



Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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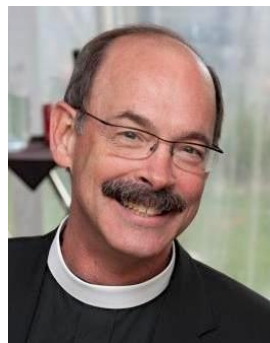
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HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR ASSESSMENT YET?

See below, *in this newsletter*, to find out how easy it is to learn more about the gifts God has given you. Are you using your gifts to the best of your ability?

Pastor Emil



Pastor's thoughts....

This Sunday, we will join together at 9:45 in Heinrichs Hall for brunch. This is a great time to interact with our folks who attend the *other* worship service! It's also a chance for us to celebrate our successes with the renovation campaign. The Team has received responses of some kind from approximately two

thirds of our congregation, and we stand at just over \$650,000 in pledges! I hope you will come for worship at one or the other service, and enjoy a great brunch and good conversation. Thanks to John Babbitts and the



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 14: Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
Worship w/Holy Communion

*Palm Processional & Children's
Message*

8:30 a.m. -- Blended
**9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
& Faith Formation Classes**
10:30 a.m. -- Traditional

April 18: Maundy Thursday
**7:00 p.m. Worship w/Holy
Communion**

*to include Foot Washing
& Stripping of the Altar*

April 19: Good Friday
12:00 p.m. Worship

*Seven Last Words on the
Cross*

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
*This is a service of deepening
darkness as the readings and
hymns of the passion
bring us to the sealing of the
tomb of Christ*

April 21: Easter Sunday
Resurrection of Our Lord
Worship w/Holy Communion

& Children's Message

8:30 a.m. -- Blended
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. -- Traditional

Christ's Loyal Chefs for their ministry of fellowship!

During worship, we will hear once again the parable of the Prodigal Son, from the Gospel of Luke. This is actually a great case study in decision-making that brings up several questions. Specifically, how often do we bring God into our decision-making process? For those of us who were not here Wednesday evening for Evening Prayer and the program, we spent time talking about this subject.

So, what might be some of the things we do that block God from being part of how we make decisions? Do any of these thoughts ever influence how you make choices?

- **I prioritize:** *This is important. I want it more than anything else right now.*
- **I rationalize:** *What I want is so reasonable and normal, it would be practically unreasonable and abnormal not to have it.*
- **I romanticize:** *If I have this, I will feel happy and complete.*
- **I globalize:** *Everyone else has this, so I should have it, too.*
- **I exceptionalize:** *I know I shouldn't have this (do this), but these are special circumstances.*

I've told you about the bumper sticker that was popular among the students when I was in seminary: WIGIAT. Again, it stands for Where Is God In All This?

Indeed, where is God in the decisions and choices we make, be they as mundane as prioritizing your list of chores and errands you have for today, or making the decision to retire and move? Is it "all about me," or are we asking God's guidance and will in all that we do? Just a few things to consider-*prayerfully!*

See you Sunday!
Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Emil



BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Elizabeth Murray
- 4/2 Sandra Heins
- 4/3 Janet Gamjost
- 4/6 Ron Schrotberger,
- 4/8 Linda Kondor, Ernst Pfrunder
- 4/10 Chris Madison
- 4/13 Jennifer Bayer
- 4/15 Edie Marth
- 4/18 Joyce Keller
- 4/19 Ed Davis
- 4/20 Ben Eddy
- 4/23 Cherie Taylor

Renovation Campaign Update

*Have you turned in
your Commitment Card
yet?*

Even if you need to mark the last option of "not being able to commit at this time," we would appreciate getting a card from you.

We have received \$657,000 in campaign pledges and pre-campaign giving.

One of our project managers, Gary Reynolds, shared this recently..."we need to renovate this Old Holy House...

This ole house is a-gettin' shaky



ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 John & Janet Garnjost (46 yrs)
4/14 Gary & Kathy Reynolds (46 yrs)
4/19 Dick & Edie Marth (66 yrs)
4/19 Doug & Ann Hamnes (33 yrs)
4/28 Alan & Deanna Coyne (46 yrs)

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

*This ole house is a-gettin' old
This ole house lets in the rain
This ole house lets in the cold
On his knees are a-gettin' chilly
But he feel no fear or pain
'Cause he see an angel peekin'
Through a broken windowpane*

-- lyrics by Stuart Hamblen, 1954



Take your gifts

assessment

today!

Our Chosen CLC Lenten Discipline

As you look at the variety of ministry opportunities here at Christ Lutheran Church, do you wonder where you are best suited to serve? Do you hold back from volunteering, unsure of your gifts and how best to use them?

Even those of you who are only with us on the island for a short time are invited to take part in this assessment and perhaps engage in ministry when you are among us.

In 1 Peter 4:10, we are told "*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*"

To find out what gifts God has given you, we invite you to take the ***Spiritual Gifts Discovery Assessment***. ***This only takes about 10 minutes of your time!*** Please be straightforward with your answers. When you take this assessment online, your results will go into our system so that we can help you make the connection between your gifts and areas of service in our ministry.

By the end of Lent, we would like to have you all in our system so we can help you to use your God given gifts!

Please take the assessment!

Once you complete the assessment, you will also receive your results via email. Plus, to help you understand your gifts and how to use them when you finish the assessment, you can download a profile sheet for each of your gifts on the website.

If you are not comfortable doing this online, please get with Silke to pick up a paper assessment to fill out and return to her. Just let Silke ([Silke at CLC](#)) know!

Thank You!

Click here: [Spiritual Gifts Assessment](#)



Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper @ 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays thru April 10

Two Soups are provided by Christ's Loyal Chefs.
Please bring a salad, appetizer,
dessert or bread to share.

As is our tradition, we ask that you **please bring small wrapped candies** to fill our Easter eggs for our

ANNUAL PRESCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT (Sat. April 13 @ 11 a.m.)

As you gather for our Lenten supper, you will have time to help fill plastic eggs at each table.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship @ 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays through April 10 Holden Evening Prayer and a short mid-service discussion

We are studying Craig Groeschel's series:
"Becoming Who God Says You Are: Altar Ego"

You are not who others think you are. You are not even who you think you are. Take your idea of your own identity; lay it down on the altar and sacrifice it. Why? Because you are who God says you are. Until you've sacrificed your broken concept of your identity, you won't become who you are meant to be. Join us for the last two weeks as we delve into sharing the truth of who you are in Christ. No matter if you have missed any of the sessions. Each session can stand on it's own as a learning opportunity.

- 3/13: *Overcoming the Labels that Bind You*
- 3/20: *You Are God's Masterpiece*
- 3/27: *Trading the Immediate for the Ultimate*
- 4/3: *Living with Integrity*
- 4/10: *Developing Spiritual Boldness*

CLC Congregational Council

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A regular meeting of the Christ Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, March 19. Following are highlights of the meeting:

- Thankfully, our Church is experiencing a high number of visitors each week. Council discussed the option of members parking on the lawn for their preferred service so that visitors will find ample parking spaces. A volunteer will also monitor the parking lot at the beginning of each service to help direct traffic to open parking spaces.
- The Renovation capital team continues to monitor commitment cards that have been collected to date. Follow up phone calls are underway to encourage all interested parties to return cards reflecting their pledge to the campaign. Individual circumstances sometimes change, and pledge cards can always be amended.
- A volunteer is needed to serve as Financial Secretary. Any interested individual should contact Kathy Reynolds.
- Council discussed possible priorities for the Strategic Planning session to be held on June 1.

Plans are to look out at least 18 months to set goals and priorities for Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool.

- Pastor proposed three new Church members and Council approved.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Blessings,
Kathy Reynolds
Council President

CLC Ministry Opportunities

"My Name Is _____ and my Ministry is _____"

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.**



LOCAL MISSION: The Deep Well Project



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

Sunday, APRIL 7 is DEEP WELL SUNDAY

To keep CLC members in the informational loop from the Deep Well Project, please note that food requests for February continued to be high (but not as high as January requests). 362 people (43% of those were children) received food from the DW Pantry in February. Food donations, on top of a twice weekly Second Helpings deliveries, totaled over 1,000 pounds and came from various Marriott properties, grocery stores, and 5 churches (CLC being one of those churches).

Please continue to bring to church soaps, shampoos and various other hygiene items for the **Clean as a Whistle** goodie bags. Our youth will be assembling goodie bags to take to Deep Well.

With that in mind, please contribute the following to the blue wagon or the collection basket, both located in the Narthex of the church.

**Dish soap, Hand soap
Detergent, 409 cleaner (or some kind of household cleaning spray)
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Boxes of macaroni and cheese
Pasta & Pasta sauce
Rice
Canned chicken
Jelly
Juice**

Applesauce
Canned fruit (low sugar or natural juice)

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

It is time for our second annual **Soaps, Shampoos and Sundries collection** for the "**Clean as a Whistle**" Goodie Bags that our youth assemble for Deep Well. Last year we were able to donate over 75 Goodie Bags to people in need of simple items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, nail polish and remover, cleansing cloths, etc.

If you are traveling, please think of us as you gather up the various sample sizes provided by your hotel. Please donate any **small bottles (trial size or hotel)** of these items to our collection basket in the Narthex of the church. These donations will be assembled in May by our Youth Faith Formation classes. ALL donations are greatly appreciated!



LOCAL MISSION: 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 or 843-842-4710.



The next **SET UP** is **Wednesday, April 24 at 4:15 p.m.**
and **PACKING** is **Thursday, April 25, at 10:15am.**

CLC Faith Formation

Exploring Teen Suicide - A Necessary Conversation

On **April 14 (Noon)** our CLC youth and parents will meet **in a closed group in the youth room** to explore the sad but very persistent topic of teen suicide.



Silke will guide the youth through a Group Publishing, "Lifetree-Cafe" resource.

According to the CDC, for American youth between the ages of 10 and 24, suicide is the third leading cause of death. More teenagers die of suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease - combined.

A light pizza lunch will be provided. **Let's talk!**

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!

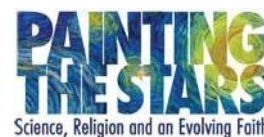
Our Adult Faith Formation group is a warm and inviting class of friendly and caring individuals. We love to learn, laugh, and support one another through our Christian journey. We are composed

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, April 7**. We will let you know via email where we are meeting that Sunday. 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

Plan now to join us at 9:45am

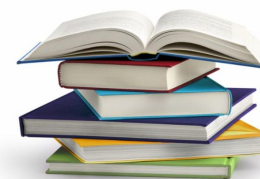
for brunch between
services
on **Sunday, March 31**

We will be celebrating
our **Renovation Campaign
Success!**



CLC Book Club

Educated by Tara Westover is the Book Club selection for April. A recipient of numerous literary awards, **Educated** is a memoir about a girl, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. The group will meet at the home of Rita Hungate on **Saturday, April 13** at 1:30 p.m. Rita's address is 18 Pine Island Court in Sea Pines. Please let her know if you plan to attend, either by phone (309-453-2765) or email (rgHungate@aol.com). We welcome any book lover, even if you are just visiting or are a part time member! Please join us!



Attention CLC Golfers

Join in and play 9 or 18 holes of golf each Friday starting about noon. Invite friends and family to come as well. We play local courses open to the public. We try to find the best rates available. Great fun and fellowship! Please let me know by noon on the Wednesday before we play if you want to come.



Text Jim Breland at (843)290-5953 if you would like to come out.

CLC Preschool

Your support over the last five years has made this our most successful fundraiser each and every time. The Birdies for Charity is sponsored by the Heritage Classic Foundation associated with the RBC Heritage.



From now until April 21, you can make a per birdie pledge or a flat donation. Every donation will be matched with an additional 15% by the Heritage Classic Foundation! It's so easy to do.

Simply go to www.heritageclassicfoundation.com and click on **Donate Now**.

If you are not comfortable doing this online, you can fill out a pledge form (*available in the Narthex*), place it in the offering plate, and Janet Betts from the Preschool will take it from there.

To date, we have reached 60% of our goal for our Birdies fundraiser. We have received the equivalent of 369 pennies pledged. Our goal is to hit the 600 penny mark in the next three weeks. Thank you for all who have donated and pledged. Your support is invaluable to our preschool.

CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers. Your loved ones are being remembered in weekly prayer by the CLC Prayer Ministry Team.

Please include in your prayers:

- Marcia Hopper, cancer
- Ron Schrotberger, recovering from knee surgery
- JJ Johns, recovering from knee surgery
- Ann Carter
- Nicole Simon, mission work in Romania
- Chloe Bredeson, complications from Tuberous Sclerosis
- Julia Majsztirik, infant, recovering from heart surgery
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's Disease
- Connie Henne, recovering from hip surgery
- Suzy Makalous
- those affected by the devastation of Tropical Storms, Fires & Hurricanes
- Sandy & Herb 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.

Thinking of You



"Thinking of You" cards are sent on behalf of our family of faith to members and others (when address is provided on back of prayer request) when prayers are requested. Or you can provide an address for your friend or loved one by sending it to the office (info@clchhi.com) and it will be forwarded to the folks providing this ministry.

Community Events

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN IMPORTANT EVENT

Anti-Defamation League Program

April 4, 2019 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Congregation Beth Yam



Please join us at Congregation Beth Yam for a timely presentation Shelley Rose, Deputy Director of the Southeast branch of Anti-Defamation League. She will discuss the most current statistics and information on hate crimes in America and suggest action-oriented strategies to eradicate bias-related crimes.

Did you know that South Carolina is one of the 5 states which does not have a hate crime law? Recently, Charleston, with the assistance of the Anti-Defamation League, passed an ordinance making such crimes legally punishable.

Come work with us to pass a similar piece of legislation here on Hilton Head...and adjacent communities.

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee of Congregation Beth Yam

For more information contact: barbarameyer600@hotmail.com

2019 Palmetto Heart Walk

This annual event will be held on
Saturday, April 27 at
Shelter Cover Park beginning at 9:00 a.m.
(check in at 8:30 a.m.)

This is a 3.1 mile non-competitive Walk or 5K Race



Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) is again sponsoring a team to participate in the walk. We need persons to walk, donate or assist in the process. We have normally fielded 20 plus walkers and have supported over \$1500 in donations to benefit heart health in the Low Country.

Please consider supporting our CLC Team! Donations can be made online or checks can be made out to the American Heart Association and given directly to Wayne Sebulsky. If you donate online, remember to credit CLC as the team you are supporting.

NOTE: This year Wayne is unable to attend due to a scheduled trip. Anyone who would like to help organize the group that morning, take a group picture and handle other details would be greatly appreciated! Wayne will provide details and who to contact as the local rep.

[Click here to view the CLC Heart Walk Page](#)

If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:
http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?team_id=482237&pg=team&fr_id=3967&et=1z-

For more information, contact Wayne at church, by phone at 843-715-3287 or by email at seb1947@aol.com.

Events Happening at CLC

Assisting with our Sunday Worship, March 31

Altar Guild: Nancy Englund **Coffee Fellowship:** BRUNCH!

8:30 a.m. Lector: Shirley Otto **Acolyte:** TBD **Sound:** Barbara Klatt

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

Communion Assts: Cherie & Kirk Taylor **Ushers:** Audrey Spergl, Shirley Otto

10:30 a.m. Lector: Susan Fidler **Acolyte:** TBD **Cantor:** Susan Fidler

Ushers: Jim & Emily Breland, Joe Etter, Wayne Sebulsky **Sound:** Barbara Klatt

Communion Assts:

Paten: Susan Fidler; Chalices: Janet Garnjost, Kathy Reynolds, John & Joyce Prange

Friday, 3/29

ALL DAY

OFFICES CLOSED

5:30 pm

Friday Night AA Group
(Sales Center)

Sunday, 3/31

8:30 am

Blended Worship Service

9:45 am

BRUNCH!!!

10:30 am

Traditional Worship

Monday, 4/1

10:00 a.m.

Quilting Ministry Team
(Sales Center)

Wednesday, 4/3

10:00 a.m.

Back Pack Buddies Book packing

1:00 pm

Women's AA Group
(Sales Center)

3:45 p.m.

Choir practice

5:00 pm

Hand Bell Practice

6:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 p.m.

Lenten Evening Prayer

Thursday, 4/4

12:00 pm

Soup Kitchen

12:30 p.m.

Pockets of Sunshine Chime practice

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Silke will be out of the office April 1-4



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