



The Bridge

July 3, 2020

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

Go to our website: 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:

It's the 4th of July and this year we will largely be without our traditional fireworks. But celebrations can continue without them. While we've been dealing with many issues, dynamics, pandemics, and divisions that have been pulling us down; this annual celebration of our nation's establishment reminds us that there is joy and hope even in the midst of disaster and gloom.

For the sending song in worship this Sunday, July 5th, I chose a video of America the Beautiful. The rich singing and the moving images had me in tears as I watched it the first time. Such pieces of art seek to help us see who we are at our best. I think that's what moves us so. This 244th celebration of America can lift us up to be our best selves, to be a nation that seeks to promote a culture respectful of every human life, that values partnership with other peoples who seek the same, and that strives to be a model of love, inclusiveness, and grace. Let freedom ring!

Another occasion that occurred this week on June 29th, was the official day of the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Lutheran Churches in America. That was 1970. There were few fireworks when the Lutheran Church in America voted to approve this ministry move. Many thought it was a horrible idea and some left the church over it. As a young teenager in Columbia, as a very active member of my home congregation; I never heard a thing about it. I believe the Lutherans in South Carolina thought if they didn't talk about it, it didn't exist. It took 11 years in SC Synod before we ordained the first woman pastor, Beverly Dennis, in 1981. The following year, Amy Onstad became the second woman ordained. The next year in 1983, there was me. Both Beverly and Amy had first calls to be assistant pastors, but my call was to serve as a solo pastor at St. Mark's in Prosperity, SC. There was some uniqueness in that plus the fact that my husband, Frank, and I were also the first clergy couple in the synod. And so the trailblazing began!

Beverly, Amy, and I were the only three women pastors in the synod for five years together. It was hard then. Some clergywomen received death threats, but mostly we were insulted, teased, or discounted. After 50 years, a lot of that has gone away, but

enough lingers. So far, I have been the first woman pastor in every congregation I have served, full-time or interim. The most difficult part of this journey has been the pressure of knowing that in each parish you represent all women clergy in the eyes of many. If you aren't a gifted preacher, or administrator, or teacher; then that's women pastors for you. Men do not have the same experience. I'm sure many women readers of this article can say they had similar difficulties in the trails they blazed.

History is long. Some changes take a generation or ten. I do believe the Spirit is constantly working on us like a potter with the clay. We are being shaped.

Respecting every human life does not come naturally to us. This is a process across the arc of history. I see it in my small experience as a woman pastor. I see it in the lives of African descendants in America. How we wish we could snap our fingers and every heart would turn to the good, to peace, to reconciliation. For whatever reason, that's not the way God's world works. But we are being shaped. And when we get high enough and can see the curve of earth's horizon, we can see how far we have come by faith.

Discover your own fireworks and celebrate this 4th.

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with us!

Pastor Mary

Our Congregational Sympathies go out to the family of Sandy Heins who passed away at 11am on Monday morning, June 29th. Her husband, Herb, wanted you all to know of her passing and to know that a memorial service will be held at a later time. God bless her. Peace to her memory!

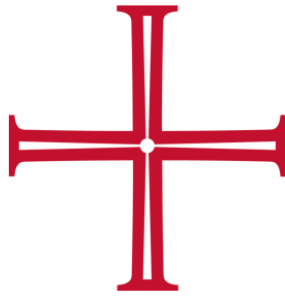
Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship Sunday July 5, 2020 10 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
JULY 5, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD, SC

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Encouraging thoughts from Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director

An Unknown Future: What are we afraid of?

I honestly lost track of the weeks we have been living with the Corona virus and all its implications, restrictions, trepidations and misgivings.

What I do know is that we all are looking into an unknown future.

Personally, my life is about to change even more. Benjamin will leave for college in about 3 weeks, up way north to North Dakota. Then I am an empty nester.

I will eventually sell the house and start over in a new place. I admit all that is a bit frightening (and also a bit exciting).

What is more frightening is not knowing when I will be able to travel back to



Germany to see my parents, when I will be able to receive visitors from Europe? Normally, by summer, I would have known my plans for Christmas. Flights to Germany would have been booked by now. Family reunion would have been planned in detail.

When will we be back in church together? Will things get worse before they get better? What about the economy? When will there be a vaccination? What about the election in November? Will the divisiveness ever stop? Will we all be able to stay healthy?

I admit, all those questions that have no answers bother me, sometimes deeply. They induce an unrest and almost fear. I like to be in control. I like to know how life goes on. I like to be prepared.

I took some time this week to sit with this anxiety, in silence and quiet, and just listened, deep within, to what thoughts were coming up. Thoughts I hope are not coming from my busy, racing, worried mind but from the deeper source within. From God within...thoughts that I did not direct but that were directed by God.

Then it dawned on me: of course, in reality we never know our future. We all live in a (false) sense of security that we can predict the future because very often our life goes exactly as we have planned and hoped for. Until it does not....

We all have experiences of sudden, unexpected changes of directions in our lives. Where we are hit out of nowhere with unforeseen events, tragedies, illnesses. Things that throw us completely for a loop we had not planned for nor could we know what was just around the corner.

Neither in "normal" times, nor in COVID-19 times can we know our future. As much as we wish or hope for it, it is not in our hands (only a small part of smart planning might be in our hands) but in God's hands.

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God" ~ Corrie Ten Boom

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Once again, I was reminded that without faith, without my intimate relationship to the Divine I'm lost, I'm becoming fearful and distracted. Daily spiritual discipline is so very important to keep me grounded, happy, and hopeful.

How about you? Do you have daily spiritual disciplines? If yes, how easy is it to keep them? If not, would you like to develop one or two disciplines to stick with? That is one of the goals a spiritual director can help with. I'm blessed to have my meetings with my spiritual director to remind me to keep grounded and to keep with my disciplines.

May peace be with you always!

Silke



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

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

***We give thanks for Jackie Longo's return home and for good health.**

***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**

Congratulations and Blessings to David and Tami Kuhlmann on the birth of their new grandson, Harrison Edward Anderson, early morning on June 29th. Their daughter, Elise, is doing well and we rejoice with this whole family. Blessing on the grandparents' travel up to Ohio!

Celebrating JULY Birthdays:

3 - Irmgard Drilling

6 - Bobbie Fetter

9 - Johnathan DeMaria

10 - Janet Hicks

11 - Mel Lawson

14 - Phyllis Rowe

17 - Barbara Bethman

20 - Barbara Kasten

22 - Philip Peter

25 - Nancy McCleskey

26 - Ron Livingston

28 - Laurie Fons

29 - Ron Julseth



Celebrating JULY Anniversaries:

3 - Sam / Nancy McClesky (21yrs)

9 - Dennis / Jennifer Bayer (53yrs)

24 - Nolan / Nancy Englund-Hanson (27yrs)

25 - John / Helen Babbitts (54yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at info@clchhi.com with any changes. Thanks.

NEWS FROM THE SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM

**It's time for the July food donation drive-by at the church
on Monday, July 6. 9 to 11 am**

Please make note of this date! Right now, all of us are living in uncertain times. For local residents who are struggling with food insecurities, stress is even higher. There are enormous needs here in Beaufort County so this drive-by food collection will benefit 3 of CLC's service ministries: The Deep Well Project,, the Little Food Pantry, and now our lunch soup kitchen (please read the accompanying article). Copy this article and take it to the nearest dollar store or grocery store.

If going to the store makes you too anxious, please consider writing a check made out to CLC. Indicate on the memo line which account you wish to support---the Little Food Pantry or the Soup Kitchen. Checks for Deep Well should be written for The Deep Well Project.

The following items are especially needed for Deep Well: Canned fruit, Chef Boyardee type canned products, Shampoo---including products designed for various ethnic groups, and sunscreen.

The following items are especially needed for the Little Food Pantry: Snack items in small packages (crackers, granola bars, cookies, fruit chews, nuts etc,), Breakfast bars, Small containers of shelf ready milk, Small boxes of cereal, Paper products, Hygiene items of any kind, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Shelf ready microwavable meals, Small bottles of cleaning supplies, white rice and dried beans.

The following items will be used in our individual lunch bags for our soup kitchen: Napkins, Individual bottled water, Granola bars (packaged in bulk), Small individual bags of chips (packaged in bulk)

The Service Ministry Team of CLC plans to reinstitute the Thursday morning Soup Kitchen starting Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 11am.

The St. James Thursday Soup Kitchen closed mid-March; efforts to re-open with them have since stalled. This was a vital feeding program on the North end of HHI; CLC through the years participated with providing volunteers and desserts--- cookies, bars, brownies etc. With the other 3 soup kitchens open on the South end (Monday and Wednesday at Holy Family through Grateful Hearts Soup Kitchen and Friday at St. Andrew by the Sea, the service ministry team felt a calling to do what we could to resurrect the Thursday group. With that in mind, we felt a mid-island location at CLC might be a start to service the North end need. We know we have a challenge to meet this need and hope the CLC family will step up and volunteer as never before. Along with our Family Promise commitments and support, our Backpack Buddies program, our Deep Well food donations commitment, our Little Free Pantry and now this soup kitchen, we feel CLC is fully living its mission statement of serving our community

We have visited these other lunch programs and feel we have a plan to operate in a similar fashion. Right now there will be no cooking or eating in our facility. To get the word out, Deep Well has been notified. Bi-lingual fliers are going to be inserted in lunches at other facilities on Wednesday and Friday for the next few weeks. A bi-lingual poster will be mounted on the LFP door. Email blasts are being sent to other churches. We hope for word of mouth endorsements from the folks who visit us!

Lunches will be bagged and distributed outside the church, most likely in the covered walkway between the Sale building and the church building. We hope to start at 11am and hand out bags until we run out or until 12:30pm, whichever comes first. We expect our numbers to fluctuate for awhile. We will wear masks and gloves, follow proper social distancing, and liberally use hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray. Each lunch bag will have:

- 2 sandwiches (meat and peanut butter and jelly)
- 1 piece of fruit
- 1 bag of cookies
- 1 granola bar or other snack item
- 1 bag of chips
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 napkin
- condiment packets

To make this happen we need LOTS of support NOW. Ways to help our soup kitchen:

1. volunteer to join the sandwich team (make, wrap, label and bring to church 10-20 sandwiches on a periodic basis)
2. volunteer to join the cookie team (make and bag treats on a scheduled basis)
3. volunteer to donate bottled water
4. volunteer to donate bulk packages of chips/granola bars

5. volunteer to donate bags of fruit
6. volunteer to help pack and pass out the lunch bags, as well as helping to clean up the area
7. write a check to help purchase items that are not donated but needed to operate the lunch program

Call or email NOW--- Carol Benton---404-509-7301 carolbenton195@gmail.com
Chris Wilcox---843-384-1667 christineewilcox@aol.com
John Eddy---843-384-0050 jeddyhhi@gmail.com (Chris' husband)



**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!**

Sunday, June 28 marked the end of CLC's second quarter of the year. Giving statements will be prepared and mailed to your home the week of July 6, 2020.

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 CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Friday, July 3
Monday, July 6

Church Office Closed
Church Office Open 8:00 a.m.to 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7	Church Office Open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 6 p.m. Council Meeting with Zoom
Wednesday, July 8	Church Office Open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 9	Church Office Open 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 11 a.m. --12:30 pm Bag Lunch Startup
Program	
Tuesday, July 14	12:00 p.m.--Social Ministry Meeting, Henrich's Hall 11:00 a.m.--Admin & Finance Committee Meeting with Zoom
Wednesday, July 15	10 a.m. Exec. Team Meeting, Craft Room

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