



## The Bridge

September 4, 2020

### From Pastor Mary

Dear Church:

Wowzers! everybody, we have a lot going on in our mission and ministry thanks to all the ways each of you are answering the gospel's call here at CLC and in your daily discipleship. Fall is always a busy time of year and pandemic, or not, 2020 is no exception. We have a new Stewardship Committee that has an exciting plan put together for October and November. Our thanks to John and Joyce Prange for serving as its co-chairs. We have newly organized committees for Worship and for Faith Formation that will be meeting this coming week. Confirmation begins for weekly sessions on Thursdays. We have special birthday celebrations and the big God's Work/Our Hands effort coming up. We're clearing out the sanctuary as the long-anticipated Renovation Project is really about to begin. The guests we are serving at the Lunch Break on Thursdays are increasing in number. The Preschool Board will resume regular meetings this week. We are getting good response to our posted job for a Technical Support person.



Yes, there are things to be concerned about and we are watching and evaluating areas that are changing during this pandemic time. No one has a playbook for the times we are living in, so wisdom and prayers are needed by all of us. As we discussed in the Holy Conversation last week, we are aware that the decisions we are making, the opportunities we squander, and the risks we take right now in 2020 will greatly affect our congregation in the next five years. This is both a heavy burden and a great opportunity for our leadership and our discipleship.

So, for these Fall Days, my challenge for all of us is:  
Stay Strong. Step Up. Remain prayerful.

**Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship**  
**Sunday, September 6, 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.



*For where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.*  
Matthew 18

## THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020  
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

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

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.

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### Birthday Celebrations This Week

Rita Hungate is now at Encompass Rehab in Bluffton, and Monday, September 7th is her birthday! This facility does not allow ANY visitors, but all are able to visit outside of patients' windows. CLC friends are invited to join us outside Rita's window (Rm. 123) at 5:30pm this Monday. Feel free to bring birthday signs, balloons or wear crazy hats to cheer her up! The address for Encompass is 107 Seagrass Station Rd.,

Bluffton. It's just off of Highway 170. Contact Pastor Mary if you have questions or ideas!

## Happy Birthday, Mr. Dan!!

Next Wednesday, September 9, is Dan Luciano's birthday! He will be 97 years old! Let's shower him with Blessings and Best Wishes on his birthday by sending cards and notes to:

16 Ensis Road  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-5531

Dan loves to hear from people and is missing coming to church--so let's take the church to him!



### PRAYER MINISTRY

Susie Fidler, Liaison, Congregational Care

Nightly prayers were never forgotten in my household while growing up in a small town in West Virginia. My father would visit me and my four siblings each night before we went to sleep and take the time to say our "nightly" prayer, which was a combination of "Now I lay me down to sleep", the Lord's Prayer and the all important

"God Bless each and every one we could think of. I never forgot the feeling of love and comfort he brought to me and I passed on the tradition with my children. I am certain each and every one of you has a "prayer" history as well.

Prayer is an important and very powerful part of our lives. In our daily lives, there are several ways of praying and requesting prayers as well as praying with and for others:

- Our personal prayer conversations with God
- Prayers together with those we love and care for
- Prayers during our time together in worship
- Prayer requests through our prayer ministries

### Our Prayer Ministry at CLC

The Prayer Team at CLC offers several ways to refer your prayer requests for those in need:

- By contacting Pastor Mary Anderson personally
- By contacting Silke Pyrlik
- By calling the church office and referring your request through Linda, our Parish Administrator
- By sending an email to [dlhamnes@gmail.com](mailto:dlhamnes@gmail.com), our prayer ministry liaison
- By submitting your requests through the CLC website: [www.clchhi.org](http://www.clchhi.org).-click on Worship, then Prayer Requests and fill out the form

### Our Email and Card Ministry Team

When your prayer requests are received, they are sent out every Tuesday evening by Tom and Sandy Martin to our loyal prayer ministry volunteers. These volunteers pray for each and every person in need as long as needed. Cards are also sent out to church members and non-members (when an address is provided) letting that person know the prayer ministry team is including them in prayer.

Phillip Yancey's quote on prayer lets us know the true power of prayer: "...When I pray for another person, I am praying for God to open my eyes so that I can see that person as God does, and then enter into the stream of love that God already directs toward that person..."

Let us help you through the power of prayer!



**Rita Hungate, at Encompass Rehab, Bluffton**  
**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**

### **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.

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



**CLC IS DEPLOYED!**

As we have been promoting for several weeks, our God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 13th is nearly here! 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.



**ADOPT-A-CHILD PROGRAM**  
**HILTON HEAD SCHOOLS VIRTUAL LEARNING**



As we head into another school year on Hilton Head where virtual learning is now a "reality", it is hard to believe that there are at least 350 school children in the public system who are without internet access. In two weeks, the schools will be handing out tablets for all students to use as they begin their school

year. Yet, there are many, many students who qualify for Free and Reduced lunch who have no place to use these devices other than in school.

Help is on the way! A coalition of four local faith communities: All Saints Episcopal, the Unitarian Universalists of the Lowcountry, the Congregation Beth Yam and Christ Lutheran are working with the public schools and Verizon wireless to see that these students can be provided with internet access via "hot spots".

For just \$160.83 per household per year, Verizon can provide internet service to these families so that these children will not be left behind. We at Christ Lutheran have the opportunity to assist in funding this effort by donations to this worthy cause.

Will you please consider "Adopting A Child" with a donation to this community effort? We have many opportunities to help those in need, but this one hits home.

How can you donate?

Please either:

- Make a check out to Christ Lutheran with a notation for "Adopt-A-Child"
- Use the "GIVE" button on the clchhi.org website or your Vanco donation program
- Drop your donation off at the church office

When?

- On September 13 in person at church or earlier by mail. (see above!)

Questions?

Please call or email Susan Fidler at 908-451-9063 or

[ksfid@hotmail.com](mailto:ksfid@hotmail.com)

Christ Lutheran has always been incredibly dedicated to our community. Please show our children that we care!



## LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL

"Helping our neighbors in need by providing basic assistance in emergency situations."

### The Lunch Break

has been established and generously supported by both church members and outside members of the HH



island community over these last 8 weeks. 426 men, women and children have been served with ample sized lunch bags. Our sandwich and cookie crews have been overwhelmingly generous with their donations. We are striving to get our Thursday lunch program promoted in as many mid and north island neighborhoods/apartment complexes as possible! As our inventory supplies dwindle, watch for future announcements of what the program needs are and how to donate. We thank EVERYONE for their support.

### **Service Groups**

The Deep Well Project Pantry is fully stocked, and their volunteers continue to pack grocery bags of food, household supplies and toiletries. Most families who call Deep Well for food assistance come to the Deep Well office to pick up at least 5-6 bags, including meat, eggs, and milk. The pantry remains closed for on site shopping by clients. Hundreds of island clients have been served food over the last 6 months.

The numbers have been astonishing!  
According to their website, the pantry is requesting donations of:  
kid friendly snacks  
rice, pasta or potato side dishes  
canned veggies other than  
  
green beans  
pasta baked beans

**The next donation date will be TUESDAY, September 8  
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the church parking lot. Look for Chris and her car.**

**The Little Food Pantry could use donations of the following:**

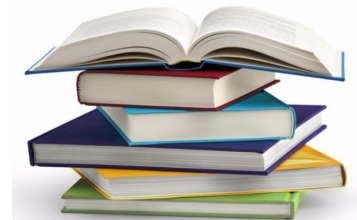
**1# packages of pasta, WHITE rice, dried pinto  
and black beans  
pasta sauce (no glass jars)  
canned vegetables, fruits, and soups---NO PULL TABS  
canned tuna and chicken---NO PULL TABS  
flour tortillas  
ramen noodles  
ready to eat meals  
breakfast cereal in small boxes  
small shelf ready milk containers**



**Bring your donations anytime to the church office or on Tuesday, September 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

### **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](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com). She can give you Zoom information.



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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!

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### **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!



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!

CLC's contributions to the Cristo Rey Appeal for Latino Missions in the SC Synod finally came to \$3,770.15 plus an additional \$500 that was specifically given as our Synod Assembly offering for the Cristo Rey playground. Bishop Yoos wrote us a handwritten note of thanks saying:

I am deeply grateful for these generous gifts to help build our first Latino sanctuary and a playground for the children of Cristo Rey. On any given Sunday, the children who come forward for children's church can number between 35-45. They have been saving their quarters, dimes, and nickels for this playground for a long time. It will be a great day in the church when we dedicate this new sanctuary and playground.

In addition, part of those funds will also help us begin new Latino ministries around the state. Thank you for your generosity!

In Christ

In Christ,  
Bishop Herman

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)

**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](mailto:reynoldsglcp@yahoo.com) to sign up.

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### **UPDATE:**

This week has been a busy week at your church as we prepare to get ready for our renovation project. Here is a brief summary:

We had two important moves this week out of the sanctuary to their temporary storage areas during the renovation, our piano, organ and organ pipes.







The Piano being prepared to move.



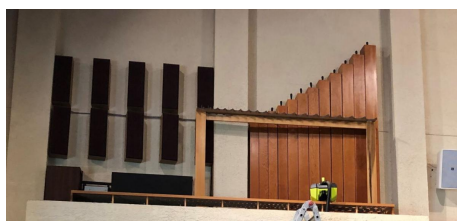
Piano in it's new Heinrich's Hall home.



Cornell Zimmer prepares 438 pipes to carefully crate for storage. Easy does it !



Gary, Joe & Cornell carefully prepare to move the organ console.





Done with the pipes, now time to get rid of years of dust.

- With these big tasks successfully executed we will next turn our attention to moving the balance of the smaller items remaining in the sanctuary.
- This coming week we will be meeting with the builder and the architect to prepare a detailed timeline for construction so that we can ensure that our ministries can continue uninterrupted and we have everything ready to begin. We look forward to confirming the start of construction date with you.
- We will firm up next week the timing and the announcement for our groundbreaking ceremony.

Look for further updates in next Friday's Bridge. On we go . . .

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, September 4	Office Closed
Sunday, September 6	10:00 Service of Word and Meal (via Zoom) Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation
Monday September 7	5:30 Birthday Celebration for Rita Hungate <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>

**Because of the Labor Day holiday, there will not be a Tuesday, Sept. 8 issue of the Bridge.  
The next issue will be on Friday, Sept. 11.**

Tuesday, September 8	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full Office Hours Resume 9 to 10:00 a.m. Donation Food Drive-by 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 Service Ministry Committee, Heinrich's Hall  5:00 Faith Formation Committee (via Zoom)
Wednesday, September 9	10:00 am Executive Committee Meeting 3:30 pm Worship and Music Committee (via Zoom)
Thursday, September 10	1:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting 4:30 pm Confirmation Group (Heinrichs Hall) 5:00 pm CONNECTED Planning Group (Silke's home)

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## **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!

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### **The Church Directory Has Been Updated!**

Thanks for responding to our inquiries about your current contact information.

We will be publishing this updated Fall directory soon and mailing it to everyone who is included.

If you would like a hard copy immediately, contact the office and we can print one out.

For the sake of protecting your privacy, we are not sending the directory out on The Bridge.