



Sunday, December 2, is our monthly collection for Deep Well

Please use the pink shopping lists provided below or on the counter in the Narthex [same list as November] Don't forget to buy a toy for the Deep Well Santa Shop. Let's Fill the Blue Wagon in the Narthex!



THE DECEMBER BRIDGE 12/01/18

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DECEMBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 2- First Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's message

9:45 a.m. Renovation Task Force Presentation

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's message

11:45 a.m. Renovation Task Force Presentation

Sunday, Dec. 9- Second Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. One **COMBINED** service-

w/Children's Christmas Pageant in Heinrichs Hall

BRUNCH prepared by Christ Loyal Chefs

Communion will be offered in the sanctuary following the program.

Sunday, Dec. 16- Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Blended Worship

w/Holy Communion & Children's message

9:45 a.m. **Congregational Meeting -**

election of 2019 Council

& vote on Proposed Renovations

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

w/Holy Communion & Children's message

Sunday, Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's message

9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion & Children's message

Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Worship w/ Holy Communion & Candle lighting



Join Us for Caroling

If you are interested in participating with the caroling group on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 16, please mark your attendance slip and place in the offering plate.
OR contact Jennifer Lueders
4jlueders@gmail.com

Sunday, Dec. 30- First Sunday of Christmas
10:00 a.m. One COMBINED
service w/Holy Communion & Coffee Fellowship

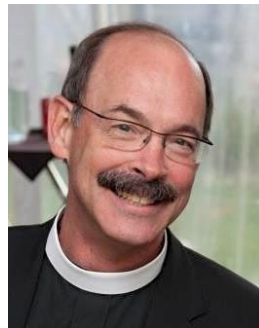
WELCOME New Members



Lynn Baglyos

Lynn has been on the island full time since the end of July. She lives in Windmill Harbor. Lynn has lived in Bethlehem, PA all of her life, and worked as a nurse in clinical research at a major vaccine company. Through that work, she has traveled quite a bit and looks forward to more travel now that she has leisure time. She is a life-long Lutheran and enjoys being part of a community of faith in order to help others. She is looking forward to

Pastor Emil



Pastor's thoughts....

We have a very encouraging report from the Finance Team concerning estimates of giving as part of our annual stewardship effort. We have had 79 cards turned in, which is a slight increase over last year, and the giving estimates from the cards shows a substantial increase. This has allowed the Team to do a detailed estimate of total annual giving, as compared to our financial obligations, and they are quite confident that they will be able to present a balanced budget for FY 19 for approval by the congregation.

Certainly, we can celebrate this from a business perspective, but more importantly, it shows a stronger, clearer theological and faith based response. I want to believe that we are seeing that our ministries and our outreach are making a difference for those served, as well as for those serving.

The challenge going forward into the new year will be for all of us to be faithful in fulfilling our estimated giving. We should give God praise for this indicator of the state of our congregation and its commitment to mission. We also owe a word of thanks to Wayne Sebulsky and the A&F Team for all their careful work. They have a very good track record of developing a spending plan, and they meet monthly with the treasurer, Ron Julseth, and financial secretary, Kathy Reynolds, to study trends, examine our expenditures, and make recommendations to Council

continuing that commitment to ministry as a member of CLC.

Please help in making Lynn feel welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

DIRECTORY UPDATES!

Please update your directories with the following information...



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Ron & JoAnn Livingston

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843-671-7154

Ida Elsie Meccariello

(as of 12/7)

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HHI SC 29928
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God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:
-- the family of June Johnson as

concerning financial issues.

On another note, this Sunday, the Renovation Task Force will present the full scope of work involved in the proposed renovation project. There will be a presentation following each worship service. No vote on the project will take place that day. A motion will be published, but no action on it will happen on Sunday. The motion will be made at the annual congregational meeting two weeks later, on the December 16. This will allow the congregation time to discuss the proposal and ask questions of the Task Force. It is vitally important that everyone attend one of the presentations, and then the meeting in two weeks to vote.

Other than that, the joint is hopping! Lots of ministry happening, with people in and out all day long. Lots of planning going on. There's a good feeling in the air! The Spirit is strong!

This Sunday is the beginning of a new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. This is the season of anticipation and hope, which is why the color of the paraments is blue-the color of hope. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday to mark the new year of worship, service, and fellowship!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil

CHRISTMAS PURSE

Christmas is a time we show love and appreciation to our families through the act of gifting. The Staff at Christ Lutheran are indeed an important part of our Family! We are invited to show our love and appreciation to the



Staff of Christ Lutheran Church, by contributing to the "Christmas Purse" Fund. This will be equally divided between Silke, Barbara, Mike, Nancy & Jim. We will collect this love offering through Sunday, December 23. You can hand your gift directly to Kathy Reynolds, or place it in the offering plate marked 'Christmas Purse'. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Reynolds at (678) 643-6261. God's Peace to you all!



December Birthdays

12/5 Jennifer Lueders

they mourn her death
 -- Steve Bassford
 -- Laurel Quinn
 -- Linda Fountain
 -- Christy Bass
 -- Hannah Dwornikoski, upcoming hospitalization
 -- Lydia Springer, spinal fractures
 -- Ginny Goehring, stroke
 -- Suzy Makalous, lung cancer
 -- Lisa Zodtner, breast cancer
 -- Sandy Heins
 -- Jackie Longo
 -- George Kline
 -- Jane Williamson
 -- Donna Putrino
 -- Gary Gregory
 -- those affected by the devastation of Tropical Storms, Fires & Hurricanes
 -- ALL service personnel

12/6 Barbara Fudjack, Wayne Sebulsky
 12/9 Michelle Olesh
 12/14 Gary Reynolds
 12/16 Nancy Conder
 12/18 Doug Hamnes, Marajeane Zodtner
 12/21 Joe Putrino
 12/29 Kathy Strohmaier
 12/30 Randy Johnson, Christy Marsden

December Anniversaries

12/14 Neil & Kathy Strohmaier
 (50 yrs)
 12/22 Herb & Sandy Heins (61 yrs)
 12/27 Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky (49 yrs)
 12/28 Paul & Suzanne Gerhart (56 yrs)
 12/28 Joe & Donna Putrino (43 yrs)

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

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

CLC Council Corner

This provides a brief summary from our council meeting held on November 13, 2018

Staff and Ministry Reports were reviewed and approved.

- A motion was made and passed to include CLC in a new church advertising program in the Hilton Head Monthly publication. We felt that the reach and demographics of the publication would allow us to broaden our marketing efforts and is included in the 2019 ministry spending plan.
- The Nominating Committee reviewed their recommendations for upcoming open seats on the council. Those being nominated are detailed below.
- Council reviewed a motion submitted by the Renovation Ministry Team to be submitted to the Congregation for a vote at our December 16th congregational meeting. After much discussion the motion was tabled and will be finalized at a special council meeting scheduled for November 28.
- Pastor Klatt recommended a new member who was approved by council.
- The Personnel Ministry team submitted a newly written Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual for council review. Council will be asked to discuss and vote on this proposal at our December 18 meeting.

Our final council meeting for 2018 will be held on December 18th at 6:30 pm.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Joe Etter, Council President

Our December
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 will be held in Heinrichs Hall on **Sunday, December 16,**
 at **9:45 a.m.** (between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services).

In accordance with our constitution, our congregation holds two congregational meetings, one in December, and one in January. The **agenda** for this December's meeting is as follows:

1. ELECTION OF OPEN SEATS on COUNCIL

There are five seats open for election to Church Council.

Two current members are presenting themselves for election to a new term of two years:

- Joe Etter
- Rita Hungate

The nominees for the remaining three open seats (all are for two year terms) are (*bios are listed below*):

- Mike DeMaria
- Tami Kuhlmann
- Kirk Taylor

2. APPROVAL OF MOTION REGARDING PROPOSED RENOVATIONS (*see below*)

2019 Council Candidate Bios: Mike DeMaria, Tami Kuhlmann, Kirk Taylor



Mike DeMaria is currently the owner of Athletes First Sports, Inc where he provides sports performance, athletic training and rehabilitation for a number of world class organizations and sport academies, including Adidas/ tennis icon Stan Smith. Mike has been in Sport Management for more than 20 years and served as Vice President of Operations for MVP Sports Clubs in Orlando, General Manager of Impact Athletics, travelled on LPGA/PGA tour with world's #1 players such as Tiger Woods, and Director of McLeod Regional Medical. Mike also currently serves as national team coach for the USTA player development program and consults internationally. Mike and his wife Sarah joined CLC in 2008. They have two boys, Peyton and Johnathan. By serving on the Council, Mike is interested in learning more about the goals and objectives of the Church and how he can assist in building resources needed to be

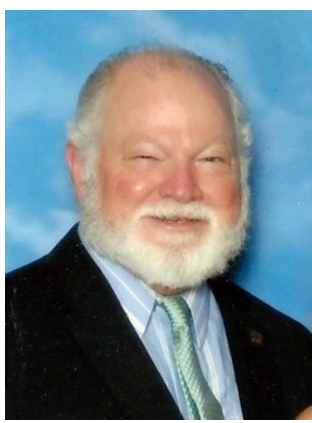
successful.

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 earned her Master of Arts in Church Music (MACM) in 2018 from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Here on the island, Tami is active in the Turtle Trackers and Sea Pines Women's Club.



Tami and her husband David 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 Tami and David provide music ministry at the 8:30 a.m. blended worship service. Tami has been actively involved with women's ministry at CLC as well as our CONNECTED service

A native of South Carolina, **Kirk Taylor** and his wife Cherie have been Bluffton residents and members of Christ Lutheran Church since 1982. Kirk's roots run deep here as he was named for the Kirk Bluff in Bluffton. Previously, Kirk served on the Church Council for 10 years, including one



term as President. Kirk graduated from Clemson University in 1980 with a degree in English and minor in Graphic Design. He uses these talents in marketing for hotels, radio, aerospace, medical and dental organizations. Having played guitar since age 12, Kirk shares his gift of music at our 8:30 a.m. blended worship service. Cherie and Kirk have two children, KC and Amanda, and grandson, Taylor. Both Kirk and Cherie are active in volunteer activities for Special Olympics. A renaissance man, Kirk's interests include golf, kayaking and drawing/painting Lowcountry scenes.

The following motion has been developed by the Congregational Council to be made at the Dec. 16, 2018 Congregational meeting.

To authorize the Congregational Council, with the advice of the Renovation Task Force, to enter into contracts for the following:

- 1) A renovation project that includes the Main Entry & Plaza, Foyer, Narthex, Sanctuary, Halls 3 & 4, the construction of a new columbarium, and an infusion of funds into our Capital Reserve Fund, as presented during the called congregational meeting of December 16, 2018, not to exceed \$1,200,000.
- 2) The professional services of Group 3 Architectural Firm for designs, with all design and engineering costs being included in the \$1,200,000 figure.
- 3) The professional services of Highsmith Construction Company to serve as general contractor, with all construction costs being included in the \$1,200,000 figure.
- 4) A Capital Fundraising Campaign under the guidance of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to raise \$1,200,000 for the proposed renovation and capital fund project, fees for this service to be included in the \$1,200,000 figure.
- 5) Construction loans through the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to bridge any gap between pledged fund receipts and construction/design costs invoices, not to exceed \$1,000,000 over the course of three years, with the intent of paying of said construction loans within the three years.



CLC Preschool

DECEMBER IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR THE PRESCHOOL CHILDREN.

You can see and feel the excitement as Christmas approaches. Our calendar is filled with fun and activities.

The children are practicing for their
Christmas Nativity Program which they will perform
during our 10:00 a.m. **COMBINED WORSHIP** service on Sunday, Dec. 9
followed by a fabulous brunch prepared by Christ's Loyal Chefs!



CLC Global Ministry

ELCA Good Gifts - God's Global Barnyard

2018 CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We have had an overwhelming response to this new Christmas Global Fundraiser!

YOU ALL HAVE OUTDONE YOURSELF, ONCE AGAIN!

Our youth are so very grateful to you, our family of faith, for coming through and buying more animals than we ever hoped to be able to give!



SEEMS LIKE WE ALL LOVE TO GIVE HOPE AND GIFTS THAT ARE SUSTAINABLE AND CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF WHOLE FAMILIES!

**YOU CAN STILL BUY ANIMALS AND
MAY GIVE THEM IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE!**

Our gifts to God's Global Barnyard will 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 will support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry.

You may purchase any of the following: a cow [or a part of it, we now have 1 and 2/10 cows given :-)] chicks, goat, bees, piglet or even a farm!

Please make your check out to CLC and be sure to write "God's Barnyard" in the memo line. Order forms are on the table in the narthex and you will receive a fun Christmas card you can use to give an animal in honor of someone.

CLC Community Ministry

LOCAL MISSION:

ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - every Thursday -- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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 **Please Contact Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office.**

LOCAL MISSION: BACK PACK BUDDIES

Back Back Buddies is very busy this time of year to not only ensure that the children have food for the weekends but also extra for when they are out of school for the holidays.

In addition to the food we buy from Sysco, we add fresh fruit every week at the school. We also give each child a special treat at Christmas of gloves and a little candy.

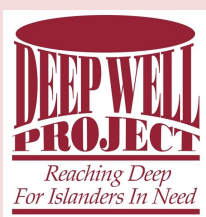
Our church is one of four packing sites to make this program happen with a lot of volunteers.

Our next **SET UP** will be **Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 4:15 p.m.** with **PACKING** on **Thursday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m.**

If you would like to help, contact Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710.



LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL



"Helping our neighbors in need by providing basic assistance in emergency situations."

Sunday, December 2 is the next collection for the Deep Well Food Pantry.

There are several new food support programs getting off the ground at Deep Well. One initiative is in response to a request from the Hunger Coalition and the HHI Creative Arts Elementary School to provide a daily snack to several at risk classes of students from late October through the end of the school year. The other initiative is a new food support program partnered with The Children's Center. This weekend food program will provide 50 bags per week to the neediest working families using the daycare provided by the Children's Center.

Deep Well's food pantry is gearing up for the holidays. The needs are the following items:

Food Items:

- Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix boxes
- Chicken Broth--15 oz. cans
- Pumpkin Pie Filling--15 oz. cans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup--15 oz. cans
- Juice Bottles (100% natural juice, no added sugar)
- Grape Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti Pasta
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Tomatoes (sauce, stewed, cubed, crushed, paste, crushed etc.)
- Canned Baked Beans

Non-Food Items:

- Bars of soap
- Dish soap
- Baby wipes
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Please bring any donations (again please check expiration dates) to church and drop them off in the blue wagon in the Narthex. Thank you!!

The Deep Well Santa Shop ---

The Deep Well Santa Shop opens on December 10 and runs through December 17. Last year about 560 Hilton Head Island children received holiday items courtesy of the many toy donations from local residents, organizations (like Christ Lutheran), and businesses. Please consider buying some of the following toy suggestions.



The toys need to be new and donated UNWRAPPED. Bring them to the blue wagon in the Narthex any time by Sunday, December 2 so that they can be delivered to Deep Well.

- Art kits/ Art supplies
- BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS (we give every child at least one age appropriate book)
- Baby strollers (with baby dolls included)
- Cars and trucks (without batteries required)
- Craft kits Dolls of all Ethnicities (Note: Barbie dolls are not very popular with our clients)
- Dress up clothing and jewelry
- Jewelry and jewelry making kits
- Grocery carts with artificial food
- Lego Sets Makeup appropriate for the "tween" age group
- Plush throws and pillows
- Princess items
- Puzzles and Games (traditional and some new ones listed below)
- Sesame Street dolls
- Scooters / Skateboards / Small riding toys
- Sports balls (mainly soccer)
- Stuffed animals (every young child gets one)
- Star Wars themed items
- Super Hero items (Spiderman, Superman and Wonder Woman)
- Games: Spot it; Square Up; Googly Eyes; Headbandz; Speak Out; Pie Face

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

***Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon!
Let's fill up the blue wagon in the narthex!***

CLC Faith Formation

Faith Formation for children (K to 5th) & Faith Formation for youth (6th to 12th grade)

Youth and children will meet this Sunday 12/2 at 9:45 a.m. in the youth room to practice for the 12/9 Preschool Christmas nativity program where we will participate in leading the worship portion of the morning.

After 12/9 we will be on Christmas vacation.

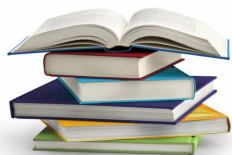
We resume classes on January 13, 2019.

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

December is a busy month both at home and at church. So many Sundays are already filled with unusual events: the Renovation Task Force will present their proposal after each worship service on Dec. 2; the Children's Christmas pageant is part of our 10:00 a.m. worship on Dec. 9 and the Congregational Meeting will take place at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, falls on a Monday this year and we will have our traditional 5:00 and 10:30 p.m. services. Soooo -- our class will regroup on January 6, 2019. Hope you can join us!

CLC Fellowship

CLC Book Club - Join us on Saturday, December 15, 2018



The CLC Book Club will hold their December meeting on **Saturday, December 15 at 12:00 noon**. The **Long Cove Clubhouse** is the site of our annual luncheon; all members and visitors are welcome to join together and share lunch. The cost is \$21.60 (includes tax); *checks should be made out to Jennifer Lueders and given to her on luncheon day*. We will also discuss the book, Circling the Sun by Paula McLean.

It's not too early to plan for our January meeting (Saturday, January 19, 1:30 pm, Heinrichs Hall); this is the meeting where we will share our best reads with each other and formulate a book list for 2019. Further information will be forthcoming. Call Chris Wilcox for either events! 843-342-9711.

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!



Events Happening at CLC

Assisting in Worship this Week, Sunday, December 2

Altar Guild: Nancy Englund, Phyllis Novosad

Coffee Fellowship: Tami Kuhlmann **Floral Guild:** Jennifer Bayer

8:30 a.m. Lector: Silke Pyrlik **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Manfred Pyrlik

Ushers: Carol Benton, John Babbitts

Music: Elsa & Doug Felten, Kirk Taylor, Alice Graeb, Tami Kuhlmann

Communion: Kirk & Cherie Taylor

10:30 a.m. Lector: Marajeane Zodtner **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Barbara Klatt

Ushers: Nolan Hanson & Nancy Englund; Gary & Leslie Heavener

Communion:

Paten: Phyllis Rowe; Chalices: Steve & Teri Herron; Susie Fidler, Kathy Reynolds

Friday, 11/30

ALL DAY

Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m.

Friday Night AA Group

Sunday 12/2

8:30 a.m.

Blended Worship Service

9:45 a.m.

**Renovation Proposal
Presentation**

10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

11:45 a.m.

**Renovation Proposal
Presentation**

Monday, 12/3

1:00 p.m.

Funeral for June Johnson
(viewing 1 hr prior to service)

5:00 p.m.

CONNECTED Planning Meeting

Wednesday, 12/5

1:00 p.m.

@ San Miguel's
Women's AA group

3:45 p.m.

Choir Practice

4:15 p.m.

Back Pack Buddies Set Up

5:00 p.m.

Hand Bell Choir Practice

Thursday 12/6

10:30 a.m.

Back Pack Buddies Packing

Noon

Soup Kitchen



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