballot vote.

A \$100 donation was approved to Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church in thanks for the consultations provided by Tim Goodman during our research process for the Safety and Security taskforce.

March 11, 2018 council minutes were approved as presented.

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

March income was \$748 above budget with expense \$1839 below budget.

Y-T-D income was \$1862 under budget with expenses \$1082 over budget.

Items of note included:

Funds collected for The Lords Harvest during Lent were \$1970. This does not include funds given on Easter Sunday.

Adjustment to the Pastor's Shared Housing allowance was made for February and March.

Refunds for copier maintenance and QuickBooks totaling \$819 were received.

General Fund spendable cash was \$52,977 at the end of March.

March contributions to the Master Plan in march were \$1200

The financials were approved as presented.

### Reception of:

#### Pastor's Report for January

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

#### Thrive Youth Report for January

The youth director's report was presented and accepted as submitted.

### Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

**Stewardship Committee:** Fundraiser guidelines were approved as presented.

The committee suggested a reminder in newsletter and other appropriate places that the B2B monthly meals are fundraisers. This is in response to declining donations at recent meals.

Laurie shared that the church is missing the opportunity for sales tax reimbursement when purchases are made by individuals and submitted for reimbursement rather than purchases made up-front in the church's name. As chairman of the property committee, Jason Smith makes regular and sometimes large purchases on the church's behalf and use of the church credit card will allow Laurie to request reimbursement from the State for the sales tax. *A motion was unanimously approved to provide a church credit card for Jason Smith with a credit line of \$2500.*

**Property Committee:** The fellowship hall ice maker is not working. Jason Smith presented the following options: repair electronics of the current ice maker (\$750), purchase a used ice maker with a 30 day warranty (\$1500), or purchase a new ice maker with a one year warranty (\$2700). It was noted that the ice maker is at least 15 years. *A motion to purchase a new ice maker not to exceed \$2700 was unanimously approved. Monies will be taken from the building fund.*

Jason asked that the air conditioner in the choir room be turned off when the room is not in use. This unit was installed as a supplemental air source only.

Repairs to the broken areas in the asphalt of the main driveway have been patched several times over the years. Jason shared that more extensive repairs rather than patching are needed. The estimated cost is \$3000. The council asked Jason to provide a written bid for these repairs.

**Social Ministry:** Christiana served the evening and morning meals at Rowan Helping Ministries on March 22 and March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Evangelism Committee:** Next meeting: April 12th

**Brighten the Beacon Committee:** Committee will meet after congregational meeting.

**Landscape:** Everything is growing

**Health Care Committee:** Requested meeting with Pastor Carl to discuss details for space approved for first aid supply storage. It was noted the Safety & Security Taskforce had a similar interest in utilizing this space for emergency assistance and council suggested these groups discuss mutual uses.

#### LCW

**SLC:** Council approved a request from the Sister Lucille Circle to 'refresh' the elevator lobby. No funding from the church will be requested and no major renovations such as painting will be included. It is primarily furniture, rug, upholstery and accessories.

**MKL:** Will meet at Trinity Oaks Health and Rehab for an upcoming meeting. Charlotte shared that their group is still looking for a permanent space in the church for the quilting group. The space needs to be large enough to accommodate a quilting frame and a reasonably secure space where sewing machines and supplies can be left on site.

**CLM:** Approximately 450 chicken halves were sold at the BBA on 3/23. Estimate of funds raised: \$2000-\$2300

**Bus Committee:** No report.

**Scout Committee:** Boni shared issues they have with their current bank accepting checks payable to Christiana rather than Troop 317. They are currently holding several checks the bank will not negotiate. Vickie will determine if F&M will allow the checks to be deposited to the Christiana general fund so that a check can be written to them in the name of Troop 317. Boni will determine what requirements the Scout district may have for establishing a new account at Christiana and they can proceed to open a new account.

#### Prayerful Consideration:

The Safety and Security taskforce is actively organizing sub-groups for various areas of the safety plan. Chair, Jim Duncan shared the group will be called the Nehemiah Group. ***A motion to purchase communication equipment for those assisting with worship service security in an amount not to exceed \$1200 was unanimously approved. Monies will come from the general fund as an unbudgeted item.*** A discussion followed regarding miscellaneous expenses that will be incurred such as background checks and signage. ***A motion to establish an operating budget of \$2000 for 2018 was unanimously approved. Monies will be moved from the general fund to a dedicated line item on the balance sheet.***

Pastor Carl shared that Ann Renegar is planning to sell her house which adjoins the church property and is offering the church 'first refusal' for the purchase. The council indicated an interest in this purchase and requested Past Carl and Cam follow-up with Ann for the purchase price and additional details.

#### Closing Prayer and Adjourn

#### Next Council Meeting

May Council Meeting: **Sunday, May 13, 2018** from 7:30 am - 9:00 am

#### Church Lockup Schedule

May - Leanne Kluttz

June - J Wood

July - Jay Goodman

August - Charlotte Pacilio

September - Sue Wall

October - Boni Lowry

November - Harold Morris

December - Branson Pethel

January 2019 - Dale Beaver

Members were reminded to contact Cam Ritchie if back-up is needed in their absence.

Respectfully submitted,

***Vickie Agner-Keene***

Church Council Secretary

**Christiana Congregational Meeting  
April 8, 2018**

On Sunday, April 8, 2018 a special Congregational meeting was held at Christiana Lutheran Church for the purpose of voting on the Brighten the Beacon committee proposal to go out for bids on Stages 1 & 2 of the proposed Beacon Center building and to approve the funding plan for the project. This meeting was originally scheduled to take place on June 25, 2017 but was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

The meeting was called to order by Cam Ritchie, president, in the Smith Assembly Hall who asked for a motion to waive the reading of the previous congregational meeting's minutes which was made and approved.

The motion from the Council was read as follows:

*The June 2017 postponed congregational meeting be rescheduled to 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.*

Richard Crouch; Chairman of the Brighten the Beacon committee provided a historical overview of the actions of the committee, council and congregation leading up to this meeting.

Pastor Carl Haynes prayed for the deliberations of the meeting.

Jim Duncan and Dan Norman from Ramsey, Burgin, Smith, Architects then presented information relating to the building design which included 3D visuals of the building concept with cost management options. Discussion included various details and pricing options for the project.

Branson Pethel shared details of the funding package. The Master Plan has a current balance of \$438,000. In order to complete the project the church would be required to borrow \$1million to be paid back over 8 years; \$800,000 would be borrowed from a charitable foundation at no interest, \$200,000 would be a conventional loan borrowed from a financial institution. A hypothetical example was given of \$105 per month per giving unit for 8 years in addition to their current benevolent contributions. Discussion included alternate financing approaches and examples of other congregation's successful outcomes borrowing funds in this range.

There being no further discussion, there was a call for the question and the meeting moved to the sanctuary for the ballot vote. Cam Ritchie read the ballot as follows:

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> - The members of Christiana will borrow a sum not to exceed \$1 million to complete the project as presented.</p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>AND</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I, as a member, agree to personally support the repayment of this loan to the best of my ability.</p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>AND</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I approve the design and submitting it for bid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> - I do not support this plan.</p>
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Ninety-five (95) ballots were collected.

Yes: 4 No: 89 Abstained: 2

The vote for the Brighten the Beacon proposal did not pass.

Cam Ritchie closed the congregational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vickie Keene*

Vickie Keene, Church Council, Secretary