

The October BRIDGE 10/05/18

Pastor Emil
STEWARDSHIP
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Calendar



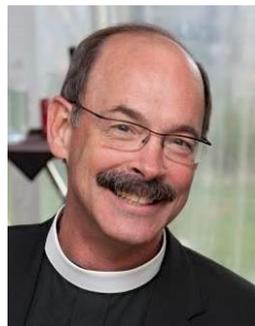
Saturday, October 27
Noon - 3 p.m.

WELCOME
New Members



Jean Sealy

Pastor Emil



Pastor's thoughts...

We had another great turnout for our "fifth Sunday of the month" brunch this past week. Many thanks to John Babbitts and Christ's Loyal Chefs: Larry Hicks, Jim Breland, Ed Barrett, Kirk Taylor, and a very special appearance by Gary Reynolds. Great meal and great fellowship. I hope we can make this a regular

event.

Well, it's October, which means many of our northern dwellers will be making their way back to the island. We year 'rounders are looking forward to catching up with everyone. We also have a very busy "winter" ahead of us, so it'll be great to have all hands on deck!

For example, our Stewardship Team is preparing to take us into our annual financial stewardship campaign. Please see the article from Stewardship Chair, Jim Breland further

"I was born and raised in Dublin Ohio. I have four children, three daughters and one son. My daughters live in Ohio. My son lives in Bluffton. They have presented me with six granddaughters, and a great granddaughter and great grandson.

I met my husband, Don later in life and we married in 1997. Don is also from Ohio. He moved here after retirement from the railroad, and I joined him never having been to Hilton Head. What a pleasant surprise. Don has three children, two sons and one daughter, and one grandson.

Our favorite travel experiences are cruising. We are both Amateur Radio Operators. Don has had his license for 64 years. I, however am only 14 years licensed. Our Club provides radio communication for many local events. History Day, Concours Car Show, Boy's and Girl's Club Bicycle Run as examples. We are football fans (Buckeyes of course). I was a volunteer at Hilton Head Hospital for 8 years. I now volunteer at the Library, in the Friends of The Library Book Store.

I was a member of Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hilliard, Ohio. After a long absence of attending church I am looking forward to joining Christ Lutheran Church, making new friends and serving where needed."

Please add Jean's info to your directory:
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OCTOBER Birthdays

10/2 Anne Davis

in this newsletter.

Also, over the past several months, the Renovation Task Force, chaired by Joe Etter, has been working very hard to prepare for the roll-out of our renovation capital campaign.

There have been some new developments in the proposed design and scope of work. They feel everyone will be pleased to see the improvements, and they'll be providing new renditions within the next couple of weeks for us to see.

As we prepare to launch both campaigns, I feel the need to share a couple of thoughts from the pastor's perspective, and I'll be reiterating them again as we move down the road.

When the Renovation Task Force really got going again, after a hiatus of a couple of years, I became concerned that we keep the renovation campaign separate from the annual stewardship campaign. These are two separate undertakings, with different objectives.

Additionally, I figured out that, during the last major capital campaign here at CLC, retirement of the mortgage took more energy away from mission than it should have. I am 100% behind the capital campaign project, and I'm even serving on that team, but as your called pastor, I'm 200% behind keeping our eyes on the mission! An updated worship space is very important to our operation, but it won't feed, house, and care for people in need.

Let's be very careful how we will compartmentalize our efforts, as we move forward! I will be watching our focus very closely to ensure that we continue to have as our *number one priority* the living out of our mission of ministry. We will take care of the buildings, but we *will not* worship and serve them! I just want to get that out there ahead of time.

This Sunday, we are presented with assigned texts that will really test how we interpret and apply Scripture to our lives.

The Gospel text has Jesus being examined by the Pharisees, who use the Mosaic (Moses') laws concerning divorce in an effort to trap Jesus in his own words. This is one of the most difficult Gospel lessons to preach, and many pastors simply choose something else for this week.

Again, I love a good theological challenge, and I think there's a lot we can learn from this reading, so we're going to tackle it. So, if you want to watch the pastor squirm, come to worship on Sunday. I won't be able to cover every aspect of this topic during the sermon, so I welcome any discussion with you outside of the service on Sunday

See you then!

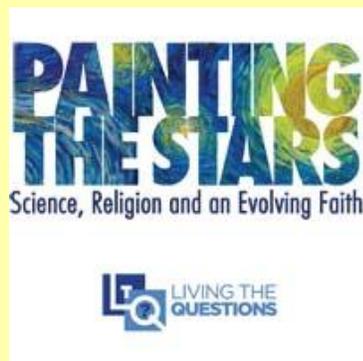
In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil

10/3 Alan Coyne
 10/8 Kirk Taylor, Mike DeMaria
 10/9 Larry Hicks
 10/15 Bailey Sullivan
 10/17 Theodore Drilling
 10/26 Grace Stump
 10/27 Paulette Stefanik

OCTOBER Anniversaries

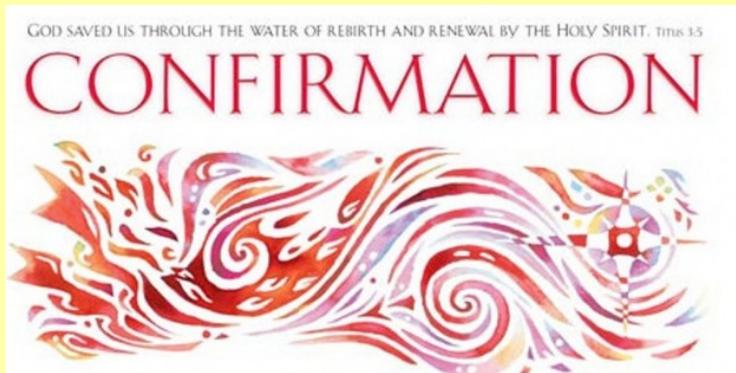
10/12 Larry & Janet Hicks (33 yrs)
 10/31 Manfred & Silke Pyrlik (20 yrs)

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



Don't miss the beginning of our new, additional study starting October 7!

See below under 'Faith Formation' for more info!



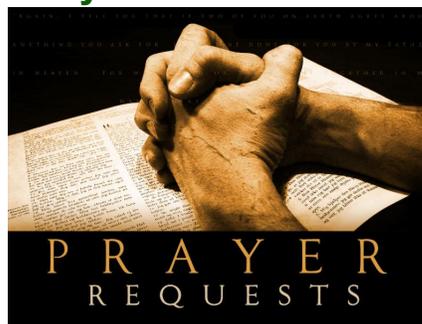
REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 28, 2018

Joint Service @ 10 a.m.

Light Reception in the narthex (outside if weather allows) to follow

Prayer Ministry Team



God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

Thinking of You



Doug & Ann Hamnes will send "Thinking of You" cards when a prayer request is received.

If you submit a name of a non-member for prayer and would like them to receive a card, please be sure to put an address on the back of the blue card before putting it in the offering plate.

- Jane Stephens, lung cancer
- those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Florence
- all those first-responders attending to the devastation of Hurricane Florence.
- Patricia Wasson, fluid on spine
- Ginger Myers, hospitalized
- Nancee Stein, breast cancer
- Mildred & Marshal Agnew, transition to nursing care
- Andrew Baker, Air Force
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's
- Brenda Cobb, breast cancer
- Lisa Zodtner, breast cancer - surgery on 10/19
- Bert Wagner, cancer
- John "Buzz" Peoples, @ LifeCare (would welcome visitors)
- Carolyn McPherson, lung cancer
- Hanna Dwornikoski, additional testing scheduled
- Leah McCleskey, finally home, recovering from July 4th burns and shrapnel wounds
- Steve Bassford
- Jackie Longo
- George Kline
- Jane Williamson
- Donna Putrino

Or you can email the office:
info@clchhi.com with the address
you would like used and the
information will be forwarded to
Doug & Ann.

-- Gary Gregory
-- ALL service personnel

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

CLC FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

***"Stewardship is what we DO
after we say, 'I believe'"***

Clarence C. Stoughton



Mission Statement

We are disciples of Jesus
Growing in faith, **Serving** our community
And **Connecting** others to Christ

Each fall, we at Christ Lutheran Church are called to embark on our annual Stewardship Campaign. This is an important season in the life our congregation for two reasons. First, so much of the CLC experience is powered through our stewardship response, which provides for and sustains our many ministries and mission programs, locally and beyond, as well as energizes new initiatives in outreach and other projects. Second, and more importantly, stewardship is a form of worship, through which we acknowledge our many blessings and gifts for ministry first given to us by God.

As faithful servants and active stewards of Christ, we are called to share our financial blessings in addition to our commitment of time and talents. CLC has a wonderful lay ministry that is in search of volunteers who will serve by giving of their time and talents in a variety of ways.

Beginning on Oct. 7, we will hear temple talks from Wayne Sebulsky, who will outline our proposed 2019 Ministry Spending Plan; on Oct. 14, Janet Betts of the CLC Preschool will speak; and on Oct. 21, our Council President, Joe Etter, will conclude our stewardship presentations. Our Stewardship focus will conclude with Pastor Klatt's sermon on Nov.4.

In mid-October, you will receive a stewardship letter of invitation with an enclosed estimate of giving card. After prayerful consideration, please complete the giving card and bring it to worship on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 11. You will be invited to bring your completed card to the altar during worship as a visible symbol of our coming together to offer our gifts to God. Together we will learn more about what it means to more fully follow Jesus while loving and serving our community.

Now, here is some homework for you.

- Consider why you have what you have?
- Consider making a list of blessings or gifts that move you to offer prayers of thanks to God.
- Looking at God's gifts to you, consider how God wants you to use them.

In Christian Fellowship,
Jim Breland
Stewardship Ministry Chair

CONNECTED Faith Encounter

**CONNECTED Faith Encounter
meets on Wednesdays @ 6 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall.**

Oct. 10, 24 & 31; Nov. 7 & 14

We serve a light pizza and salad supper (free will offering is very welcome) while we are praising, praying, watching, discussing, learning and growing together in faith and friendships!



You are warmly invited to join our loving community of genuine "faith wrestlers"! Genuine faith formation means wrestling with your faith, asking questions, voicing experiences and doubts in safe and open conversations. That is exactly what we do in our time together.

We will be discussing:

Soul Detox - Clean Living in a Contaminated World

We know over time poisons take a toll on our bodies. But as damaging as toxins are at a physical level, they are even more damaging spiritually. According to Craig Groeschel, pastor of LifeChurch.tv, we are living in the most spiritually poisonous time in history.

Pastor Craig writes:

"Everything that we allow into our minds, hearts, and lives-everything that we spend our time and money on-has an impact on how we grow, or don't grow, spiritually. As the old computer adage reminds us: garbage in, garbage out. Just as we are what we eat physically, we are also what we consume spiritually. If we don't monitor and adjust our diet accordingly, our souls are in danger of absorbing more and more lethal poison."

CLC COUNCIL

This provides a brief summary from our September 25, 2018 CLC Council meeting.

- Council reviewed a recommendation from our A&F Ministry to change our insurance carriers. The recommendation offered the following benefits:
 - Consolidate our number of insurance carriers from 6 to 2.
 - Provides better coverage for areas that are relevant to churches. This carrier only insures churches.
 - Estimated savings of over \$5,000 per year, a 13% decrease.
- Council voted to approve these recommended changes. Special thanks to Wayne Sebulsky and Neil Strohmaier for their hard work over many months on this project.
- Council reviewed a recommendation that updates and improves our Usher Guidelines. The updated guidelines were approved. Thanks to Ed Barrett for his hard work to produce this update. The updated guidelines will be communicated to all ushers shortly by Ed.
- We approved a new member, Jean Sealy, recommended by Pastor Klatt.
- Shortly we will be finalizing members of our Nominating Ministry who will recommend three congregational members to be voted on by the congregation to fill three anticipated council vacancies. If you have an interest in serving either on the Nominating Ministry or on Council, please contact Joe Etter or Pastor Klatt.
- Our November meeting date is changed from November 20 to November 13.

Joe Etter, Council President



We have many members of the community who add to the experience at CLC. One of those members is Gregg Crispell or Mr. Gregg to the preschoolers. Mr. Gregg is the children's librarian at the Hilton Head Library. He visits us twice a month and reads stories to the kids. Originally from New York, he made his way to the island by way of New England and woke up on his first day on Hilton Head on September 11, 2001. When asked how he likes his job, he replied, "I get paid to read Dr. Seuss. How great is that!"

CLC In MINISTRY

SOCIAL MINISTRY: there is NO meeting this month

GLOBAL MISSION: ELCA Good Gifts

A NEW CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION - COMING IN NOVEMBER 2018



Our gifts to **God's Global Barnyard** support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry. You can pick a farm animal to give: a cow (or a part of it, a chicken, goat or pig).

OUR YOUTH WILL BE LEADING AN INITIATIVE TO GIVE HOPE AND GIFTS THAT ARE SUSTAINABLE AND CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF WHOLE FAMILIES!

LOCAL MISSION: SOUP KITCHEN - EVERY THURSDAY AT 11:30AM TO 1:00PM

CLC is called to mission at the soup kitchen **EVERY THURSDAY** of the month! Why not come by and **offer your hands in service** on a Thursday? If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information, contact **Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office**



Like to bake? - even if you are not one of our regular cookie bakers, we *STILL* need cookies for the Soup Kitchen. Just bring them by the office and we will get them to our freezer for future use.

LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL



What drives our monthly food collections to fill up the blue wagon in the Narthex? **THE NEED!** According to the Deep Well Year to Date Report (January-August), **1,035 total households feeding a total of 2,536 people; 1062 of those people were children.** Deep Well relies on food donations from Second Helpings, the LowCountry Food Bank in Yemassee, short term rental agencies, churches, and individuals to help meet this food need. The value of the

DONATED food received year to date is just over \$215,000. Every can, every roll of toilet paper, every box of cereal we collect at CLC is being used by someone on the island. Also, please remember Deep Well if you are replacing a still-working refrigerator, washer, dryer or if you are replacing mattresses (especially twins/doubles). Call the Deep Well office (832-785-2849) to set up a pickup date for your donated furniture goods so they can be re-homed.

When you shop, please consider adding some of these items (there are monthly repeats!) to your cart and bring them to the blue wagon:

For answers to questions or further information contact Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711.

The **OCTOBER Food Collection Sunday (10/7) is THIS SUNDAY.** When you shop, please consider adding some of the items listed below to your cart.

[For all of OCTOBER we are highlighting the following - always needed no matter what month it is:](#)

**Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Toothpaste
Kleenex
Bath Soap
Rice--brown or white, bagged or boxed
Grape Jelly
Spaghetti Pasta (regular or gluten free)
Salad Dressings
Condiments--mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, relish**

*Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon! Your continuing donations are so appreciated. **Let's fill that blue wagon up!***

LOCAL MISSION: BACK PACK BUDDIES

We provide food for under-served children on the weekends, two breakfasts and two lunches. CLC is one of four packing sites and together we serve all three elementary schools, the middle school and high school.

It takes many volunteers to make this happen which includes, bringing all the food to our church, opening all the cases and setting up, packing bags for each child, delivering bags to the school and handing out the food to the kids on Fridays.

If you are interested please contact Doris Stickel, DLStickel@aol.com or 843-842-4710.



OCTOBER SCHEDULE: NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!

Set Up: Wednesday, Oct. 17 @ 4:15 p.m.

Packing: Thursday, Oct. 18 @ 10:30 a.m.

CLC FAITH FORMATION

Class begins on Sunday, October 7 A NEW, **ADDITIONAL** ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

"When I have a terrible need of - dare I say, 'religion'? - then I go outside at night and paint the stars." -- Vincent Van Gogh

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, ***Painting the Stars*** explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers, the seven-session program discusses the following **THEMES**:

1. Toward Healing the Rift
2. A Renaissance of Wonder
3. Getting Genesis Wrong
4. An Evolving Faith
5. Evolutionary Christianity
6. Imagining a Future
7. An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism



"This course is a masterpiece. The content, editing and graphics are beyond first rate. Congratulations to all." --John Jacobson, Facilitator - New Smyrna Beach Theology Club

**THIS CLASS WILL BEGIN on Sunday, October 7 @ 9:45 AM
AND WILL RUN FOR 7 WEEKS.**

We will meet in the library/conference room
It will be led by David Kuhlmann

Faith Formation for children: (K to 5th): every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Faith Formation for youth: (6th to 12th grade): every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 9:45 a.m. in Heinrichs Hall on Sunday mornings
(year round)

Our Adult Faith Formation group is a warm and inviting class of friendly and caring individuals led by

Emily & Jim Breland. 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! You Won't Want to Miss This!

Please Mark Your Calendar Now!
10th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION!
Saturday, OCTOBER 27
12 noon - 3 pm



We will have brats, cabbage (Kraut), pretzels, hot dogs, potato salad, beer, water, iced tea, games and music and great fellowship!

We will collect a **FREE WILL OFFERING** to cover our costs and **we are asking for free-will offerings to go towards Lutheran Disaster Response Hurricane Relief for our friends who have been devastated by the post Florence flooding - Thrivent will be matching those offerings!**

Plan to take part and get involved!

We need help with set up, decoration, break down, food preparation (potato salad and red cabbage), drink preparation and serving!

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX !

Also, mark you attendance slip with the number of people you plan to attend with!

Another Great Fellowship Event held on Sept. 30....Fifth Sunday Brunch!

Thanks to our Faithful Christ's Loyal Chefs and their presentation of a fabulous 5th Sunday Bring a Friend to Worship Brunch! Special thanks to Susie Fidler for the pics! So glad to have Gary back as part of the Christ Loyal Chef's team! Thanks to John, Ed, Jim, Larry, and Kirk.

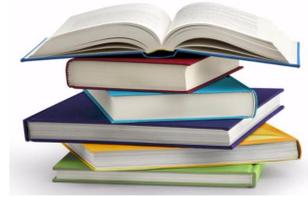
It was a smorgasbord of breakfast foods: eggs, biscuits, sausage, bacon, french toast, pancakes (plain and blueberry), fruit and more!





CLC BOOK CLUB

Due to the uncertainty of the path of Hurricane Florence, the September meeting of the CLC Book Club was cancelled. Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 20th at 1:30 p.m. at Chris Wilcox' home (15 Jingle Shell Lane, HH Plantation). We will quickly discuss 2 books-- September's selection: America's 1st Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie and October's book: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. This group is a warm and welcoming fellowship of readers. We love talking about books, authors, and catching up with each other. Sound interesting, please join us!



Contact Chris Wilcox for further information, if you plan to come and if you need an entry gate pass. 843-342-9711, christineewilcox@aol.com

Events Happening at CLC

Working in Worship this Week, Sunday, October 7:

Floral Guild: Wendy Dickes; Altar Guild: Christy Marsden & Janet Hicks; Coffee Fellowship: Christy Marsden

8:30: Lector: Shirley Otto

Ushers: Audrey Spergl, John Babbitts

Music: Helen Babbitts, Alice Graeb, David & Tami Kuhlmann

Communion: Carl & Janet Lynn

Sound Board: Kathy Reynolds

10:30: Lector: Alan Coyne

Ushers: Jim & Emily Breland; Janet Garnjost, Rita Hungate

Communion: Paten: Silke Pyrlík; Chalices: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky, Susan Fidler, Phyllis Novosad

Sound Board: Barbara Klatt

Sunday 10/7	8:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
		Faith Formation Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Tuesday 10/9	1:00 p.m.	Admin & Finance Ministry Team
Wednesday 10/10	10:00 a.m.	Executive Team
	1:00 p.m.	Women's AA group
	3:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	CONNECTED Faith Encounter
Thursday 10/11	Noon	Soup Kitchen
Friday 10/12	<i>ALL DAY</i>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat on site

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

