



Christ
Lutheran
Church
& Preschool

The Bridge

April 10, 2020--Good Friday

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!

Worship Services on line and through Zoom

Here is the link to the **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:**
7pm SC Synod led service

[Good Friday Worship](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mX6FpTzgS7E>

Prerecorded

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

by Southern Ohio Synod Holy Saturday

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVzXjjoqqPJ46NhpKkTUJnA>

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EASTER DAY WORSHIP

Time: Apr 12, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/276574240?pwd=VVFmbVhWV3cwOTZBcFZsS3hhYTFVZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 574 240

Password: 571536

You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.

FOOD DONATION DRIVE

HOSTED BY SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM

The Service Ministry team will hold a drive by food collection to benefit **Deep Well** and Christ Lutheran Church's **Little Free Pantry** at the church on

Tuesday, April 14. From 9 to 11am

Chris Wilcox and her husband, John Eddy, will have their big red truck parked in the church parking lot. They will wear their masks and gloves. Drive by and give them your bags of donated items.

Please see article and suggested donations below.



From Pastor Mary

Dear Church:

Pandemic prayers. Blessed Holy Days. Easter Greetings. Welcome to the oddest Easter of our lives.

If anything is going on unfazed, it's the beauty of Spring all around our island. We are so blessed to be sheltering in place in the midst of good weather, abundant flowers, ocean sand under our feet, and the swaying of palm trees in the breeze. This is a healing balm to our spirits, spirits that are starting to get weary of it all.

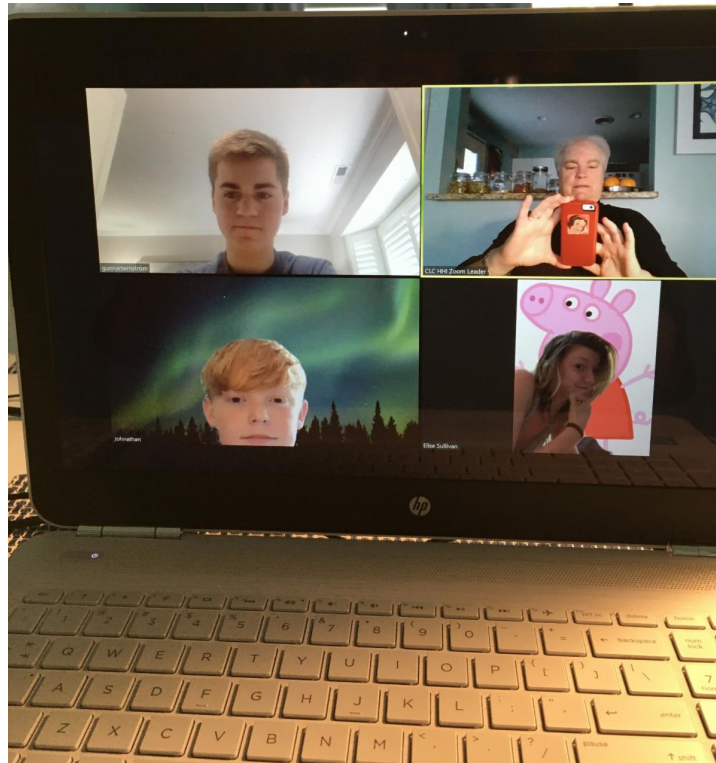
The other thing that goes on unfazed is the movement of days and the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. With or without lilies, trumpets, people gathered in singing, Easter comes. Christ is risen. Always risen.

We have been offering worship services via Zoom Meetings during these days. The Zoom Team (Silke Pyrlík, David and Tami Kuhlmann and I) greatly appreciate your feedback as we seek to do our best with the technologies we have. We have attempted to include some live organ or piano music, but we just don't have the sound equipment to make it work. These experiences will teach us much about how to expand our worship offerings, what we need to do it, and it will teach us about who we can reach with this ministry that we have been missing before. Such times are always learning times. I encourage all of us to be open to their teachings.

I will be going home to Columbia after Easter worship. I plan to return to the island the following Saturday. It is absolutely fine for you to call me while I'm there.

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with you.
Blessed Good Friday,
Pastor Mary

Hello from your Confirmation Group!



Here we are learning this week about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We focused on Luther's teaching that we cannot by our own understanding (our education) or strength (our will power) decide to have faith. Only the Holy Spirit can give us faith. The only way we are given that faith is through the preaching of the gospel. This grace of God is a blessing but also raises some questions about what we do, what God does, and how we understand people of different beliefs or no belief.

We also talked about what we did and what we learned from the Lenten Carbon Fast. Mostly, the four of us experienced these changes:

- We noticed that we had more items in our family's recycling bin than we did in our regular garbage can.
- Two of us are eating less meat. Some are trying to do "meatless Mondays".
- We're also trying to use less paper by printing out fewer documents.

Way to go! We hope you experienced some changes in your house, too. Let us know.

Next, we're going to focus on The Ten Commandments. We're also doing some

exercises during our weekly Zoom meetings to know the Bible better. For example, we play a game called "Name It". Pastor Mary asks us to, for example, name all the books of the Bible that begin with J. There are 12 books of the Bible that begin with J! Can you name them - without looking!

We're still planning for the Confirmation of Gunnar Ternstrom on Pentecost Sunday. If we can't be in worship by then, we'll set a date that works for his family, for our church, and for the government. Our Confirmation Group wishes all of you a happy Easter. Stay safe, everybody!

Easter Lily Pick-Up

The Easter lilies arrived at our sanctuary on Thursday. They are ready to help us sing our praises on Sunday. If you purchased one or two, you are invited to drive-by the front of the church between 10am-11am on Saturday, April 11th and pick them up. Several will be put outside at a time for you. You may enjoy having one at home as you Zoom in to worship.



EASTER LILIES

Given to the Glory of God:

George A. Brouillard	John & Vera Conway
Susie Fidler	Tim & Susan Fidler
Ray Shaffer	Bill & Julie Vaglianti

Given By

In Memory Of

Carla Bech-Hansen. Loved Ones
 Don & Barbara Beth Son, Scott
 Greg Brondos. Steve & Marge Brondos;
 Clyde & Elaine Hardy
 Alice Graeb. Fred Graeb
 Doug & Ann Hammes. . . . Edward & Elizabeth
 Ruckefeller
 Ted & Harriet Hammes
 Eric & Karen Momberger. . . . Diane Seeley
 John & Joyce Prange.Rev. Alwin & Florence
 Prange;
 Durward & Alice Sandal
 Silke, Ben & Oliver Pyrlik. . . . Manfred Pyrlik; Mechthild & Gerd Pyrlik
 Ray Shaffer Wife, Ginnie Shaffer
 Bill & Johe Vaglienti. Fred & Adele Stickel
 Jerry & Mona Wedell. Loved Ones
 Chris Wilcox & John Eddy. . . Our parents
 Marajeane Zodtner. Bob Zodtner



Given By

In Honor Of

Tim & Susan Fidler. Pastor Mary Anderson; Gary & Kathy Reynolds
 Alice Graeb Christ Lutheran Church Choir
 Bill & Johe Vaglienti. . . . Bill & Tess Vaglienti

Encouragement from Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director



It might be grief!

Somber greeting from the home office!

And finally it came: our stay-at-home order from the governor. Better late than never I guess.

The fourth week of staying home from school and almost 4 weeks of not working from the office are now done. I don't know about you but for me it started to hit home this week.

The feeling of "wow, this is real!", people are dying, by the thousands. Manfred would have been able to confirm how much I love disaster movies, they are one of my favorites. Or maybe, from now on, they might just become my "used to be favorite" movies. My all time favorite disaster movie is (or maybe was) "Contagion" (2011 with Gwyneth Paltrow

and Matt Damon).

Not in a million years would I have believed that I will get to experience something like that myself.



I am reading a lot of blogs, spiritual writers, fellow spiritual director's writings, yoga teacher's thoughts, pastor's ideas....and this week there seems to be one common topic; fear and grief (the premise of disaster movies).

"No one ever told me that grief felt so much like fear." - C.S. Lewis

I stumbled over this quote in a fellow spiritual director's bog and friend from the Lutheran Seminary, Amy Sander Montanez.

Amy writes: "Grief is the sense of loss we feel when something we value is gone. It can be something tangible, like a person, pet, or object. It might be losing an activity we enjoy like playing sports, attending church, or shopping and eating out. Intangibles, like a sense of certainty or wellbeing, freedom to move around as we wish, daily routines, relationships we normally count on, even something we haven't yet been able to name can be grieved. And it all leaves us with a weird, disoriented sensation."

That hit very much home with me. I am aware that I am in the process of grieving the loss of my husband, and that is a very strange animal to deal with. Yet I wasn't aware that I am grieving so much more. I could relate very well to the sensation of disorientation and even sometimes fear but was not able, so far, to name it as grief.

How about you? Do you feel fear? Disorientation? Helplessness?

It might be grief!

We all are experiencing a lot of losses right now and we can count ourselves lucky if we do not know anyone who has succumbed to Covid-19. But that doesn't mean that we do not have the right to name and claim our other losses as named above.

If you feel any loss (and you most likely do)...claim it! Name it, like e.g. in this way:

"I am very sad that I am not able to attend an Easter morning service in a brick and mortar church for the first time in my life! I feel a sense of disorientation, and yes even anger and fear. I despise that I am prohibited from doing so and the feeling of pain over this loss is real and uncomfortable!"

Now you claimed it! It's real. It's ok. You just became mindful of those feelings.

You are not alone!

Know that you are not alone in those feelings of loss and grief. This feeling is shared by many fellow church friends and members, your (extended) family, and in truth most of the world. We ALL grieve! We all lost so much!

Trust in the resurrection!

This Holy Week strikingly underlines the importance of the Easter story: death and resurrection.

Loss (like death) for Christians should be followed by hope (resurrection) for new life. This extreme period of loss will end eventually and we all will be finding hope in a new kind of life. A life possibly re-oriented and changed after a traumatic world-wide experience like this, but with the hope for something better, more meaningful, more sustainable for all.

A New Kind of Life!

I can get excited for that hope! That the world might become a better place. That we all individually might become better people, more grounded in what's truly important, more giving,

more accepting, more loving, more understanding, more helpful, more reasonable in our demands and desires, more compassionate.

Let us all focus on the promise of resurrection! After death (loss) there will be life! After all, this is what our faith is all about!

May the Peace be with you, always!

Silke

CLC IN WEEKLY PRAYER

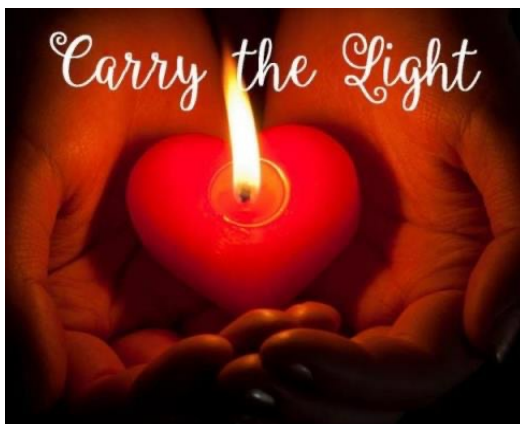


We are still offering a contemplative prayer time every Monday at 9:30 a.m.

CLC's prayers warriors last Monday came up with the insight that the church of course is not empty but has been deployed in times of need!

If you would like to be included in the prayer session, please text Silke at 843-298-2823 and she will add you to the group text.

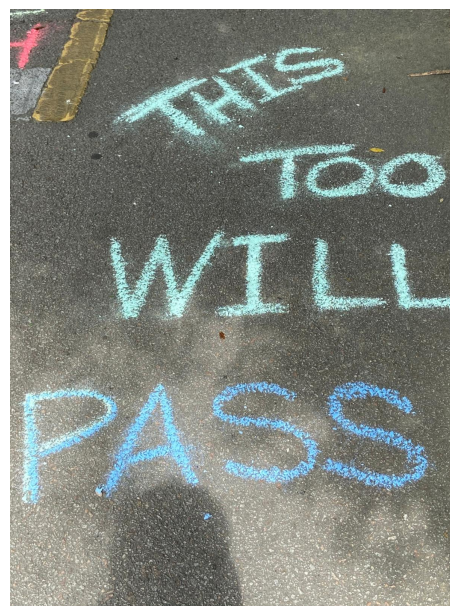
Listen to our "fight song" here:
[Go light your world](#)



God provides answers to our prayers. Please pray for:

- Steve Bassford
- Emily Caudle
- Bob Harding
- Otto Orzech
- Lois Rockefeller (surgery has been delayed)
- Sandy Shackelford
- Sandy Heins
- Ron (friend of David & Tami Kuhlmann)

Please send prayer requests to Susan Fidler at kssid@hotmail.com





Maundy Thursday

Blood Drive

at CLC

Thank you, Red Cross!

REMINDER: Hilton Head's First Diversity Weekend, that was supposed to be held on April 24-April 26 has been cancelled.



Just a quick update on our current financial situation at Christ Lutheran. After our bumpy start this year with the debate over our affiliation with the ELCA, we anticipated a degree of lower giving, after some members of the congregation left us.

Through the first three months of the year, we have seen a 24% (\$24,820) decline in giving compared to last year. Expenses on the other hand, continue at the 2019 levels which means we have experienced a deficit of \$18,000. At the end of February we had cash to cover about 33 days of our administrative costs. By the end of March we had only 25 days of cash. The social distancing now required with the virus pandemic may see yet another decline in our financial support.

If we all work together and step up during these trying times, through God's grace we will survive and flourish. Praying for stronger giving to our missions work.

Ron Julseth, Christ Lutheran Church Treasurer

Please send your contributions to us by any of these three ways:

- By US Mail to:

Christ Lutheran Church
829 William Hilton Pkwy

- Donate online at our website clchhi.org by using the "Give" button.
- Donate via Vanco at vancopayments.com

**Dear Fellow Disciples,
First Quarter Financial Statements**

The First Quarter Financial statements for January thru March 2020 have been mailed, so please be on the lookout for yours in the mail.

In addition to your regular giving there is a separate statement of giving for the Renovation Fund that details your contributions from January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. A letter from the Renovation team shows your pledge amount and your giving to date. So that the Renovation team can know your intentions of support, we are asking that you confirm your pledge by cutting off the bottom portion of the letter and returning to the Church Office using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

God has truly blessed us, and we are grateful for your continued contributions.

COUNCIL CORNER

Your Church Council met via Free Conference Call on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00pm. During this uncertain time, we are talking to each other every week and the Executive Team, which includes Pastor Mary, Kathy Reynolds, Joe Etter, Susan Fidler and Ron Julseth meets via conference call every Friday at 10:00 am.

Some highlights from our Tuesday conversation:

- Ron shared our financial performance for month ending March 2020. His comments appear under Financial Update.
- Because of your generous contributions, we mailed a check in the amount of \$1,595 to St. John's Lutheran Church in Nashville.
- Ron has applied for the Payroll Protection Plan loan through TD Bank. If granted, this loan will cover the cost of our payroll (including Preschool) and utilities for two months.
- Council agreed to begin DialMyCalls notifications to our congregation and friends beginning as soon as possible.
- Council celebrated the fact that our Little Free Pantry has been discovered and

is being used daily by our neighbors in need.

- Susan Fidler introduced "Reach Out Without Touching Someone" phone chain so that we can keep abreast of any needs in our Church family.

If there is an item that you would like to submit for Council discussions, please send an email to me at reynoldsglkp@yahoo.com.

Stay safely at home!

Kathy Reynolds

Council President

SERVICE MINISTRY

Things are steady at Family Promise. Those Christ Lutheran members who got to know the families we sheltered in January will be happy to know that the families are doing well. They are staying in a hotel near Sun City which has kitchenettes so they can prepare their own food. Chris is working cleaning at the Bluffton schools; Tim is employed at Sam's in customer service and Olivia is attending high school at home via e-learning. Kenzie is a full time mom to Brookelynn now that the Cracker Barrel is closed. She is continuing her on line college course work. Family Promise is taking no new clients right now and fortunately there has not been a big demand.



The greatest need is gift cards so that folks can buy food and gas to get to work and cash to cover the cost of the hotel rooms. Family Promise is actively looking for apartments for people to move into, which looks promising. Checks and gift cards can be sent directly to

FP of Beaufort County
181 Bluffton Rd D101, Bluffton, SC 29910

You can also donate on line via the Family Promise website, however, donating via credit card involves a fee that FP has to pay. Family Promise wishes to thank Christ Lutheran for all of its past support.



The demand for food from islanders in need has been staggering. We at Christ Lutheran can do our best to address this issue in light of the coronavirus spreading across the country. It's here on Hilton Head; we are staying at home as best we can. Some residents are not as fortunate as most of us are at CLC and are out of their jobs and their paychecks. The Deep Well Project has stepped up; their volunteers are packing food bags in numbers that are beyond anyone's wildest dreams. CLC missed our regular food collection date last Sunday. To make up the date, the Service Ministry team will hold a drive by food collection at the church next Tuesday, April 14. From 9 to 11am that morning Chris Wilcox and her husband, John Eddy, will have their big red truck parked in the church parking lot. They will wear their masks and gloves. Drive by and give them your bags of donated items. We will then take them to the Deep Well food collection site.

In addition, the SM team has unveiled the Little Free Pantry out front in the church parking lot area. We have a supply of food items from our Backpack Buddies inventory being used to stock the shelves. By various reports the LFP has been discovered thanks to Kathy Reynolds' marketing campaign. Items have been taken! Items have been added! The only other little pantry on the island, in addition to the CLC LFP, is at 1st Baptist Church on South Forest Beach. We need to build up our resources for this mission with your donations too. These donations will stay at the church or at Chris' house for now.

Miss Charlotte would be so proud of her church! Hats off Christ Lutheran. We are living our mission statement! Make a copy of the following 2 lists and PLEASE bring your donations to church next Tuesday, April 14, from 9 to 11am. Place your donations in separate labeled bags (Deep Well and Little Free Pantry) or let us know.

Items needed at Deep Well:

Paper shopping bags in good clean condition
Reusable plastic bags (ie. Walmart bags)
Empty egg cartons
Pasta
Canned meats, tuna, salmon
Mac and Cheese
Jelly
Soups and stews
Canned fruit
Canned veggies (no green beans!)
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Shampoo
Toothpaste


Items needed for LFP:

Individual wrapped toilet paper
Detergent
Baby wipes
Peanut butter
Tuna or chicken in pull tab cans
Toothbrushes & toothpaste
Diapers
Soups
Beef jerky
Chef Boy R Dee pull top products
Potatoes--fresh or canned
Crackers
Boxed dinners such as mac'n'cheese
Pasta, dried beans, rice
Soap and deodorant

Thank you for your generosity!

CLC PRESCHOOL

**In compliance with Governor Henry McMaster's Executive Order
on March 25, 2020 to close all schools,
Christ Lutheran Preschool is closed until April 30.**

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