



The Bridge

September 11, 2020

From Pastor Mary

Dear Church,

All we need say is "9.11" and everybody knows what we mean - planes flying into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Shanksville, PA. It was the worst thing the Millennial Generation had experienced, many were in high school, literally in a high school classroom, when their teachers told them with somber faces what had happened. This event shaped how they viewed America, non-Americans, security, and patriotism. Events like this get into the DNA of our lives no matter how much we want to resist.



Children growing up right now, who are wearing masks everywhere, may continue to be very cautious around strangers for the rest of their lives. Imagine a grandson bringing his new girlfriend to meet his Grandma. He knocks on the door and Grandma runs to put on her mask. He apologizes to his girlfriend and says, "It's not anything about you, Grams was a 2020 kid."

Many personal, national, and global events shape who we are and how we act, create our "triggers" and imprint on our souls. Our witness to the gospel is a balm to the hurts and woes that come at us unawares all the time. I heard some health warnings today about how the pandemic stress is causing higher blood pressure numbers among us. So is the political stress, home schooling, food insecurity, and racial tensions. We just want everybody to calm down, but we can't wish all this trauma away. We grieve at the pictures of wildfires burning everything in their paths.

We need the love of Jesus, the community of the church, and the mercy of God, deeply in these days. Here at Christ Lutheran, we are praying, discussing, planning, and reaching out every day to deal with these days. We've done much. Much remains undone. Your church community loves you and is stronger when we show our love to one another. In all the cares and challenges piling up around us, we are each called to be Christ in the world. Each of us.

Find your own way.

It doesn't have to be big or newsworthy.

It can be a prayer.

In this edition of The Bridge, you'll see plenty of ways life goes on with both its celebrations and sorrows. You'll see ways we are being Christ in the world. I thank God for each of you.

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Christ is with us!

Pastor Mary

Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

Click below:

<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 the Sunday Bulletin](#)

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 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

*We are Disciples of Jesus.
Growing in Faith, Serving our Community and Connecting Others to Christ.*

As we have been promoting for several weeks, our God's Work Our Hands Sunday is this Sunday, Sept. 13th! We will recognize this ministry project during worship and then all who feel comfortable attending are invited to come from 4-6pm that day to bring your contributions or financial donations. The Service Ministry Committee will provide some light refreshments. Please, of course, be physically distanced and wear masks.



If you haven't yet seen the instructions for the various projects, please contact the church office and they can be sent to you. Thank you for all your generous contributions to these projects.

Sarah DeMaria's mother, Leora Horst
Susie Fidler's friend, Brian Tandler
Steve Bassford
Victims of recent wildfires and hurricanes
Our nation living with many blessings and much strife
Prayers for the family and friends of Don Baker who recently passed away.



We mourn this week with Larry Shackelford and his family in the loss of his wife, **Sandy Shackelford**. She passed away on August 24th in Middletown, Ohio. The service to honor her life was held on Friday, August 28 in Monroe, Ohio. If you would like to send your condolences, Larry's address is : 3764 Dorothy Lane, Middletown, Ohio 45044. Our prayers go out to Larry in tis time of sorrow.

RITA G. HUNGATE, M.D.



Rita G. Hungate, wife of Stephen J. Alfred and resident of Hilton Head Island, passed away on September 5, two days before her 79th birthday, from sudden cardiac arrest. She is survived by her 102-year old mother, Edith Gyakum of Springfield, VA; her son, Joey Hungate (Anne) of Apex, NC; her daughter, Kara Hungate of Cleveland Heights, OH; her brother, John R. Gyakum (Carol) of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; her granddaughters Molly and Maggie Hungate of Apex, NC, as well as her husband, Steve. She is also survived by Steve's children, Debbie Monson, Bruce Alfred, and Julie Sullivan, and his grandchildren, Jenny, Jeff, and Hannah Monson; Kelsey and Bryce Howe; Susannah, Sophie, Maya, and Leo Alfred; and Abe and Sara Sullivan. She was predeceased by her father, John M. Gyakum, and Steve's daughter, Lynda Alfred.

Rita was born in rural Hampton County, VA, attended public schools as well as nursing school in Alexandria, VA; and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco. In 1965, she married Joseph W. Hungate and a year later moved to Shaker Heights, OH, where her husband began his law practice in Cleveland. After several years as a practicing nurse in the Northeast Ohio area and raising her two children, she decided at the age of 39 to become a doctor and started medical school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Thereafter, following several years of general medical practice in urgent care facilities and elsewhere, she began a residency in radiology at the Cleveland Clinic at the age of 50. Her first radiology employment began five years later in Atlanta, where she married her husband, Steve, in 1997. Later, they moved to Peoria, IL, where she was a partner in the largest radiology practice in the State of Illinois for 14 years, retiring in 2014. She also simultaneously served as a board member and medical director of a nearby hospital.

Following her retirement, Rita and Steve moved to Hilton Head Island, where they had owned a condo since 2002, and where both had separately vacationed since the late 1960s. Rita served on the boards of the Hospice of the Lowcountry and Christ Lutheran Church Pre-School. Most recently, she served on the Church Council at Christ Lutheran Church, where she was extremely active and had many friends. She also volunteered at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and the Sea Pines Country Club, as well as participating in several book clubs. Her greatest love, after her granddaughters (with whom she took several trips to New York and Europe) and her children, was exercise. Until a few weeks ago, she was spending several hours per day swimming laps at the Sea Pines Country Club pool or walking its neighborhoods. She also cherished her close friends, with whom she was a thoughtful listener and astute advisor.

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Graveside services will be held on Thursday, September 17, at 10 am at Six Oaks Cemetery in Sea Pines and will be streamed live on Facebook by Island Funeral Homes. Contributions in her memory may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, 829 Wm. Hilton Parkway, or the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, 14 Shelter Cove Lane, each on Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Memory Book for Rita's Family

Dr. Rita Hungate was a friend to all of us at CLC. The memories we have of her kindness, generosity, vast knowledge, and great sense of humor can be remembered. A Memory Book is a collection of individual memories written on a beautiful card, a piece of stationery or on the computer. I would like to collect these memories from you and place them into a "book" for Rita's family.

Please take a few minutes to remember Rita and write down your memory, send it to Susie Fidler or drop it off at the office. I will put them together give them to Steve. In this time of grief for all of us, let us show our love for one another! Thank you!

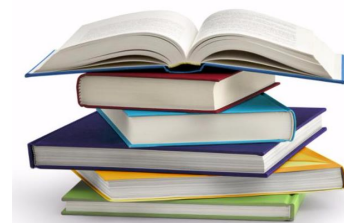
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Cancer Support Group

St. Luke's Church Hilton Head is sponsoring a free Cancer Support Group . Cancer, Care, Families, and a Healthier You. The program is open to all patients, survivors and caregivers. The program is designed to share educational and experiential information to develop support for the patients, family members, coworkers and friends. Program topics will include but not be limited to nutrition, alternative treatments, exercise, support for caregivers and family members. The open round table format will include discussion topics brought forth by any member of the group. Meetings are currently scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. beginning on September 10 in the St Luke's Church Mission & Ministry building, 40 Pope Ave, Hilton Head. To register, please call the church at 843-785-4099.

Book Club:

While some groups have been on hiatus over the summer, the Woman's Book Club has been gathering together via Zoom meetings. We have discussed *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict (Hedy Lamar---a beauty, an actor, a scientist and an inventor of a revolutionary communication system) and *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks (plague in 17th century England). Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 19; we will discuss *Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates. Then on October 17 we will discuss *I Know the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelo. While we do discuss the "assigned" books, we also use our Zoom time to catch up with one another and share what all we have been up to throughout the pandemic (major takeaway----lots of good books have been read). Care to join us, even if you are out of town? Contact Chris Wilcox at christineewilcox@aol.com. She can give you Zoom information.





Ray Makalous visiting Dan Luciano on his 97th birthday!

Bible Study--Oct. 11 and 12!

Say Her Name: Naming the Witness of Nameless Women in the Bible.

In this study, we will examine the witness of several women in the Bible whose names were never given, but whose faith continues to inspire our own. We will consider together the stories of a few women who are well-known in the Christian community and some whose stories are nearly forgotten.

Pastor Mary will be offering this Bible Study for the Southeastern Synod (Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi) as part of their Lay School of Religion (via Zoom) on October 11th. She will offer it again for CLC on October 12th 5:00 - 6:30pm via Zoom. Hope you can come and invite your friends!

Help Support the Preschool



There are several easy ongoing ways to support the Preschool throughout the year.

- * Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school. Our school number is 3175 But you can just tell the cashier the name of our school and they will find the code and link it for you! This only has to be done one time each year..and you are connected for the whole year!
- * Go online to [KROGER.com](https://www.kroger.com) and you can link your Kroger card also.
- * Save used ink cartridges for us.Staples pays us for each one we return!

Unfortunately we no longer collect BOX TOPS. The program is all digital now.

Thanks for your help. All these little things add up to savings for the Preschool!





Rita Hungate was a longtime supporter of the mission of our preschool. She served for many years as a member of the Preschool Committee, and also volunteered in the classroom on a weekly basis. Rita will be truly missed by our staff and families.



Even in the toughest times, abundance abounds! Thank you for your faithful financial support during the month of August. General Fund contributions for August were down 9.7% to last year and down 18% year-to-date. Our expenses for year to date are down 10.5% and are holding steady with the plan for the year.

God continues to bless Christ Lutheran!

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

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Relief for victims of recent wildfires and hurricanes may be made on our website.

Scroll in the options section in the Tithe.ly app and select "Disaster Relief".



Want to help our Church?

Are you gifted with a love of numbers and attention to detail? Your gifts would be put to good use as a Teller for Christ Lutheran.

Here's how it works:

Each Monday morning a team of two people count the offering that has been collected via mail and drop off during the previous week.

The two person team prepares the deposit and takes it to the bank.

Contributions are then posted to individual accounts by another member of the team on Tuesday.

If this is a ministry that appeals to you, please contact
Kathy Reynolds at 678-643-6261 or reynoldsglcp@yahoo.com to sign up.

RENOVATION UPDATE

You are invited to our Groundbreaking Ceremony !



We plan on holding a brief groundbreaking ceremony at the church this Sunday at 5:30 pm in front of the church. Everyone in our congregation is invited to attend. It will be outside, so wear your mask and we can properly socially distance as we will move some dirt and offer prayers to officially begin the start of our church renovation. We hope to see you there !

- We expect the building permits from the Town to be issued next week with start of construction by October 1st.
- We held a planning meeting this past week with Highsmith Construction and Rick Clanton from Group 3, our architect. We discussed some last minute details and everything appears to be a go to get started. We also discussed how we will work together so that we ensure that our church services and ministries will be uninterrupted during construction.
- Additional work was completed this past week to just about finish cleaning out the sanctuary and narthex. Many thanks to those few members who helped with this task.
- We want to announce that Doug Felton has agreed to step in behind Gary Reynolds as Project Manager when Gary & Kathy move to Florida in mid-October. Thank you Doug for stepping into this important role and thanks to Gary Reynolds for the important role you have played in getting us to this point.
- Look for pictures from our groundbreaking ceremony in next Friday's Bridge.

On we go . . .

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, September 11	Office Closed
Sunday, September 13	10:00 Service of Word and Meal (via Zoom) Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm God's Work Our Hands 5:30 pm Ground Breaking Ceremony
Monday, September 14	Pastor Mary in Columbia through Wednesday afternoon
Tuesday, September 15	No Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Council Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, September 16	5:00 pm Faith Formation Committee via Zoom
Thursday, September 17	9:30 am Preschool Chapel

If you have a key to the church office/sanctuary, please make sure that when you leave you have locked the door behind you. Some doors have recently been found open. Thank you for your help with this!

Save the Date

On Sunday, September 27th, we will bid Farewell and Godspeed to Gary and Kathy Reynolds during the 10am Worship Service. Please Zoom in and stay for coffee hour!

Then, mark your calendars to come to the church for an outside party that afternoon from 4 to 6 pm. More details to follow!
