



February 28, 2020

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Lent

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.

6:15-6:45 pm Pastor Anderson will lead us in a

Pastor Mary



Dear Church,
Dear Families:

And so, our Lenten journey begins. Many thanks to all who helped cook, provide music, set up and clean

up for the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, and to the over 100 people who attended. It was great fun!

Our Ash Wednesday service and the "Ash Thursday" morning for those who could not come on Wednesday night, were blessings among us.

When a new church season begins, we make some changes in language and liturgy to reflect the seasonal scripture readings and the themes of the season.

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.

February 28th

Observe the beauty of the sunrise or sunset. Say a
prayer of thanks for all this island beauty!

February 29th

Pray for all the living things that rely on the Earth

March 1

Turn off lights when leaving a room.

March 2

Consider alternative transportation, or carpooling,
today and each day this week.

March 3

Unplug electronics when done with them, including
phone chargers.

March 4

Program your thermostat.

March 5

Replace an incandescent light bulb with CFLs or
LEDs

March 6

Check your tire pressure. Low pressure means
higher fuel consumption.

Someone said to me recently that our
Sunday bulletin isn't just a piece of
paper, it has a sense of presence in our
worship service. I agree! It's a tool that
communicates what we want to have
happen in the midst of worship. Not just
"what happens next" in the service, but
what do we hope will happen to shape
our worship of God and to shape our
spiritual lives.

And so, we take the Sunday bulletin
and the liturgy therein very seriously. In
some ways there are hundreds of
considerations that we take up: what
shall we sing, what prayers do we use,
what directions do we give, how is it
helping to teach the faith, do people
find it friendly and useable, does the
paper we are using cost too much or is
it worth it so everyone can see.

The Parish Administrator, the Director
of Music, the volunteer musicians, and I
work hard on this every week on your
behalf. We covet your feedback,
because it is for your edification. PA
Linda and I are also still new here and
are still learning how Christ Lutheran's
equipment works, how its software
functions, etc. We are currently printing
two sizes of our bulletin each week. For
both services, most of the bulletins will
be on the 8.5 x14 paper and about 10
copies will be on the larger 11 x 17
paper for those who want the print
larger. We aren't happy with the look of
the smaller bulletin and are striving to
make the print in it bigger. Thanks for
your patience.

Given all that, for this Lenten season,
we will be singing the beautiful Kyrie
from Marty Haugen's *Now the Feast
and Celebration*. The gospel readings
for Lent, Year A, are the magnificent
stories from the Gospel of John -
Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well,
The Man Born Blind, the Raising of
Lazarus. As you may remember, these
are lengthy stories. Therefore, we will
be omitting one of the readings and the
psalm each Sunday to make room for
these generous stories. I will offer these
omitted readings in the midst of our
Wednesday evening worship so we
don't lose them. I also will not be
offering a Children's Sermon during

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, meditation and an opportunity to start the week by focusing on God and His will for us personally and His church.



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.



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Raymond Stickel
- 3/4 Judy Morton, Gunnar Ternstrom
- 3/17 Phyllis Novosad, Peyton DeMaria
- 3/19 Philip Peter
- 3/23 Robin Peter

these weeks. Instead, I hope to find ways to incorporate our children and teenagers as participants in the service - helping the ushers greet people, holding the gluten-free wafers at communion, lighting candles, etc.

I might also be finding ways to present these gospel stories in more dramatic fashion and the congregation will be invited to sit as they are shared. In the 10:30 service, we will distribute communion at the altar rail during this service. Each table will be dismissed with a blessing. I hope you find these Sunday services and Wednesday evenings this Lent to be meaningful and refreshing on your Lenten journey.

The Council and I are also letting you know that our agreement together is that, barring unforeseen circumstances, I plan to stay as your interim pastor at least through December 31, 2020. I am assuming that by late summer or early autumn, Christ Lutheran may be ready to decide when and how to begin the call process for a new pastor. That process, as so many of you know, isn't accomplished in a few months. We can negotiate my leaving or staying as you make decisions about how to move forward with calling a new pastor.

In March, I will be doing a next round of visiting those who are living with chronic conditions that cause them to be unable to join us for worship and other church activities. If there are people you think I need to reach out to (including yourself!), please don't hesitate to let me know. I welcome your partnership in this pastoral care ministry.

Lastly, I do hope you will participate in at least one added discipline in your life this Lent. That might be adding morning or evening devotions to your day, attending the Wednesday night supper, study, and service, finding a new way to volunteer and help your neighbor, or doing the carbon fast along with the confirmation class to help heal the environment. You might work to fast from jealousy, anger, or selfishness. There's so much to grow us spiritually besides giving up chocolate. Wherever you are, whatever you do this Lent,

3/30 Nick Gosdin
3/31 Silke Pyrlík

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

SAVE THE DATE!



Hilton Head's First Diversity Weekend
April 24, 26



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

APRIL 24-26, 2020
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Register Online at <https://comingtogetherhhi.eventbrite.com> | diversityfund1900@gmail.com

know that Christ's church cares for you
and welcomes you always.

Amen.

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7th ANNUAL CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT

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



Sign-up has closed! We welcome all women who will be part of this exciting retreat! You will experience a wonderful day of learning, fellowship and fun! Please be on the look for an email from Silke with details for the day to come! If you missed to sign up but still would like to be part of the fun, please contact [Silke](#) ASAP! Thank you!

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!



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

CLC PRESCHOOL



OFFICIAL REGISTERED CHARITY



Please help fill our Birdies' Bank.

The kickoff to our seventh year of participating in the Birdies for Charity fundraiser starts March 1st. Your support the last six years has made it our most successful fundraiser each and every time. The Birdies for Charity is sponsored by the Heritage Classic Foundation associated with the RBC Heritage. From now until April 19th, you can make a per birdie pledge or a flat donation. Every donation will be matched with an additional 15% by the Heritage Classic Foundation. It's so easy to do. Simply go to www.heritageclassicfoundation.com and click on Donate Now. Or you can fill out a pledge form in the Narthex and Janet Betts from the Preschool will take it from there.

Won't you please help us again this year? Our goal is 500 pennies pledged. This year we hope to replace ancient computers and bring ourselves into the 21st century. In addition, it is time to redo our bathroom floors in the big room for safety and sanitation purposes. The residual amount will be placed in our scholarship fund for additional families that may join during the year and need assistance.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CONNECTED - SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

THE DIALOGUE IN ON
CONNECTED is now on lenten hiatus until
April 22,
when we will resume our spirited
conversations!
We finished our series on The Refugee
Crisis and will be coming forward with an
action plan soon!
Stay tuned!



CLC Council Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your Church Council has been busy during February assessing the status of Christ Lutheran Church and defining priorities that we might pursue in 2020. To jump start this work, Council met at a regularly called Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18 and again on Saturday, February 22 for a more in depth conversation to explore our path forward together.

As most of you know, the Church membership voted on January 19 to continue Christ Lutheran's affiliation with the Evangelical Church in America. The outcome of the vote led some members of our congregation to make their own personal decision about continuing to call Christ Lutheran their Church Home. A number of long-time members are now exploring other opportunities to practice their faith. These members have left a big hole in our hearts and in our Church body.

So, the question is, where do we go from here?

Our top priority is to respond to our mission of "being disciples of Jesus, **Growing** in faith, **Serving** our community and **Connecting** other to Christ."

Service positions that make our worship and ministry possible have taken a hit. We are actively recruiting members to step up and volunteer in ways they may not have considered before, and you are answering the call!

- Worship & Music has received support from you to rebuild that team. From Altar Guild to Ushers, all functions are welcoming new volunteers.
- Fellowship is experiencing great vitality as we work together to provide long held traditions such as our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers and Sunday morning Coffee Service, as well as make plans for Movie Nights and community outreach events to bring our Congregation and our Community together.
- The Church office needs your help to provide a high level of service to all, while attending to recurring duties that help our Church run smoothly week in and week out. Thank you to those who are considering the gift of your time on Monday and Tuesday each week, between 9:00am and 12:00pm to help answer the phone and greet visitors and members alike who drop by.

Like any organization we have a responsibility to meet the financial obligations of the Church. Due to your loyal and generous contributions, our financial condition is stable; however, we can't relax our attention on our Ministry Spending Plan. At the Annual meeting on February 3, our Ministry Spending Plan reflected a deficit for the year. To address that deficit, you are being asked to let the

Administrative & Financial team know of your giving plans for the year. Please take a moment to fill out your "The Privilege of Giving" card and drop it in the offering plate or bring by the office. This will help them guide the business of our Church during 2020.

The Renovation Project is alive and well! Final paperwork is being completed to close of the MIF loan so that the project will be on sound financial footing. No funds will be borrowed until the final construction drawings and detailed cost of the project are finished. We will keep you abreast of progress on those two important milestones. Your financial support is needed to beginning construction. Expect to receive a statement that will report on status of commitments and contributions in the next few weeks.

Calling a permanent Pastor is critical to our future. We are blessed to have Pastor Mary Anderson with us. Her energy and enthusiasm are gifts that she brings to every part of her ministry here at Christ Lutheran. The Church Council and Pastor Mary have agreed that she will be with us as Interim Pastor until the end of December 2020. In early Fall, we will assess our progress and look for guidance from the Holy Spirit to begin our Call Process at the appropriate time.

The Council has identified several goals that we can work toward in 2020.

- **Engage in Holy Conversations** - regular quarterly opportunities for us to gather as a Congregation to discuss activities of the ELCA, Christ Lutheran Church and our Community.
- **Inviting and Welcoming events** - how can we shine our light so that others in our Community will join us in our ministry here in this place?
- **Communication on many levels** - from our website, weekly emails, bulletins and social media to written communication sent directly to your home.

We ask for your feedback as we flesh out the details of goals for the year. We want to hear from you about your dreams and goals for Christ Lutheran Church. Together we can listen for guidance from the Holy Spirit and answer the Call for our ministry here!

In Christ's Service,
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CLC Community Ministry

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.



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.

Sunday, March 1 is Deep Well Collection Sunday.

**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 Fellowship

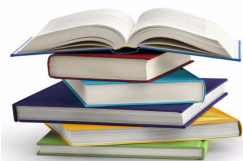
Shrove Tuesday Fellowship in a packed Heinrich's Hall

Thanks to our cooks, our band, our planners. Great job. Great fun!



Shrove Tuesday burying of the Alleluia!

CLC Book Club



On Saturday, March 15 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 15th 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 1, 2020

Coffee Fellowship: Jackie Longo

8:30 a.m. Lector: Doug Felton
Ushers: Vera Conway & Chris Wilcox
Music: Alice Graeb, Jim Fritz, & Marilyn Pederson
Communion Assistants: Phyllis Rowe & Silke Pyrlik

10:30 a.m. Lector: John Prange
Ushers: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky and Ed & Judy Barrett
Communion Assistants: Leslie Heavener and Wendy Dickes
Altar Guild: Paulette Sefanick

Friday, 2/28	ALL DAY	Church Office Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group
Sunday 3/1	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
Monday 3/2	9:30 a.m.	CLC Prayer Group/sanctuary
	10:00 am.	CLC Quilting Group
	5:00 p.m.	NAMI Group Meeting
Tuesday, 3/3	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 3/4	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
Thursday, 3/5	Noon	Soup Kitchen
Saturday, 3/7	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Retreat, Heinrich Hall

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