



Sunday, November 4, is our monthly collection for Deep Well
Please see suggested list further down in this newsletter
Let's Fill the Blue Wagon in the Narthex!

The November BRIDGE 11/02/18

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It's that time of year again.
Remember to change your clocks before going to bed on Saturday night (11/3).

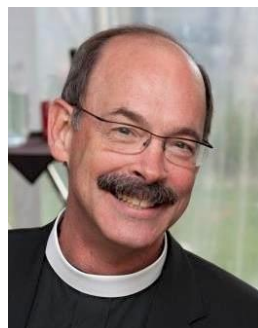


***Consecration Sunday,
November 11***

Why Make a Faith Commitment?

This question has been asked for over one hundred years in the United States. Yes, it has been a long time since congregational leaders started asking members to make a pledge, faith commitment or provide an estimate of giving. Today we estimate about two-thirds of ELCA congregations ask members to make some form of financial commitment each year. We estimate

Pastor Emil



Pastor's thoughts....

Some weeks ago, I received a call from my friend, Rabbi Bloom of Temple Beth Yam, here on the island. He asked if I would be willing to partner with him and other community leaders in forming what is now the Lowcountry Coalition Against

Hate, a nonpartisan alliance advocating against prejudice and bias and promoting compassion and justice. Since I know and trust the Rabbi, and since I support the platform, I agreed. The coalition has grown legs and is becoming a rallying point for a

congregations that ask members to make a faith commitment have 30% higher giving than those who do not. We estimate 90% of households that make an annual commitment fulfill that commitment.

So, why make a faith commitment? Here are some basic reasons:

- A faith commitment shows that God is first in our life! This means recognizing that God is owner, not us. We live in a covenant relationship with God based on faith and trust, not a contractual relationship based on services or prosperity.
- A faith commitment represents a household's disciplined response to God's gifts - life, a Savior and acceptance into the Body of Christ. This is one way we show our gratitude, respect, loyalty and obedience.
- A faith commitment enables each household to make intentional decisions. Just as a household plans other commitments, a commitment of regular giving to God's work through our congregation faithfully fulfills one way each person responds to God's commitment to us through grace.
- A faith commitment enables a congregation to plan. As a church family, we have expenses and make commitments to others - leaders, lenders, suppliers. A commitment from each household allows congregational leaders to responsibly plan for and meet financial obligations, which help us do ministry together.
- Christians lead by example. When someone makes a faith commitment, it is setting an example of discipleship for others - family, peers, community. This commitment becomes part of each person's witness and testimony to Jesus Christ.

Some people start making a faith commitment at a very early age, often when they were confirmed. Some people start making a commitment when joining

wide variety of folks, and has taken on greater significance, in light of the recent shootings.

On Tuesday, LCAH sponsored a forum to which the candidates for mayor of Hilton Head were invited to answer specific questions about moral leadership and building a safer, more inclusive community. The questions centered on the importance of speaking out against hate in all its forms, what they would do to combat hate speech and actions, and why community leaders should be held to a higher standard of conduct. The forum was held in the PSD Community Room and was so full of people that the fire marshal nearly had a heart attack!

The six candidates were present and fielded a number of specific questions on the aforementioned topics, pre-planned by the Coalition, but unknown to the candidates. No party affiliations were made, and there was no language supporting or condemning the current administration. The moderators did a great job of trying to keep the focus on governmental management of Hilton Head Island.

Generally, the candidates' responses were rather vanilla...meaning they contained a lot of fluff, but it was still an opportunity to get a better understanding of their hearts and what they would do to promote cooperation and mutual respect on the island.

I will say this about the candidates whom I encountered: **If you are considering voting for Steve Santomauro, please see me or call me before Tuesday.**

In other news, we had a great Oktoberfest last Saturday, and I would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make it a fun event. All the free will offerings are going to be matched by Thrivent and sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

We're in our final week of prayerful preparation for Consecration Sunday on November 11. You should have received information about it in the mail. I do hope we'll ALL fill out a card and bring it to the altar, or place it in the offering plate. If you are unable to be in worship on the 11th, you are invited and encouraged to submit your card this week, or sometime in the following couple of weeks, mail it in, or drop it off. This is an important worship exercise, which also has a practical application, in that it allows our A&F Team to work our spending plan for next year.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil

a congregation as an adult. Some give regularly and do not make a written commitment. When did you start? Do you remember why? For many this has become a regular practice which has strengthened a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

God has made many promises in Scripture to those who enter into and maintain a covenant relationship. We believe these promises are fulfilled by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. One of those teachings is that we should be willing to commit to God just as God is willing to commit to us. This is part of a covenant relationship. What has God entrusted to you? How have you been a faithful and trustworthy steward of God's gifts? When someone places God first in their life and returns a portion of God's gifts, we are fulfilling part of that covenant relationship established in baptism and witnessing to our faith in Jesus Christ.



God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Ginny Goehring, stroke
- Suzy Makalous, lung cancer
- William Mayfield, back surgery
- Bette Kilduff as she mourns the sudden death of her son
- Bob Harding, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Bud Ehlers
- Bob Polk
- Herman Heins, heart issues
- Jane Stephens, lung cancer
- those affected by the devastation of Tropical Storms and Hurricanes
- Lisa Zodtner, breast cancer
- Sandy Heins
- Jackie Longo
- George Kline
- Jane Williamson
- Donna Putrino
- Gary Gregory
- ALL service personnel

NOMINATING Ministry team for 2019 Congregational Council

Your Nominating team is hard at work as they prepare for the elections for the 2019 Congregational Council. We will have 5 seats to fill with 3 open seats and 2 council members willing to run for re-election



If you are interested in running for Council, or need more information as to what is involved in serving on council, please be in touch with one of the nominating team: *John Babbitts (chairperson), Audrey Spergl, Anderson Sullivan and Christy Marsden.* [Note: names must be submitted by November 15.]



Upcoming Dates in December to note that juggle our usual Sunday morning schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 2: Renovation Task Force to present additional information after each service in Heinrichs

Sunday, Dec. 9: ONE SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant put on by our PreSchool children with worship portions assisted by our Youth in Heinrichs

Sunday, Dec. 16: BETWEEN SERVICES -

December **Congregational Meeting** to elect new members to Council, vote on Renovation project, as well as other related business.

Sunday, Dec. 30: Traditional ONE SERVICE - 10:00 a.m. - Combined liturgy.



November Birthdays

- 11/3 Sam McCleskey
- 11/9 Sarah DeMaria
- 11/10 Mike Conklin
- 11/12 Hunter Julseth
- 11/16 Chris Wilcox
- 11/17 Harvey Johnson
- 11/20 Preston Henne, Carl Lynn

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

11/22 Carolyn Eddy, Barbara Klatt
11/23 Kathy Reynolds
11/24 Doug Felten
11/26 Elsie Meccariello, Bill Vaglianti



November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month & National Family Caregivers Month.

Memory Matters provides Caregiver Programs (Support Groups and Counseling) at no cost.

Call 843-842-6688
to schedule an appointment.

November Anniversaries

11/8 Joe & Barbara Fudjack (43 yrs)
11/25 Ken & Bobbie Fetter (69 yrs)
11/25 James & Linda Kondor (46 yrs)

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

Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bag Law Goes Into Effect November 1, 2018

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!! LIMITED AVAILABILITY!!

As you have probably heard, a "single use" plastic bag ban has gone effect (as of Nov. 1) in Beaufort County. Plastic bags considered disposable and not reusable are prohibited. This includes all disposable plastic bags provided at checkout or point-of-sale referencing bags commonly used to carry groceries, takeout food and clothing.

To support this effort, we have teamed with the Preschool to have a bag created for you to use. Each side of the bag shows the logo for CLC and the Preschool. By using this bag, you will help our environment and also be promoting our church and preschool families. We will have **two bags per family** (*while supplies last*) available in the narthex.



CONNECTED Faith Encounter



CONNECTED - A Contemporary Faith Encounter

JOIN US! Wednesday, November 7

6 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall

We will start with a light supper (pizza and salad) and follow with music, lesson and fearless, authentic discussions about Christian practices.

Living the Golden Rule

"Compassion is the Key to unlocking the Value of Empathy"

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' Mark 12:30-31

Come and dig deeper with us as we discover the value of empathy!



CLC Council Corner

Below is a brief recap from our October 2018 Council Meeting.

- We approved the minutes from our September 25th meeting.
- Reviewed and approved staff and ministry reports.
- We have staffed and approved a Nominating Ministry Team per our constitution. The following members will be on this team: John Babbitts (chairperson), Audrey Spergl, Anderson Sullivan and Christy Marsden. The purpose of this team is to identify and recruit possible members to fill the three vacancies we anticipate on council. If you have an interest in being on the council, please contact one of these members. A congregational vote will take place on nominated members at our December 16, 2018 Congregational Meeting.
- We passed a motion to designate the Renovation Task Force to become a ministry team. This will allow the team to operate under the same financial rules as a ministry team.
- A recommendation was made to include CLC in a church advertising section in the Hilton Head Monthly magazine. A vote on this was tabled until we can perform due diligence on the reach of this publication and how it might add value versus where we currently advertise.
- The Congregational Care Ministry Team is looking for someone to help coordinate a driver program to help members who need transportation. If you are interested please contact Rita Hungate.

Joe Etter, Council President

CLC Preschool

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

DINE OUT FOR CLP

Thursday, November 29 will be the second annual fundraiser at The SandBar Beach Eats, 101 Pope Ave.

Our preschool parent and restaurant owner, Erika Waronsky is generous donating her restaurant for this fundraiser. Fifty (50%) percent of the proceeds from all food and beverage sales will go to the preschool.



Hilton Head Island S.C.

This includes lunch, dinner and take-out. So grab your family and friends and come support the preschool while having a fabulous time at this great restaurant.

CLC MINISTRY

The SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 13 @ noon in Heinrichs Hall

GLOBAL MISSION: ELCA GOOD GIFTS

A NEW CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION



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

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*), a chicken, goat, bee, or pig.

You'll be able to choose your animal and pay at a table set up in the narthex. Christmas Shopping couldn't be easier!!! You will make your check out to CLC. Please be sure to write "God's Barnyard" in the memo line of your check.

LOCAL MISSION: BACK PACK BUDDIES



Christ Lutheran continues as one of four packing sites for the Back Pack Buddies program. For eight years the Hunger Coalition of the Lowcountry, through their flagship program Back Pack Buddies, has worked in three Hilton Head elementary schools to ensure that hungry children have supplemental food over the weekend. It takes many volunteers to pack and distribute this food to 280 children.

What is in the bag? 2 cereals, 2 proteins, 1 pudding, 2 canned fruits, 2 fresh fruits, 2 snack bars.

**We will set-up at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7
and pack at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8.**

Our next dates will be December 5 & 6

For any questions, contact Doris Stickel, DLStickel@aol.com or 843-842-4710

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.***

***YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF COOKIES HAVE FILLED OUR FREEZER!
WE DO NOT NEED COOKIES AGAIN UNTIL January 2019!***

LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL



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

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. Once details and needs are worked out, food items for these programs will be added to the monthly donation "shopping lists" CLC hands out in the bulletins or places in the Narthex. The Wellness Pantry at Deep Well continues to see heavy activity with 198 adults and 161 children under the age of 18 served for the month of September 2018. All donations from CLC are gratefully received; not all churches on Hilton Head contribute on a monthly basis to the Pantry the way the congregation of CLC does. Well done!!! Just please remember that Hilton Head is an island of great need with pockets of great wealth. Let's continue to do our part to support this local ministry!

Contact Chris Wilcox for further information. 843-342-9711 or christineewilcox@aol.com

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

CLC Faith Formation

We celebrated CONFIRMATION of Jackie Sullivan and Peyton DeMaria on Reformation Sunday, October 28. Thanks to all who made this occasion so very special.



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

Children (K-5th) meet every Sunday at 9:45.

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

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

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.

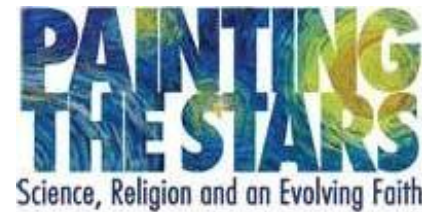
We will provide you with a quarterly booklet, published by Augsburg Adult Bible Studies, which covers a wide range of biblical books and themes. Our study is intended to explore the Scriptures, what they mean, and discuss how they relate to our daily walk with Christ. So, come join us any time you can for refreshments, fellowship, prayer, and study. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Due to David's travel schedule our last class in 2018 will be Sunday, **Nov 4**.

Class will resume in January of 2019



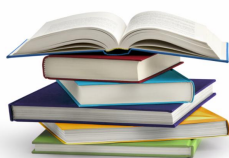
CLC Fellowship

OKTOBERFEST - a great fellowship event. Thanks to the hard-working Oktoberfest team! AND we raised over \$1,200 dollars to be matched by Thrivent for Hurricane Relief. Bless you for your generosity!



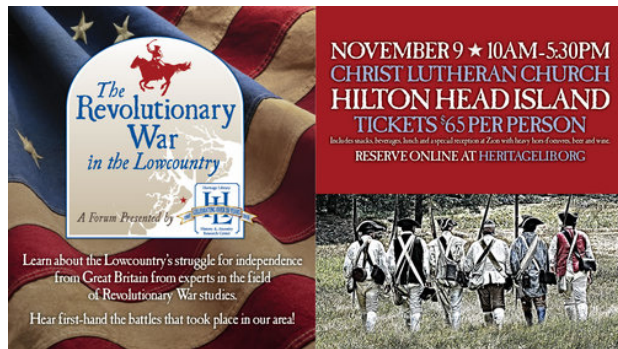


CLC Book Club - Join us on Saturday, November 17, 2018



The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Saturday, November 17 at 1:30 pm**. We will meet at Marajeane Zodtner's home (18 Kings Tree Road, Long Cove Club). We will discuss Origins by Dan Brown. The main topic of the book---where did we come from and where are we going--might bring out some very interesting discussions. The book comes loaded with lots of historic and architectural references, particularly in Barcelona. Call or email Marajeane if you plan to attend and if you need a gate pass mzodtner@gmail.com 843-842-2577. All readers are warmly welcomed. Contact Chris

IN OUR COMMUNITY



Heritage Library History Forum: The Revolutionary War in the Lowcountry
Friday, November 9, 2018
10:00 AM -- 5:30 PM
Christ Lutheran Church

A Day-long forum presenting speakers (listed below) on topics pertaining to the archaeology and history of Beaufort County during the Revolutionary War

The admission fee of \$65 includes: Continental breakfast; Snacks and beverages throughout the day; Buffet lunch; Late afternoon wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery with opportunity to meet individually with conference speakers.

For registration information and speaker bios, go to:

<https://heritagelib.org/events/2018/11/9/heritage-library-history-forum-the-revolutionary-war-in-the-lowcountry>



Veterans Day Ceremony 2018
Shelter Cove Veterans Memorial
Monday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Our guest speaker: LTC Ken Dwyer, Commanding Officer of Hunter Army Airfield.

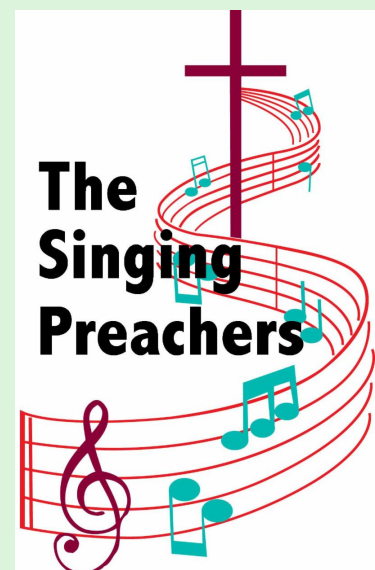
The Gospel Chorus of the
Historic First African Baptist Church
presents

The Singing Preachers 2018
A Long Awaited Celebration

Saturday, December 1
5:00 p.m.

The Historic First African Baptist Church
70 Beach City Rd

Featuring ministers, preachers & vocalists from
South Carolina, Georgia and surrounding
communities.



We would like to thank the entire Christ Lutheran church family for their kindness, support and generosity in loaning us Heinrichs Hall for our Fall Craft Sale. It is such a wonderful facility, and we very much appreciate being able to use it.



This October's sale was especially successful and, as you know, all profits go directly to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry. Without your generosity, our gift to Hospice would have been substantially reduced. A simple "thank you" seems so understated, but it is meant with great sincerity.

Margot Gilbert and the HHP Craft Workshop Ladies

Events Happening at CLC

Assisting in Worship this Week, Sunday, November 4:

Altar Guild: Nancy Englund, Paulette Stefanik; **Coffee Fellowship:** Jackie Longo; **Floral Guild:** Laurie Fons

8:30 a.m. Lector: Audrey Spergl **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Manfred Pyrlik
Ushers: John Babbitts, Audrey Spergl **Communion:** Kirk & Cherie Taylor
Music: Helen Babbitts, Alice Graeb, Kirk Taylor, Elsa & Doug Felten, David & Tami Kuhlmann

10:30 a.m. Lector: Jennifer Brown **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Barbara Klatt
Ushers: Tom & Sandy Martin; Nolan Hanson, Nancy Englund
Communion: Paten: Jennifer Brown; **Chalices:** Steve & Teri Herron, Susie Fidler, Joe Etter

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| Friday, 11/2 | <i>ALL DAY</i> | <i>Church Office Closed</i> |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Non Member Wedding Rehearsal |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Friday Night AA group |
| Saturday, 11/3 | 3:00 p.m. | Non Member Wedding Reception in Heinrichs to follow |
| Sunday, 11/4 | 8:30 a.m. | Blended Worship Service |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship |
| | | Faith Formation Classes |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship Service |
| Tuesday, 11/6 | All Day | ELECTION SITE - Heinrichs |
| Wednesday, 11/7 | 1:00 p.m. | 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 |
| | 6:00 p.m. | CONNECTED Faith Experience |
| Thursday, 11/8 | 10:30 a.m. | Back Pack Buddies Packing |
| | Noon | Soup Kitchen |
| Friday, 11/9 | <i>ALL DAY</i> | <i>Church Office Closed</i> |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Heritage Library Foundation Event |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Friday Night AA Group |

