



# Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

*The January Bridge 01/04/19*

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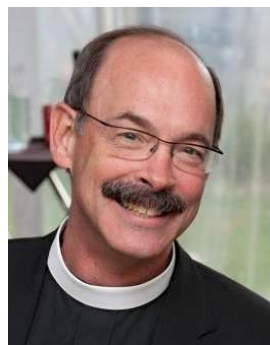
**Calendar**



**Kathy & Steve Mork**

Kathy and Steve are lifelong Midwesterners and Lutherans. Steve was raised in Minnesota; Kathy in Wisconsin. They met at Luther College in Iowa, were married in Wisconsin and raised their family in North Mankato, Minnesota. They have 2 children, Stephanie and Geoff, who both returned to Mankato after college and 2 grandchildren, Braeden (14)

## Pastor Emil



### Pastor's thoughts....

We have now entered a new year, and with it come new challenges and opportunities for growth, as we continue our faith journey together.

The assigned Gospel text for this Sunday, Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday, and the beginning of the season of Epiphany, is the story of

the Magi-the Wise Men-who traveled to Bethlehem, following a star. As familiar as this is to us, think about how outrageous a story it actually is: A group of Gentiles of some political stature, who had traveled probably for months, guided by a star, as the story goes, to find a Jewish baby in some podunk village. (Here's a little test of your Bible knowledge: how many magi were there? When you find the answer, come see me and tell me where you found the answer.)

So, what do you think it would take to make these guys come all that way? Well, I like to think that they looked farther than they could see. Consider that for a moment:

and Ashley (12). Steve spent his career primarily in local government finance, retiring from the position of North Mankato's finance director in 2011. Kathy retired in 2009 after spending 30 years working for the federal government in customer service, auditing, employee training and course development, and recruiting. Both have been actively involved in their church in Mankato and other non-profit organizations. Steve works with the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour in Mankato and Kathy is treasurer/accountant for their local humane society.

"We started coming to Hilton Head in 2012 and have returned every year since, each time extending our visit by a week or two. When asked "Why Hilton Head?", one of our first answers is "Christ Lutheran." When you are retired and stay in one place for several months, you are no longer on vacation. We choose to look at Hilton Head as "home" for the winter. And home has always included a church family. The more involved we get at CLC, the more at home we feel. This is where God sent us."

Although they have no immediate plans to relocate to Hilton Head permanently, the time was right for making a commitment to Christ and Christ Lutheran by becoming associate members.

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*They looked farther than they could see.* They obviously knew the writings of the prophets, because they quote from them concerning the coming of the Messiah. But what faith they must have had to trust enough in bits and pieces of information to make such a long and probably perilous journey!

So, what can we learn from this story? To look farther than we can see!

I would propose that this be our mantra for the coming year: Let us look farther than we can see. Let's step out in faith, as we begin this New Year. May our ministry and our projects push our envelope a bit, as we carry out our mission in this community. And may God bless our movement! See you Sunday!

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Emil*

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**We are jumping into 2019 with a very busy January.**

**Along with our regularly scheduled team meetings and Back Pack Buddies, please note the following dates for your calendar:**



**Wednesday, January 9 - 6:00 p.m.** CONNECTED Faith Encounter winter series begins - It's our birthday! See more info below...

**Sunday, January 13** - Installation of 2019 Council at both worship services

**Thursday, January 17 - 7:00 p.m.** Community Worship to be held at CLC in Recognition of Martin Luther King Day

**Saturday, January 19 - 8:30 a.m.** Leadership Training for Capital Campaign

**Sunday, January 20** - KICK OFF Sunday for Capital Campaign. Paula Kitt, from Mission Investment Fund will be with us at both services.

**Wednesday, January 30 - 5:00 p.m.** A special CONNECTED evening as we join with the Social Ministry Team to present "Still Alice" See more info below...



**2019 Congregational Council** will be installed on **Sunday**,

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**The CONNECTED and SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAMS are presenting a unique *Movie Night*:**

**Let's talk about the important topics of Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease**

**Memory Matters** will be with us for a short presentation and to answer a few questions after we watch the movie "Still Alice." We believe we all know at least one person in

**January 13** (at both services). Please welcome our new 2019 Council as they come forward to accept their call to minister as leaders of our family of faith.



Please plan on attending our Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 3** between services (9:45 a.m.) in Heinrichs Hall.

We will be voting on our 2019 Ministry Spending Plan, as well as addressing other pertinent church business.



#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1/2 Vera Conway
- 1/3 Faye Reinhardt & Janet Springer
- 1/5 JoAnn Sebulsky
- 1/6 Gary Fons
- 1/7 Greg Brondos, David Kuhlmann
- 1/9 Tony Olesh
- 1/11 Nolan Hanson
- 1/12 Helen Babbitts
- 1/13 Naomi Gosdin & Alice Williard
- 1/14 Doris Stickel
- 1/15 Patricia Wasson
- 1/17 Lynn Clausen & Nathaniel Gosdin
- 1/18 Julie Vaglianti
- 1/20 Henry Johns
- 1/23 Leslie Heavener
- 1/25 Nancy Englund
- 1/28 Connie Simon

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1/30 Jack & Joyce Keller (65 yrs)

Please update Keller's info in your directory to:

501 TidePoint Way  
#5302  
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our lives who has touched and changed us while we watched them losing their grip on reality.

We will offer a light pizza and salad supper and are ready to answer your questions and listen to your worries!



**Please join us on  
Wednesday, January 30  
at 5 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall!**

**If you don't like to drive in the dark,  
WE OFFER RIDES TO AND FROM THIS EVENT!  
JUST LET US KNOW!**

So we can plan for food, please mark your attendance slip to let us know of your plans to attend. Also, you may indicate your need for transportation. Questions? email [Silke at CLC](mailto:Silke@CLC)



Dr. Alice Howland (Julianne Moore) is a renowned linguistics professor at Columbia Univ. When words begin to escape her and she starts becoming lost on her daily jogs, Alice must come face-to-face with a devastating diagnosis: early-onset Alzheimer's disease. As the once-vibrant woman struggles to hang on to her sense of self for as long as possible, Alice's three grown children must watch helplessly as their mother disappears more and

more with each passing day.

**Boxes are labeled (alphabetically) and ready for pick up in the narthex.** Please remember to pick your box up when you are here on a Sunday.



And remember, using your '*Initial Offering*' envelope in January helps us to offset the overall costs of the envelopes.

Thank you,  
Kathy Reynolds, Financial Secretary

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) with any corrections.



**We would like to thank everyone who gave to the Staff Christmas Purse.**

**We appreciate your loving remembrance of us during the busy holiday season.**

**Silke, Barbara, Jim, Nancy & Mike**

## **CLC's 6th Annual Women's Retreat - mark your calendars!**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**Our highly successful Annual Women's Retreat will be held in Heinrichs Hall**

**Plan on joining us for a Cozy Mountain Lodge Retreat!**

**As part of our day together, we will, once again, enjoy a marvelous lunch prepared by Christ Loyal Chefs.**

## **CONNECTED: A Contemporary Faith Encounter**

Pastor Craig Groeschel says:

*"Most everyone seems to agree that life is getting busier, crazier, and more frantic with each passing day. We're bombarded by more information than we know how to process - news, ads, commercials, blogs, tweets, pictures, sound bites, music, games, more ads. What's crazy is that we now have more devices, programs, and apps than ever before vying to fulfill our needs. Best of all, our world abounds with countless technological breakthroughs - each one promising to make our lives better. Without a doubt, technology is changing the way you relate to people. While it comes with many benefits, it also has drawbacks."*



**Let's talk! Join us @ CONNECTED on Wednesdays evenings  
Our Winter 2019 calendar: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6 & 13**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CONNECTED!**



### Wednesday, Jan. 9: RESURRECTING COMPASSION

*"Compassion is the Key to Unlocking the Value of Empathy"*

Did you know that a University of Michigan study shows that we care 40% less than people did in the 1980s? How does technology cause us to care less?

1. We're more obsessed with OURSELVES.
2. Overwhelming exposure to suffering DESENSITIZES us.
3. Lack of PERSONAL interaction makes it easier not to care.

Pastor Craig Groeschel is back with a new series called **#struggles**. He will teach us that true compassion demands ACTION. To say you care but not ACT is to not CARE at all.

- 1) Compassion INTERRUPTS.
- 2) Compassion COSTS.
- 3) Compassion changes LIVES.

**Come and dig deeper with us as we discover the influence of social media on our lives, as well as the lives of our kids and grandkids!**

Join us on **Wednesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.** for a light supper (pizza & salad) as we discuss

## CLC PRESCHOOL



**Special Note:**

**We would appreciate any help in filling our Helping Hand Box ( located on the ministry table in the narthex.)**

**A little help goes a long way for the preschool.**

**Thank you!**

## CLC Ministry Opportunities

**"My Name Is \_\_\_\_\_ and my Ministry is \_\_\_\_\_"**

**Social Ministry Team meeting -- January 8 at Noon in Heinrichs Hall. We will discuss and plan for the Family Promise guests that Christ Lutheran will host February 3-17. We welcome everyone, and encourage all who are interested in our new outreach program to attend. Questions? Please be in touch with Leslie Heavener.**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and most importantly the homeless children and parents we serve, many thanks for your support. Your donation of \$500.00 allows Family Promise to continue assisting these families by not only providing safe shelter, but assistance in equipping them with the skills and resources needed for lasting independence.



Our shelter is currently at capacity with families who, without support from friends like you, would have no place to sleep at night and no one to help them get their lives back on track. These families now have a chance to make a fresh start and become productive members of our community. The children are thriving in daycare, school and in afterschool programs while their parents have secured employment and are engaged in financial literacy, parenting and other life skills programs. They will receive ongoing support once they graduate from our Shelter Program.

The issue of homelessness is not going away in Beaufort County and unfortunately the number of homeless children and families has continued to increase. Thank you for joining our efforts in assisting those who are homeless and have limited choices. We value all of you and your tremendous support!

Gratefully,  
Lynda Halpern, Executive Director  
Family Promise of Beaufort County

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### **THE ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - EVERY THURSDAY AT 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**.

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### **SOUPER BOWL of CARING - FEBRUARY 3 BENEFITING THE HUNGRY ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND**

Who will be the teams playing in the 2019 Super Bowl?  
Will we donate to our team and therefore help to raise money for the hungry islanders, especially children?



**Whoever your team is....plan to put compassion into ACTION!**  
**Last year we raised \$1,364, an outstanding result!**

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### **THE DEEP WELL PROJECT**



***"helping our island neighbors in need  
by providing basic assistance in emergency situations"***

**OUR NEXT DEEP WELL SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND -- JANUARY 6,  
PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO HELP FILL THE BLUE WAGON!**

To wrap up the Christmas holiday activities at Deep Well, the agency distributed new toys and clothing (coats and outfits) to over 720 Hilton Head Island children from over 325 qualifying island families. 185 new bicycles were given away in the annual bike raffle. In addition, bags of new toys were also distributed to the children of the Antioch Center of Jasper County. Other churches in the Ridgeland area also received toys from Deep Well to distribute to needy children in their congregations. **Thank you for all the contributions from Christ Lutheran Church members. You helped make for a brighter Christmas for some child!**

Sunday January 6, 2019 is our first Deep Well donation Sunday of the New Year. Let's keep the pantry shelves as full as possible as the food demand remains high. Let's keep to basics as we look in our pantries or go shopping for our donations.

Keep Deep Well in mind when you have household goods and furniture to donate to an organization. The truck picks up on Fridays, call the Deep Well office at 843-785-2849 for an appointment.

Give Chris Wilcox a call if you have questions and need further information. 843-342-9711

### **Food Items:**

Breakfast cereals (Cheerios, Rice Krispies etc.)  
Pasta (spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni etc.)  
Chunky, hearty soups  
Macaroni and cheese boxes  
Rice  
Bags of flour  
Bags of sugar  
Ketchup  
Mustard

### **Non-Food Items:**

Bars of soap  
Dish soap  
Baby wipes  
Feminine hygiene products (pads etc.)  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

*Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon!  
Your continuing donations are so appreciated.*

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## **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

Our Back Pack Buddies program keeps serving more under served children in Hilton Head Elementary school. We are now giving food for the weekend to 83 children and it may grow to 90. Thanks to our many volunteers we are able to pick up the food, set up and pack it in individual bags, transport it to the school and give it out each week. If you want to be involved, contact Doris Stickel, [DLStickel@aol.com](mailto:DLStickel@aol.com) or 843-842-4710.



The next **SET UP** is **Wednesday, January 9 at 4:15 p.m.**  
and **PACKING** is **Thursday, January 10, at 10:30 am.**

## **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 am.

6th to 12th meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10 am

**Classes for kids and youth will start Sunday, January 13 to kick off the new year!**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION - the Adult Classes resumes Sunday, January 6 at 9:45 am in Heinrichs Hal I. 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.

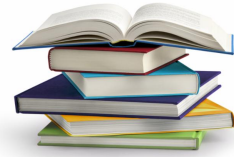
We will provide you with a quarterly booklet, published by Augsburg Adult Bible Studies, which covers a wide range of biblical books and themes. Our study is intended to explore the Scriptures, what they mean, and discuss how they relate to our daily walk with Christ. So, come join us any time you can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

# CLC Fellowship

## CLC Book Club

The first gathering of the CLC Book Club will be **Saturday, January 19** at **1:30 p.m.** We will meet in at the church - *conference room/library*.

Chris Wilcox will host and lead the discussion of selecting books for our 2019 reading list. Members are asked to come prepared to share 2 or 3 recommendations for the group to consider and to bring their calendars so host duties and discussion leaders can be arranged. Please come anyways even if you have no particular recommendations to offer; this is a wonderful fellowship group as well! New members are always welcome!



Kindly let Chris know if you will be attending by calling her at 843-342-9711 or by emailing her at [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com)

## Dinners for 6 + 2

Dinners for  
Six Plus Two



### ***It's time to RE-GROUP!!!***

Sign up now for **2019 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 13, 2019. In mid-January you will receive a letter with information on your group. Come join the fun!

## CLC Prayer List

**God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:**

- the family of Amelia Williams as they mourn her passing
- the family of Lois Lake as they mourn her passing
- the family of George Kline as they mourn his passing
- Lois Gregory and family as they mourn the passing of her brother, Jim Garrison
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's Disease
- Mike Guerrieri
- Phyllis Novosad
- Hannah Dwornikoski,
- Suzy Makalous, lung cancer
- those affected by the devastation of Tropical Storms, Fires & Hurricanes
- Sandy Heins
- Jackie Longo
- 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.***

Doug & Ann Hamnes will send "*Thinking of You*" cards from CLC 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,**



Thinking of You



please be sure to put an address on the back of the blue card before putting it in the offering plate.

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.

## Events Happening at CLC

### Assisting with our Sunday worship, January 6

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Englund **Coffee Fellowship:** Kathy Johnson **Floral Guild:** Laurie Fons

**8:30 a.m. Lector:** David Kuhlmann **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Barbara Klatt

**Music:** Alice Graeb, Kirk Taylor, David & Tami Kuhlmann

**Communion Assts:** Cherie & Kirk Taylor **Ushers:** Audrey Spergl, John Babbitts

**10:30 a.m. Lector:** John Prange **Acolyte:** Steve Herron **Cantor:** Susie Fidler

**Ushers:** Ed & Judy Barrett; Nolan Hanson, Nancy Englund **Sound:** Barbara Klatt

**Communion Assts:**

Paten: Susie Fidler; Chalices: John & Joyce Prange, Steve & Terri IHerron

<b>Sunday 1/6</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Blended Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Coffee Fellowship &amp; Adult Faith Formation</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
Tuesday, 1/8	Noon	Social Ministry Team
	1:00 p.m.	Admin & Finance Team
<b>Wednesday 1/9</b>	1:00 pm	Women's AA Group
	3:45 p.m.	Choir practice
	4:15 p.m.	Back Pack Buddies Set Up
	5:00 pm	Hand Bell Practice
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CONNECTED Faith Experience</b>
Thursday 1/10	10:30 a.m.	Back Pack Buddies Packing
	12:00 pm	Soup Kitchen
	6:30 p.m.	New Council Member Orientation
Friday 1/11	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:30 pm	Friday Night AA Group
Saturday, 1/12	9 am - 2 pm	Habitat for Humanity meeting

