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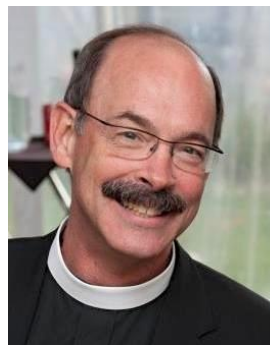


LET'S CELEBRATE !

Pastor Emil



Please join us at the 8:30 service or at coffee hour on **May 5, 2019** as we honor and celebrate one of our own. **Hunter Julseth** is a graduating senior from Hilton Head High School and will be attending Clemson University!



Pastor's thoughts...

We had a particularly interesting topic this past Wednesday during our CONNECTED worship experience. We watched a short video about the meaning of the cross, and the presenter discussed several popular interpretations of its meaning, which sparked some great discussion.

We boiled the presenter's points down to these four for the purpose of our discussion:

1. The cross is victory over evil.
2. The cross is a moral lesson.

Congratulations



BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Beth Ann Julseth, Neil Springer
5/3 Dick Marth
5/10 Barbara Johnson, Loretta Warden
5/13 Alex Kasten, Sherry White
5/15 Ben Pyrlík
5/16 Corey Slater
5/17 Susie Arnold, Elsa Felten
5/20 Joyce Sundeen
5/21 Emily Breland
5/23 Ken Feters
5/24 Patty Gosdin
5/25 Janet Lynn
5/27 Bob Harding
5/31 Phyllis Dickes

ANNIVERSARIES

5/27 Ted & Irmgard Drilling (58yrs)

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3. The cross is the satisfaction of God's wrath.
4. The cross is a means for transformation.

So, the question is: **What do you see when you look at the cross?**

I have to wonder if we've seen crosses all our lives, to the point that it just becomes a part of the furniture, or a piece of jewelry. But what does it mean-to you? This Sunday, when you come to worship, sit down in the sanctuary, look up at the cross hanging over the altar, and ask yourself: What does this thing mean? What was the purpose of Jesus' death on this particular object, in this particular manner? What, exactly, was accomplished on that cross?

I'm not going to offer a full response here, because I could write a book on the subject. In fact, many books have been written about it. I will say that I see it as both symbolic and existential at the same time. Just take this challenge and share with me what you come up with.

Anyway, these are the kinds of topics with which we challenge ourselves each Wednesday evening at CONNECTED. We even have food! I would invite you to come to this very informal (I come in shorts and polo shirt) worship and learning time.

See you Sunday! And maybe on Wednesday!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Emil

Please join in welcoming these new members...

Sondra Bush
Michael Connolly
Bob Harding & Vermelle (Mell) Lawson



Sondra is joining us as an Associate Member. She lives on Lake Sinclair in Georgia, but is often in Hilton Head at the HHB & T Resort. She works as a nurse at Hilton Head Hospital. She has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Sondra has been on several mission trips to Ghana, West Africa and greatly enjoyed the experience. She is excited about becoming an active member at Christ Lutheran when on the island. She has already shared her singing skills by participating with our choir.

Michael was born in Illinois and, as a child, toured the country courtesy of the United States Marine Corps - his father's career as a naval aviator; mother a computer programmer. Michael is the oldest of four. He lives on Hilton Head with his girlfriend Jacqui and their four-legged child, Mr. Bentley.

Michael received his formal education from East Carolina University and currently helps people solve their problems (marketing). He likes to work in the yard outside, read books (audible in the car) and dedicates many Saturdays and Sunday afternoons to "family life".



Bob was born in 1926 in Rahway, NJ, the youngest of three.

After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944. During this time, he served with the multitude of those involved in the successful invasion of Okinawa, Japan. He received the Purple Heart. When he was discharged in 1947, he returned to NJ, married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, and started employment with the American Decal Company. He rose through the ranks and retired as General Manager after 40 years with the company. He and Barbara had 3 children.

Upon retirement, they moved to SC and built a home in Moss Creek. Bob's wife, Barbara died after an extended illness. Bob & Mell's friendship deepened over the year. (see below) Bob enjoys golf and is looking forward to returning to the game upon full recovery from a recent stroke.

Vermelle (Mell) was born in Lexington SC and has 5 siblings. She attended local schools and the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing. She retired from Lexington School District after serving 22 years.

She and her husband, Jack, had 4 sons. Jack died in 2003. Her two living sons live in Louisiana and South Carolina. She has 1 grandchild and 6 great grandchildren.

Mell is a life-long Lutheran, having grown up in the rural church established by her great-grandfather. Mell is still a member at Faith Lutheran, West Columbia, where she was actively involved, holding many offices. She made many of their church banners that are still in use today.

She now lives with her significant other, Bob Harding in Moss Creek, and continues to have a home in West Columbia. Mell and Bob have been together for 9 years yet have actually known each other for 50 years! She was best friends with Bob's first wife Barbara who died 3 years before Mell's husband, Jack. She and Bob each cared for their respective spouse during their long illnesses. After their deaths, Bob & Mell kept in touch and their relationship developed into their present-day commitment. They feel strongly that the blessing of their loving Heavenly Father brought them together.

Mell and Bob feel blessed by the Pastor and the family of Christ Lutheran Church and are delighted that God directed them to our church family as Associate Members.

CONNECTED Faith Encounter

WEDNESDAYS: May 1, 8 & 15

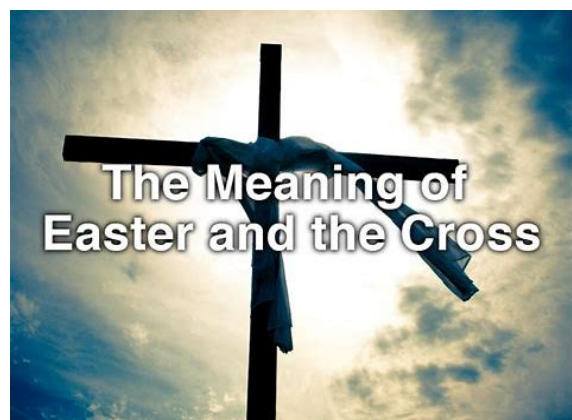
Please join us as we resume our CONNECTED Faith Encounter contemporary worship

in **Heinrichs Hall at 6 p.m.** Like always, we will share a light supper, music, prayers, a video series message, and discussions.

Dig deeper with us into what Easter means for **YOU** as we discuss the cross, salvation, and Jesus.

Participating in CONNECTED will help you to grow in your faith and to deepen your understanding of the Bible. It will also help you to connect deeper with

other members and visitors of our church and to form new, deep friendships.



CLC Congregational Council

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Christ Lutheran Church Council was held on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Heinrich Hall. Following are highlights of the meeting:

- Council considered and approved request to fund replacement of air conditioning unit that supports Heinrich Hall. It is located behind the kitchen/preschool area. Estimated cost is around \$10,000.
- Council considered and approved request to fund attendance to Future of the Church seminar in Denver, Colorado for Silke Pyrlík, Director of Christian Life and two Council members.
- The A&F Ministry Team is working with insurance companies to resolve claims for roof damage and flood damage.
- Renovation and Capital Campaign Teams completed the fund drive raising commitments totaling \$668,000. Renovation team will meet on May 2 to formulate recommendation to Council of how to proceed with the Renovation project.
- Thank you to John and Janet Garnjost for their many years of service as Tellers. Doug and Ann Hammes, as well as Carol Benton, Suzy Maklous and Lynn Baglyos are being trained to join the Teller team. Thank you to all for their service in this important ministry of the Church.
- Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. Preparations for the session are underway.

Blessings,
Kathy Reynolds
Council President

CLC Ministry Opportunities

"My Name Is _____ and my Ministry is _____"

LOCAL MISSION: Back Pack Buddies

Back Pack Buddies 2018-19

This year our church has participated in the Back Pack Buddies program supplying 85 kids at Hilton Head Elementary School each week with two breakfasts and two lunches for the weekend. This food is provided through monetary donations and grants to The Hunger Coalition and includes 2 cereals, 2 fruit cups, 2 granola bars, 2 entrees, a pudding and 2 pieces of fresh fruit. An additional 180 kids are also in the program at Early Childhood Center and the Creative Arts Elementary through the involvement of other churches.



A big thank you to all of the volunteers making this possible.

Bill & Julie Valienti and Ray Stickel pick up the food once a month to bring it to our church (just under 7000 pounds of food.)

The choir members, Paulette Stephanik, Carla Bech-Hansen, Helen Babbitts, Alice Graeb, Linda Kondor, Patty Wasson, Steve Bassford, Mike Matter, Susie Fidler and John Prange open all of our cases and set up the food for packing.

The fourth grade classes of Susan Buck from Hilton Head Christian Academy come to help us pack the bags in addition to Elsie Meccariello, Shirley Otto, Connie Henne, Ingrid Low, Chris Wilcox, Julie Williams, John and Joyce Prange, Elsa and Doug Felten, Dana Guerrieri, Liz Christon, Janet Springer, Lynne Baglyos, Deb Archer, and Carol Langehaug and Rita Hungate.

Sue and Don Wells, Chris Wilcox, Joyce & John Prange, Taffy & Chuck Wallace and Ray Stickel transfer the bins of food to the schools each month and retrieve the empty bins.

Every Friday teams of two packers put fresh fruit in every bag and distribute them to the kids including Denise Adams, Fran and Robin Baselice, Pat Green, Julie Williams, Sue Wells, Marie Wagoner, Ingrid Low, Arlene Kokinda, Kathy Gray, Peg Boss. Jan Nesbit and Rosemary Mavellia.

It takes everyone working together to see that the children are not hungry on the weekends. If I have left anyone off this list I truly apologize and sincerely thank everyone who has helped this year with Back Pack Buddies.

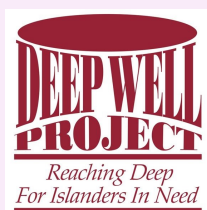
Doris Stickel

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"***

The shelves in the Deep Well Pantry are getting empty of the usual products. **The next collection is Sunday, May 5.** Thank you for your continued support to this local ministry.

Call Chris Wilcox if there are questions. 843-342-9711

- **Toilet paper (always)**
- **Jelly (always)**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Salad dressings**
- **Granola bars**
- **Cereal (always, non sugar kinds)**
- **Juices: 100% juices**

- Low sugar canned fruit and applesauce
- Chef Boyardee canned products
- Pasta sauce
- Canned pork and beans

Please continue to bring to church soaps, shampoos and various other hygiene items for the **Clean as a Whistle** goodie bags. (See below)

*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: CLC Quilters

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the kind donation to Hopeful Horizons. **Your gift of 15 lovely quilts for families in the shelter.** You are helping create a village that paves the way for hope and healing!

Our mission at Hopeful Horizons is to provide safety, hope and healing to survivors of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault through evidence-based practices and lead in ending abuse through primary prevention and education.

We depend greatly on the support of the community to sustain our agency's vital services to the victims we serve. Thank you for sharing in Hopeful Horizons vision, to facilitate whole childhood, safe relationships, healthy families and a violence free community.

Sincerely,
Kristin Dubrowski, MNM
CEO



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.

Optional Adult Faith Formation Class

Join us for our next series, **Living the Questions**, beginning on **Sunday, May 5 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Youth Room in the Sale Education Center.



This video series introduces participants to some of the thought leaders of Progressive Christianity and offers a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask. **Living the Questions** provides the theological grounding, rationale and vocabulary to help you articulate the foundations of Progressive Christianity.

Yes, this is an edgy area to investigate, but please be assured that Pastor and David have discussed how to keep the conversations grounded in our Lutheran Confessions.

Each week we will watch a segment and then have time for discussion. Come when you can, there is no need to be regular every week.

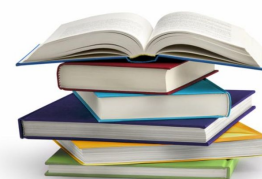
Questions? contact David Kuhlmann -- buckeye81@me.com

CLC in Fellowship

CLC Book Club

The CLC Book Club continues to select and discuss some amazing literature; May's choice is a wonderful example of this year's list of reads.

On **Saturday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.**, we meet to discuss **Swift Currents**, a historical novel about how some fictional slaves in the Lowcountry became freedmen. Marajeane Zodtner will host our group at her home. Please be in touch with Marajeane so she can arrange a gate pass. 843-842-2577 or mzodtner@gmail.com



This meeting will be especially meaningful as the discussion will be led by the book's author, David Bruce Grim! Mr. Grim, a local Lowcountry author, will talk about his book and his Civil War passion and will help us appreciate the struggles of slaves transitioning from bondage to freedom. A meeting not to be missed!

Upcoming book choices to be discussed are: **Nine Perfect Strangers** by Liane Moriarty and **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens. Our group meets in June and then takes a 2 month break, reconvening in September. Please consider joining our group. Contact Chris Wilcox---843-342-9711 or christineewilcox@aol.com.

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.



CLC In Full Swing

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

Can it really be May already? The school year is winding down and will end with a wonderful **musical program on May 31 at 9:00 a.m.** Mrs. Maurer, our music teacher, is planning "**A Spoonful of Music: Mary Poppins Moments & More.**" Join us for this musical extravaganza to be held in Heinrichs Hall. You won't be disappointed.

Thank you to all who participated in our **Birdies for Charity** fundraiser. There were 1354 birdies made during the four day tournament. If everyone honors their pledge, we will raise almost \$8,900!. Several teachers have already created their wish list. We are excited to be able to replace worn items and add new exciting opportunities for the kids.

We would also like to **thank** those who donated the new microwave. It is a huge improvement over what we had. **And Don Bethman and Jay Moore - you rock!** Thank you for installing our new counter top and shelf, painting our cabinet and repairing the floor and baseboard. The extra counter space is invaluable during lunch time.



School may be ending but summer camp is just around the bend. Camp starts on June 10 and will run for eight weeks. A few spaces are still available. Contact Nancy Conder if you know someone who is interested.

And as always, we appreciate the donations to the ink cartridge collection and the Helping Hands Box (on table in narthex).

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:

- Kathy Johnson, spine surgery, Columbia SC
- Dick Marth, recovering from stroke
- Doris Stickel, fractured vertebrae
- Janet Garnjost, recovering from hip surgery
- the family of John Ehlers as they mourn his death
- Steve Bassford, in ICU - Hilton Head Hospital
- Pamela Morris, lung cancer
- Julia Majsztrik, infant, recovering from heart surgery
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's Disease
- 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.

Events Happening at CLC

Assisting with our Sunday Worship, May 5

Altar Guild: Janet Hicks & Wendy Dickes **Coffee Fellowship:** Kathy Strohmaier

8:30 a.m. Lector: Mary Jo Etter **Acolyte:** John Babbitts **Sound:** Manfred Pyrlik
Music: Alice Graeb, Helen Babbitts, Kirk Taylor, Tami & David Kuhlmann
Communion Assts: Cherie & Kirk Taylor **Ushers:** John Babbitts, Joe Etter

10:30 a.m. Lector: Alan Coyne **Acolyte:** TBD **Cantor:** Susan Fidler
Ushers: Leslie & Gary Heavener; Nancy Englund, Nolan Hansen **Sound:** Barbara Klatt
Communion Assts:
 Paten: Susan Fidler; Chalices: Steve & Teri Herron; Alan & Deanna Coyne

Friday, 5/3	ALL DAY 5:30 pm	OFFICES CLOSED Friday Night AA Group (Sale Educ. Ctr.)
Sunday, 5/5	8:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Blended Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Faith Formation Classes Traditional Worship
Monday, 5/6	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Ministry Team (Sales Center)
Wednesday, 5/8	1:00 pm 3:45 p.m. 5:00 pm 6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Group (Sales Center) Choir practice Hand Bell Practice CONNECTED Faith Encounter
Thursday, 5/9	12:00 pm 12:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Pockets of Sunshine Chime practice (Sale Educ. Ctr.)

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

