



Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

The February BRIDGE 2/1/19

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**Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday
February 24, 2019**

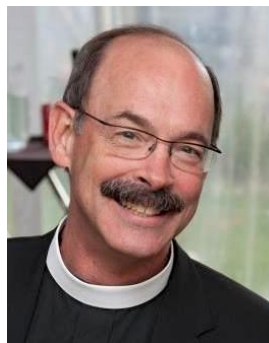


Sunday, Feb. 3 - 9:45 a.m.
**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
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Heinrichs Hall
To approve the
2019 Ministry Spending Plan
Review Annual Report &
address other business as
brought forward by Council.

*** PLEASE BRING your copy of**
the Annual Report & Agenda

Pastor Emil



Pastor's thoughts....

This Sunday, we will gather briefly in Heinrichs Hall at 9:45 a.m. for our annual congregational meeting. Fortunately, the agenda is quite short, with the main purpose of the meeting being the acceptance of the 2019 ministry spending plan (commonly called the budget). I think you will be pleased with the plan as developed by

Wayne Sebulsky and the A&F Team, and as approved by Council. What makes it possible to have a basically balanced budget is a combination of your continued generous sharing of God's gifts to you in the way of financial blessings, and the great management of our spending plan by the A&F Team and Council. I am very impressed with how this process works. So, please make a point of coming to this meeting. It won't take long. We won't be addressing anything to do with the building plan or the capital campaign during this meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 -- 5:30 p.m.
Valentine's Italian Dinner
provided by Christ's Loyal
Chefs' along with a special
CONNECTED Faith Encounter
(see more info under *CONNECTED*
further in this newsletter)

Sunday, Feb. 24 - 9:45 a.m.
Commitment Sunday Brunch
between services
provided by
Christ's Loyal Chefs

Saturday, Mar 2
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
6th Annual Women's Retreat
Cozy Mountain Lodge
(see sign up information and deadline
date under *FELLOWSHIP* further in
this newsletter)



BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Neil Strohmaier
2/7 Joe Fudjack
2/14 Nicole Goddard, Sue
Weber, Carla Bech-Hansen
2/19 Paul Gerhart
2/26 Jacob Eddy, Avery White,
Jackie Longo
2/27 Ingrid Low

ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 Chris & Teresa Madison (39
yrs)
2/20 Jimmy & Phyllis Rowe
(55 yrs)

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



Your 2018 year end Giving
Statements are being mailed
this week! Please let us know if

Sunday's sermon focus is on love. Well, that should get some wheels turning! In English, we say we "love" pizza, or we "love" a certain TV program, or we "love" our spouse, or children and grandchildren. The point is that our one word, "love," is applied in lots of different ways, without meaning the same thing.

In the Greek, there is not one word for love, but three, and they all have a more specific meaning than our one word. I invite you to come hear more about all this on Sunday morning!

And a shout-out to our Carpenters for Christ, starring Don Bethman, his side-kick, Jay Moore, and their "supervisor," John Babbitts. They have put in many hours of work around the church campus, saving us thousands of dollars in repair and maintenance costs. If any of this sounds like a ministry you'd like to be part of, please contact Boss John!

Also, many thanks to Leslie Heavener and the Social Ministry Team, to Silke and the CONNECTED Planning Team, and to everyone who baked cookies, set up, and cleaned up after our Wednesday evening gathering with the representative from Memory Matters. The movie we watched, *Still Alice*, was very thought-provoking, and generated some great discussion.

See you Sunday!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil

FAITH · VISION · MISSION



Capital Campaign **10 Days of Prayer - beginning Feb. 1**

You are invited to join in prayer in support of our congregation's campaign, ***Strong in Faith: Today's Vision, Tomorrow's Mission.***

We start our Ten Days of Prayer today! Our hope is, that for a period of ten days, (Feb.1-10) every home in our congregation can be united in prayer.

We are posting support from CLC members for each day of prayer via our FB page www.facebook.com/CLCHHI (if you have not already done so, please **LIKE** our page so you are included in our posts) and our website www.clchhi.org.

Prayer topics will include:

- Feb. 1 - **Guided by the Gospel**
(led by Adult Faith Formation Class)
- Feb. 2 - **Gratitude to God for God's Grace and Blessings**
(led by CLC Exec Team)
- Feb. 3 - **Deeper Trust in God**
(led by CLC Youth)
- Feb. 4 - **Re-dedication of Your Life to God**
(led by Pastor Klatt)

you do not receive them.

Have you ever considered Electronic Giving?

Did you know that Christ Lutheran Church offers an option of Electronic Giving for your weekly, monthly or quarterly offering?

CLC partners with Vanco to automatically deduct your offering, on the date and frequency that you choose, and deposits directly into the Church bank account.

If you would like to learn more about this convenient service, or would like to sign up, please contact Barbara. She will be glad to assist you. (info@clchhi.com)

Feb. 5 - **Unity among members of our congregation**
(led by CLC Staff)

Feb. 6 - **The ministries of our congregation, their leaders and participants**

(led by CLC choir)

Feb. 7 - **Our pastor, staff, and leaders**

(led by Women's Retreat Planning Team)

Feb. 8 - **Fears about this program, future growth, and other challenges**

(led by Carpenters for Christ Ministry Team)

Feb. 9 - **Financial support for this program**

(led by Capital Campaign Ministry Team)

Feb. 10 - **Personal growth in stewardship**

(led by Christ Loyal Chefs Ministry Team)

A special thank you from the MLK Jr. Celebration Planning Committee

Reverend Klatt, his wife Barbara and to the whole Christ Lutheran Church congregation,

Greetings from the MLK, Jr. Planning Committee!

The word to describe the Thursday Ecumenical service (Jan. 17) held at your church was UPLIFTING!

The service, the first collaboration between us, was attended by parishioners from several local churches and their ministers along with the Jewish community and Rabbi Blum, exemplifying the message of Dr. Martin Luther King to one day become a **Beloved Community**.

Your church's spirit shined through your minister and those who participated in it. Reverend Klatt led the uplifting by giving his personal message about the transformation that occurred in his life through his career and accepting God in his life. The choir continued the uplifting with praises in song. Pastor Alston, the visiting minister (Queen AME), uplifted with a message from the Bible. At the end of a wonderful service, we all felt blessed to have attended.

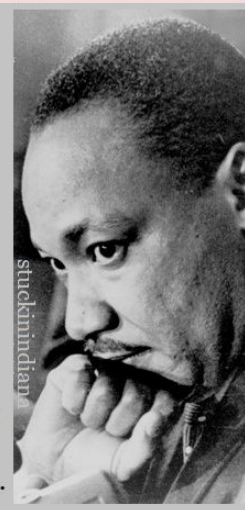
But that wasn't the end of the uplifting. The hospitality shown by a group of men we will call the "Kitchen Crew" was amazing. They did such a good job of providing great food that nobody wanted to leave. The fellowship witnessed was also inspirational...most tables had people talking to people they didn't know. That is how blessings and change happen.

Thank you, Reverend Klatt for accepting and opening the doors to us. To Mrs. Klatt for providing the behind the scene support. And to the church for making this special as we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Galen Miller, Chairperson
MLK, Jr. Planning Committee

Let us live
together in
peace and
love in a
Beloved
Community.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



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 for CONNECTED Faith Encounter

Feb. 6 & 13

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. starting with light pizza & salad supper

#struggles - Following Jesus in a Self-Centered World

February 6: Topic: Replenishing Rest

February 13: Topic: Restoring Intimacy

**(No Wednesday night worship on Feb. 20 & 27,
Ash Wednesday is Mar. 6 to begin our Lenten journey)**

CONNECTED Valentine's Evening on Feb 13 at 5:30



**Christ Loyal Chefs
are preparing a special menu just for you!**

Come and enjoy a Valentine's dinner and experience our
CONNECTED Faith Encounter
and worship with us in a new, contemporary setting.

The menu for the night:

**Chicken Parmigiana & Eggplant Parmigiana
Meatballs & Italian Sausage
Homemade Tomato Sauce & Pasta
Crispy Italian & Garlic Bread
Tiramisu & Loaf Cake**



Restoring Intimacy

"To be present is to listen and to identify with each other as mortal, fragile human beings who need to be heard and sustained by one another, not distracted or entertained."

Deirdre LaNoue, *The Spiritual Legacy of Henri Nouwen*

Too much use of technology will not only hurt our relationship with God, but it will hurt our

CLC Congregational Council

Greetings from your 2019 Christ Lutheran Council!

The first council meeting of 2019 was held on January 15. Following are highlights from that meeting.

- Welcome to new Council members: Mike DeMaria, Tami Kuhlmann and Kirk Taylor. Sincere thanks to the retiring Council members John Babbitts, Audrey Spergl and Anderson Sullivan. The Council has been blessed by their efforts.
- Council reviewed the status of our Renovation Capital Campaign. Campaign is in full swing and is moving toward Commitment Sunday on February 24
- 2019 Council officers were elected to hold one year terms of office.

President - Kathy Reynolds
 Vice President - Joe Etter
 Secretary - Susan Fidler

- Council Ministry Team liaison positions were discussed and vacant positions filled.
- Council considered and approved a motion to commission the existing Constitution Committee to investigate the possibility of accepting absentee ballots from members who are not able to attend Congregational Meetings.
- Security of Church facilities was discussed and alternatives to improve are under consideration.
- Pastor indicated that Christ Lutheran took a leadership position for the Martin Luther King Celebration held on January 17.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Blessings,
 Kathy Reynolds
 Council President

CLC Ministry Opportunities

"My Name Is _____ and my Ministry is _____"

GLOBAL MISSION - God's Global Barnyard



Well, the final count is in. As a congregation, this Christmas ministry was one of our most successful ventures to date. For a total of (*drum roll please...*) **\$7,352.00**, we were able to purchase:

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| 26 piglets | 85 chicks | 25 roosters |
| 32 goats | 12 pairs of goats | 20 shares of a cow = 2 cows |
| 41 honeybees | 1 family farm | 1 Bible |

Thank you for your generous support of this ministry. We are deeply grateful!

LOCAL MISSION: The St. James Soup Kitchen - Thursdays: 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.

RAMS vs PATRIOTS

Sunday, Feb 3 is also Super Bowl Sunday and with it comes our annual fundraiser for ... Souper Bowl Sunday!



Give toward a win for your team or just because you want to help our St. James Soup Kitchen keep providing people in need with a warm meal! THANK YOU!

LOCAL MISSION: The Deep Well Project



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

Sunday, February 3 is DEEP WELL SUNDAY

To recap what the Deep Well Project accomplished this past holiday season: 15 more families (48 more eligible children) were served this season over the 2017 season. Overall 374 island families registered for the Santa Shop with a total of 752 eligible children received clothes and toys from Deep Well.

To continue the theme "*Keep It Simple*" please consider donating to the blue wagon:

Macaroni and Cheese boxes
Rice (1# bags)
Cans of chicken meat (12.5 oz size)
Juice bottles (100%, no sugar)
Snacks like granola bars

Basic items like TP, paper towels, toothpaste, laundry detergent, shampoo are always welcomed.

*Thank you to all of you who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon in the narthex!
Your donations are very much appreciated!*

LOCAL MISSION: Backpack Buddies

Our Backpack 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 or 843-842-4710.



The next **SET UP** is **Wednesday, February 27 at 4:15 p.m.**
and **PACKING** is **Thursday, February 28, 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

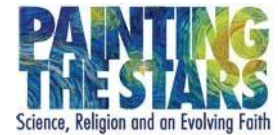
ADULT FAITH FORMATION - We meet at 9:45 am in Heinrich Hall. *Hope you can join us!*

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 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.

Our newest 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



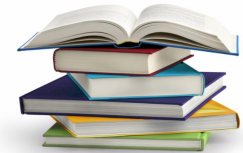
Join us! Our next gathering will be Sunday, February 10. We will meet in the conference room/library. Let's try to gather around 9:40 a.m. Starting at this time will give us the most opportunity for discussion. Those of us worshipping at the 8:30 service may be a little late, but you can enjoy your coffee and conversation and we'll begin as soon as I get there. Questions? contact David Kuhlmann -- buckeye81@me.com



CLC Fellowship

CLC Book Club

The **CLC Book Club** will meet on **Saturday, February 16 at 1:30 p.m.** We'll meet at the home of Doris Stickel to discuss *Oil and Marble: a novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo by Stephanie Storey*. Please RSVP to Doris @ DLStickel@aol.com or 843-842-4710 to let her know you will be attending.



A list of the 2019 book selections is posted on the hallway bulletin board in the church building. Call Chris Wilcox at 843 342 9711 for further information on this ever-growing group of readers. Join us whether you are a full-time member or a part time visitor.

COZY MOUNTAIN LODGE

6TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 2 8:30 - 3:30

in Heinrichs Hall

SIGN UP NOW UNTIL FEB 21!

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." - Psalm 46:1, NLT

Cozy Mountain Lodge is a Bible-based women's retreat to help you grow in your relationship with God and develop lasting friendships with each other. Using the story of Ruth and Naomi from the book of Ruth, this retreat brings home the meaning and significance of making God our foundation.



You will be whisked away to a virtual cozy mountain lodge where you'll enjoy digging into God's Word, uplifting worship, and wonderful relationship-building activities while you get to participate in and experience God's story.

Included...

- Snacks and drinks throughout retreat time
- **Lunch by Christ Loyal Chefs**
- A participant guide
- A gift
- New friendships (priceless)

COST IS \$20 PER PERSON, make check out to CLC

REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE: [Cozy Mountain Lodge Registration](#)

CLC Preschool

PRESCHOOL PROUD

One of our preschool parents relayed this email that she received from Lynn Bruder, a mother of a CLP alumnus. " I have a cute story to share with you. My younger daughter, who is 32, attended Christ Lutheran. She has a PHD in engineering, was a National Science Foundation Recipient; recipient of the MIT Young Women in Engineering award; has published and received numerous awards. The only diploma she has in her office is her preschool diploma from Christ Lutheran. GREAT SCHOOL ! "



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 Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Anna Lesemann Eddy, recovering from hip surgery
- Craig Kitt, double pneumonia
- Steve Bassford
- Elise Gordon, cancer
- 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.

Events Happening at CLC

Assisting with our Sunday worship, February 3

Altar Guild: Christy Marsden, Joyce Prange **Coffee Fellowship:** Joyce Prange

Floral Guild: Wendy Dickes

8:30 a.m. Lector: Shirley Otto **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Manfred Pырlik

Music: Alice Graeb, Helen Babbitts, Kirk Taylor, David & Tami Kuhlmann, Elsa & Doug Felten, Marilyn Pederson

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

10:30 a.m. Lector: Linda Kondor **Acolyte:** Steve Herron **Cantor:** Susie Fidler

Ushers: Tom & Sandy Martin; Gary & Leslie Heavener **Sound:** Barbara Klatt

Communion Assts:

Paten: Janet Garnjost; Chalices: Alan & Deanna Coyne; Steve & Teri Herron

Friday, 2/1	ALL DAY 5:30 pm	OFFICES CLOSED Friday Night AA Group
Sunday, 2/3	8:30 am 9:45 am	Blended Worship Service ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in Heinrich Hall
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
Monday, 2/4	5:00 p.m.	Women's Retreat Planning Team @ Silke's home
Wednesday, 2/6	1:00 pm 3:45 p.m. 5:00 pm	Women's AA Group Choir practice Hand Bell Practice
	6:00 p.m.	CONNECTED Faith Experience
Thursday, 2/7	12:00 pm 12:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Pockets of Sunshine Chime practice

