

The Bridge

September 25, 2020

From Pastor Mary

Dear Church,

I'm looking forward to our time together in worship on Sunday when we receive new members and offer our thanks and farewell to others. More information is below. I hope you'll join in for the reception in the afternoon as you feel comfortable. If you don't feel comfortable coming out, I hope



you'll consider asking a friend who is attending to do a FaceTime call with you so you can see a little of what's going on and have a chance to say farewell to the Reynolds.

I will be away from HHI October 1-5th. I'm finally going to see my daughter, Pastor Elise Anderson, in Chattanooga as we celebrate her birthday on October 3rd. I look forward to seeing the congregation where she is serving, and the community where she's living.

For worship on October 4th, we will have a Service of the Word and will not include the Eucharist this Sunday. Silke will be the primary worship leader. I will pre-record two parts. One is my Generosity Story for the Stewardship campaign that will take place during the announcements. All four of these temple talks or mission moments will be presented as videos. I will also pre-record the sermon for the day. So, I will be with you both spiritually and virtually!

Linda, our Parish Administrator will be out of the office on September 30th and October 1st, due to planned cataract surgery. If you have articles for the Friday Bridge on October 2nd, please send them directly to Silke Pyrlik who will be producing that communication next week. Our prayers are with Linda for a successful surgery.

Blessings to all of you this week. I am so grateful for your partnership, your

support, and your kindnesses.

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Pastor Mary

Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship Sunday, September 27, 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 17^{TH} SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

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This Sunday is a Day of Welcoming and Bidding Farewell

We Welcome as new members to Christ Lutheran, Eric and Karen Momberger. They have been regular participants at CLC in the years they have been coming to the Island from their home in PA every year. This Fall they have become permanent residents in the Windmill Harbour community. They have transferred their membership from Bethesda Lutheran in Lower Burrell, PA. Both Eric and Karen are retired labor union representatives. Karen has recently been appointed by our Church Council to serve as our new Financial Secretary. We give thanks for our deepening partnership as church together for the sake of the world.



We Bid Farewell and Godspeed to Gary and Kathy Reynolds as they depart Hilton Head and move to a new home near Jacksonville, FL. Their contributions to Christ Lutheran and to the HHI Community are beyond measure. We give thanks for their stewardship, partnership, and friendship. In worship we will offer prayers to bid them farewell as they journey on in this next time in their lives.

A Reception for the Reynolds will take place Sunday, 4-6pm, on the grounds of the church. Please wear a mask and stay physically distanced from each other. We hope to see you for this celebration!

6+1 Sacred Time small groups coming soon!

Please be on the look out for an email invite to join our newly formed **"6+1 Sacred Time"** small groups to foster spiritual growth and faith formation by entering a sacred time of conversation where the Holy Spirit will be the "plus one".

More to come!



Your Faith Formation Team



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 Nan Stafford

CONNECTED starting back up on Sept. 30 via Zoom

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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 ran a "dress rehearsal" CONNECTED with a few regular CONNECTED participants online via Zoom.

This went very well and all participants enjoyed the opportunity to connect and study via Zoom!

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 send 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.

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.

CONNECTED is helping a refugee and you can too!

If you attended CONNECTED in 2019 you will remember that after we finished our series on "The Refugee Crisis" we all agreed it is great to learn about a subject but it is even better to DO something about it!

Ever since, we have been looking for a worthy cause to get involved!

COVID-19 stopped so many things, including our search for a cause.

That has changed!

The CONNECTED attendees have started to support the life of a refugee from Zambia, Africa though Lutheran Social Services in Jacksonville, FL.



Mango Kabobo was born in a refugee camp in Zambia, Africa where he lived for 13 years before he and is family were admitted to the USA. They have been in Jacksonville, FL for 5 years now where Mango graduated from Terry Parker High School.

Will you help him to get educated further to be able to live a safe and independent life in America?



PRESCHOOL is FINALLY having CHAPEL!

The Preschool was so excited to have Chapel this past Thursday for the first time this year! Ms. Silke and Ms. Tami joined the children outside for an introduction to our weekly chapel time. The children learned that God's "Super Power" is LOVE.

We are blessed to have this special time together each week.

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!

Holy Conversation for October 26th at 7pm



As our congregation focuses more deeply in October on "Creating a Culture of Generosity", we will have this time to come together to reflect on God's abundance and generosity. And we'll have opportunity to inspire each other with our experiences of seeing abundance and generosity in our own lives.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, October 8 from 11 am to 5 pm in Heinrich's Hall.



To make your life-saving appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "HHCommunity". You can also phone 1-800-733-2767. Thank you!

ON THE CALENDAR....

Friday, September 25

Office Closed

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am Service of Word and Meal (via

Zoom)

Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation 4 to 6 pm Farewell Party for Gary and Kathy Reynolds

Monday, September 28 5 pm Faith Formation Group via Zoom

Tuesday, September 29 10 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 30 Linda out of the office today

6:00 pm CONNECTED meets via Zoom

Thursday, October 1 Linda out of the office today

Pastor Mary will be out of town Oct. 1 through October 5th.

