



Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

The March BRIDGE 03/02/18

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Time to
Spring Ahead

**REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS
ONE HOUR FORWARD
SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 10!**

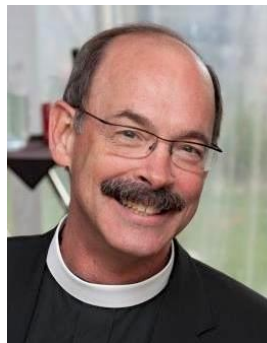


Wednesdays thru March 21
6:00 p.m.

Two Soups are provided by Christ's Loyal Chefs. Please bring a salad, appetizer, dessert or bread to share.

As is our tradition, we ask that you **please bring small wrapped candies** to fill our Easter eggs for our **ANNUAL PRESCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT** (Sat. Mar. 24 @ 11 a.m.)

Pastor's Thoughts



It was brought to my attention this week that I failed to acknowledge the recent passing of the Rev. Dr. Billy Graham. For that omission, I apologize. Dr. Graham was one of the most recognized and influential persons of our age. He brought tens of millions of

people to faith in Jesus Christ, yet he remained a humble servant, who only wanted to bring glory to God and not to himself. I cannot say that I agree with all of his theology, or all of his socio/political views, but no one can deny that God worked through him in a most remarkable way to forward the cause of the Gospel and open the hearts of so many to God's Word. We commend him to God's eternal care, ask for God's peace for his family, and give God thanks for bringing him among us.



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



Wednesdays thru March 21
7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer

a contemplative service with music, scripture, & teaching time

We will continue our discussion using the DVD series "*God Is Closer than You Think*" by John Ortberg during the teaching portion of the service.

NOTE: *If you have missed any part of the series, you can jump in at any time. Each presentation works with the others, yet stands alone as a teaching element.*

Ongoing Topics will include:

- 3/7: Listening to the Voice of God
- 3/14: God Wants a Relationship with You
- 3/21: Heaven Breaking Through

On another note, the number of comments I receive from visitors about how friendly and welcoming our congregation is continues to increase. Well Done! This is THE most important thing we can do to get our name on the street! Nine out of ten people who return and eventually join will tell you that they came back because of the friendly atmosphere, and because they see everything we're doing here in ministry. We have island residents who are searching for a church family, and we have LOTS of annual visitors to the island. It is imperative that we let them know how happy we are that they are worshiping with us. Remember, the frequent visitor of today is the permanent resident of tomorrow, and when they move here, they'll join us in our mission.

I'm not into growth for the sake of growth. I'm into growth because that means more people will hear God's Word and receive the sacraments. More people will come into ministry, which feeds their souls and furthers our mission.

However, I am still a little concerned with how welcome we are making families with children feel. Children chirp! They get a little squirmy! What we must NEVER, EVER DO is show annoyance with the presence of youth in our worship service. In fact, we should make an extra effort to make them feel welcome. I realize we have "old school" Lutherans among us who were brought up in the church understanding that one must NEVER make a noise, or move, or look happy to be there. I believe more and more people are looking for a place where they can relax and feel safe, but still practice a Lutheran liturgy that honors God with reverence. That is how we will attract more people. Let the younger families, teenagers and kids know how happy you are that they are with us. Failure to do so is the kiss of death for a congregation.

Our Lenten journey continues. As part of our Lenten discipline, we gather on Wednesday at 6:00 pm for a light supper, followed by evening prayer at 7:00.

I hope you will join us for this important time of fellowship, worship, and learning.

See You Sunday!
In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil



March 25: Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
Worship w/Holy Communion

CAR WASH - SUNDAY, MARCH 18
YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER

*Palm Processional & Children's
Message*

8:30 a.m. -- Blended

**9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
& Faith Formation Classes**

10:30 a.m. -- Traditional

March 29: Maundy Thursday

**7:00 p.m. Worship w/Holy
Communion**

*to include Foot Washing
& Stripping of the Altar*

March 30: Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Worship

Seven Last Words on the Cross

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

*This is a service of deepening
darkness as the readings and
hymns of the passion
bring us to the sealing of the tomb
of Christ*

April 1: Easter Sunday

Resurrection of Our Lord

Worship w/Holy Communion

& Children's Message

8:30 a.m. -- Blended

10:30 a.m. -- Traditional



Congratulations

BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Ray Stickel
3/4 Judy Morton
3/15 Brianne Gorddard
3/17 Peyton DeMaria, Phyllis Novosad
3/18 Anne Ellis
3/19 Philip Peter
3/23 Robin Peter
3/25 Kathy Johnson
3/27 Judy Johnson
3/30 Nick Gosdin, Allison Taylor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

ON MARCH 18, DURING BOTH SERVICES, OUR YOUTH AND PARENTS WILL PROVIDE A CAR WASH FOR ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS.



WE ARE ASKING FOR A GENEROUS FREE WILL OFFERING TO SUPPORT OUR SUMMER PLANS TO ATTEND A CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP IN FLORIDA.

PLEASE BE PART OF THIS FUNDRAISER. OUR YOUTH DOES AN AWESOME JOB WASHING YOUR CARS!

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.



Please submit your form with payment, via the offering plate or to the church office no later than Sunday, March 11.

Its A Muddle!

As announced last Sunday, our envelope company made errors in a small section of the 2018 envelopes.



As you get towards the end of March, you will see the confusion. They have informed us they will be re-printing the envelopes for 3/21, 3/25 & 4/1. In the meantime, if you are working ahead please:

- Use 4/4 Lenten Envelope for 3/21 Lenten offering
- Use 4/8 Palm Sunday for 3/25 Palm Sunday offering
- Use 4/15 Easter Envelope for 4/1 Easter offering



If you would like to donate to a specific need for our church, please note the following:

— **Preschool Storage** (note: your generosity towards

ANNIVERSARIES

3/21 Bob & Loretta Warden (62 yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at info@clchhi.com with any corrections.

this need is greatly appreciated. We have almost met our goal!)

— **Name Tag Ministry**

— **Upgrade Phone System**

Simply note on the memo line of your check where you would like your gift designated.

THANKS IN ADVANCE for your support!

CLC COUNCIL CORNER

Below is a brief recap of our most recent Christ Lutheran Council meeting which was held on Feb. 20, 2018.

Minutes from our January 16th meeting were approved.

- Staff and Ministry reports were reviewed and approved.
- Council considered and passed a recommendation from the Administrative & Finance Committee along with approval from the Personnel Committee which recommended a one-time performance adjustment of \$3,500 for the Parish Administrator and \$2,500 for the Music Director. Neither of these positions have received any additional compensation over the past two years despite outstanding performance. We felt it was appropriate to do so once we reviewed the surplus in funds that we were fortunate to have from 2017. We also wanted to include the Pastor in the as well, given that he has not had an increase since he has been here, but he declined to participate in this additional compensation at this time preferring that this be focused on the staff members.
- We reviewed the results of the Annual Congregational Meeting which was held on Feb 4, 2018. This included the passage of the 2018 Ministry Spending Plan, Continuing Resolution on the Endowment Fund and the ratification of our revised constitution as well as the establishment of a Renovation & Capital Fund Task Force. The Renovation & Capital Fund Task Force will hold it's first meeting on March 6, 2018.
- Council spent time discussing it's major priorities for 2018 and agreed to the following:
 1. Review and evaluate the role and effectiveness of each Ministry Team - Acknowledge and encourage what is working well.
 2. Strengthen our Ministry Teams - Focus on increasing the effectiveness and continuity of our Ministry Teams.
 3. Renovation and Capital Fund Improvement Project - Designate and work with the newly formed task force as voted on by the Congregation.
- We spent significant time discussing Priorities # 1 & # 2 above in regard to our Ministry Teams, noting where we could support what is working well and where were our major opportunities to improve. A common tread through this discussion was how we could broaden participation of our members on these teams. We simply need more members involved.
- We discussed the need to establish safety procedures and policies for church volunteers so that we protect our volunteers from unsafe situations. The Personnel Ministry working with the Buildings & Maintenance Ministry will work together on this for review and approval by Council.

Joe Etter, Council President

CLC PRESCHOOL

THERE'S MORE TO SPRING THAN JUST POLLEN ON OUR CARS!!

The kids are loving the warmer weather. They are searching and finding signs of Spring. Rocks, bird nests, flowers and seeds are being inspected and brought in to the classroom. Our grocery

store is doing quite a brisk business. The shelves are bare by mid-morning.



Thank you for your support so far in our Birdies for Charity fundraiser. The Preschool continues to be blessed by the generosity of our church members. Birdies for Charity is a fundraiser through the Heritage Classic Foundation during the RBC Heritage week. Participants can make a pledge for every birdie made during the tournament or a flat donation of \$25.00 or more. **The Preschool receives 100% of all designated donations and an additional 15% from the Heritage Classic foundation!** Each participant's name will be placed on a coin and displayed throughout the church and preschool. Pledge forms are available in the narthex and church office or you can go online to donate. Simply go to www.heritageclassicfoundation.com and click Donate Now!

Be sure to designate your donation to CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL. **APRIL 15th IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE A PLEDGE.**

CLC Ministry Opportunities

"My Name Is _____ and my Ministry is _____"

THE ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - EVERY THURSDAY 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.



ALSO ---

The Social Ministry team would like to have a designated chest freezer both to help the St James soup kitchen with extra food donations, and also for our weekly cookie donations . We would accept a used one if someone has one in good working order, or donations to purchase one. Please contact Leslie Heavener at 706-830-3943, or the church office.

THE DEEP WELL PROJECT



In an effort to better meet the dietary needs of Deep Well clients who request food, the pantry has set up specific lists of food items for clients with the following dietary needs:

low sodium, low fat, low sugar, sugar free, low potassium
vegetarian, gluten free, lactose free

When clients come to the pantry to shop, they can choose the items that best fit their needs. This month let's collect and bring in foods beneficial to people on low sodium or low sugar diets .

For this month, let's bring in:

***rice---white and brown
canned green beans---no salt added
canned corn---no salt added
canned tomato sauce---no salt added
whole grain pasta
canned stew/Chef Boyardee products
plain Cherrios or Life cereal
oatmeal/grits---not prepackaged***

**Bring your Deep Well donations to church on Sundays
and we will take it from there.
Let's fill the Blue Wagon!**

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 a.m.

6th to 12th meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m.

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Soaps, Shampoos and Sundries Needed!!



You know that drawer at home where you keep hotel and trial-sized shampoo, conditioner, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash? We all have one! Now is the time to clean it out and bring these items to our designated container in the Narthex.

In early April, our Youth Faith Formation classes will be assembling "*Clean as a Whistle*" Goody Bags for Deep Well. Please help our children connect with our community and those in need through these gifts from CLC! Thank you!! Susie Fidler, Faith Formation Team Leader

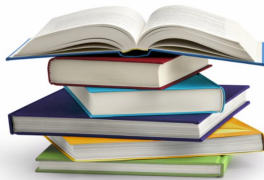
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION - Sundays at 9:45 am in Heinrichs Hall. *Hope you can join us!* Our Adult Faith Formation group is a warm and inviting class of friendly and caring individuals. We love to learn, laugh, and support one another through our Christian 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

CLC Book Club



The next book club meeting is **Saturday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m.**

We will meet at Joyce Prange's home (1 Sawtooth Ct, Hilton Head Plantation). Call Joyce at 410-707-3928 or email her at j2prange@gmail.com to reserve a gate pass.

We will discuss Ordinary Grace by William Kent Kreuger, a book told from the perspective of a man who lived through a fateful summer 40 years earlier. A novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God. Join us! Questions? Call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711

JAVA THURSDAYS

Who: Men of Hilton Head Plantation

When: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Dolphin Head Recreation Facility

Cost: \$1.00 donation to cover coffee supplies

Purpose: Have a cup of coffee and discuss the latest happenings while making new friends

Contact: Ray Makalous, 816-510-3041



CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Steve Bassford, recovering from surgery
- Dale Geuss, heart & kidney issues
- Gary Reynolds, recovering from surgery
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's disease
- Capt. Justin Carter, deployed to Pacific
- All those affected by the devastation of the hurricanes, fires & earthquakes
- George Kline
- Bud Ehlers
- Jane Williamson, failing health
- Susie Ruth (*sister of Paulette Stefanik*), cancer
- 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

Saturday 3/3	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Annual Women's Retreat Dorcas Leibold Memorial Service at Seabrook
Sunday 3/4	8:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Blended Worship Service Coffee Fellowship & Faith Formation Classes Traditional Worship
Tuesday, 3/6	2:00 p.m.	Renovation Task Force Meeting
Wednesday 3/7	1:00 pm 3:45 p.m. 5:00 pm 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's AA Group Hand Bell Practice Choir Practice Lenten Soup Supper Holden Evening Prayer
Thursday 3/8	12:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
Friday 3/9	ALL DAY 5:30 pm	Church Office Closed Friday Night AA Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

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

