



February 7, 2020

We welcome Pastor Rick Klotz as our guest pastor this Sunday, February 9 while Pastor Anderson is away on vacation.

Pastor Mary will be back next Sunday, February 16

Thank You, Pastor Klotz for being with us.

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**Hilton
Head's**



**First
Diversity Weekend
April 24, 26**

**Contemporary Gospel, Jazz,
and American Standards
Two Community Choir Concerts
Courageous Conversations: Embrace the Past,
Unify the Present, Transform the Future A
panel discussion and a community conversation.
Lunch included.**

Contact Terry Herron at 843-271-9919, Scott Gibbs at 843-812-6111, or Linda Piekut at 717-440-2530.

Pastor Mary



Dear Church, Dear Families:

It's been another wonderful week of serving among you here at Christ Lutheran! I continue to be grateful for our partnership in ministry and mission. We have come through, and continue to

walk in, a difficult time in our history. We asked ourselves the question on January 19th about whether or not we desire to continue our affiliation with the ELCA. We voted to remain; and that caused some members to step away from our local congregation. We are now in a tender time of grieving that loss, working to heal, and working to thrive in a renewed way. The rest of the Epiphany season will be a time to let the light of Christ shine on any darkness that shadows the gospel we share. We are assessing where we are with our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Many thanks to those who have already stepped up by volunteering in new ways, pledging more of their financial resources, coming together for more intentional prayer, and engaging in planning for future ministry.



Gospel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary for our April Diversity Weekend.



God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Gloria Szymanski
- Chloe Bredeson
- Jesse Catapano
- Alan Coyne
- William Martens
- Anja Martens
- Steve Bassford
- Sandy Shackelford
- Jane Williamson
- Donna Putrino
- Gary Gregory
- Sandy Heins

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

Some of the things I heard from some folks in the midst of our difficult conversation, had to do with being unaware of what was being said and done in the synod and the churchwide expression. Some distress had to do with various social statements that the church studies, writes, discusses, and votes on to teach about a particular subject and to provide guidance to congregations, synods, and church institutions.

Moving forward, I will continue to publish some news and information coming from other expressions of our church. This keeps you informed, and it allows us to stay in conversation about various topics that affect church and society. So, I am printing for you today a letter to all of us that came a few days ago from Bishop Eaton regarding the increase on the U.S. travel ban against majority Muslim countries. For one thing, it speaks directly to our topic this Wednesday night on refugee resettlement and is very timely for the CONNECTED group. Another is that Tanzania is one of the countries under a ban. As South Carolina Lutherans, we are a partner synod with the Southwest Diocese of Tanzania, and regularly have synodical trips there. Another reason is that this response speaks out of our Lutheran tradition and our gospel-centered theology. Throughout this letter, a number of our social statements are cited that speak to this issue. Notice, too, the deep history we have as American Lutherans in refugee resettlement. Much of this work is happening now through Lutheran Services Carolinas, specifically in the Columbia area.

I plan to regularly publish important communications from our South Carolina synod and from the ELCA churchwide offices. But there are plenty of ways for you to keep up as well. There is a weekly email from the South Carolina synod office that you can subscribe to on their website, scsynod.com. I encourage you to subscribe to the "Living Lutheran" magazine, our award-winning churchwide publication, that I think, gets better and better through the years. All of these are wonderful ways to stay connected to the various parts of our church here in the U.S. and globally. I also encourage you to visit regularly the ELCA website (elca.org) where there is abundant information, resources, and ministry ideas.

I will miss seeing you this Sunday, but look forward to being back with you on Sunday, February 16th. Hopefully, I'll have a bit of a tan!



A Message from Bishop Eaton

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Dear Church,
Last week, on the third anniversary of the original executive order, the administration extended the travel ban to the United States from seven majority Muslim countries to thirteen. The ban suspends the issuing of immigrant visas that can lead to permanent residency for those from Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar and Nigeria, as well as visas available through a diversity lottery for applicants from Sudan and Tanzania. This announcement comes on the heels of several other rule changes restricting travel to the U.S.

As Lutherans, these actions should concern us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has set us free from ourselves to serve our neighbor. This expanded policy separates families from loved ones already here. Further, it prevents people - especially those escaping perilous or life-threatening situations in several of these nations - from coming to safety in the U.S. It does not enhance our safety or reflect our vocation as Christians.

Our church has a strong history of hospitality for refugees and immigrants. After World War II, when one out of every six Lutherans in the world was a refugee or displaced person, Lutherans resettled some 57,000 refugees in the United

God's peace as we prepare for Sunday and another week of ministry,
Pastor Mary

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THIS COMING WEEK BLOOD DRIVE



Please give blood.

Community Blood Drive Christ Lutheran Church

Thursday, February 13th
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall
829 William Hilton Parkway
Hilton Head Island, SC

To make your life-saving appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "HHCommunity"
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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7th ANNUAL CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Footsteps Forward in Faith - Not Your Mama's Shoes or Church

Women of
CLC, friends
and family!
Join us once
again to
celebrate
womanhood,
enjoy
fellowship and



fun and to grow together in our faith and share the walk! The planning team and Pastor Mary will take you on a meaningful journey to move forward in our faith through storytelling, humor, group activities, music, prayer and much more (hint, footsteps and shoes are a perfect combination :-).

States (ELCA social message on "[Immigration](#)"). Today, with more than 60 million displaced people in the world, we continue God's work of welcoming refugees through advocacy and our vital partnership with [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#).

The ELCA also has companion Lutheran churches in many of these countries that are, with us, member churches of [The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF). (In several instances our church has developed strong partnerships with these churches over many decades.) The current president of the LWF, with whom I serve as a vice-president, is archbishop of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is one of the world's fastest-growing Lutheran churches.

Accompaniment of these ELCA partners requires our solidarity and advocacy with them.

The expanded policy also reflects racial and religious discrimination. Over the past three years, the targeting of Muslims has had a direct and negative impact on our interfaith partners, who are harmed not only by the policy, but by the rhetoric surrounding it. Together with other Christians and Jews, we are standing with Muslims through the [Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign](#). We are inviting [advocacy](#) as a means for helping those affected now, while preventing discrimination in the future. This is one way of embodying our commitment to opposing "all forms of religious bigotry, violence, discrimination, and persecution and stand in solidarity with those who experience them, whether they are Christian or of another religion or worldview" ("[A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment: A Policy Statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)").

The travel ban and its extension do not promote our values of mutual respect of all God's children, each created in God's image. Furthermore, these bans contradict our church's and our nation's commitments to be a place of welcome and safety for others. Federal courts have recognized this already by blocking significant portions of the ban, finding them discriminatory, anti-Muslim or unconstitutional.

The ELCA social statement "[For Peace in God's World](#)" reminds us that "the church is a disturbing presence when it refuses to be silent and instead speaks the truth." On this policy, we as Lutherans cannot be silent. The history of our church, the life-giving relationships we share with other Lutherans worldwide, and our commitments to and with inter-religious partners are the basis not only for our concern - but for our continued accompaniment, advocacy and action. In peace,

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 7, 2020!
IN HEINRICHS HALL, LUNCH, SNACKS,
MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED. COST IS \$20
PER PERSON.
REGISTER NOW! [Click here](#)**

LENT 2020



Ash Wednesday

February 26th 7:00 pm

Confession + Imposition of Ashes + Holy Communion

Wednesday Evenings of Lent

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

6:00 pm Soup, Salad, and Study
in Heinrich's Hall

Pastor Anderson will lead a study beginning at
6:15 each Wednesday
on

*The Apostles' Creed: Ancient Words in a
Contemporary World*

7:00 - 7:30 pm

Worship in the Sanctuary
Holden Evening Prayer

<https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8023>



NEW! CLC IN WEEKLY PRAYER

We are offering a contemplative prayer time every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the sanctuary! Come for a time of silence, prayer, mediation and an opportunity to start the week by focusing on God and His will for us personally and His church.



Ken and Bobbie Fetter, Christ Lutheran Church members recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with their family at the South Carolina Yacht Club. They also volunteer with Pockets Full of Sunshine and Children's Relief Fund, supporting the special needs community. Anniversary party attendees ranged in ages from 1 to 91! The Fetters have six great-grandchildren, 14 grandchildren, and six children.



Thank You to everyone who gave to this worthy cause last week--we collected \$729.53!

CONNECTED - SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

THE DIALOGUE IN ON - The Refugee Crisis

It's not news to anyone that we are living in a time of conflict, division, and disagreement. In politics, in religion, in education, in relationships and communities and churches, we are becoming people who can't seem to find our way out of the "us vs. them" pit of divisiveness. It doesn't matter who you think is "us" and who is "them." We are all stuck. And yet we know it doesn't have to be like this. In the face of cracking communities and strained family dynamics, **the church is uniquely equipped to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to a hurting**



world. Ours is a faith built on hope, on the belief that we are all created in the image of God, on the assurance that no person or situation is beyond redemption. We believe faith is not only believing in God, but doing the work of God in the world. We are the shining city on a hill, and the world needs our light more than ever.

Join us for six SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS over pizza and salad in HEINRICHS HALL on Wednesdays at 6 pm, starting on January 15, 2020 until February 19, 2020. (Ash Wednesday in 2020 falls on February 26)

This winter we will learn about the ongoing refugee crisis. We will hear stories from refugees themselves and from the many organizations that walk alongside refugees as they build new lives. We will spend time talking to one another and sharing perspectives on the week's topic. We will have time to explore our ideas as a group, and time to process our ideas with small groups. And we will work together to create an action plan that fits our context.

CLC Community Ministry

LOCAL MISSION: FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:



Thank you to all who participated and prayed for a successful two weeks of hosting Family Promise guests at Christ Lutheran. Through the help of many at our church preparing and serving evening meals, staying overnight, donating supplies used throughout the week, helping set up and take down, doing laundry and praying for the safe stay of our guests and their continued progress toward self-sufficiency. We sheltered and gave love and hope to 7 adults and 7 children. With the cooperation of All Saints Episcopal, St. Francis Catholic, Hilton Head Island Community Church and Beth Yam Synagogue approximately 100 people were involved in the two week stay. We look forward to the next Family Promise hosting in November of this year. All Saints is going to start their own hosting at their church from now on so we will be losing their participation with us as well as Beth Yam. Therefore, our next hosting will require more of us to step up and help. Thanks Christ Lutheran for being a part of God's work!

LOCAL MISSION: ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - every Thursday -- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

CLC is called to mission at the soup kitchen EVERY THURSDAY of the month! Why not come by and offer your hands in service on a Thursday? If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information

Please Contact Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office.

LOCAL MISSION: BACK PACK BUDDIES

Back Pack Buddies is our program to feed underserved children on the weekends. These children get their lunches and sometimes breakfasts at school during the week but may go hungry on the weekends. We furnish them with two breakfasts and two lunches every Friday, including two pieces of fresh fruit.



Any questions call Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710 or DLStickel@aol.com.

LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL

CLC supports the Deep Well Project as an outreach arm of the church. Deep Well is a very important local social service organization, giving assistance to some of the neediest and most vulnerable local island residents. It was founded over 40 years ago by one of CLC's early members, Charlotte Heinrichs. It receives no governmental funding and over 90% of monetary



donations goes to client services.

Over the holidays, the Deep Well Project served over 600 Hilton Head Island children with new toys and clothes. Many CLC members contributed to the Santa Shop, either through donations or through their time. Thank you! Deep Well served Christmas Dinners to 89 island families through the Pantry. Another 107 families were coordinated for other groups, totaling 196 island families got their Christmas Dinner through Deep Well services.

Our next Deep Well donation Sunday is March 1. Fill the blue wagon in the Narthex with these frequently requested items:

paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste, rice (of all kinds), oatmeal

CLC Faith Formation

K-5th Graders meet every Sunday at 9:45 am in the Sale Building

Youth (6th-12th grades) meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10am.

Confirmation Group meets on scheduled Wednesdays at 4pm. Additional instruction is conducted on-line.

Preschool Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Sanctuary



Adult Faith Formation Classes:

At Christ Lutheran we offer two opportunities for adults to come together to study and reflect on scripture, theology, and our spiritual questions that emerge at the intersection of God's Word and our daily lives. Both take place at 9:45 am each Sunday.

The Augsburg Bible Study class meets in Heinrichs Hall and is facilitated by Kathy Mork this February and March. This class makes use of the well-loved Augsburg study series that covers a wide range of biblical books and themes. Join in any time!

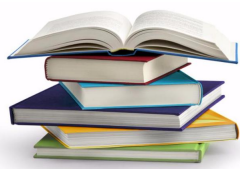


Living the Questions is another great opportunity to explore scripture, faith, and the challenging questions of contemporary life. This class meets in the Sale Education building at 9:45 a.m. and makes use of short videos on various topics of Christian faith and life followed by group discussion. David Kuhlmann is the leader of this class (buckeye81@me.com). All are invited to engage in these discussions any time!

CLC Fellowship

CLC Book Club

On January 4 the CLC Ladies Book Club met to "nominate" and choose book titles for members to



read and discuss in 2020. As usual, many titles were suggested, but 8 were selected: a combination of memoirs, classics and current fiction and non-fiction. A list of the group's selections and dates is posted in the church hallway bulletin board. Also, contact Chris Wilcox at christineewilcox@aol.com or 843-342-9711 and she will provide the list to you. Our group welcomes new members and visitors at any time! It is a fun and stimulating fellowship of women; typically 12 to 14 women gather for our meetings. You are always welcome to join us!

Our next meeting is Saturday, February 15 at 1:30pm. We'll meet at Doris Stickel's home at 4 Twickenham Lane to discuss The Ungrateful Refugee by Dina Nayeri. In this memoir, the author combines her own refugee experience with those of refugees she meets as an adult. The author challenges her readers to rethink how we talk about the refugee crisis, a timely topic for all of us. Please let Doris know if you would like to attend so a gate pass can be issued. Her email is dlstickel@aol.com.

Events Happening at CLC

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Coffee Fellowship: Judy Barrett

8:30 a.m. Lector: Elsa Felton

Ushers: Ed & Judy Barrett

Music: Alice Graeb, Tami & David Kuhlmann

Communion Assistants: Kirk & Cherie Taylor

10:30 a.m. Lector: Phyllis Rowe

Ushers: Tom & Sandy Martin, Joe Fudjack, and Alan Coyne

Communion: Paten: Phyllis Rowe, Chalice: Wayne & Joann Sebulsky, Marajane Zodtner, Rita Hungate

Friday, 2/7	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group
Sunday 2/9	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
Monday 2/10	9:30 a.m.	CLC Prayer Group/sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	NAMI Group Meeting
Tuesday, 2/11	1:00 p.m.	Admin & Finance Meeting
Wednesday, 2/12	1:00 p.m.	Women's AA group
	3:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	CONNECTED - Heinrichs Hall
Thursday, 2/13	11:00 a.m.	Blood Drive

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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