



# Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

*The February Bridge 02/02/18*

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## Lent

**Ash Wednesday Worship - February 14, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m. with imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion**

**Wednesdays, Feb. 21- March 21, 2018**

Join us for Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer @ 7:00 p.m

We will be discussing the DVD series  
"God Is Closer than You Think" by John Ortberg  
during the teaching portion of the service.

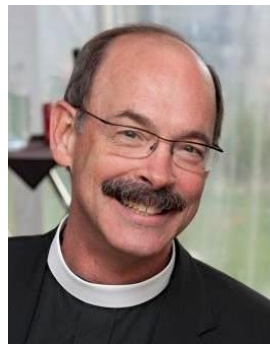


## Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 4** 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....

We will be conducting our annual congregational meeting this Sunday at 9:45 am, in Heinrichs Hall. I would ask you to please make plans to attend. We have important business of the church to discuss, and some decisions that need to be made which will impact our future. I consider it the

responsibility of every voting member to attend and lend your voice. Please make sure to read and bring your Annual Report and copy of the Endowment Fund Continuing Resolution.

On another note, we are preparing to close the Christmas cycle that consists of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

On Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, we will observe the Transfiguration

**Ministry Opportunities at CLC**  
- need more info? Call the church office to find out who to contact. 843-785-5560. Or check the list for current contacts in the Feb. 4 Sunday bulletin.

**Administration & Finance**  
**Church Council**

**Communications**  
**Congregational Care**

Prayer Team  
Caring Cards  
Homebound Visitation  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
CLC Quilters

**Faith Formation**

**Fellowship**

Christ's Loyal Chefs  
Activity Planning

**Inviting & Welcoming**

New Member ministries

**Personnel**

**Preschool**

**Properties and Maintenance**

Carpenters for Christ

**Social Ministry**

Soup Kitchen  
Backpack Buddies  
Deep Well  
Family Promise

**Stewardship**

**Worship & Music**

**(both services)**

Acolyte  
Altar Guild  
Bulletin Angels  
Choir  
Communion Assistant  
Flower Guild  
Lector  
Sound Team  
Usher  
Worship Assistant

of our Lord. Then on the 14<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the season of fasting and contemplation-Lent-with our Ash Wednesday observance. That evening, we **will** gather at 7:00 pm for worship and imposition of ashes.

On this most solemn and holy day, we are called to kneel before the altar and have blackened crosses of ash imprinted on our foreheads. You will hear the words, "Remember your mortality, and anticipate your eternity" spoken over you. The traditional saying with which most of us are familiar is, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," but I have changed the saying, because I want this moment to be dramatic and soul-shaking. Returning to dust sounds finite. On Ash Wednesday, we are given a clear reminder that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. It is also meant as a reminder of the reality of our eternity, and that we each live, not only a mortal life on this earth, but an immortal life after our physical death, and that it is by God's sacrifice and grace alone that we are not condemned.

For me, Lent is the most significant season of the church year. It is a dark journey, void of alleluias, which leads me to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, to witness for myself the sacrifice and the pain that Christ endured, so that I might be reconciled with God. Then I will travel to the tomb on Easter morning to witness God's promise fulfilled in Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Jesus is raised on Easter morning to live forever, so that I may be raised to live forever, as well, in the love of God's eternal light. God is proven mightier than any power, even the power of death and the devil. I celebrate with great "Alleluias" on Easter morning, and proclaim, "CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED! I need this time of contemplation and penitential prayer. It is my time to prepare for the party of Easter morning. I have said before, a party for its own sake can be fun, to be sure.

But a party given for a reason and with a theme, a party for which I've prepared, is so much more understandable and enjoyable.

I invite you to join me on this deep, spiritual journey. Take time to consider what had to happen in order for us to have the gift of eternal life, and what our appropriate response of praise and thanks is.

As for our Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will gather for a light supper at 6:00 pm, followed by worship using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy at 7:00 pm. For our teaching time, we will be watching a DVD series by Dr. John Ortberg titled "God Is Closer Than You Think." Each DVD presentation is approximately ten minutes long, followed by guided discussion that will allow everyone to participate.

I'll see you all on Ash Wednesday and on the



**BIRTHDAYS**

2/3 Neil Strohmaier  
2/7 Joe Fudjack  
2/10 June Johnson  
2/14 Carla Bech-Hansen, Sue Weber  
2/19 Paul Gerhart

2/26 Jacob Eddy, Jackie Longo, Avery White  
2/27 Ingrid Low

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 Chris & Teresa Madison (38 yrs)  
2/20 Jimmy & Phyllis Rowe (54 yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) with any corrections.



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Starting  
Wednesday February 21,  
6:00 p.m.

Two Soups will be provided by Christ's Loyal Chefs and you are asked to bring a salad, appetizer, dessert or bread to share.

As is our tradition, we ask that you bring **small wrapped candies** to fill our Easter eggs for our

**ANNUAL PRESCHOOL  
EASTER EGG HUNT**  
(Sat. Mar. 24 @ 10 a.m.)



As you gather for our Lenten supper, you will have time to help **fill** plastic eggs at each table.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

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Wednesdays during Lent!

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Emil*



## David & Tami Kuhlmann

**Tami Kuhlmann** was born and raised in Westerville, Ohio and has lived in central Ohio for her entire life (until now). She simultaneously received her Master of Science and Doctor of Optometry degrees from The Ohio State University. Over the course of her 30+ year career in optometry she built Eyecare Professionals of Powell (Ohio) from a one woman operation to a thriving practice with six doctors. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, serves on the faculty at The Ohio State University, and has participated in multiple eye care mission trips to third-world countries. She is currently enrolled at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio and will earn her Master of Arts in Church Music (MACM) in 2018. Here on the island, Tami is active in the Turtle Trackers and Sea Pines Women's Club.

**David Kuhlmann** was born outside of Buffalo, NY and has lived in multiple cities around Ohio. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University and his Master of Theological Studies from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. He is still working out of his home here on the island as a sales engineer for a fabricator of large equipment in support of major aerospace and national defense programs. David is an avid woodworker and enjoys walking, biking, golfing, and soccer.

As a 6-year old, Tami "met" David on the last Sunday his father preached at their church in Westerville before moving away. When his father returned the family to Columbus to serve in the Ohio District office of the ALC, Tami and David "officially" met as high schoolers working at McDonald's. Eventually David's mom brought out the



members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

**We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Christ Lutheran Church received \$321 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. We hope this gift helped to further support your incredible work.**

All 2017 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct. Have you directed yours to Christ Lutheran Church? As a reminder, 2017 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2018.

### EASTER LILIES

With your help, Easter lilies will once again enhance our chancel as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.



Forms will be available starting February 18 in the narthex and in your bulletins.

old photo albums and while looking through them, Tami saw a picture that reminded her David was the little boy she hadn't seen in 12 years. After 36 years of marriage, they now have their first granddaughter, Paige, who lives in Cleveland with their daughter Elise and son-in-law Tony. Their other daughter, Mallory (also an optometrist) lives in Arlington, VA with her husband, Chad.

David and Tami have transferred their membership from Lord of Life Lutheran Church, ELCA, Worthington, OH, where they started and led a contemporary service for the past 10 years. Both are eager to continue to use their spiritual gift of music at CLC.



**Phyllis & Wendy Dickes**

**Phyllis Dickes** is a native of Ohio. Phyllis worked as a Registered Nurse. She volunteered her services with the Red Cross and other organizations before fully retiring. She and her husband Don lived on a 25-acre Gentleman's farm. They moved to Hilton Head Island in 2016 just before Don passed away. Phyllis enjoys gardening, knitting, reading and working on jig saw puzzles. She lives in a home in the Cypress, is the mother of 2 daughters, a son-in-law and 2 married granddaughters.

**Wendy Lynne Dickes** was born and raised in Canton Ohio. She began visiting Hilton Head Island on family vacations in 1975 and fell in love with the Lowcountry. In July 2015 Wendy relocated to the Island. She left the corporate world to pursue her passions of art, gardening and nature. She received her Master Naturalist certification and began volunteering with Coastal Discovery Museum, Awendaw Avian Conservation Center and Pinckney Wildlife Refuge. She paints in oil and oil pastel mediums focusing on landscapes, birds and pet portraits.

TACKLE



HUNGER

The SUPER BOWL is here  
and with it also the  
**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!**

PLEASE HELP US TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
OUR ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN!

**LET OUR SOUP KITCHEN WIN!!**  
**(We raised over \$1,300 last year!)**

The soup kitchen now feeds an average of 200 people every Thursday! That is more than ever before! We need your support!

Please give toward the WIN of your favorite team, or if you don't have one, give toward a WIN to fight hunger right here on our island!

**FINAL Collection Sunday is Feb. 4**  
**Sunday, Jan. 28, we raised:**  
**Eagles \$280 Patriots \$140**

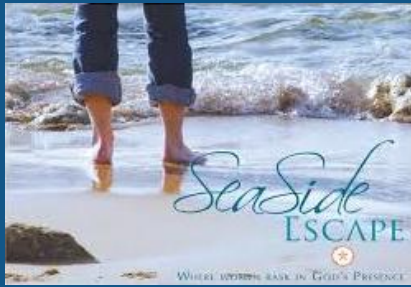


## CLC COUNCIL CORNER

Council Highlights from the January 16 meeting...

- We welcomed new Council members Rita Hungate and Susan Fidler.
- Staff and Ministry Team reports were reviewed and approved as written.
- Approved funds for tree limb trimming throughout the property per a motion by John Babbitts.
- Reviewed the agenda for the Feb.4th Annual Congregational meeting.
- We elected our Council officers for 2018. Council decided to retain our current Council leadership as follows:
  - President - Joe Etter, Vice-President - Jim Breland & Secretary - Kathy Reynolds
- We filled our Ministry Team Liaison leaders as follows:
  - Administration & Finance - Gary Reynolds
  - Communications - Kathy Reynolds
  - Congregational Care - Rita Hungate
  - Faith Formation - Susan Fidler
  - Fellowship - Audrey Spergl
  - Inviting & Welcoming - Rita Hungate
  - Personnel - Joe Etter
  - Properties & Maintenance - John Babbitts
  - Social Ministry - Leslie Heavener
  - Stewardship - Jim Breland
  - Worship & Music - Phyllis Rowe
  - Youth & Family - Anderson Sullivan
- We discussed security issues with the church internet system and access. We passed a motion to add an additional internet router and a liability waiver for use by outside organizations that would help solve this issue.
- We discussed our February meeting where we will determine our top priorities for 2018.

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



**SIGN UP NOW, RIGHT HERE ONLINE!**

**Members, Part-time Residents, Visitors**

**PLEASE PLAN ON BEING PART OF  
OUR ANNUAL WOMEN'S 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.

Retreat is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch, snacks, drinks and material are provided. Cost is \$ 20 per person, make check out to Christ Lutheran Church, memo "Women's Retreat".

**Register ON-LINE** by clicking here [online sign-up](#) or via the email sent out last week!

(You can also sign up on paper in the narthex)

Didn't get the email? - call the office to have it sent to you

## CLC PRESCHOOL



### IT'S BIRDIE TIME!!

February 1st kicks off our Heritage Classic Foundation's Birdies for Charity Fundraiser. This will be our fifth year participating in this wonderful community wide fundraiser. **We receive 100% of the money we raise PLUS an additional 15% from the Heritage Classic Foundation.** The Birdies for Charity, for those unfamiliar, is like a walk-a-thon, but instead of donating per mile, participants make a pledge for every birdie made during the tournament or a flat donation of \$25 or more. We hope you will show support by making an online pledge at

[HeritageClassicFoundation.com](http://HeritageClassicFoundation.com)

between February 1 and March 31 and designating your donation to **Christ Lutheran Preschool**. Or you can fill out a pledge form that will soon be in the Narthex and we will handle the rest!

Monies raised will be used to enhance our playgrounds. Research has shown that young children are not getting enough physical exercise. Physical exercise is not only needed for strong bones and bodies but it also helps build strong minds. It fires up the brain and gets it ready for other types of learning. The teachers at the preschool have taken a strong interest in making sure our children have ample time for physical exercise along with varied ways to do so. One of our purchases from a previous Birdies fundraiser was to install two horizontal bars in the big playground. It has been interesting to watch children who could not reach the bar just to hang

from, learn how to jump and reach the bar and shinny up the side to sit on top. They use muscles and thinking processes they otherwise may not have had a chance to use. (would like to also attach a photo of a playground from long ago)

**Let's make this year's Birdies for Charity our best ever! Thank you for your support.**



## CLC Ministry Opportunities

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

### Family Promise

We are hosting 3 families from Jan. 21 - Feb. 4 in the Sale Education Center



**Volunteers are needed a to help with clean-up on Sunday afternoon, February 4.**

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please be in touch with Elsa Felten 847-830-6348 or email: [elsafelten@yahoo.com](mailto:elsafelten@yahoo.com). Thank you!!

### 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.

### THE DEEP WELL PROJECT



The holidays are in our rear-view windows; winter has been exceptionally cold. For so many Deep Well clients the shock of electrical heating bills will be staggering as so many clients live in under insulated mobile homes and run down apartments. Requests for help with these bills are keeping the volunteers and staff at Deep Well busy. While not all heating requests can be honored, food requests, particularly when there are children involved, are mostly always honored. Getting food from Deep Well allows many clients to take their food money and apply it to their utility bills, especially when work hours have been seasonally cut. This is



where the food donations from Christ Lutheran are especially appreciated! As a church we are donating more to the pantry shelves at Deep Well. All donations are appreciated! Give Chris Wilcox a call if you have questions and need further information. 843-342-9711

From Jean, the Pantry Manager at Deep Well, comes these requests:

Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Grape jelly  
Rice  
Chef Boyardee cans of spaghetti, ravioli etc.

**OUR NEXT DEEP WELL SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND -- February 4**

**PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO HELP FILL THE BLUE WAGON!**

### **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

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 Wednesday, February 28**

**Packing backpacks at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 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)

## **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





**CLC Youth group outing with dinner at Street Meet followed by a contemporary worship experience at Christian Renewal Church on a Friday night in January 2018.**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION - Sundays 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 seeing you soon.

## CLC Fellowship

will meet on **Thursday, February 8 @ 1:00 p.m.** in the **Crafts Room** in the **Sales building**. If you are interested in working within this team, or simply have ideas to share, please join us! Questions? Contact the church office 843-785-5560.



**Fellowship Ministry Team**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

*Tuesday, February 13*  
*6:00 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall*



***Please mark your attendance slip on Sunday to let us know of your plans to attend.***

Being the last day of the liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Roman Catholics, who, as they begin the Lenten Season, "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

## CLC Book Club

The CLC Book Club met on January 20 to compile a list of books the group will read and discuss during 2018. So many possibilities were presented; 2 lists were generated—one for our monthly meetings and another one of those books that did not make the final list. The group will continue to meet the 3rd Saturday of the month (taking a hiatus in July and August).

On **February 17**, we will meet at Doris Stickel's home at **1:30 p.m.** to discuss The Girl with Seven Names by Hyeonseo Leo. This should be a timely read about a woman who risked everything to escape her life under North Korean tyranny in 1997. If you would like a copy of our book lists or want further information about our group, please call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711. We are a welcoming fellowship of reading. Please join us!



To plan ahead...on Saturday, March 17 (Happy St. Patrick's Day!), the group will discuss the book Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. The winner of multiple book awards in 2013 and 2014, Ordinary Grace is "an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God." We will meet at Elsa Fenten's home.

## CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- The family of Dorcas Leibold as they mourn her death
- Faye Reinhardt, rehab at LifeCare
- Amelia Williams, recovering from fall
- Dale Geuss, heart & kidney issues
- Michael Guerrieri, cancer treatment
- Ann Marie Dwornikoski, kidney failure/Alzheimers
- Gary Reynolds, recovering from surgery
- Roy Black, cancer
- Capt. Justin Carter, deployed to Pacific
- Ann Davis, recovering from back surgery
- All those affected by the devastation of the hurricanes, fires & earthquakes
- George Kline
- Bud Ehlers
- Ed Davis, continued treatment for cancer
- Jane Williamson, failing health
- Susie Ruth (*sister of Paulette Stefanik*), cancer
- Gail Murray (*daughter of DJ Murray*)
- Donna Putrino
- Gary Gregory
- ALL service personnel



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

## Events Happening at CLC

<b>Sunday 2/4</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Blended Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
Wednesday 2/7	9:00 a.m.	PreSchool Board Meeting
	1:00 pm	Women's AA Group
	3:45 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice
	5:00 pm	Choir Practice
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CONNECTED Faith Experience</b>
Thursday 2/8	11:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive

	12:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Ministry Team
Friday 2/9	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:30 pm	Friday Night AA Group

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

