

The September BRIDGE 08/30/2019

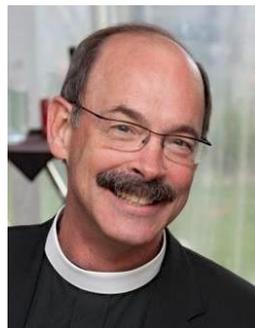
Pastor Emil
We Pray For...
CLC Building & Maintenance
CLC Council Corner
CLC in Worship
CLC Renovation Team
CLC Preschool
CLC in Ministry
CLC Faith Formation
CLC Fellowship
Calendar



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 9/9 - Dan Luciano
- 9/11 - Gary Dolch
- 9/14 - Michael Morton
- 9/15 - Dennis Bayer, Deanna Coyne, Jim Fritz, John Gamjost & Suzanne Gerhart
- 9/20 - Ann Hammes
- 9/25 - Jeff Hawley & Alyssa White
- 9/28 - Donna Putrino
- 9/29 - Herb Heins
- 9/30 - Anna Eddy, Jane Williamson

Pastor Emil



Pastor's thoughts...

Last week, we talked about the structure of prayer. I offered an acronym (**ACTS**) as a possible foundation for us to develop our own style. Yours may end up being different from this structure, and that's just fine. This was just a template.

In addition to **A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, and **S**upplication (**ACTS**), probably the largest portion of our prayer time should be spent in **LISTENING**.

I like the story of the little girl who was saying her prayers one night. She finished what she had to say, but she didn't

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

9/2 - Gary & Leslie Heavener (52 yrs)
9/4 - Neil & Janet Springer (59 yrs)
9/6 - Mike & Patti Conklin (39 yrs)
9/9 - Tony & Michelle Olesh (34 yrs)
9/11 - Carl & Janet Lynn (70 yrs)
9/15 - Alex & Barbara Kasten (63 yrs)
9/20 - Lee & Christy Marsden (44 yrs)
9/22 - Steve & Teri Herron (29 yrs)

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

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM



God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Steve Alfred, Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia
- John Prange, cochlear implant surgery, 9/9 in MD
- Jackie Young, breast cancer
- Emily Oldham, tumor
- Jack Scandrett, shoulder surgery
- Gloria Szymanski
- Bernard, brain aneurysm
- Jesse Catapano, anxiety
- Nancy Porter, lung disease
- Greg Darga, fusion of neck vertebrae
- Faye Reinhardt, recovering from hip surgery
- JoAnn Livingston, multiple myeloma
- Barbara Klatt, recovering from hip surgery
- Marilyn Kuhlmann, Parkinson's Disease
- Manfred Pyrlik, pancreatic cancer
- Steve Bassford, hospitalized in Savannah
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's Disease
- Jackie Longo
- Jane Williamson
- Donna Putrino
- Gary Gregory
- those affected by the devastation of all Natural

conclude her prayers with "amen." Her mother started to get a little impatient and said, "Why don't you say 'amen' so you can go to sleep?" The little girl said, "I was just waiting to see if God had anything else to say to me." She had the right idea!

Sometimes we can listen by being very still and focused on the moment. Other times, we listen best while doing some mundane task. I can do both, depending on my mood. I can sit quietly in a darkened room, or I can go cut the grass. Both give me a chance to listen for God to speak to me.

So, for what are we listening? Well, if we're waiting for the kind of voice that could be recorded, we might have a long wait. The "still, small voice" the Bible talks about in 1 Kings is more than a sense of a presence. It may involve a sense of well-being, kind of like the experience of being hugged. Maybe we've been wrestling with a problem, or trying to make a decision, and slowly, quietly, there comes a kind of clarity. Maybe we've been carrying around a load of guilt, and now there comes a sense of forgiveness—a feeling of peace. Something like that, I think, is the voice of God.

One thing I am sure of is that, if we take prayer seriously, it will change our lives. The key is persistence. We would benefit greatly from making prayer an integral part of our day. In prayer, we receive love and guidance and strength. Wherever we are, God is there, too. Open up and listen.

See you Sunday.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Emil



Disasters

-- ALL service personnel

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

CLC --- Building & Maintenance Update

As you drive around our facility, you may notice several trees have been removed recently. This is a project that John Babbitts researched thoroughly and spent many hours finding out what our options were.

Many of the trees were decayed internally. One was in our preschool playground area; another in the circle around the preschool; the big oak adjacent to the office and two on the left side of the church. At the same time the trees were removed, the Palm trees were trimmed. We are being proactive, trying to remove anything before a storm hits and damage is done due to strong winds and rain.



The town did a drone survey and is making us replace six of the trees taken down, but this will not occur until October or November, which is considered an ideal planting time.

CLC Council Corner

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your Church Council met at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on August 20. Following are highlights from that meeting.

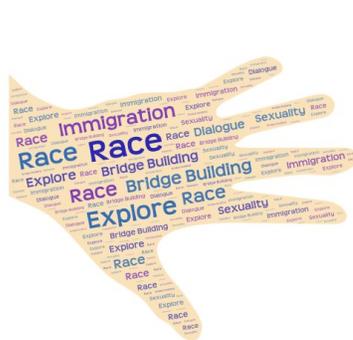
- Council received Reports of Staff and Ministry Reports in advance of the meeting. Council voted to approve those reports.
- Council discussed two ongoing initiatives that were adopted as priorities for 2019:
 - Tami reported on progress in Expanding our Worship Service at our 8:30 Service. New music will continue to be introduced that will enhance the worship experience. *(Please see further down in this newsletter regarding your input towards the 8:30 service)*
 - Kathy reported on progress of Utilization of Our Facility by Outside Groups/Events. A local group of community leaders is planning a Diversity Event for the weekend of April 24, 2020. Components of the event may include a Diversity Panel Discussion and a Sunday afternoon concert that would include choir members from area churches. Christ Lutheran Church facilities are being considered as the venue for the event.

- Council discussed enhancing Security training and decided to further investigate appropriate resources to employ. Discussion will continue at the September meeting.
- Phyllis reported that the Renovation Project is well underway, and the Architect is working on drawings for the project.
- Council discussed the vote at ELCA Churchwide Assembly to become a Sanctuary Denomination. Pastor Klatt was asked to draft communication to the Congregation to clarify what this means to Christ Lutheran Church. (*This was sent via our email communications to our mailing list. Hard copy is also available in the narthex*)
- Council voted to accept Pastor Klatt's letter of retirement. September 29 will be Pastor and Barbara's last Sunday with CLC and a Celebration of Their Service is being planned between services during our traditional 5th Sunday brunch on that day.
- Council has received a recommendation from Bishop Yoos for an Interim Pastor. Council is conducting phone interviews of references and a group from Council will travel to hear the Candidate preach and conduct worship services on September 8.

In Christ's Service,
Kathy Reynolds, Council President

CLC in Worship

CONNECTED - Spirited Conversations!
Resumes Wednesday, Sept. 18



CONNECTED will soon be back in session -- mark your calendars now!

CONNECTED - *Spirited Conversations*

Join us on **Wednesdays, starting September 18**, as we resume **CONNECTED @ CLC in Heinrichs Hall at 6 pm with light supper treats and *Spirited Conversations***.
(free will offering welcome)

For this coming 2019/20 year the **DIALOGUE IS ON!**

RACE: *Sept. 18 & 25; Oct. 2, 9 & 30; & Nov 6, 13, & 20*
2020 topics will include Sexuality & The Refugee Crisis

- Issues prominent in Dialogues on Race include environmental justice, immigration, and treaty rights for indigenous people of the Americas. Yet the unique features of anti-black racism remain central to the discussion.
- Today, dialogues on race are as apt to occur in street protests as they are in church basements or coffee shops. Actions and words are not seen as separate encounters. There is an expectation that our personal life and our organization's structural reality are transforming and moving toward the justice that our values and faith call us to proclaim.

Dialogues On Race offers a range of perspectives!

8:30 Worship Service

A well-rounded team has been tasked by Council to work on developing a more contemporary approach to our 8:30 service. We already use a modern translation for our readings...and more modern verbiage for our confession and communion. Once the renovation is completed, we will be able to project elements of the service and reduce the amount of paper we use for bulletins.

As we move forward with new selections of music, it was decided to repeat certain pieces for several weeks in order to help our regular worshipers learn the melodies and words.

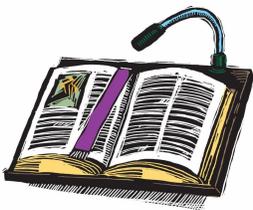
Starting in September, we will be singing our confessional Creed right after the sermon. And, just like when Pastor chooses to change the confession or the wording of the Great Thanksgiving, we are trying a new Offertory response and Lamb of God leading into communion.



We realize 'change' is often thought of as a four letter word in the church and that some of these changes may feel uncomfortable to you. We welcome constructive criticism. Let us know what you like and what feels awkward. This is a work in progress...nothing is set in stone.

Thoughts/comments can be shared with Tami Kuhlmann or Barbara Klatt.

Worship: Communion Assistants and Lectors NEEDED



To participate in a worship service as a Lector for the 8:30 or 10:30 service or Communion Assistant for the 10:30 service is a special way to serve our Church.



It's not difficult. It gives you a special feeling when you serve other church members in the service of

our Lord.

And it may be just the ministry you are looking to try.

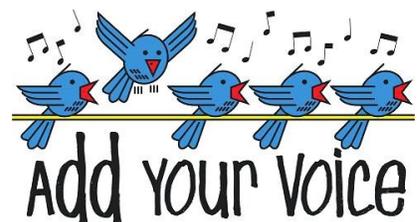
If you would like to be either or both or simply have questions as to how this works, please contact Phyllis Rowe, 843-384-9888 or jprowe@hargray.com

CLC Choir

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesdays beginning on Sept. 11.

Note: *Because of Back Pack Buddies, we will start at 3:30 p.m. Our usual rehearsal time is 3:45 p.m.*

We have a good core group of singers, but always welcome additional voices. Why not give it a try and join us for the Fall season even if you don't feel you can commit for the entire year.



Need more info? Contact Jim Fritz (843-684-7336) We look forward to having you join us.



Our Bell Choir will resume Wednesday rehearsals at 5:00 p.m. on September 18

An Update from your RENOVATION TEAM!

Your Renovation Ministry Team has been hard at work after the Congregational vote in July to move forward with our renovation project. Here are some "sound bites" on our progress:

- Renovation Team has met multiple times to finalize details and get the project underway including meetings with the Architect and Builder.
- Current plans indicate that the renovation should get started by the end of 2019.
- Gary Reynolds has agreed to be the Project Manager for the renovation and he is already meeting with the architect and builder on details. Thank you, Gary!
- Detailed plans are being developed by the architect.
- Discussions are beginning to take place with the City for the Town approval and permits.
- Wayne Sebulsky is working with MIF for final building loan approval.
- Of the \$688,000 that has been pledged for our three-year campaign, we have collected \$252,000 or 37% of the total. Thank You!



Of special note, when work begins on the narthex and sanctuary, we will need to use Heinrichs Hall for our services. To prepare for work on the narthex and sanctuary we will need to begin to clear out some items from these spaces so please bear with us as we begin to clear these areas. We will advise when we will need to begin to move our services to Heinrichs Hall and will do our best to minimize services outside of our sanctuary.

We hope you join us in our excitement to finally get started on this much needed project and appreciate your continued support. Soon saw dust will be flying and we will begin to see work underway.

Praise be to God!
Renovation Ministry Team

CLC PRESCHOOL

School has started!

We are into our second week of school and learning and laughter is already taking place. Everyone is settling in and any early tears are now replaced with smiles and curiosity. Our enrollment this year has our afternoons already full though there are a few spaces for our morning preschool.

The teachers were treated to a fabulous lunch by John Babbitts and his crew during our week of preparing the school for the new year. It was hard to go back to work after such a delicious meal. Thank you so much!



We'd also like to thank those church members who have already generously donated glue sticks, markers, paper towels, utensils and more. We are so grateful for the support.



Please consider helping us by donating items
to our **Helping Hands** tub
on the ministry table in the narthex.

CLC In Ministry

The **Social Ministry Team** will meet September 10 at noon in Heinrich's Hall. After our summer break from meetings but not good works, we will discuss and plan for the fall and winter season. We welcome new members, so plan to join our team!! Questions? Contact Leslie Heavener [pjst48e2@gmail.com]

LOCAL MISSION: Family Promise

Just a reminder...Family Promise residents will be living in our Sales Education Center over the next two weeks. They arrive on September 1 and depart on September 15. Please respect their privacy and DO NOT walk through that portion of the building during this time. You may enter the offices from the usual doorway under the portico. Thank you!



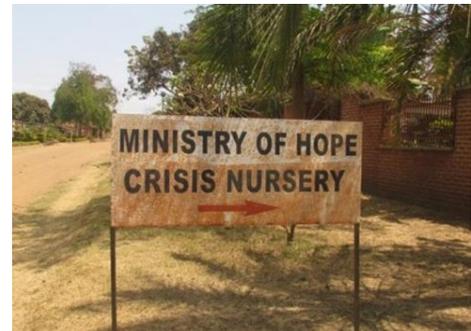
GLOBAL MISSION: MISSION OF HOPE: Malawi Crisis Nursery

MINISTRY OF HOPE
--- **Malawi Crisis Nursery**
www.ministryofhope.org

Sunday, Sept. 1 will be our LAST collection day!

Please check out the display in the narthex for more information about this ministry opportunity.

CLC is collecting monetary donations for the Crisis Nursery in **Malawi**. Along with the continued gathering of 'loose change', you will find a container in the narthex in which to place your contribution or, if you prefer, you may use a pew envelope and place your contribution in the offering plate. Your checks should be made payable to CLC and indicate **Malawi** in the memo line. No contribution is too small.



To date: we have collected \$1,715.00

Ministry of Hope is a USA charity, and its mission is for the people of **Malawi**, "*to glorify God by reaching out to the orphans, widows, disabled and the destitute with the gospel of Jesus Christ as we minister to their basic needs, providing hope to them.*"



Crisis Nursery

We will use these funds to purchase the following:

For the Crisis Nursery:

*Cloth Diapers (not the pre-folded type)
Crib Sheets Baby Towels Wash cloths
Baby Clothes (1 & 2 yr old)
Waterproof Pants (6 mo. - 2 yrs)
Crib Mattresses Mosquito Nets
Cleaning Supplies
Baby Formula
Porridge*

For Mobile Clinic: \$1,000 / Clinic

Covers: Rental vehicle, fuel, 10 Malawian medical personnel, medications

For Vacation Bible School: \$350 / day

Covers: transportation, Bible lesson supplies, complete meal for all (minimum 300 children), African Bible College students volunteer time to lead teaching, singing & activities.

For Food for the Starving Season



Awaiting Treatment



Vacation Bible School



Cooking

**Checks can be made out to CLC,
indicating *Malawi* in the memo line.
Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry!**

LOCAL MISSION: SOUP KITCHEN - EVERY THURSDAY AT 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

CLC is called to mission at the soup kitchen **EVERY THURSDAY** of the month! If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information, contact ***Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office***



Like to bake? - even if you are not one of our regular cookie bakers, we STILL need cookies for the Soup Kitchen. Just bring them by the office and we will get them to our freezer for future use.

LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL



In addition to providing food to clients, did you know Deep Well has a laundry area that was used 9 times and a shower facility used 30 times in July by grateful clients. Hence the request for shower cleaner and laundry supplies! The school uniform and school supplies program are at peak volumes with the island public schools re-opening. This program will continue 3-4 weeks after school starts to handle last minute enrollments

For answers to questions or further information contact Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711.

The SEPTEMBER Food Collection Sunday (9/1) is THIS SUNDAY. When you shop, please consider adding some of the items listed below to your cart.

For all of September we are highlighting the following items:

- Paper towels**
- Toilet paper Kleenex**
- Paper napkins**
- Dish soap**
- Dishwasher soap**
- Laundry detergent**
- Dryer sheets**
- Bath soap**
- All purpose cleaner**
- Shower cleaner spray**

*Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon! Your continuing donations are so appreciated. **Let's fill that blue wagon up!***

LOCAL MISSION: BACK PACK BUDDIES

Back Pack Buddies is gearing up for another school year. We provide food for under served children on the weekends, two breakfasts and two lunches. CLC is one of four packing sites and together we serve all three elementary schools, the middle school and high school.

It takes many volunteers to make this happen which includes, bringing all the food to our church, opening all the cases and setting up, packing bags for each child, delivering bags to the school and handing out the food to the kids on Fridays.



The first Set Up will be Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 4:15 p.m. **The first packing at the church will be Thursday, Sept. 12, at 10:15 a.m. We need lots of help on Thursday since our new second graders will not be there.** Come out and help us and find out how we help feed the underserved children at Hilton Head Elementary School.

If you are interested please contact Doris Stickel, DLStickel@aol.com

September Schedule:

Set Up, Sept. 11, 4:15 pm
Packing, Sept. 12, 10:15 am

October Schedule:

Set Up, Oct. 16, 4:15 pm
Packing, OCT. 17, 10:15 am

Faith Formation for children: (K to 5th): Classes resume September 8 and will meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Faith Formation for youth: (6th to 12th grade): Classes resume September 8, and then meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m.

Breland's Adult Faith Formation Class

9:45 a.m. in Heinrichs Hall on Sunday mornings (year round)

Our Adult Faith Formation group is a warm and inviting class of friendly and caring individuals led by Emily & Jim Breland. 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.

Why not join us for stimulating discussion!

Sundays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 @ 9:45 a.m.

(note: we will meet in the conference room on Sept. 8 due to Family Promise being in the Sale Educ. Ctr.)



In this faith formation class, we tackle challenging questions about our Christian faith by having an open discussion about a different video each week. These videos offer a progressive viewpoint on the Bible, spirituality, and the challenges of living in the 20th century using writings and traditions that are 2000 years old.

The creators of this video series state:

You're not alone! Countless others have moved beyond the traditional religious conventions of the past - but still value the challenge and spirit of the teachings of a prophetic, compassionate Jesus. But how does one express this deeper, more enriching understanding?

Living the Questions provides the theological grounding, rationale and vocabulary to help you articulate the foundations of 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.

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

CLC Fellowship

MARK YOU CALENDAR NOW!!!
Sunday, Sept. 29 @ 9:45 a.m.

5th Sunday Brunch and a Celebration of Service
as we say Good-bye to Pastor Emil & Barbara

We will be having our highly successful between services **Fifth Sunday Brunch** on **Sunday, September 29**. Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast brunch between services! (presented by Christ's Loyal Chefs)



We will enjoy all our usual items: pancakes (plain & blueberry), scrambled eggs (with and without ham), bacon, sausage, croissant egg sandwiches, biscuits, fruit, plus grits & bagels with several options of cream cheese. You won't want to miss this special event!

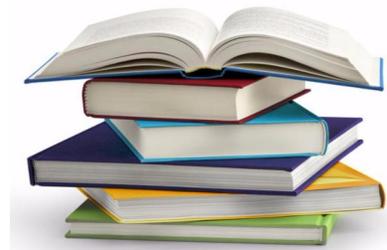
(pictures from past events shown below)



CLC BOOK CLUB

The CLC Book Club resumes its meetings on Saturday, September 21 at 1:30 p.m. We'll meet (*tentatively*) at Lynn Baglyos home [63 Spindle Lane in Windmill Harbor] to discuss **Where the Crowdads Sing** by Delia Owens.

Please let Lynn know if you plan to attend so gate passes can be ordered. Any questions, call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711.



Hopefully some of our part time members will be back on island and can join us! Keep in mind our October book will be **Code Girls** by Liza Mundy and our November book is **The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn.

This Week at CLC

Working in Worship this Week, Sunday, September 1:

Altar Guild: Marajeane Zodtner, Paulette Stefanik; Coffee Fellowship: Laurie Fons
Floral Guild: Dana Guerrieri

8:30: Lector: Chris Wilcox Acolyte: TBD
Ushers: John Babbitts, Audrey Spergl
Music: Helen Babbitts, Alice Graeb, David & Tami Kuhlmann
Communion: Silke Pyrlík

Sound Board: Barbara Klatt

10:30: Lector: Alan Coyne Acolyte: TBD Crucifer: Susie Fidler
Ushers: Gary & Leslie Heavener; Tom & Sandy Martin
Communion: Paten: Phyllis Rowe; Chalices: Jim & Emily Breland; Alan & Deanna Coyne
Sound Board: Barbara Klatt

Sunday 9/1	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
		Breland Faith Formation Class
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
Monday, 9/2	<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>OFFICES CLOSED</i>
Tuesday, 9/3	6:30 p.m.	Special Called Council Meeting
Wednesday 9/4	1:00 p.m.	Women's AA group
Thursday 9/5	Noon	Soup Kitchen
	3:00 p.m.	Renovation Ministry Team
Friday 9/6	<i>ALL DAY</i>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group

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