



# Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

*The January Bridge 01/05/18*

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**YOUR ABLE HANDS ARE NEEDED!  
PLEASE JOIN OUR 'TEAM' AS WE CAREFULLY  
DISMANTLE OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
AND OUR CHRISMON TREE.**

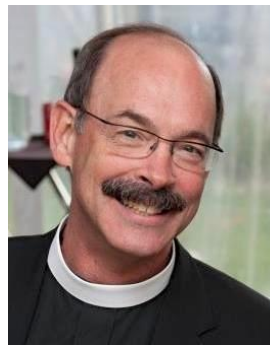
**Saturday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m.**



Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 21** between services (9:45 a.m.) in Heinrichs Hall.

We will be voting on our 2018 Ministry Spending Plan, discussing a Renovation Capital Campaign, ratifying our newly approved constitution, as well as addressing other pertinent church business.

## Pastor Emil



### Pastor's thoughts....

Well, it's a new year, and as I was preparing my annual report, which I hope you'll read when it's published, I stepped back to take a look at the big picture of what we're doing here at CLC. Thanks be to God, we had a very productive year in 2017. We are welcoming new members. Our

ministries have made a difference inside and outside these walls. The community is beginning to learn that we are alive and busy. We're seeing lots of seasonal visitors, many of whom are returning. We finished the year financially in the black. I can sense a happier, friendlier atmosphere among us.



**2018 Congregational Council** will be installed on **Sunday, January 14** (at both services). Please welcome our new 2018 Council as they come forward to accept their call to minister as leaders of our family of faith.

**Ministry Opportunities at CLC**  
**- need more info? Call the church office to find out who to contact. 843-785-5560**

Administration & Finance  
Church Council  
Communications  
Congregational Care  
Prayer Team  
Homebound Visitation  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
CLC Quilters  
Faith Formation  
Fellowship  
Christ's Loyal Chefs  
Inviting & Welcoming  
New Member ministries  
Personnel  
Preschool  
Properties and Maintenance  
Carpenters for Christ  
**Social Ministry**  
Soup Kitchen  
Backpack Buddies  
Deep Well  
Family Promise  
Stewardship  
Technology  
**Worship & Music**  
**(both services)**  
Acolyte  
Altar Guild  
Bulletin Angels  
Choir  
Communion Assistant  
Flower Guild  
Lector  
Sound Team  
Usher  
Worship Assistant

The point of all this is to say that we enter 2018 with momentum, and I call upon us to take advantage of that momentum. We can be heartened by our accomplishment for the sake of the Gospel and our relationships, but we must not waste the opportunity to move ahead in our mission. Every Sunday, we recite our mission statement, "We are disciples of Jesus, growing in faith, serving our community, and connecting others to Christ." I would ask each of us-myself included-to carefully read this mission statement several times, and ask ourselves, "How have I made this happen? What have I done as an individual disciple, and how have I been part of our congregation's efforts, to fulfill this mission?" And no matter how you answer-whether it's to say, "I feel I have made a real difference this year", or, "It looks like I haven't really done much," we must now look to the new year and decide whether we're going to use the time God has given us and do something. Certainly, there are those among us who are simply not able to do as much physically anymore. I would encourage them to consider joining the Prayer Team Ministry, which can be done from anywhere. But I'm thinking about the folks who are consuming and not participating, who *are* able to play a more physical role.

The question is this: Are we simply to be a chapel for Sunday morning worship and the occasional wedding and funeral, or are we the hands and feet and eyes of Christ in this community, called to worship God and commissioned to serve in the name of Christ?

Let's use our momentum to catapult us into this new year and new opportunity for greater things for the glory of God and the advancement of the Gospel. We might not be as big, or as rich as some of the other congregations on this island, but I believe we have a big heart for Christ, that there is a growing sense of relationship and love among our people, and that we are making a *significant* difference in our community.

I would like us to focus on strengthening the ministry teams we already have in place, particularly in the area of leadership and co-leadership. We are also going to challenge ourselves to pursue, in a much more aggressive way, the dormant building renovation plan.

This ought to keep us busy! Please join me in rededicating ourselves to the mission of CLC.

Let's do this!

In Christ's Service,  
***Pastor Emil***

# Congratulations



## BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Ken Heugel  
1/2 Vera Conway  
1/3 Faye Reinhardt & Janet Springer  
1/5 JoAnn Sebulsky  
1/6 Gary Fons  
1/7 Greg Brondos  
1/9 Tony Olesh  
1/11 Nolan Hanson  
1/12 Helen Babbitts  
1/13 Naomi Gosdin & Alice Williard  
1/14 Doris Stickel  
1/15 Patricia Wasson  
1/17 Evelyn Clausen & Nathaniel Gosdin  
1/18 Julie Vaglianti  
1/19 DJ Murray  
1/20 Henry Johns  
1/23 Leslie Heavener  
1/25 Nancy Englund  
1/28 Connie Simon

## ANNIVERSARIES

1/30 Jack & Joyce Keller (63 yrs)

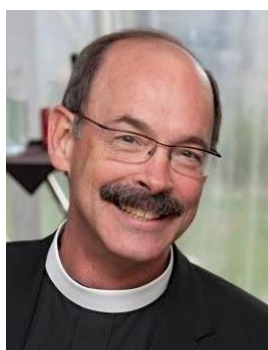
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## ALTAR FLOWERS Update

**Starting in 2018, Altar Flowers will be \$40 / vase.** You may sign up on the sheets available in the hallway and place your payment, along with a payment slip (available at bottom of bulletin board) in the offering plate.

In an ongoing effort to minimize expenditures where possible, we



## Pastor's thoughts...

### PART II

A friend of mine sent this to me, and I just had to share it with you, because it speaks directly to each of us:

"Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.'

Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.'

Finally the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest Tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter, 'and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, 'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy Because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one,' and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces, and left alone in



have diminished the amount of numbered boxed offering envelopes purchased by the church.

**In doing this, please note that you will have a NEW envelope # beginning in 2018.**

**Boxes are labeled (alphabetically) and ready for pick up in the narthex.** Please remember to pick your box up when you are here on a Sunday.

And remember, using your 'Initial Offering' envelope in January helps us to offset the overall costs of the envelopes.



**We would like to thank everyone who gave to the Staff Christmas Purse. It was a delightful surprise and we appreciate the love and Christmas cheer it brought to our holidays.**

**Silke, Barbara, Jim, Nancy & Mike**

the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said 'Peace' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best."

Amen!

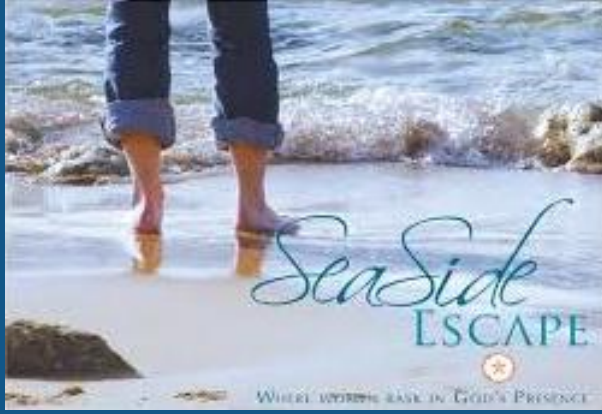
*Pastor Emil*

**CLC's 5th Annual Women's Retreat - Saturday March 3, 2018**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**PLEASE PLAN ON BEING PART OF OUR ANNUAL RETREAT!**





"Be Still and Know that I am God"  
Psalm 46:10

SeaSide Escape will help us to find rest and relaxation from the hustle and bustle of life as we slow down and spend time with God and each other. This beach-themed retreat includes Bible study based on the stories of Sarah and Hagar; uplifting worship; a time for Christian service; and relationship-building activities to help us discover the depth of

God's love, strength, and compassion.

**Sign-up and detailed information coming soon!**

## CONNECTED - A Contemporary Faith Encounter

**CONNECTED Faith Encounter: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

**Starting January 10, our unique CONNECTED service will be offered EVERY WEDNESDAY at 6 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall. (Until Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018)**



**Service: The Needs Right Around You.** There is an overwhelming need in the world that can sometimes paralyze us and keep us from action. If we focus our attention on the smaller picture, we often see places of need that have been right in front of us all along.

Join us on **Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m.** for a light supper (pizza & salad) as we discuss **Service** and how it changes us by shifting our Time, Attention and Resources to something other than ourselves. How might practicing intentional acts of service change your perspective? Your neighborhood, your workplace, your community?

## CLC PRESCHOOL

Our **Literacy Program** is as popular as ever with the children. This month we have a new book titled "*Christmas is Here.*" It is a beautiful retelling of the birth of the baby Jesus. There are still three months of this program without sponsors. **The cost is \$125 and is tax deductible.** If you are interested in sponsoring a month, please contact Janet Betts at the Preschool 843-785-6570

**Special Note:**

**We would appreciate any help in filling our Helping Hand Box ( located on the ministry table in the narthex.) A little help goes a long way for the preschool. Thank you!**

## CLC Ministry Opportunities

**"My Name Is \_\_\_\_\_ and my Ministry is \_\_\_\_\_"**

**Social Ministry Team** meeting – **January 9 at Noon in Heinrichs Hall.** We will discuss and plan for the Family Promise guests that Christ Lutheran will host January 21 - February 4. We welcome everyone, and encourage all who are interested in our new outreach program to attend. Questions? Please be in touch with Leslie Heavener.

## THE ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - EVERY THURSDAY AT 11:30 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

We are supporting the St. James Church soup kitchen **every Thursday of the week**. We provide home-baked goods and fresh fruit. We have a list of volunteers who bake on an assigned schedule. **Please keep remembering your assigned week and drop your baked goods at the office** (Mon-Thurs or Sunday at church)! We always appreciate fruit and monetary donations! **THANK YOU! If you want to be added to the list of regular bakers, please contact Leslie Heavener.**

### SOUPER BOWL of CARING - FEBRUARY 4 BENEFITING OUR ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN

Who will be the teams playing in the 2018 Super Bowl?  
Will we donate to our team and therefore help to raise money for the soup kitchen?



#### 2018 Super Bowl odds:

The New England Patriots have the best odds to win Super Bowl LII. On the Vegas Insiders odds, the Patriots are 5/2. The defending NFC champion Atlanta Falcons are at 16/1. But the Philadelphia Eagles are second at 4/1. The Pittsburgh Steelers are third at 6/1. Next up are the Minnesota Vikings at 10/1. The Los Angeles Rams and the New Orleans Saints are tied at 12/1.

**Whoever your team is....plan to make our soup kitchen a WINNING TEAM! Last year we raised \$1,321.77, an outstanding result!**

## THE DEEP WELL PROJECT



Deep Well had another successful Christmas Santa Shop thanks to all the wonderful food, toy and monetary donations from local residents and businesses and civic/church organizations, like Christ Lutheran Church. **Close to 300 families, including over 700 children, benefited in some way from all these donations.**

Deep Well has never given away so many bicycles as it did this season! The Deep Well Board and staff is most grateful.

The next Deep Well Food Pantry donation Sunday is coming up this **Sunday, January 7**. If you can't make it to the grocery to purchase some item to donate, take a moment and grab something (a can of soup, jar of jelly, box of cereal etc.) from your pantry or cupboard and bring it to church on Sunday. Any and all donations are gratefully received and given to the Pantry.

Keep Deep Well in mind when you have household goods and furniture to donate to an organization. The truck picks up on Fridays, call the Deep Well office at 843-785-2849 for an appointment.

Give Chris Wilcox a call if you have questions and need further information. 843-342-9711

**OUR NEXT DEEP WELL SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND -- JANUARY 7,  
PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO HELP FILL THE BLUE WAGON!**

#### Immediate Needs:

Cereal

Oatmeal Packets/containers

Jelly

Peanut Butter

Tuna Cans

Paper Towels

Kleenex

**Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon! Your continuing donations are so appreciated.**

## **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

**Back on Schedule!!!** This is an ongoing program under The Hunger Coalition that provides nutritious food to 250 children at three elementary schools for the weekend. These children are all on the free or reduced cost lunch and breakfast programs at school but do not have enough food at home. We partner with Hilton Head Elementary and it takes many volunteers to make it work!



### **NEXT DATES:**

**Setting up food at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, January 10 & 31**

**Packing backpacks at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays, January 11 & February 1 (in Heinrichs Hall)**

Interested in helping out? Please give me a call or email to discuss what you can do. Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710, [dlstickel@aol.com](mailto:dlstickel@aol.com)

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December 27, 2017

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hunger Coalition of the Lowcountry and the entire Backpack Buddies Committee, I would like to express our deepest and sincerest gratitude to you for your generous contribution of \$547.00. We are grateful for your financial contribution and your support of our endeavors to appease hunger in our community. In seven years the Backpack Buddies program of Hilton Head has gone from serving 50 elementary children to this year providing weekend meals for more than 300 needy youngsters. We know that there are still more children who could benefit from our services and, with continued support from the community, we look forward to expanding our program in the years to come.

It is continued support of local organizations, churches and individuals like you that encourages us to continue to help those who desperately need our services.

Sincerely,

Michael Weingarten, Treasurer

## **CLC Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation for children (K to 5th) and Faith Formation for youth (6th to 12th grade):**

K to 5th meet every Sunday at 9:45 am.

6th to 12th meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10 am

**Youth and Kids will meet THIS SUNDAY 1/7/2018 to kick off the new year!**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION - Classes resume Sunday, January 7 at 9:45 am in Heinrichs Hall. Hope you can join us!** Our Adult Faith Formation group is a warm and inviting class of friendly and caring individuals. We love to learn, laugh, and support one another through our Christian journey. We are composed of couples and singles from both worship services, and visitors and new members are always welcome.

We will provide you with a quarterly booklet, published by Augsburg Adult Bible Studies, which covers a wide range of biblical books and themes. Our study is intended to explore the Scriptures, what they mean, and discuss how they relate to our daily walk with Christ. So, come join us any time you can for refreshments, fellowship, prayer, and study. We look forward to

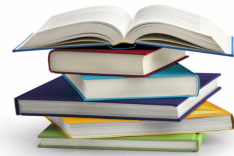
## CLC Fellowship

### CLC Adult Choir - practice every Wednesday at 5pm

Our Adult Choir sings every Sunday at 10:30 AM. Anyone who likes to sing is cordially invited to sing with us. If you cannot commit to the entire year, you can sing when your schedule permits. We practice on Wednesday nights at 5:00 pm. Please contact Jim Fritz (843-684-7336) if you are interested or have questions.

### CLC Book Club

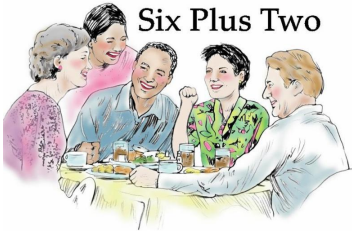
The CLC Book Club gathers for its first 2018 meeting on **Saturday, January 20 at 1:30 p.m.** Chris Wilcox will host at her home at 15 Jingle Shell Lane, Hilton Head Island 29926.



We encourage all interested readers (visitors, part time members) to come as the group hopes to compile the list of books to read during 2018. The choices are endless, and we always want to read more books than we can possibly discuss in a year! **Chris lives in Hilton Head Plantation so call her (843-342-9711) or email her ([christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com)) to request a gate pass or for more information.**

### Dinners for 6 + 2

Dinners for  
Six Plus Two



#### ***It's time to RE-GROUP!!!***

Sign up now for **2018 DINNERS FOR 6 + 2**. Get to know other Christ Lutheran members and enjoy a meal together. Groups of eight people (three couples and two singles) meet in each other's homes three times during the year. (The singles are not asked to host a dinner.) The group chooses a mutually agreeable time. The host couple prepares the entree and asks the others to bring side dishes and dessert. If one of the couples is not able to host a meal in their

home, they can plan a Dutch-treat meal out. You will find a sign-up sheet in the narthex through January 7, 2018. In mid-January you will receive a letter with information on your group. Come join the fun!

## CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers.  
Please pray for :

- John Babbitts, recovering from knee surgery
- Gary Reynolds, recovering from fall
- Anne Davis, recovering from back surgery
- George Kline
- Roy Black, cancer spread to liver
- Capt. Justin Carter
- John "Bud" Ehlers
- Ed Davis, treatment for cancer
- Jane Williamson, failing health
- Susie Ruth (sister of Paulette Stefanik), Cancer
- Gail Murray (daughter of DJ Murray)
- Gary Gregory (son of Lois Gregory)
- Donna Putrino
- ALL service personnel





\*Ongoing prayer need. Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office.

## Events Happening at CLC

Sunday 1/7	8:30 am	Blended Worship Service
	9:45 am	Faith Formation youth/kids
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
Tuesday, 1/9	Noon	Social Ministry Team
	1:00 p.m.	Admin & Finance Team
Wednesday 1/10	1:00 pm	Women's AA Group
	4:15 p.m.	Back Pack Buddies Set Up
	5:00 pm	Choir practice
	6:00 p.m.	CONNECTED Faith Experience
Thursday 1/11	10:30 a.m.	Back Pack Buddies Packing
	12:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
Friday 1/12	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:30 pm	Friday Night AA Group

