



## The Bridge

July 24, 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:

I hope your week went well and that those on the island endured the heat. Be careful, everybody!

I am so proud of our love offering for Cristo Rey. Way to go, CLC disciples! Keep sending in your contributions since the appeal will be on-going. It's not too late. When we gather for synod assembly each year, we always take up an offering during our big worship services. The offerings are designated for special projects

and each congregation's voting members are invited to bring their offering to put in the plate. This is different this year. We will have one worship service during our virtual assembly and an offering is being designated for the playground at Cristo Rey. The Church Council agreed to send an offering of \$500. The cost of the playground is about \$15,000. However, the children and youth at Cristo Rey have been doing fundraisers and have already raised about \$6,000 for it. Once again, this is the beauty of partnership and how we are church together.

I'll see you on Sunday morning and then will depart as planned for two weeks. When I return for worship on August 9th, we will have the joyful occasion to receive new members again into the congregation. We're going and growing in our ministry. Thanks be to God!

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

Our congregational sympathies to the family of former member Don Williams who passed away last Saturday in Jim Thorpe, PA after a long illness. His wife, Mary Lou, appreciates your prayers at this time. You may send her at card or call her:

617 Friendship Circle  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
724-949-1297

**The South Carolina Synod Assembly will gather virtually this Saturday, July 25th.**

Pastor Anderson along with lay voting members, Kathy Reynolds and Rita Hungate will be representing CLC. Information about watching the assembly on-line will be given in the Friday Bridge. Pastor Anderson is offering one of the three short Bible Conversations and is participating in the worship service. **If you wish to watch it go to the Synod website at [scsynod.com](http://scsynod.com).**



**Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship  
Sunday July 26, 2020  
10 AM  
Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?  
pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmdz09)

Meeting ID: 856 9101 0897

Password: loveCLCHHI

You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.

[Click here for Sunday Bulletin](#)



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL  
JULY 26, 2020  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC



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

**\*Patricia Bassford's uncle**

**\*Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Carol Benton's grandson, Owen William Benton on July 14th. Rusty, Anne, and Owen Benton live in Phoenix, AZ.**

**\*We pray for our new Thursday Lunch Break Program 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

## CLC is helping - We are the church deployed!

- For Whom: 1000 students in Jasper Co schools many whose parents work in Hilton Head
- **Where: Christ Lutheran Church**
- **When: Monday, August 3, 2020, 9-11am**
- Why: The students of Jasper County need these tools to succeed. Parents do not have the resources to purchase those tools. We can help. "WE BELIEVE IN YOU"!
- How: Drop off school supplies and/or checks at the designated location. Make checks payable to the Community Foundation of the Low Country. In the memo put AEC School Supplies
- Antioch Education Center is the distribution center for Jasper Co families. It is a 10 year -old non-profit organization providing the people of Jasper, Beaufort, and Hampton Counties with basic human services. Some of their partners include Deep Well, Community Foundation of the Low Country and First Presbyterian Church.
- Supplies Needed:
  - #2 pencils ink, pens, notebook, paper ,spiral notebooks, binders,
  - Folder/3 hole & pockets erasers, pen/pencil holders, wipes, sanitizers, napkins, pencil sharpeners, compass, rulers, dividers, crayons
  - Colored pencils glue sticks
  - A school supplies bundle can be purchased from Amazon.com. Help them believe in themselves!



## #bethechurch - God's Work. Our hands.



**COMING SOON! ON SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**  
PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR  
MORE INFORMATION!  
EVEN IN TIMES OF SOCIAL  
DISTANCING WE ALL CAN DO  
PROJECTS TOGETHER APART  
AND HELP TO BETTER THE  
WORLD!



**CLC IS DEPLOYED!**



**SOUTH CAROLINA BISHOPS WRITE GOVERNOR  
CONCERNING PLAN TO HEAD BACK  
TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL**

The bishops of the Fellowship of South Carolina Bishops,

representing more than 1,000,000 people across the state wrote Gov. Henry McMaster this past Friday. They called on the Governor to re-evaluate his directive and again consider the suggestion of State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman's suggestion that decisions to re-open be made locally based taking into account local conditions.

[Click here to read the letter from the Bishops to Gov. McMaster](#)

## Service Ministry

The next drive by collection for the Little Free Pantry, the Lunch Break and Deep Well will be Monday, August 3 from 9 to 11am. Once more we will be in the church parking lot, look for us in the shade! Please mark your calendars and stop by!!



All contributions are greatly appreciated.

### **Items most useful for the Little Free Pantry:**

cleaning supplies

toiletries

packaged snack items (Breakfast bars, granola bars, cookies, crackers)

toilet paper

paper towels

dried beans

white rice (brown rice is not as popular)

canned chicken and tuna

### **Items most useful for the Lunch Break:**

individual bags of chips

individual snack items (crackers, granola bars)

### **Items useful for Deep Well:**

pasta

1-2# bags of rice

breakfast cereal (no sugar please) Cherrios, Rice Krispies etc.





**God Bless each and everyone for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran Church! Your faithful contributions keep our ministries going strong!**

**Please be on the lookout in your mailbox for your June Year To Date giving statements. The mailing will go out via USPS today.**

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

**Thank You, Thank You--  
Abundancia Appeal for Cristo Rey Lutheran**

Offerings were certainly appreciated and the total amount of \$ 3,000 will be announced at the Synod Assembly this Saturday. Remember that you can contribute to this campaign online by going to [clchhi.org](http://clchhi.org) and clicking on the GIVE button. It is a continuing effort.

## **SECURITY ISSUES**

1. Please do not click/open emails that you do not recognize. One example:

**[revmaryclchhi@gmail.com](mailto:revmaryclchhi@gmail.com)**

Looks real doesn't it? But this is NOT Pastor Mary's email address.

This email address is not affiliated with Pastor Mary or the church and are asking for money and/or want contact information.

Please DO NOT click on or open up any emails that you do not know who they came from.  
Please DELETE them immediately.

2. When you are having a meeting or visiting the church and have a key, it is your responsibility to make sure the doors are locked behind you.

Recently, the doors were found unlocked. It is especially important because the Staff is here during varied hours.

Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe!

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## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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### **REPORT TO COUNCIL ON RESPONSES TO SPIRIT LED TIME OF RENEWAL**

There were twenty-three responses submitted through July 15, 2020. This compares with fourteen responses during the last Call Committee in 2015. Many responses were singular in nature and would translate to the interview phase or submission to individual Ministry Teams for consideration. However, some major themes emerged due to their frequency of response and interconnection to other areas of importance. I will attempt to detail those themes in the following general categories:

- Pastor Mary as Interim Pastor
- Improvement in the Music Program, True Contemporary Service and Attraction of Younger, Diverse members
- The Embrace of Technology in the Church
- Continue Outreach Ministries in the Community

#### **Pastor Mary as Interim Pastor**

Pastor Mary's performance was the most frequent area of response. Her leadership, steady hand, energy and drive were continually complemented. Her ability to continue ministries, communication and continue worship services was mentioned in regard to dealing with adverse situation. Her ability to embrace technology was noted, as well, as a way to provide new avenues of worship. Her traits were mentioned as those needed in a new pastor for our church. In fact, the Call Committee has met with Pastor Mary to gage her perspective on the call process from a candidate's point of view. Her experiences as a candidate should prove valuable to the committee.

#### **MUSIC PROGRAM-CONTEMPORARY SERVICE-YOUNGER FAMILIES**

These three responses were often included together as a possible way as a method for a new pastor to update the worship service, use technology and contemporary music elements to attract younger families to the church.

Many responses centered on a true contemporary service at 8:30 including these elements. In addition, improvement in the music program was also mentioned in regard to the 10:30 service. The music program was the second most frequent response after Pastor Mary.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Some members expressed their desire to return to in-person church services as soon as possible. However, another sizable segment have enjoyed the flexibility provided by the use of technology. The ability to participate in services at different times and places have gained traction during the current situation. Our congregation is normally active in traveling and we have numerous associate members in other places, who can now ZOOM in.

## **CONTINUE OUTREACH MINISTRIES IN THE COMMUNITY**

Our ministries are an important part of our connection to the community. The ministries have stayed active, maintained their volunteer base and have even expanded with the Thursday sandwich program. Responses indicated a strong desire to continue our ministries. In addition, the case was made to expand our role in the community and interconnect with other churches and community organizations in areas of mutual interest.

The Call Committee uses all this data to construct the Ministry Site Profile to use in marketing our church through the ELCA and the SC Synod. We also have to provide considerable community information in the process. We hope to complete the Call Process within a one year time period. Obtaining a new pastor, like a good marriage, requires a good match on both sides. Even when a match is made, salary, benefits, housing, schools for children, moving expenses and a possible house sale remain to be handled. All this occurs after we agree on direction, philosophy and all the other elements that define a successful pastor-church relationship. We need God's support and guiding hand to accomplish this critical goal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Sebulsky, Chairperson

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## **COUNCIL CORNER**

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Dear Church,



Your Church Council met via Zoom for its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 21, 2020. Here are highlights from the meeting:

- Pastor Mary will be away for a two week vacation beginning Monday, July 27. Christ Lutheran is invited on August 2 to join the virtual Sunday service provided by St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort. You will receive further information on how to access that service.
- Pastor Mary suggested that we apply for a grant from South Carolina Synod's Growing in God's Mission program to support adding wifi for local families who currently don't have access. This will help their children be able to participate in learning activities should the public schools decide to offer classes online. More information to come.
- The Connected team is preparing to begin services as soon as it is safe to gather.
- The Preschool two-year old room will not be used for the first quarter of the school year. Currently, there are two children in that age group enrolled in Christ Lutheran Preschool.
- If you made a pledge for Birdies for Charity or would like to make a donation to the Preschool, please either drop off you donation at the Church Office or mail to Christ Lutheran Preschool.
- Council approved the Summary of comments from the Spirit Led Time of Renewal to be published to the congregation. Please see this Bridge for the full summary.
- Plans for Renovation are moving full speed ahead and construction should be started after Labor Day.
- Council approved accepting Ed and Nan Stafford as new members of Christ Lutheran.
- Council voted to approve a \$500 donation toward playground equipment for the new Cristo Rey congregation.

Blessings for safety and good health!

Kathy Reynolds  
Council President

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## UPCOMING CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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Friday, July 24	Office Closed
Monday, July 27	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open Pastor Mary on Vacation
Tuesday, July 28	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open Pastor Mary on Vacation
Wednesday, July 29	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open

Thursday, July 30

Pastor Mary on Vacation

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Church Office open

Pastor Mary on Vacation

11:00 a.m. to 12:30pm Lunch Break

Meal Service

Friday, July 31

Office Closed

Pastor Mary on Vacation

**Pastor Mary will be on vacation this week and next week. She will return on Sunday, August 9th.**



**American  
Red Cross**

Another American Red Cross Blood Drive will be happening in Heinrich's Hall on Thursday, August 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To make your life-saving appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "HHCommunity". Or you can phone 1-800-733-2767.

Office Hours (During the Pandemic):

Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Phone: 843-785-5560