



Friday, November 15, 2019

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There is a place for you here.

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CLC in PRAYER

Pastor Mary...



God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Grace Stump
- Marion Malcolm, recovering from surgery
- Ron Livingston & family as they mourn the death of JoAnn Livingston
- Nolan Hanson
- Steve Alfred, Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia
- Manfred Pyrlik, pancreatic cancer
- Steve Bassford
- Sandy Shackelford, Parkinson's Disease
- Jane Williamson
- Donna Putrino
- Gary Gregory
- Sandy Heins
- those affected by the devastation of all Natural Disasters



Dear Church, Dear Families:

I hope you had a good week living out the many vocations God has given you - as spouses, as parents, as grandparents, as friends, as volunteers, and as professionals of many kinds. I hope you'll come to

worship this Sunday to be refreshed by God's Word as you pursue your many callings.

On November 3rd we passed a significant political marker in our country - one year until the next presidential election. Because we all know how divisive our political rhetoric has become, how difficult it is to even talk to family and friends about governmental policies and philosophies, and how such divisiveness has crept into all our relationships; many of us as individuals and as religious organizations (including me personally and the ELCA institutionally) have just taken The Golden Rule 2020 Pledge. It is simply this:

We all have an important role to play to help heal our nation, increase understanding of each other, and bridge our divisions. I stand with other Americans by joining Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics. I commit to do my best to practice the Golden Rule and treat others with respect and dignity as I engage in political discourse and behavior throughout

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

Thinking of You



Remember, if you would like a card sent to someone on the prayer list, be sure to include an address so our Caring Card Ministry Team can

send a card.

CLC Preschool



Thank you Pastor Mary for visiting us and meeting our parents. You did a great job swimming during our Movement Medley song.

I encourage you to take this pledge too as a promise to yourself, your social media friends, your family and your congregation that you will do your best to promote a spirit of unity in the midst of division. We don't need to seek uniformity, because diversity is wonderfully enriching when it is seen as a blessing rather than a curse. Talking to, listening to, and respecting those different from us helps to sharpen our own understandings of God, the world, and each other. Such dialog also helps us hear the stories of others that differ from our own. That is always a mind-expanding, soul-deepening experience. But such things take a lot of patience and focused intentionality because they don't often happen naturally. During this year, we will keep praying for our nation, our congregation, and our world that we might do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

On another matter, I am hearing from some of you that because this weekly email is a primary communication tool in our congregation, it might be helpful for me to do a teaching series through it. Obviously, I would not be doing lengthy "lectures" here but would do small substantive pieces. Since the short season of Advent is just around the corner, I'd like to edit for this publication a series I taught last Spring at Mt. Calvary in Johnston, SC. It was a 5-session series called: "How Do Lutherans Interpret the Bible." For this teaching moment, I used as an example the passages in Timothy that counsel the early church not to allow women to speak in church or have any authority over men. With such verses in scripture that we confess to be God's Word and authoritative for our life and faith, how is it that we also affirm the ordination of women in our church? This text provides a worthy example to explore how we as (ELCA) Lutherans and other denominations interpret Scripture.

Does this sound interesting to you? I'd welcome your informal feedback about this idea. I'll plan on doing this on-line Advent study and we'll see where we'd like to go from there.

I'm enjoying the opportunities to come to your homes, to meet, talk, share prayer and communion as you need to support your life of faith. Keep informing me about people who may be homebound or who might welcome a phone call from me or a cup of coffee with me.

Your partnership in the Gospel is a joy,

Pastor Mary Anderson

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The Privilege of Sharing

Dear Members,

Thank you for your prayerful response to the *Privilege of Sharing* stewardship campaign on Sunday, November 10. The church received 38 cards out of a total of 148 packets that were mailed to contributors. Total estimated giving reflected in these cards is \$153,984. This result compares to the prior two years as follows:

- 2018 - 78 responses totaling \$320,000 in estimated giving
- 2019 - 80 responses totaling \$349,952 in estimated giving

As you can see, the current response will not fund a spending plan for 2020 that will support our mission and ministries. For instance, our Ministry Spending Plan for 2019 is \$461,000 and we anticipate a similar plan for 2020.

We realize the future of Christ Lutheran Church affiliation is uncertain at this time, but the church will need adequate financial support in either case. Even so, there are many exciting things happening at CLC.

- Our flagship ministry of the past 40 years, Christ Lutheran Preschool, is thriving.
- The Worship & Music Team is forging ahead with plans to enrich our worship experience.
- The Service Ministry team has creative ideas to continue to serve the needs of our community such as a Little Food Pantry on our campus that would make small food items, gloves and school supplies available on an honor system.
- A campus ministry program at USCB is being explored.

CLC is in solid financial condition to finish 2019. At the end of October our income of \$386,370 is 4.3% ahead of our plan. Your help is vital to the Church's healthy operation in 2020. You can still turn in your pledge by filling out the Giving Card you received in the mail, and drop it in the collection plate on Sunday, drop off at the Church office, send to CLC by US Mail, or email your thoughts to Kathy Reynolds, Financial Secretary, at reynoldsglkp@yahoo.com.

Yours in Christ,

Wayne Sebulsky, Chairperson
Administration & Finance Ministry Team

CONNECTED - Spirited Conversations



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Join us on **Wednesdays** for **CONNECTED @ CLC** in Heinrichs Hall at 6 pm with a **light supper** and **Spirited Conversations**.
(free will offering welcome)

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

RACE: November 20 (this will be our last gathering until the New Year)

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!

COME AND BE PART OF THE DIALOGUE!

CLC Preschool

Our **Helping Hands Tub** (located on the ministry table in the narthex) is one of the easiest ways you can help to support our preschool.

Why not take a moment to check out the 'hands' suggesting various items the preschool needs....and then bring it in on Sunday and place it in the tub.

Items needed include:

- Paper Towels
- Hand Soap
- Paper Cups
- Toilet Paper
- Washable Markers
- Play-Doh
- Plastic Spoons
- Glue Sticks



If items are too large, or the tub is full (*Praise God!*) simply place it on the floor in front of the table.
Your faithful support is appreciated!

FAITH FORMATION

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.

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 currently 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

Why not join us for stimulating discussion!

Sundays, Nov. 17, & 24 @ 9:45 a.m.

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 21st 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 in MISSION

"My Name is _____ and my Ministry is _____"

GLOBAL MISSION: GOD'S BARNYARD (ELCA Good Gifts)



LET'S DO IT AGAIN! LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

Our gifts to **God's Global Barnyard** support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry. You can pick a farm animal to give: a cow (or a part of it, a chicken, goat or pig).

**OUR YOUTH ARE LEADING AN INITIATIVE
TO GIVE HOPE AND GIFTS THAT ARE SUSTAINABLE
AND CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF WHOLE FAMILIES**

LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL



**"Helping our neighbors in need by
providing basic assistance in emergency situations."**

The Fall School Uniform and Supply Program was another success. Close to 550 HHI children attending public schools (Early Childhood through High School) received the benefits of this program.

The Holiday Santa Shop Program is gearing up; registration for qualified parents begins Saturday, November 2. Parent shopping begins December 11. Despite its size, CLC continues to be a strong food donor to the Food Pantry. Let's keep our donations coming to Deep Well!

For all of NOVEMBER we are highlighting the following items:

**Pasta
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Tuna
Canned Vegetables (not green beans)
Stove Top Dressing---turkey
Cornbread Mix (Jiffy etc.)**

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

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!



The Deep Well Santa Shop ---

The Deep Well Santa Shop opens on December 9 and runs through December 16. Last year about 560 Hilton Head Island children received holiday items courtesy of the many toy donations from local residents, organizations (like Christ Lutheran), and businesses. Please consider buying some of the following toy suggestions.

The toys need to be new and donated UNWRAPPED. Bring them to the blue wagon in the Narthex any time by Sunday, December 1 so that they can be delivered to Deep Well.

- Art kits/ Art supplies
- BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS (we give every child at least one age appropriate book)
- Baby strollers (with baby dolls included)
- Cars and trucks (without batteries required)
- Craft kits Dolls of all Ethnicities (Note: Barbie dolls are not very popular with our clients)
- Dress up clothing and jewelry
- Jewelry and jewelry making kits
- Grocery carts with artificial food
- Lego Sets
- Makeup appropriate for the "tween" age group
- Plush throws and pillows
- Princess items
- Puzzles and Games (traditional and some new ones listed below)
- Sesame Street dolls
- Scooters / Skateboards / Small riding toys
- Sports balls (mainly soccer)
- Stuffed animals (every young child gets one)
- Star Wars themed items
- Super Hero items (Spiderman, Superman and Wonder Woman)
- Games: Spot it; Square Up; Googly Eyes; Headbandz; Speak Out; Pie Face

LOCAL MISSION: ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN

THURSDAYS 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

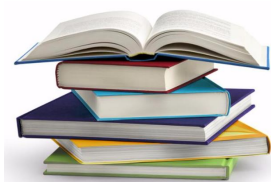
We support the Soup Kitchen by providing cookies and soft fruit for their Thursday lunch. AND we supply volunteers to help with this meal every week. **Interested in being a part of this important mission within our community?** Contact Alice Graeb (740-298-1086) or the church office for more information.



Please consider baking an extra dozen (or more) cookies to help us stock up. Just drop them by the office and we'll put them in our freezer.

CLC in FELLOWSHIP

CLC Book Club -- NOTE: corrected date and site address!

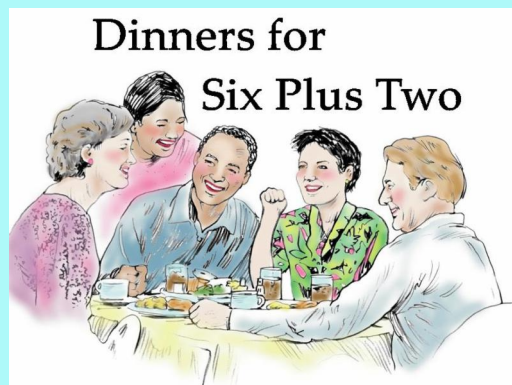


On **Saturday, November 16 at 1:30 p.m.** the CLC Book Club will meet at Joyce Prange's home in HHP (**1 Sawtooth Court**) to discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. This book is historical fiction involving 2 women, a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War 1 and an American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947. It is a riveting story of courage and redemption.

Please let Joyce know if you are planning to attend and if you will need a gate pass.
(j2prange@gmail.com or 843-689-9974)

2020 SIX PLUS TWO DINNER GROUP SIGN UP IS UNDER WAY...

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Sign-ups will continue until the first week January. Next year's groups will be formed in mid-January. The groups consist of 3 couples and 2 singles. The group meets 3 times a year at the couple's homes. Singles do not need to entertain. The host couple prepares the entree and asks others to bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad or dessert. If you are unable to entertain in your home, you can arrange a Dutch-treat lunch at a restaurant. It's a great way to get to know others at Christ Lutheran.



Don't miss out on the fun! Call Elsa Felten for more information: 847-830-6348

This Week at CLC

Assisting with our Sunday Worship, November 17

Altar Guild: Jennifer Lueders & Dana Guerrieri **Altar Flowers:** Dana Guerrieri
Fellowship: Dana Guerrieri

8:30: Lector: Audrey Spergl **Ushers:** Joe Etter, John Babbitts
Music: Helen Babbitts, Alice Graeb, Kirk Taylor,
David & Tami Kuhlmann, Doug & Elsa Felten
Communion: Kirk & Cherie Taylor

10:30: Lector: Phyllis Rowe **Crucifer:** Susie Fidler
Ushers: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky; Joe Fudjack

Communion: Paten: Phyllis Rowe;

Chalices: Joe & Barbara Fudjack; John & Joyce Prange

Friday, 11/15	<i>ALL DAY</i>	<i>OFFICES CLOSED</i>
	5:30 p.m.	AA Group (<i>Sale Educ. Ctr.</i>)
Sunday, 11/17	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship & Faith Formation Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday, 11/18	10:00 a.m.	CLC Quilters (Sales Educ. Ctr.)
Tuesday, 11/19	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Council
Wednesday, 11/20	12:30 p.m.	Women's AA Group (<i>Parlor</i>)
	3:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Bell Practice
	6:00 p.m.	CONNECTED Spirited Conversations
Thursday, 11/21	Noon	St. James Soup Kitchen

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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