



## The Bridge

July 10, 2020

**Please join us for online Church Services each Sunday at 10:00 am via Zoom technology.**

**Go to our website: [www.clchhi.org](http://www.clchhi.org) to view recordings of each Sunday's worship services.**

**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,

What an abundant week of ministry we have had together!

Reports follow on the just-approved Renovation Plan. Thanks to all who have been working on this plan for the past five years. We anticipate being in a renewed worship space when we come back together for in-person worship. We'll keep you updated with pictures and news of our progress.

We also installed new communications hardware into the church this week. Our wife

is now much stronger and we anticipate this will greatly help our zooming of worship services and many other things. Our COVID-19 Response Team is working every week to prepare our facilities and prepare systems for a future return to in-person gatherings, but many of the things we are doing will continue to serve us well into the future. A new washer and dryer are being installed for the Preschool, touchless faucets and hand sanitizing stations will also be installed. Our first Thursday Soup Kitchen was held this week as well! Our thanks to all who helped serve our neighbors.

The Church Council also agreed for our congregation to participate in a synod-wide appeal to support the building of a church facility for our fastest growing Latino congregation in our synod, Cristo Rey in West Columbia, SC. The building is nearly 90% completed with \$600,000 of the \$800,000 needed raised by 35 congregations around the synod.

A donor has offered another gift of \$50,000 if we have half of our 150 congregations make some kind of contribution. We have decided to be one of those congregations!

Here is a link to a short video about this project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTddCMhexQ4>

We will also show it during the announcements on Sunday.

Contributing to the building of another sanctuary is a faithful way to express our gratitude to God for the generosity that is making our sanctuary renovation possible. We are blessed to be a blessing to others! I'll be sharing more about Cristo Rey in the next week.

We urge each of you to make a contribution of your choice and ability to this effort. You may go on the website and use the Tithe.ly app where you will find a new option for this appeal. Or you may mail it in or bring it in your regular offering envelope. Be sure to mark the amount you want to go to the Abundancia Appeal.

Cristo Rey is a well-established congregation after 11 years in ministry. Pastor Jorge Leone has been doing a marvelous ministry there. We are grateful to St. David's Lutheran in West Columbia that has shared their building with them all these years. But now, it's time for them to go out on their own and they are excited to do so.

In abundant joy for all good things,  
Pastor Mary

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**Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship**  
**Sunday July 12, 2020**  
**10 AM**

## Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmZDZ09>

Meeting ID: 856 9101 0897

Password: loveCLCHHI

You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.

[Click here for Sunday Bulletin](#)



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL  
INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE

JULY 12, 2020  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC



### Encouraging thoughts from Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director

#### Times of Crisis: Love wins over guilt any day

Richard Rohr in his daily mediation on July 5, 2020 wrote:

*"In moments of insecurity and crisis, shoulds and oughts don't really help. They just increase the shame, guilt, pressure, and likelihood of backsliding into unhealthy patterns. It's the deep yeses that carry us through to the other side. It's that deeper something we are strongly for-such as equality and dignity for all-that allows us to wait it out. It's someone in whom we absolutely believe and to whom we commit. In plain language, love wins out over guilt any day."*

Just an hour before I read this I had been meeting with the CLC prayer warriors, a

group of members who still meet faithfully every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. (of course since weeks we meet virtually) to pray for our church, our world and God's creation.

My opening prayer had focused on times of upheaval, times of chaos and change, and the pain this brings with itself before the world will settle into a better and brighter future. Our prayers acknowledged that we are still in a time of insecurity and crisis but that we know big shifts in the world for the better are often preceded by chaos and crisis. That's of course also true for our personal lives or the life of our church.

Like Richard Rohr in his July 5th meditation insinuates ([Read meditation here](#)), we humans are not made to change voluntarily. We will not leave our comfort zone just because. We always need to be pushed or dragged out of our comfort zone into a brighter, changed future by outside forces. And those usually include times of upheaval, pain, chaos and change.

And while being in the midst of those uncomfortable times, like right now, we need to let love win. Not doubt, not shame, not guilt, or pressure. We need to dig deep to find our big YES inside of us! What are we FOR? Instead of against?

What is our greatest and biggest hope and wish for the future? Are we ready to let go of the old, (and potentially even unhealthy patterns) and can allow God to change us from within? And trust that whatever stands at the end, even though not visible for us yet, or even imaginable, that it will be good? Most likely even better than before?

That is what I personally hope and pray for. With all the changes in my life, having to let go of pretty much everything that was dear and near to me for the last 20 years, the on and off upheaval, chaos and pain I'm living in, can I trust without seeing or knowing yet, that in the end my life will be better than before?

How about you? How about your life? How about your vision for our new and renewed church community? Can you imagine that what is in store for us, after all this is over, will be better than ever before?

Can you find a huge YES deep inside of yourself?

May the Peace be with you, always!

Silke



***Holy Conversations at CLC  
join us via Zoom on either***

*July 14th at 7:00 pm*  
*or*  
*July 22nd at 10:00 am*



CLC HHI Zoom Leader is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Holy Conversation 1 July 14

Time: Jul 14, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82100836025?  
pwd=RTNlVjE1OVZpUjAxQ0dDS3pkeVFHQQT09A](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82100836025?pwd=RTNlVjE1OVZpUjAxQ0dDS3pkeVFHQQT09A)

Meeting ID: 821 0083 6025

Password: 091804



**\*We pray for all those in difficult situations.**

**\*Patricia Bassford's uncle**

**\*We pray for Carol Benton and her family as they await the birth of her grandchild.**

**\*We pray for our new Thursday Soup Kitchen and especially for all on the island who need this assistance.**

**\*Sarah DeMaria's mom**

**\*John Prange**

**\*All medical personnel**

**\*Essential workers supporting us all**

**\*All suffering from loneliness, depression or anxiety**

**\*All out of work and financially stressed**

**\*We pray for all police officers and fire fighters who are in harm's way**

## **CHURCH RENOVATION IS MOVING FORWARD**

**The Christ Lutheran Renovation project is a \$1,000,000 project designed to:**

- Ensure our church building is a safe and functional structure for our needs, through repairs and renovations to the Main Entry & Plaza, Foyer,**

**Narthex, Sanctuary and Sanctuary Hallways.**

- **Provide updates and fresh design to interior spaces in and near the Sanctuary.**
- **Provide an infusion of funds to our Capital Reserve Fund for ongoing building expenditures.**

**Recall that at our called Congregational meeting on July 14, 2019, the congregation voted 99% in favor of moving forward with this renovation project. Since then your Renovation Ministry Team has worked hard to:**

- **Finalize recommended plans with the architect**
- **Architect has completed final detailed plans to the builder**
- **Plans have been approved by the Town**
- **The Builder has provided a final cost bid for the project**
- **We have confirmed an updated summary of pledges from our three year capital campaign**

**The final bid from the builder has actually come in slightly below what we had originally budgeted. Highsmith Construction and the Renovation Team has worked hard to reduce our costs where possible. Our pledging confirmation indicates that we can expect about \$520,000 from our three year pledging campaign or about 22% less than we had originally obtained. It should be noted that we are grateful that 75% of total pledged dollars have been received half way through our campaign so people are making good on their pledges. We anticipate that we will need to borrow approximately \$450,000. We have secured a loan mix that reduces our total loan interest rate and only loan interest will need to be paid during the construction period.**

**Last week the Renovation Team unanimously voted in favor of moving forward and submitted a motion to council to proceed. This week council reviewed the motion and the underlying financial details and unanimously voted in favor of proceeding.**

**We are currently working a detailed timeline with Highsmith Construction for the project and have many logistic issues to coordinate. . At this time we expect to begin construction in late August and anticipate that the project will take four months to complete.**

**After more than five years of planning and approvals for this much needed church building update, we are excited about moving forward. We expect to provide you with regular updates and more specifics on each phase of the project in the coming weeks.**

**Our hope is that our congregation will join in our excitement as we proceed with this major project and we look forward to celebrating this milestone in our church's history. Coupled with our community ministries and construction going on, it will be hard for the larger Hilton Head community not to notice that things are happening at Christ Lutheran Church.**

## **THE SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM**

News from the Thursday lunch program, part of our CLC Service Ministry:

The Thursday free bagged lunch program has been renamed The Lunch Break and has been approved as a feeding agency with the United Way "Second Helpings" program. Goods from Second Helpings will start to be received next Wednesday, July 15! Second Helpings also gave The Lunch Break program \$600 in gift cards to support this outreach food program.

Yesterday bagged lunches were given out. We are trying to get the word out to the community. Thanks for your support!

Chris Wilcox, [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com).





# ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

A WEBINAR SERIES

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING WEBINARS

**July 17, 2020**

### **Legal Planning**

Alisa L. McCray, Esq.

*Olivetti, McCray & Withrow, LLC*

A living will is a legal tool to make sure your health care wishes are known in a formal way and followed. During this webinar we will discuss end-of-life decision making in light of Covid-19 and identify current challenges and opportunities for advance care planning.

**August 14, 2020**

### **Medical Planning**

Robert Brouillard, MD

*Hospice Care of the Lowcountry*

Lee Levesque, Captain

*Bluffton Township Fire District*

Facing a health emergency and calling 911 can be frightening and overwhelming. During this webinar, our guests will focus on being prepared for an emergency health situation and end-of-life medical care.

**Sept 11, 2020**

### **Grief Support**

Barbara Scobey, MSW

Charlie Tyler, M. Div

*Hospice Care of the Lowcountry*

Losing a loved one is tragic – even more so with the social restrictions due to Covid-19. During this webinar, we will explore grief, how it can affect you, coping strategies and new methods to help you or a loved one through it.

**Oct 9, 2020**

### **Funeral Planning**

Sheri Stahl

*Lowcountry Cremation & Burial Svcs*

Valerie Mayer

*Island Funeral Home*

It can be a difficult task arranging a funeral. During this webinar, we will look at the benefits of preplanning, the decisions you need to make, laws, regulations and costs pertaining to burial and cremations in SC.

For more info visit [hospicecarelc.org/advance-care-planning](https://hospicecarelc.org/advance-care-planning)



**Dear Church,**

**Your Church Council met for a touch-base meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening, July 7, at 6:00pm.**

**Here are the highlights of the discussion:**

- **Council heard a recommendation from the Renovation Team requesting approval to go forward with the Renovation plans as approved by the Congregation in December 2018. The Council voted unanimously to approve continuing with Renovation plans. Please see Joe Etter's report in this Bridge.**
- **Council heard a request from Pastor Mary to collect offerings to support the building campaign of Cristo Rey, which is the South Carolina Synod's developmental congregation in Columbia, SC. The Council affirmed their support of collecting a special offering to support Cristo Rey's building campaign.**
- **Rita Hungate offered an update on plans that are being developed by the COVID 19 Response team to prepare our buildings for future in-person church gatherings. Rita has submitted a proposal of expenses to support upgrades to our facilities and to purchase supplies needed to maintain a safe environment. Please note, there are no definite plans in place at the moment for returning to in-person church services; however, the Response team is working diligently to prepare for that eventuality.**

**Yours in Christ,  
Kathy Reynolds,  
Council President**

The Call Committee has met four times, since being established by the Congregational Council.

- The first meeting was an organizational format that included the naming of a Chairperson and a Secretary for the Call Committee.
- In the second meeting, on June fifth, meeting times were established and discussion of the Ministry Site Profile ensued. Members were assigned to gather various reports or sources of information that would be needed for sections of the report.
- The third meeting, on June 26th, included a summary of the responses to the questions used for the "Spirit Led Time Of Renewal."
- The fourth meeting, held on July 3rd, featured a discussion with Pastor Mary



wherein she shared with us her past experience as a candidate. In addition, she covered some observations in regard to her tenure at CLC as the Interim Pastor. This session should be helpful when the committee develops questions for the interview phase.

The next meeting of the Call Committee will be Saturday, July 11th, at 10:30. The discussion that day will be the continuation of the work on the Ministry Site Profile. The profile is involved and is the document that is sent to the SC Synod and the ELCA in Chicago to represent our congregation to candidates nationwide.

Committee members are Carol Benton (Secretary), Sarah DeMaria, Joe Etter, Wayne Sebulsky (Chairperson), Doris Stickel and Marajeane Zodtner.

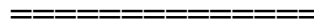


Our Church had a good month in June. Giving was \$33,000--or up 16% over June of last year. Giving now totals \$171,000 which is only 13% down from last year. Although our forecast anticipated a short fall of \$31,000 over the final six months of the year, I can see eliminating that with your continued generous and faithful support. Let's make this happen.

The Church was successful in obtaining EIDL funding of \$150,000 in June. These dollars have been appropriated to our renovation project which begins construction soon.

The Lord continues to bless Christ Lutheran Church.

Ron Julseth,  
Treasurer



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

- o By US Mail to:

Christ Lutheran Church  
829 William Hilton Pkwy

- Donate online at our website [clchhi.org](http://clchhi.org) by using the "Give" button.
- Donate via Vanco at [vancopayments.com](http://vancopayments.com)

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## UPCOMING CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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Monday, July 13	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open
Tuesday, July 14	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open 12 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting, Heinrich's Hall 11 a.m. Admin & Finance Committee Meeting with Zoom 7 p.m. Holy Conversations (see above)
Wednesday, July 15	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open 10 a.m. Exec. Team Meeting, Craft Room
Thursday, July 16	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open

Office Hours (During the Pandemic):  
Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Phone: 843-785-5560