



Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

**ARCTIC AIR WARNING --- tentatively CAR WASH (Youth Fundraiser)
THIS SUNDAY -- APRIL 8 -- BOTH SERVICES**
'Best Car Wash on the Island!' (if too cold, we are sorry to postpone again!)

The April BRIDGE 04/06/18

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**CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!
ALLELUIA!!!**

**CAR WASH - THIS SUNDAY,
(WEATHER PERMITTING!)**

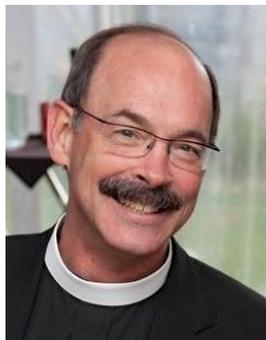
**APRIL 8
YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER**



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

**THIS SUNDAY,
DURING BOTH SERVICES,**

Pastor's Thoughts



Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

We are now on the other side of Easter Sunday and basking in the spiritual sunshine of the resurrection. Our Easter morning celebration was very exciting, with over 500 worshipers in attendance! Our ushers and a couple of folks who were recruited on the spot did a fabulous job of quickly setting up extra chairs to accommodate the tidal surge of people who showed up. The team also did a brilliant job of routing people during the distribution of communion. Thanks, everyone!

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Council has been studying our ministry teams, their purpose and function,

OUR YOUTH AND PARENTS
WILL PROVIDE A CAR WASH
FOR ALL INTERESTED
MEMBERS, **IF IT IS NOT TOO
COLD! UNFORTUNATELY
THERE IS A HIGH CHANCE OF
CANCELLATION!**

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!

Mark Your Calendar
Sunday, April 29



**Bring a Friend to
Breakfast & Worship**

Bring a friend to worship on
Sunday, April 29 and treat them
to a breakfast buffet at Christ
Lutheran Church!

Breakfast will start at 9:30 a.m.
and continue 'til start of 10:30
service.

Join us for pancakes (plain and
blueberry); scrambled eggs;
sausage; biscuits; Christ Loyal
Chef's specialty omelette; coffee,
tea, orange juice.

and looking at where we are in need of more member involvement. Now that we have completed our Lenten focus and made our way through Holy Week and Easter, I'd like for us all to get back to work on this. I realize we will begin to lose folks for the summer, but we cannot put our ministry on hold. There is still need – and the community we are called by Christ to serve is still here year-round. Many of our part-time folks are involved while they're here, which is fantastic, but we lose them for several months at a time. Our challenge in this setting is remaining consistent in our ministries.

This week, I'd like to call your attention to our preschool. We are in need of volunteers to assist with various duties. Nancy and her team do a great job, but they can always use a hand. Consider talking with her about where you could help this high priority ministry. I know she can help you come up with a schedule that would fit into your schedule.

If you have noticed Barbara assisting me at the altar during worship, it's because I'm one-armed these days. If you have any interest in becoming a worship assistant, please let me know. I'll be happy to train you and incorporate you into the liturgy. The ELCA strongly encourages lay leadership in worship, and I whole-heartily agree. Call me! I have one person who has already asked to be trained. One of the ancillary effects of having a team of lay worship assistance is that it shows our visitors that our congregation takes lay leadership seriously. It's one of those "first impression" things.

We lose several of our key players from the Carpenters for Christ team when they return to their summer quarters in the northern regions. We still have maintenance issues during the summer, and John Babbitts is a whirlwind, but he can't do everything by himself. Give John a call and see where you can help.

We are also in need of a transportation coordinator as part of our Congregational Care ministry. We have several long-time members who are unable to drive themselves and dearly want to continue coming to worship. Think about what that would be like if it were you! Someday it just might be! Pay it forward!

I'll be highlighting some other ministry needs as we move along, but I wanted to get this ball rolling.

One last thing: The annual South Carolina Synod Assembly takes place May 31-June 2 in Columbia. We are allowed two voting lay delegates, one male and one female. If you are interested in attending to represent CLC and seeing what's happening in our synod, or would like more information, let me know. I am required to attend. Joe Etter attended last year, and I'm sure he'd be happy to tell you what it's like.

Hand Bell Fundraiser



**Ring Out the Old!!
Ring In the New!!
Coming Soon!!**

**We have been approved by
Council to raise funds for our
very own HandBells!**

**Christ Lutheran has the
amazing opportunity to enhance
our worship services with the
addition of a 3 octave set of
Malmark hand bells! The bells
provide a unique small group
ministry that enriches the lives
of those who participate and
appreciate this very special,
joyful music.**

**Watch your weekly update and
bulletins for more news
regarding how you can help
support this exciting new small
group ministry.**



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

- **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!

Ok, everyone! Let's get to work in God's Kingdom!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil

IMPORTANT TOPIC - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our CLC book club, the Social Ministry team and the CONNECTED planning team are presenting the important



documentary "**BEING MORTAL**" on *Wednesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall!*

*A light pizza and salad supper will be provided.
(Please mark your attendance slip to let us know you are joining us so we can plan for enough food.)*

Mark your calendar! You won't want to miss this important discussion on end-of-life decisions!

This documentary is based on the book "**Being Mortal**"-*Medicine and What Matters in the End*, by Atul Gawande. (This is a New York Times #1 Best Seller.) This is a book to be read and a discussion to be held by all: young and old, parents and children, doctors and patients! Two representatives from a local hospice will lead a Q & A session after the documentary.

In conjunction with Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*, the film, investigates the practice of caring for the dying, and shows how doctors - himself included - are often remarkably untrained, ill-suited and uncomfortable talking about chronic illness and death with their patients.

Listen here to [Dr. Gawande on Being Mortal](#)

2018 Youth Summer Camp - Bigstuf

Congratulations

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Elizabeth Murray
- 4/2 Sandy Heins
- 4/3 Janet Garnjost
- 4/6 Ronald Schrotberger
- 4/8 Linda Kondor
- 4/10 Chris Madison
- 4/13 Jennifer Bayer
- 4/15 Edie Marth
- 4/18 Joyce Keller
- 4/19 Ed Davis
- 4/20 Benjamin Eddy
- 4/23 Cherie Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES

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- 4/14 John & Janet Garnjost
- 4/14 Gary & Kathy Reynolds
- 4/19 Doug & Ann Hamnes
- 4/19 Dick & Edie Marth
- 4/28 Alan & Deanna Coyne

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



Everything starts somewhere. The greatest movements and the biggest heroes all had a beginning. Before the success, before the fame, before the impact, there

was a time when **someone dared to be an original.**

They dared to do something that had never been done, make something that had never been made, go somewhere that no one had gone before. Those stories are what BigStuf 2018 is about. Because whether we realize it or not, we are originals. And we have a story. And our story not only tells us who we are, but clues us into where we're headed. This summer, discover what it means to live like an original. We can't wait because here's one thing we know:

originals change the world!

Our youth will attend Bigstuf in Panama Beach, FL, June 22 to 25, 2018! Costs per person are \$390.

A car wash fundraiser will take place on April 8! Donations toward our trip are welcome!



CLC COUNCIL CORNER

This provides a brief recap of our CLC Council Meeting which was held on March 20, 2018. Staff and Ministry reports were discussed and approved as submitted.

- Council voted in favor of a fundraising effort to purchase a set of hand bells. Currently we are using a set of hand bells that are on loan. Our hand bell ministry is an important part of our worship services and we believe that growing this small group ministry with our own bells will help enhance our worship services. Our goal is to raise approximately \$13,000 to purchase these hand bells. Susan Fidler has agreed to lead this fundraising effort along with help from Jim Fritz and Jennifer Brown. More communication on how you can contribute to this fundraiser will be forthcoming.
- We reviewed progress that our Ministry teams are making in strengthening their teams with the appropriate staffing and goal setting. Progress is being made and we are grateful for all of our volunteers who help make our ministries so successful.
- Our Social Ministry Team will be purchasing a freezer to help with goods for the Soup

Kitchen. They are planning on using funds that they have previously received to make this purchase.

- Our Renovation and Capital Fund Task Force will hold it's next meeting on May 7th.
- Our next council meeting will be held on April 17th at 6:30 pm.

Joe Etter, Council President

CLC PRESCHOOL

HE IS RISEN INDEED! Preschool Easter Program

The kids presented a lovely program to the parents, grandparents, church staff and friends.



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 stand up 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 we are highlighting items for lactose free and low-fat diets:

canned fruit
applesauce
beans
soups
canned protein---tuna, chicken, salmon
jelly
boxed dessert item (no candy)
bottled juice
macaroni and cheese boxes
cereal
As usual:

paper towels & toilet paper

**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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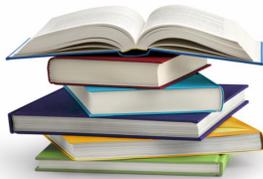
Our Confirmands will attend a confirmation retreat at Lutheridge in Arden, NC from

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 CLC Book Club will discuss The Cellist of Sarajevo by Stephen Galloway at its next meeting, **Saturday April 21**. Inspired by a true story, this book is "a spare and haunting, wise and beautiful novel about war and the endurance of the human spirit and the subtle ways individuals reclaim their humanity." We'll meet at **1:30 pm** at Elsa Felten's house, 17 Bittern St, North Forest Beach area; Elsa and Vera Conway will host. As always we welcome all readers to our group, whether you are visiting our church or are full or part time members. Come and join our fellowship as we discuss this book! Please call Elsa at 843-341-9417 if you plan to attend. If you have questions, please call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711 or email at christinewilcox@aol.com.

On another exciting note, the book club is exploring expanding into 2 groups, one to remain meeting on the third Saturday of the month and possibly another one to meet during the weekday—Monday or Tuesday afternoons. If you have wanted to join the book group but did not want to involve your Saturdays, perhaps this other weekday group may be to your liking. Please let Chris know of your interest using her above contact information. At our last meeting, we had 13 women gathered together and took the opportunity to discuss how our group could best meet the needs of both current and future members. Let us know what you think!

CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Kay Young
- Kathy & Gary Reynolds
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's disease
- Capt. Justin Carter, deployed to Pacific
- All those affected by the devastation of the hurricanes, fires & earthquakes
- George Kline
- Jane Williamson
- 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

Sunday 4/8	8:30 am	Blended Worship Service
<i>YOUTH CAR WASH</i>	9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship & Faith Formation Classes
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
Wednesday 4/11	10:00 a.m.	Executive Ministry Team Mtg
	1:00 pm	Women's AA Group
	1:00 pm	Admin & Finance Ministry Team
	3:45 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice
	5:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 4/12	11:00 a.m.	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
	12:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
Friday 4/13	<i>ALL DAY</i>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	5:30 pm	Friday Night AA Group

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

