

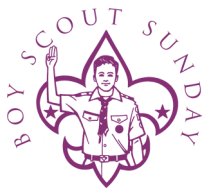
*We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.*

# Christiana Courier

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## Boy Scout Sunday is February 11

Christiana will recognize its Boy Scouts on February 11 during the morning worship service and the Scouts will take part in leading the service. We are blessed at Christiana to have such an active Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop and are grateful to the leaders for their faithful guidance of these young men and boys.



## Men's Prime Rib dinner will be Feb. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Don't delay, don't wait, don't be left out!

Tickets are \$25 per person and profits will go to the projects of Christiana Lutheran Men.

This is one of the most popular events of the year so get your tickets now!

## Lenten Schedule

**Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13**

5:30-7:30 pm Pancake Supper  
Fundraiser by Thrive Youth

**Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 14**

7:30pm; Theme: *Signed*  
Imposition of Ashes  
Holy Communion

**First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 18**

10:30am Worship with Holy Communion  
5pm Evening Lenten Service  
Theme: *Claimed*  
Meal follows in Smith Assembly Hall

**Second Sunday in Lent, Feb. 25**

10:30am Worship  
5pm Evening Lenten Service  
Theme: *Named*  
Meal follows in Smith Assembly Hall

## Souper Bowl set for Feb. 4

It's time for Souper Bowl Sunday. On February 4th funds will be collected for the food pantry at Rowan Helping Ministries. Collections will be taken at the end of the service in the Narthex and at both side doors. The food pantry is constantly giving food to those in need and any donation would be greatly appreciated. Let's make February 4th a "Souper Sunday" at Christiana Lutheran Church.



# Youth Stuff

## Thrive February Events

- Feb. 10**—Thrive helps with prime rib dinner @ 5:30pm
- Feb. 11**—Thrive @5
- Feb. 13**— Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30-7:30 pm
- Feb. 16—18** Thrive Winter Retreat at Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, SC . Meet at church, ready to leave, at 4:45 pm Feb. 16.

**Come join us any Sunday!**  
**THRIVE Lounge at 9:15 for breakfast**  
**Sunday School 9:15am**  
**Worship 10:30**

## January Attendance

**January 7**  
 Sunday School: 75  
 Worship: 113

**January 14**  
 Sunday School: 97  
 Worship: N/A

**January 21**  
 Sunday School: 86  
 Worship: N/A

## Those Who Serve in February

### Nursery Attendants

- Feb. 4:** Chris & Katie Sease
- Feb. 11:** Kevin & Susan Holland
- Feb. 18:** Carmen Merrell & Caylee Hawkins
- Feb. 25:** S Paskiewicz & E Barnes

### Children's Sermon Part 2

- Feb. 4** L Scott & Melody Riddle
- Feb. 11** Brittney Barnhardt & Youth
- Feb. 18** K Goodman & K Haynes
- Feb. 25** Jason & April Smith

### Offering Counters

- Feb. 4** M Zieverink & K Goodman
- Feb. 11** Laurie & Cam Ritchie
- Feb. 18** Marsha & Dale Beaver
- Feb. 25** R Crouch & E Eller

## February Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Rick Roper       | 18 Angie Fleming    |
| 2 Emma Scott       | 19 Debbie Eller     |
| 2 Christian Stokes | 19 Rhonda Honeycutt |
| 3 Janis Smith      | 19 T J Woods        |
| 3 Chloe Shank      | 20 Eric Reavis      |
| 5 Sierra Braun     | 21 Judy Stoner      |
| 7 Frances Peeler   | 25 Tommy Burriss    |
| 8 Jarrett Kluttz   | 25 Karen Goodman    |
| 11 Thomas Stokes   | 25 Landon Coffey    |
| 14 Lucas Coffey    | 27 Pat Ramsey       |
| 17 Nancy Agner     | 28 Jill Shank       |



## February Altar Flowers

- Feb. 4** Emily Barnes
- Feb. 11** Kevan Barringer
- Feb. 11** *Lent, no flowers*
- Feb. 26** *Lent, no flowers*

*Please see Kathy Haynes  
to sign up for altar 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](http://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.**

## **Congregational Prayer Concerns**

*Our Sympathy is expressed to*

Amanda Fox and family at the death of her mother, Teresa.

Charlie Shank and family at the death of his mother Emma.

Joe Haas and family at the death of his wife, Carolyn

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Glenn Wall's mom, Marie, Lutheran Home rm B9. Tommy Stoner NHRMC rm 111, breathing issues. Glenn Wilson, recovering from broken hip at Autumn Care rm. 618. Denise Koehn's mom, Shirley, health issues, 385 at NHRMC. Nancy Agner, NHRMC Stanback Unit rm. 202 for PT. Pat Ramsey, Autumn Care rm. 605. Eddie Eller, chemo for cancer in back and prostate. Angie and Laura's co-worker, Mike Yarbrough CANCER FREE. Jenny Roberts' friend, LuAnne Phelps, thyroid cancer. J Wood's sister, Anne Widholm, out of coma. Vaughn Hatley recovering from back surgery. 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, stage 3 kidney disease. Kathie Albright, under doctor's care. 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. Ann & Bill Meacham poor health.





## ***Baptized: Marked for Living!***

*“He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.”  
Mark 16:16a*

If you grew up in the Lutheran Church and went through Confirmation Class you are familiar with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism. In this small book, Luther covers the basics of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles Creed, the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. He writes about confession and absolution and being saved by grace through faith.

Luther wrote it so that the head of the household could teach his family the essence of the Christian faith. I use today as do all confessional, orthodox Lutheran pastors, in teaching Confirmation Class.

But how many of us are familiar with his Large Catechism? Sadly, not many Lutherans have read it. I would like to encourage you, as you continue reading through the Bible, to add to you readings, Luther’s Large Catechism. Use it as a refresher for your confirmation and go deeper in God’s Word regarding the basics of the Christian faith.

I would encourage you to read what Luther teaches about Holy Baptism, especially since that is the focus of our Lenten Series this year. To whet your appetite consider the following paragraph from the section on baptism: *“In baptism, therefore, every Christian has enough to study and practice all his life. He always has enough to do to believe firmly what baptism promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God’s grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with his gifts.”* (Paragraph 41, Large Catechism)

“For Lutherans, all of Christian living has its foundation in God’s action in baptism. All that God’s people are and can become and do grows out of God’s gracious act of love in baptism. The drowning and rising (the death of the old self and the resurrection of the new person) in baptism are the daith pattern of Christian existence. Baptism saves us and call us into the “baptismal existence” that focuses daily life in service to our neighbor.”<sup>1</sup>

Baptism, according to Scripture and taught by Luther, is not just a one time event that happened in our lives—it is a way of life. It marks us for life, for living our lives for Christ by making disciples. The best way we can serve our neighbor is by sharing God’s love by word and deed. If they have earthly needs we help to supply them. If they have spiritual needs, and we all do, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them.

In Holy Baptism God washes away our sins, cleanses us, saves us, claims us as his own and fills us with his Spirit to live our lives for him. When Jesus, the sinless Son of God, got ready to begin his ministry here on earth, he submitted to John’s baptism. John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. Jesus repented, not of his own sins (*remember he was sinless*) no he repented of our sins. He became one of us to take on our sins and pay for them by his “innocent suffering and death on the cross.” If baptism was important enough for Jesus, you better believe it is absolutely necessary for us.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, continuing with our evening Lenten services and ending with Easter Sunday, I will be using the Sola Lenten Series “Baptized: Marked for Living!” The messages each night will give us food for thought as we think about who we are as God’s covenant children in baptism and how we are to live as a people forever marked with the cross of Christ. We will conclude this series by affirming our baptism on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

I ask that each of you prayerfully consider making attending these services a priority in your life and the life of your family. As we gain a better understanding of the incredible gift God has given us in our baptism, may we be inspired to live our lives more and more for him out of a deep sense of gratitude.

*Pastor Carl*

<sup>1</sup> Sola Lenten Series “Baptized: Marked for Living!”

**Christiana Rowdy**  
**Seniors** will meet at  
Palermo's restaurant  
on Main Street in Salisbury  
at 12 noon on Thursday,  
February 1.



## February Scripture Lessons

### 5th Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 4

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 1:29-39

### Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 11

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6  
Mark 9:2-9

### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Joel 2:12-19  
Psalm 51:1-13  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### 1st Sunday in Lent, Feb. 18

Genesis 22:1-18  
Psalm 25:1-10  
James 1:12-18  
Mark 1:9-15

### 2nd Sunday in Lent, Feb. 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 5:1-11  
Mark 8:27-38

## Gifts to our Church

### To the Cemetery Fund

In memory of Harry and Miriam Fox by Donna J Fox  
In memory of Moses & Mac Kluttz by Barbara Jean Puri  
In honor of Bobby Barringer by an anonymous donor  
In memory of Jim and Willene Lyerly by Jimmy and Kathy Lyerly

**To the Healthcare Ministry** in honor of Jeff & Lu-Anne Scott by LaVaughn Beaver

**To the Memorial Fund** in memory of Gene Abernathy and in honor of Camille Abernathy by Sheryl Lyerly

### To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Carolyn Morrow by Charlotte & Nick Pacilio, LaVaughn & Alan Beaver, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Mike & Kate Beretsky, Robbie & Phyllis Robinson, Jay & Karen Goodman

In honor of Vickie & Mike Keene by Harry Agner

In honor of Eddie & Debbie Eller and Bobby Barringer by Ron & Wanda Smith

In honor of Frances Peeler and in memory of Carr Peeler, Jr. by Megan and Sheryl Lyerly

**To the Bus Fund** in memory of Carolyn Morrow by Madeline Zieverink, Peggy Boggs Class

**To the General Fund** in memory of Scruffy by Rick Roper

## Congregational Concerns

### Genesis Healthcare:

Carolyn Barringer Corl

### Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Katherine Lyerly  
Pauline Lyerly

### Liberty Commons:

Elizabeth Ritchie

### Autumn Care:

Glenn Wilson  
Juanita Hovis  
Pat Ramsey



**Christiana Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes Jan. 6, 2018**

**Present:**

Cam Ritchie, President  
Dale Beaver, Vice President  
Vickie Keene, Secretary  
Terry Ritchie

Branson Pethel  
LaVaughn Beaver  
Jay Goodman  
Linda Crouch

Harold Morris  
Sue Wall  
J Wood  
Boni Lowry

**Also Present:**

Carl Haynes, Pastor  
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer

**Absent:**

Leanne Kluttz  
Charlotte Pacilio  
Bruce Wilhelm

**Concerns, Receptions and Approvals**

It was noted that council members may be the council rep and/or the chair of a committee. Short reports for committee meetings, activities, and requests for approval are made by council reps at council meetings.

Committee appointments were reviewed, adjusted as needed and approved. Committee Reps will receive a list of members to contact and confirm each person's willingness to serve in 2018.

The bus committee will be added to the committee list.

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will be added to the committee list with Jenny Roberts as Chair and Charlotte Pacilio as Council Rep

The executive committee will determine how the 'constitution committee' will be considered as a standing committee or in an 'as needed' basis.

December 10, 2017 council minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial Report for December, 2017 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer. Additionally, a summary of 2017 total giving vs. expenses outside of the 2017 budget was provided for review. A net of \$18,204 was given by members in support of social ministry activities outside of budgeted items.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

A review of all church accounts and signers at F&M Bank, F&M Investment Services and InFaith Benevolent Foundation will be conducted by the stewardship committee to ensure accuracy.

It was suggested that the treasurer be a signer on all church accounts for access and review of account activity.

**Stewardship Committee:** Laurie Ritchie indicated F&M Bank has requested the name of the youth checking account match the checks that are deposited. Council members approved a change in the account name to 'Christiana Lutheran Church, Thrive Youth Account'.

Laurie Ritchie will provide a summary of 2017 Youth account activity.

**Scout Committee:** Boni Lowry will chair the committee until another volunteer is identified or confirmed. In light of the lack of parent, church or other leadership volunteers needed to sustain operations of the troop, the committee was encouraged to bring a recommendation to council for the future of Scout Troop 317.

**Property Committee:** A report of maintenance items performed in December 2017 was received. Peeler Environmental reported possible active termite activity in an area near the front of the church. The written report has not been received at this time.

**BtB Committee:** No recommendation at this time.

**2018 Lock Up** schedule was finalized. February Lock up: Vickie Keene

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjourn**

**Next Council Meeting**

February Council Meeting: **Sunday, February 11, 2018** from 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Agner-Keene  
Council Secretary

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

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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

Mailed January 24, 2018



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## Preschool now registering for next year

Christiana Preschool is now registering for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration is now open to currently enrolled preschool students, their siblings, Christiana church members and their families. For more information, please check our website: [www.christianalutheran.org](http://www.christianalutheran.org) and click on Preschool or contact Stacey Evans at 704-798-5089. After Feb. 1, the registration will be open to the public.

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- **WINTER SNOW SCHEDULE** •
- If it snows or ices on Sunday morning •
- and the roads are too dangerous for trav- •
- el, worship services will be cancelled and •
- the church phone tree will be activated •
- and an email will be sent to notify you. •
- Also check our website or Facebook page •
- or call Pastor Carl at 704-223-1468. •
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**LCW Group #1**  
will meet at 10 am on Feb. 6 at the church  
with Sue Wall, program leader.  
Lunch at Cracker Barrel

**Sister Lucille Lyerly LCW**  
February meeting details TBA