



The Bridge

March 31, 2020

All Worship Services, including Lenten Services and CONNECTED, are cancelled at Christ Lutheran.

The Campus buildings are closed for use by local organizations except the American Red Cross.

We will let you know when things are up and running again!



From Pastor Mary

Dear Church:

It was good to be back together for worship yesterday using the Zoom Meeting platform. It seemed that we had about 50 people in attendance! If you were not able to join us at 10am, the video of the service is on the church website. The video does not include the prelude or the "coffee hour" we enjoyed after worship, but everything else is there. We are now doing a number of ministries virtually. We are holding the Monday Morning Prayer Meeting as a text group. Silke is doing a great job providing us with guidance and resources. If you would like to be on that text group, let her know. We will be finishing our Confirmation Class over the next six weeks via Zoom as well. You might want to gather with congregational members for a faith formation time, just for conversation, or for a meeting. Let us know how we can help you.

Our Parish Administrator, Linda Sheetz, is home in Columbia right now preparing for her permanent move to Hilton Head on April 19th. In the meantime, she is checking the church voicemail and email and doing other work as she is able while working at home. We wish her all the best in accomplishing the many things that must be done to pack up and unpack.

For the beginning of Holy Week, we will have a Zoom meeting at 10am, beginning outside the church doors. The palms we ordered are still coming and should be here on Tuesday. **If you would like to drive through the parking lot of the church on Wednesday, April 1st, to pick up a palm or two; Pastor Anderson will be outside the front doors of the sanctuary from 1-2pm to hand you one through your car window.** We will use these palms in our homes during the service on Palm Sunday. More information will be coming later regarding other Holy Week services, the Easter Day service, and the picking up of the Easter lilies you ordered and dedicated.

I am on the island and have been. I'll be moving to a new condo in Palmetto Dunes/Queen's Grant this Saturday. We have a lease on that space through the end of the year. I'll be glad to be within walking and biking distance from the church.

Stay strong. Stay well. Christ is with you,
Pastor Mary

Keeping in Touch with DialMyCalls

As part of CLC's communication plan, we will be using a service called *DialMyCalls* to send voice messages and text messages to members and friends who wish to be notified of important announcements by phone. PLEASE NOTE that we will only use this method of communication as needed. We will not inundate you with phone communications.



- The service is used to send a group voice message or group text message.
- Participation in this form of communication from Christ Lutheran is completely voluntary.
- You may sign up as family and choose one phone number, or as individuals..
- Please email Linda Sheetz at info@clchhi.com to sign up for *DialMy Calls* and indicate your preferred phone number. If you know someone

that would like this service, but does not have email, please include that person in your email. Thanks!

PALMS PICKUP

During this time of social distancing we are blessed with the gifts of Pastor Mary, Silke, David and Tami Kuhlmann to provide our worship services through Zoom. We experienced our first virtual worship service on Sunday, March 29 and even enjoyed "coffee hour" with one another.

To add to our Worship experience on Palm Sunday, Pastor Mary and others will offer "drive thru" pick up of Palms on Wednesday, April 1 between 1 - 2pm in our Church Parking Lot.

Instructions for Palm Sunday Worship will appear in the Friday Bridge email and also on the CLC website at clchhi.org.

Blessings,
Kathy

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Dear church,

The last couple of weeks have been trying ones for everyone across this church. Our synods, congregations and ministries are facing challenges that they've never faced before. Being church together means more now than ever before.

The churchwide office is launching a comprehensive Covid-19 response across the ELCA beginning today. We have three new approaches designed to provide several levels of support for our most vulnerable congregations and ministries. These three

approaches are Daily Bread Grants, Here to Serve, and the Covid-19 Response Appeal.

DAILY BREAD GRANTS

ELCA World Hunger is announcing the immediate launch of Daily Bread Matching Grants. Through these grants, ELCA congregations can raise funds for their feeding ministries using an online fundraising platform and will receive a grant of \$500 from ELCA World Hunger. Up to 100 Daily Bread Matching Grants are available for ELCA congregations on a first-come, first-served basis, with the possibility of more grants becoming available in the future. Apply or donate here.

HERE TO SERVE

The churchwide organization is inherently a resource in support of the members, congregations, synods and partners of the ELCA. During this time, Domestic Mission will pivot to a project-based, service-oriented structure so this church knows we are here to serve. By the first week of April, we will launch a chat function on ELCA.org along with an 800 hotline for prayer, support and questions that will be answered by our staff. As soon as these channels are live, we will let you know.

COVID-19 RESPONSE APPEAL

It's more important now than ever to support our church across the country through these difficult times. We will begin to raise funds to support our congregations, ministries and synods. This effort will launch the week of March 30 via email and social media with a special form online to donate.

In addition to our new three-pronged response, our work continues in providing and updating resources on [ELCA.org/publichealth](https://www.elca.org/publichealth). We are also still at work in the world. Our global mission work continues and grows in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are working with our global companions to provide support where we can. Learn more about that here.

I am proud to say that even during challenging times, we continue our service in living out the mission of this church: Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

Peace and be well,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you to all of you for continuing to support Christ Lutheran Church with your weekly offering! Your gifts are needed now more than ever to help Christ Lutheran Church meet its commitments to vendors such as utilities and salaries for our staff.



Remember there are three ways to make your contribution:

1. By US Mail to: Christ Lutheran Church
829 William Hilton Pkwy.,
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
2. Donate online at our website clchhi.org by using the "Give" button.
3. Donate via Vanco at vancopayments.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Our church will host a blood drive in Heinrich's Hall on Thursday, April 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Red Cross is in jeopardy and we have a shortage of blood.

All the precautions as usual will be taken.
As always thank you for your support!

