



## The Bridge

September 18, 2020

### From Pastor Mary

Dear Church,

I thought our time together last Sunday for God's Work Our Hands, and for the Renovation Groundbreaking was a very special time for us. We invited those who felt comfortable to come to the church to bring their donations, to visit our sanctuary one last time before the renovation and to stay for the groundbreaking liturgy. All of these things by themselves were a wonderful opportunity, but the joy we found in seeing some folks after many months apart was so heartwarming. The only hard part was that we found it hard to stay physically distanced because we just wanted to be near each other.



In a few weeks, your Stewardship Team headed up by Joyce and John Prange, will be launching our 2020 campaign focused on A Culture of Generosity. I can't wait! I'll be posting my story of generosity as a video on our website and in the Bridge just before October 4th.

I've been thinking about how gratitude and generosity walk hand-in-hand.

I suppose gratitude comes first and leads us to be generous, but I think of them as flowing back and forth in our lives. Both are chambers in the heart of our discipleship. This Sunday we'll hear a couple of stories from scripture in which God's great generosity doesn't lead to gratitude but to anger. We'll hear part of the Jonah story (that's why there's a whale on the cover of the bulletin!) and the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard. And so, our deeper reflecting on God's generosity and our own begins. Human anger at God's mercy and generosity is an odd way to begin, or maybe it's the most honest way.

In the meantime, beloved, keep your eyes open for signs of God's generosity in the world.

In partnership,

**Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship**  
**Sunday, September 20, 2020**  
**10 AM**  
**Join Zoom Meeting**

Click below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?  
pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmZ09)

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



THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

*We are Disciples of Jesus.*

*Growing in Faith, Serving our Community and Connecting Others to Christ.*

**Next 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!**

**Come to the church for an outside party  
that afternoon from 4 to 6 pm.**

**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  
The family and friends of Rita Hungate**



### **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 stationary 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!

Susie Fidler  
96 Toppin Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926  
[ksfid@hotmail.com](mailto:ksfid@hotmail.com)

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### **THANK YOU**

Many Thanks to all who helped with Rita's funeral on Thursday and to the Monday Prayer Group who prepared a lunch for the family following the service. If you were not able to attend the funeral or watch

it live, below is a link to service. Thanks to Island Funeral Home for making this video and providing it on their website.

The service began with Susie Fidler ringing two of our handbells to gather the hearts of the attendees. The high bell you will hear at the end of this gathering was Rita's bell when she rang with us.

Link to Rita's Funeral service:

<https://www.facebook.com/theislandfuneralhome/videos/753690908743900>

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### **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!

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**CONNECTED starting back up on Sept.**

After many, many months of navigating the pandemic and being unsure on how to proceed, the CONNECTED team met for several weeks to plan a CONNECTED experience.

On Sept. 23 at 6 pm the team will run a "dress rehearsal" CONNECTED with a few regular CONNECTED participants online via Zoom. Depending on the outcome of this "dress rehearsal", CONNECTED will start back up either all online or combined with online and in-person small groups.

Please stay tuned for more information to come!

We will tackle the topic of "Racism in the USA" once again (historically, nowadays, and in the context of biblical interpretation).

A CONNECTED invite will be sent to everyone with the request to let us know if you plan to participate! Even though we don't have to plan a meal, we have to plan small groups (possibly in person or as break-out groups via Zoom).

Please help us by sending a RSVP to our CONNECTED invite!

We will have four CONNECTED sessions (Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, and 21) before we re-evaluate if we can go on with in house CONNECTED encounters. That of course is still the plan in the long run. When all safety measures are in place, we will be ready to offer in-person CONNECTED meetings in Heinrichs Hall.



## RENOVATION UPDATE

This past Sunday, September 13, 2020, we officially broke ground for our church renovation. We were blessed to be joined by many members of our congregation and listened delightfully to Pastor Mary's message and prayers for our church. Below are several pictures from our groundbreaking ceremony.





Many members were present to view our groundbreaking ceremony, properly masked and socially distanced.



**Pastor Mary says a blessing and offers prayers for our renovation.**



**Church members use shovels to turn over some dirt to mark the start of our long awaited renovation**



**Members getting ready to applaud the start of our project.**

We should be started soon. Town permits should be in hand shortly and equipment will be positioned to start on the exterior front of the church.

We will provide pictures when construction actually begins.

We are grateful to our members who had the vision for this project, those who have contributed their time and treasure and most importantly, "PRAISE BE TO GOD".

Despite challenges Christ Lutheran is a church on the move, as we remember our mission:

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## **COVID Task Force Progress Report Submitted by Tami Kuhlmann, Chair**

We are all mourning the loss of our sweet and talented sister in Christ, Rita Hungate. Through Rita's fearless leadership, this Team has already completed many tasks to make the Campus of Christ Lutheran Church and Preschool as safe and healthy a place possible, so we may come back together once the pandemic is under better control.



Tami Kuhlmann is now chair of this team.

### **Preschool, Nancy Condor director-**

Preschool opened mid-August and is going well. COVID protocols are all in place.

### **Plumbing-**

Touchless water faucets all installed.

2 touchless water dispensers on order to replace water fountains in main building, and urinal touchless flushometers on order: all are scheduled to install early October.

### **HVAC-**

Tami Is meeting with a number of vendors in HVAC to discuss services and advice concerning air quality and safety in our buildings.

### **Cleaning-**

Working on establishing cleaning protocols before & after meetings, services, events. Many details done and to get done yet before we can congregate in the building safely. Hand-sanitizing units have been bought and will be installed by mid-October.

No touch thermometers have been bought.

Individual Communion Sets have been bought.

### **Miscellaneous-**

Signs will be created or bought for social distancing.

Usher training.

Congregants will be asked to wear masks, socially distance, hum rather than sing, and B.Y.O. water bottle, coffee, and snacks.

Number of congregants will be limited for safety.

No materials (such as hymnals) will be shared materials.

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## **Disaster Relief Needs and Thank You's**

As you are well aware, the wildfires out West and the hurricane damage in the Gulf have created great damage to structures, people, animals and landscapes. We continue to invite you to give to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund. If you use the Tithe.ly app on our website by clicking on the green "GIVE" button, "Disaster Relief" is one of your options. We continue to pray for relief from all these disasters!

Remember back on March 3rd when tornadoes went through the Nashville area and completely destroyed St. John's Lutheran Church? We responded by collecting funds for them and forwarded our gifts to the Southeastern Synod office to help. This week, we received an update letter from Pr. Rick Roberts of St. John's. The congregation thanked us again for our support. They are meeting with an architect to re-build their sanctuary and remodel other areas of their church home. If you want to look at their progress, go to [www.stjohnsnashville.org](http://www.stjohnsnashville.org).

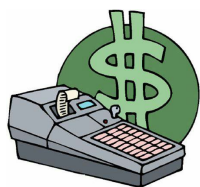
The road is long but God is indeed making all things new!



God continues to bless Christ Lutheran!

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

- By US Mail: Christ Lutheran Church  
829 William Hilton Pkwy  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
- Donate online at our website  
[www.clchhi.org](http://www.clchhi.org)  
by using the "Give" button.
- Donate via Vanco at [vancopayments.com](http://vancopayments.com)



## 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 [reynoldsglkp@yahoo.com](mailto:reynoldsglkp@yahoo.com) to sign up.

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, September 18

Office Closed

Sunday, September 20

10:00 am Service of Word and Meal (via Zoom)

Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation

Monday, September 21

10 am Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

10 am Staff Meeting

1 pm Worship and Music Team

Wednesday, September 23

6 pm CONNECTED rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

9:30 am Preschool Chapel

4:30 to 5:30 pm Confirmation Group

Friday through Saturday, Pastor Mary will be in Columbia

**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!**