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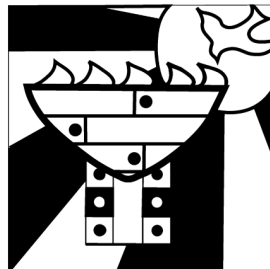
May 15, 2020

**All Worship 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!

This Sunday's Worship Services on line and through Zoom



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
SERVICE OF THE WORD + ZOOM WORSHIP
MAY 17, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN, HILTON HEAD, SC

CLC HHI Worship, Sunday May 17, 2020

**[Click here](#) for Easter 6th Sunday Bulletin
10:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99818378166?pwd=ZDI5RG96NjZ5aEt3Mm04aksvNnhTd09>

Meeting ID: 998 1837 8166

Password: 051020

You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.



From Pastor Mary

Dear Church,

We have been enjoying some very beautiful days on the island. The Spirit of Easter continues with its alleluias while the pandemic is being encouraged to leave us be. We notice that tourists are returning, bikes are everywhere, many businesses are opening as well as a few congregations for smaller worship services. While the spirit of normalcy feels good, we also fear its consequences. At Christ Lutheran we are still taking a very conservative approach. We are watching the public health statistics, praying a lot, and constantly talking to one another about next steps.

We are looking at some new ways of worshiping this summer, but no plans have been made. We are still monitoring the schedule for the Preschool Summer Camp. But, as a congregation, we are not idle. Much is being discussed about our present situation and our future possibilities.

One of the active ministry items is our Call Process for a new pastor. As you have heard, the Council is in the midst of electing six persons to the Call Committee. After this is accomplished, the next step is that Bishop Yoos will engage everyone at Christ Lutheran in a "Spirit-led Time of Renewal." Usually this is a time when the bishop or one of the assistants to the bishop comes to a congregation beginning the call process and participates in an all-congregation dinner where time is made for a presentation on the steps of the call process and where time is made for those gathered to answer questions about their perceived needs for leadership and vision moving forward. Concerns are often lifted up along with places where healing needs to take place. (At least this is how I have experienced it in recent times.)

This is usually how it goes, but this is no usual time. Given that we are not advised to gather as a whole congregation, Bishop Yoos and his communications staff are designing a webinar for our Spirit-led Time of Renewal at Christ Lutheran. They have not done this before and neither have we! But we have agreed to hold this event virtually on

**June 3rd
6:30 - 8:00 pm**

We are asking questions about how to provide detailed information about the process to those who cannot engage with us on the internet and how to get feedback from them about our ministry moving forward. This is important to us and we will seek out ways to help it happen.

Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend. We will, of course, let you know how to click into it. And so, on we go, and we pray for the Spirit to blow its will through us.

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with us!
Pastor Mary



- *The family and friends of Judy Johnson**
- *Pastor Anderson's friend at the sudden death of his son, Harry**
- *All medical personnel**
- *Essential workers supporting us all**
- *All suffering from loneliness, depression or anxiety**
- *All out of work and financially stressed**

PRESCHOOL NEWS!

The Preschool will have our End of the Year Celebration and Graduation on Thursday, May 21st. This will be a very different type of celebration! We will have a "Drive-By Parade" at 4:30 pm in the school parking lot. Our graduates will be recognized with yard stakes and diplomas. They will also receive copies of the Children's Bible they have used during Chapel time. All children will be given a picture memory book and other small gifts from their teachers. All CLC members are welcome to attend our parade and give a wave to our students!

Encouraging thoughts from Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director



Rite of Passage

I am saving this article under "2020 pandemic encouragement"



9"....wow, 9 weeks, who would have thought? Definitely not I when I offered to provide encouraging thoughts every week :-))

If you read my thoughts last week then you would have noticed that encouragement, the longer this lasts, seems harder to be found.

Today is Benjamin's 18th birthday, legal adulthood. And he's also a week away from graduating high school.

May is an important month, the month that heralds the rite of passage into adulthood. I thought about that a lot lately, about this important transition that is made so much harder for all classes of 2020, missing all the usual senior activities....where to find encouragement within a botched senior year?

And then I wondered...is it? Is the transition into adulthood harder in a time of pandemic?

Miriam Websters definition of "the rite of passage: a ritual, event, or experience that marks or constitutes a major milestone or change in a person's life.

So yes, finishing high school and reaching a legal age is a major milestone in a young person's life. But what does really change? They can vote and go to war. They can't drink (at least legally they can't), they still have to live in supervised dorms, go to school, often live off of their parents' money. Thus in reality nothing much changes, at least for our kind of privileged children. They still do not have much power over their own lives and most often than not, still behave like irresponsible teenagers.

Now add a major life disruption for the whole world into the mix, a pandemic, where life is not the same anymore for anyone. Not them, not their parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbors, friends....life as we all know it has probably changed for good, never to return to a before status!

And I say "Thank you, God!" Thank you for making us aware of what really counts; love, family, friendships, support, decency in behavior and money spending.

The last few months have completely reset Benjamin's view of the world, like it probably and hopefully has for all of us. I could have told him a million times about hard times that might enter his life, about being conservative in spending money, in the dangers of going into debt, in the importance of family and friendships and personal contact with people. He would have just brushed me off with a "ja ja, mom" not hearing me at all.

Now he is living it! He will remember forever! It will influence future decisions, he will be wiser, more careful, more reasonable and more settled in his world view. And I am GRATEFUL! I see him already being more grown up than many, many other teenagers his age before Corona. Of course the horrible illness and death of his dad have expedited his growing up.

And what about you all? Do you feel like this is a rite of passage for you too? Is this an experience that marks a major change in your life? I definitely feel so (of course

widowhood adds to this too).

I really do not want to go back to before. Before was not normal! We rushed all the time, were super busy, exploited God's wonderful earth that he entrusted us to take care of and not to destroy!

We made money like crazy to be able to spend it like crazy...on what? Do we really need all the things we believe we need or our consumer society makes us believe we need?

I like this slower, more contemplative, prayerful pace and the opportunity to enjoy the small things in life; to truly enjoy a sunrise or sunset, a conversation with a friend, a warm smile because we cannot hug. I am enjoying what I have and actually freeing myself of a ton of stuff that just drags me down. Paying for a storage room because I have too much stuff? Not anymore! Never again.

Going shopping because I am bored or need "retail therapy". Nope, not gonna happen again. Do I need a big house? The newest gadgets? The nicest fridge? The fastest car? (Ok, I admit I love the Tesla...but that will go too :-)) Does everything always needs to be brand new and top notch? I don't think so!

The only thing that counts is my close relationship to God my Creator, my health, my family, my friends, my community of faith! THAT is what counts! The rest is unnecessary padding, sometimes nice to have but not needed at all!

How do you feel about this? Can you find positive within the pandemic? Are you grateful daily for what you are learning, experiencing, discovering?

May the Peace always be with you!

Silke

Council Corner

Your Church Council continues to be diligent in keeping up with each other and keep its ear to the ground on matters concerning our Church.

As the pandemic continues and we are still maintaining distance from each other, the Council decided that we will meet at our regularly schedule time on the third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00pm via Zoom meeting. We will also meet again mid-month to address Church business as it arises.

Call Committee Update:

Council is in the process of electing six members to serve on the Call Committee. Results of the voting will be announced at the upcoming Council meeting on Tuesday, May 21.

Bishop Yoos and the SC Synod team will be conducting a Spirit-Led Time of

Renewal meeting with us on June 2, at 6:30pm via Zoom webinar. Stay tuned for sign on details.

Blessings,
Kathy Reynolds

MORE BLOOD DRIVES:

**Thursday, June 11
from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



**Tuesday, June 23 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. to
support two cancelled blood drives in the Hilton Head area.**

Safety Procedures:

Each Red Cross blood drive has the highest standards of safety and infection control. To ensure the health of staff and donors, precautions include:

- 1) Checking temperatures of donors as they enter.
- 2) We will be providing hand sanitizer for use before the drive, as well as throughout the donation process
- 3) Following social distancing between donors including entry, donation and refreshment areas.
- 4) Wearing face masks or coverings for both staff and donors at all times
- 5) Routinely disinfecting surfaces, equipment and donor-touched areas.
- 6) Wearing gloves, and changing gloves often and using sterile collection sets and an aseptic scrub for every donation.

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Donor Recruitment
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Palmetto Service Center Bluffton, SC
843-259-3920(c) Candace.Camp@redcross.org
RedCrossBlood.org
facebook.com/RedCrossBlood



Thank you again for your faithful contributions!
We so appreciate all who took the time and effort to send in your contributions in many ways!

Remember, you can send your contributions to us by any of these three ways:

- By US Mail to:

Christ Lutheran Church
829 William Hilton Pkwy
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



CLC GRADUATION SUNDAY, MAY 24

The Class of 2020

P. Benjamin Pyrlik

is graduating from Hilton Head Christian Academy. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a Thespian Society member.

His dream is to become a commercial airline pilot and he will join the University of North Dakota (UND, one of the Top 10 flight schools in the USA) Aviation program to pursue a degree in commercial aviation.





Avery White

is graduating from Hilton Head Christian Academy . He is a member of the National Honor Society and a Thespian Society member.

He will be attending the University of South Carolina majoring in political science and studying international business. He plans on keeping to pursue his love for history.

Alyssa White

is graduating from Newberry College, SC with a degree in business administration. She hopes to pursue a career in human resources or tourism management. At Newberry she was active in Delta Mu chapter of Kapa Delta sorority and on the women's cross country and track team.



Graduation Sunday

Mark your calendars for

May 24th when we will recognize, bless, and celebrate our two high school graduates, Benjamin Pyrlik and Avery White, and our college graduate, Alyssa White. Immediately

following worship all are invited to jump in their cars, drive through the church parking lot, wave and honk your horns at the graduates who will be outside in cap and gown, and drop a card for them in a basket