



Announcements March 6, 2020

This
Sunday,
March 8
Daylight
Saving
time
Begins



LENT 2020



Mondays in Lent 9:30 am Prayer Circle

Our new prayer group will continue on Mondays in the Church Parlor. Consider adding this opportunity to your devotional life this season.

Wednesdays in Lent

6:00 pm Come to Heinrichs Hall for a Soup Supper.

Two soups are provided each night. Attendees

From Pastor Mary



Dear Church,
Dear Families:

I hope you are doing well as this rainy First Week of Lent comes to a close. As your pastor and on behalf of our

shared faith community, I want to share our CLC response to two disasters.

One is the sad news of the tornado that hit Nashville, TN, on Tuesday. St. John's Lutheran in Nashville was destroyed as you can see in these pictures. This congregation will continue in our prayers throughout this Lenten season. Your staff and lay leaders also feel called to invite our congregation to collect a Love Offering for this congregation. We will do this over the next three weeks: March 8, 15, and 22. If you write a check, please write in the memo line: St. John's. If you are giving cash, use one of the envelopes in the pew and mark it appropriately. As residents on and visitors to HHI, we know the realities of natural disasters and we have been the beneficiaries of the compassion and generosity of other congregations when we stood in harm's way. Thank you in advance for any gifts you can offer.

are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert to share.

6:15-6:45 pm Pastor Anderson will lead us in a study of The Apostles' Creed. Deeper reflection on The Small Catechism has long been a traditional practice in Lutheran congregations.
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary

Holy Week

April 5th Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

April 8th Holy Wednesday Service of Healing +
Blessing of Oil 7:00 pm

April 9th Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

April 10th Good Friday Worship at Noon & 7:00
pm

A Lenten Fast

Want to fast from something besides chocolate?
Want to do a fast that will help the world? The Confirmation Group (Johnathan DeMaria, Elise Sullivan and Gunnar Ternstrom) invite the congregation to consider a 40-day fast from **carbon!**

Each of the days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter, we will provide you with a daily way to consider reducing your carbon footprint. The confirmands will be doing this and will give a Temple Talk in the middle of Lent about their experience in doing this kind of fast.

Wonder what it's about? Hard copies of the whole calendar will be provided outside the office and in the narthex throughout the season.

March 8

Keep track of how much food you discard this week and look for ways to reduce food waste.

March 9

Enjoy a meat free Monday

March 10

Plan a meal with food that has not had to travel by plane.

March 11

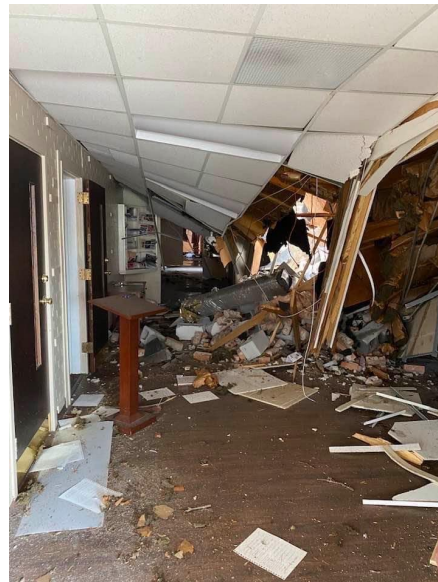
Share a vegetarian recipe with a friend.

March 12

Learn about composting and consider adding this to your household if you can.

March 13

Enjoy sustainably harvested fish. Consider how you can make this a part of each Friday this Lent.



The second disaster is the growing and changing coronavirus illness. While panic is not helpful in such situations, neither is lack of preparedness. At this point (and this could change by the time this article is published), we have no documented cases of the virus in South Carolina, but our state is now surrounded by states that are reporting cases. We also know that our island community is full of people who travel frequently and who take cruises frequently. I can only assume this raises our chances of infection. Some are recommending that people not attend religious services or go to any places where there are large groups of people.

In the face of all of this information and what we know at this point, I suggest the following for our congregation after consulting with some health professionals and some congregational leaders:

1. Don't go anywhere if you feel sick with any kind of cold or flu. It just isn't worth it.

March 14th

Buy locally sourced food, as much as possible.

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 parlor!**

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.



7th ANNUAL CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT - TOMORROW

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



We welcome all women who registered for our women's retreat! Please be on time! Check-in and coffee fellowships starts at 8:30am! The first session will start promptly at 9 am.

Don't forget to bring a pair of socks for our give-away bags!

Thank you!

2. Do what you feel you need to do. That might include not coming to gatherings at church. It might mean you don't shake hands, that you wear latex gloves (our hand-to-hand contact is the most likely to spread infection, more than giving somebody a hug or even a kiss on the cheek), that you don't come up for communion or that you only take the bread at the eucharist.
3. I encourage us all to respect each other's concerns and decisions about these things.
4. Since hand sanitizer is disappearing off store shelves, if you find some or have extra at home, could you bring it to church for us to use in the fellowship hall and in the sanctuary?
5. **And regarding communion:** Those of us serving communion will use hand sanitizer right before handling the elements. Since we use intinction rather than common cup, this helps greatly. It will also help if worshipers avoid making contact with the wine in the cup when dipping in their wafer. It is also theologically and liturgically acceptable a/k/a "good, right, and salutary" to receive only the bread at communion. We trust and believe that Christ is present in the bread alone. If part of your decision is to not receive the bread or wine, you are invited to come up for a blessing, indicating your intention by crossing your arms over your chest. Some may think that it would be a good idea to use the individual glasses and I have thought about that. However, consider that these little cups will be handled by those on the altar guild who are filling them and by the communion assistants who will be giving them to you. And since the only way to "handle" them is to pick them up by the rim you will drink from, I question whether this is truly better.

Because this illness and the story of it will keep developing and because you will offer your experiences and wisdom,



we may be editing these recommendations as we move along. We continue to pray for those already affected, and for those researchers and medical personnel who are working hard around the world to find vaccines and to guide us all in ways to prevent the spread of such illnesses. God bless them, what a weight on their shoulders.

And lastly, because I want to keep you informed of my schedule and whereabouts, on Friday, March 13th, I'll set out early to drive to Williamsburg, VA. I'll be the guest of St. Stephen's Lutheran there and will be the keynoter at their women's retreat on Saturday. I'll preach at their worship services on that Sunday. On Monday, March 16th, I'll be doing a Preachers' Workshop for pastors on the eastern coast of Virginia. I'll be back on the island on Tuesday, March 17th.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Mary

More pictures from destroyed St. John's Lutheran in Nashville, TN:



We are needing monthly bakers for St. James Soup Kitchen. If you wish to donate cookies, please contact Leslie Heavener at 706-830-3943, or 843-363-5789 or email her at pjst48e2@gmail.com

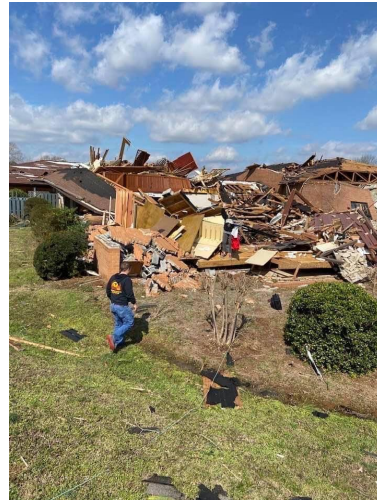
Preschool Easter Egg Hunt



Please help us once again by **donating** individually wrapped candy that we can use to fill recycled plastic Easter eggs during our lenten suppers! We will fill 1000 eggs for **our very own preschool Easter Egg hunt on April 4 from 10-11:30am!** Please join the fun and the good cause for providing this wonderful outreach to our preschool families!

Christ Lutheran Preschool received an award!!

ABC Quality is a voluntary quality rating system through Beaufort County DSS. Our school has received an A+ rating for many years. All schools who have maintained this high rating for at least 5 years have received a grant for \$2,345. These funds are to be used to maintain/and or increase quality in our school. Our staff is excited to explore how to best use this award for the children!



Hilton Head's First Diversity Weekend April 24, 26

**coming TOGETHER**
Courageous Conversations & Unity Through Song

FEATURING
REP. JAMES CLYBURN

**REGISTER NOW!**

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS: EMBRACE THE PAST, UNIFY THE PRESENT, TRANSFORM THE FUTURE
Community engagement sessions with key speakers for relevant outcomes.
Lunch included | Free Will Offering (\$20 suggested)
Saturday, April 25th | 11am-4pm

UNITY THROUGH SONG: LOWCOUNTRY GOSPEL, AMERICAN STANDARDS & MORE!
Price - \$20
TWO COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERTS
Friday, April 24th | 7pm & Sunday, April 26th | 4pm

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Christ Lutheran is pleased to host the first Diversity Weekend on Hilton Head Island! We are blessed to welcome Representative Jim Clyburn as the Keynote Speaker for the Panel Discussion on April 25. To reserve your seat for any event over the weekend, please visit:

<https://comingtogetherhhi.eventbrite.com>

Be sure to tell invite your friends and neighbors to the event!



**God provides answers to our prayers.
Please pray for:**

- Gloria Szymanski
- Jesse Catapano
- 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.

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



Recent church discussions and the viewing of the movie "Hiding in Plain Sight" have focused on the homeless population in our backyard, Hilton Head Island. It is timely then to note that our local non-profit social service agency, The Deep Well Project provided over 265 hot showers in 2019 for our homeless neighbors. 93 loads of laundry were done in the DW pantry washer and dryer during the same period of time. Both services are free and open to walk in clients and are gratefully received! When the need comes out for laundry detergent, bath soap, shampoo etc., please know that these items are really needed and greatly appreciated! 616 qualified island children received toys from the Santa Shop and 141 new bicycles were given out this Christmas season. It's been busy at Deep Well.

**Let's fill the blue wagon in the Narthex with
the following most needed items:**

Juice---no sugar added, large containers and/or small individual boxes

Fruit Bars Granola Bars

Grits---bags and/or individual packets

Shampoo---large bottles Deodorant

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



Sunday Faith Formation Classes for Adults

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!



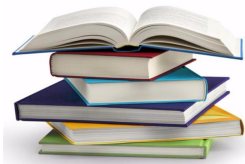
This class is building a team of 4-8 people interested in facilitating our Sunday morning discussions. By building a leadership team, no one is required to commit to leading every Sunday. The study beginning in March, "Justice and the Prophets" takes a look at how today's issues of justice are not all that different from justice issues in Biblical times. A Leader's Guide is available and Pastor Mary has agreed to provide a bit of mentoring if you need her. If you are interested, please contact Tamara Kuthlmann or Pastor Mary. If you are curious what our Sunday studies are about, drop by Heinrichs Hall on Sunday at 9:45 and be part of the conversation.

David Kuhlmann's Class will start a new Faith Formation videoseries beginning March 15 called ProFuture Faith, The Prodigal Species Comes Home. Each week we will watch one of the video segments and discuss what we see and hear. Here is how the creators of this series describe it:

Having "squandered our inheritance on profligate living," we are a prodigal species. Industrial civilization and our insatiable appetites have us hurtling toward irreversible consequences - not in some distant future, but right now. The good news is it's not too late. At the intersection of science, spirituality, and sustainability is a deep love of life and a passion for our posterity - a ProFuture Faith. Join eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd in a dynamic DVD course that bridges the gap between head and heart, science and faith. Participants will be guided on a journey that accepts what is inevitable, avoids what is futile, and be inspired to attend to what is urgent. Come home to reality. Embrace a ProFuture Faith!

The class is open and welcoming to all who want to join. They meet in the youth room in the Sales building. Come and participate!

CLC Book Club



On Saturday, March 21 the CLC Book Club will meet to discuss **An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones. A winner of numerous awards, this fictional book is "a moving portrayal of the effects of a wrongful conviction on a young African American married couple." Join us at 1:30pm March 21st at Jackie Longo's home. Please contact Jackie if you plan to attend so that Sea Pine gate passes can be issued--- jmlongo25@gmail.com. We

welcome new participants, part time members, visitors and guests to our lively discussions.

Events Happening at CLC

MARCH 6, 2020

Coffee Fellowship: Jackie Longo

8:30 a.m. Lector: Chris Wilcox
Ushers: Ed & Judy Barrett
Music: Alice Graeb, Jim Fritz, Doug and Elsa Felten & Kirk Taylor
Communion Assistants: Kirk & Cherie Taylor

10:30 a.m. Lector: Jennifer Brown
Ushers: Tom & Sandy Martin and Joe Fudjack
Communion Assistants: John & Joyce Prange
Altar Guild: Paulette Sefanick

Friday, 3/6	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group
Saturday, 3/7	8:30-3:00	7th annual women's retreat
Sunday 3/8	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
Monday 3/9	9:30 a.m.	CLC Prayer Group/parlor
	5:00 p.m.	NAMI Group Meeting
Tuesday, 3/10	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:00 Noon	Service Ministry Team, Heinrich's Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Admin/Finance Meeting
Wednesday, 3/11	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.	Lenten Supper, Lenten Study
	7:00 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer
Thursday, 3/12	Noon	Soup Kitchen
Friday, 3/13		Office Closed
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting

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