



The Bridge

October 9, 2020

From Pastor Mary

Dear Church:

Friday greetings, everyone! I was just flipping through the last two editions of The Bridge and felt so grateful for all the ways in which we are going and growing in ministry. Take a look at all that's here and then take up an opportunity that can strengthen your on-going faith formation and service. I hope to see some of you at my Bible study on Monday night focused on some unnamed women in the Bible. I now have the zoom invitation link connected to announcement below.



As a participant in the CONNECTED program on race these past two Wednesdays, as we have listened and talked and prayed together, many thoughts have come to mind. Let me share just one that I don't think is reflected on enough in our congregations.

Much of the time, both pastors and parishioners can think of our mission and ministry as activities, projects, and programs. In other words, much of the time we think of living Christ in the world as a list of calendar events: Youth Group on Tuesday night, Soup Kitchen on Thursday, peaceful protest at City Hall on Saturday, quilting group for Lutheran World Relief every Monday morning, etc. But hey, I plan and promote a lot of these, so I definitely think they are important ways to be Christ and live Christ.

So when we are asked questions like, "What can the church do to combat racism or bring peace or justice or equality," our minds might automatically go to what we can plan or organize at the church. But we don't live as Christians "at the church", we are called to live as Christians "in the world." Out in our communities, in our neighbors, in our schools, at our jobs and in our homes is where we are most of the time. The sharing of God's Word, the sharing of the Lord's Supper, the fellowship

we have with each other shapes who we are, what we believe about God in Christ, and how we view our neighbor.

For example, at CONNECTED this week, we were schooled in how racial disparities have occurred in America especially with regard to housing. African-Americans went from "being property" to being prevented from owning property. We hear these things, we don't like them one bit, and then we're asked, "So what can the church do about this terrible situation?" Depending on our context as a congregation, it might be that we do need to consider working to build more low-income housing in our neighborhood. That's an issue for discernment in any parish.

But given that all our congregations are full of people who work and serve in the community in many ways, who have all sorts of networks and relationships; the sending of worshipers into the world each week as grace-shaped people "to love and serve the Lord," is the major way in which we impact the world.

Imagine worshipers, Bible study participants, CONNECTED folks, and more who hear the gospel's call to be inclusive of all, to seek justice and peace for all; who are also bankers, real estate agents, social workers, nurses, teachers, etc. going out to the world with these messages in mind. A parishioner shaped week in-week out by this Word carries it into the world and, in turn, can help shape the world in grace. This really is the main way the Christian mission is carried out in the world. It's the primary way we are change-agents. I think what we must do during the small amount of time we are together "at church" is that we as preachers, teachers, and leaders must always ask, "How do I deeply prepare people to engage the world with grace?"

I feel this is my call, not by my ordination, but by my baptism. We are all church together for the sake of the world.

May we all continue to go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Pastor Mary

Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship
Sunday, October 11, 2020
10 AM
Join Zoom Meeting

Click below:

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Meeting ID: 856 9101 0897
Password: loveCLCHHI

You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.
[Click here for the Sunday Bulletin](#)



The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.
Matthew 22

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
OCTOBER 11, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

When the COVID-19 Pandemic hit in earnest earlier this year, a lot of lives on Hilton Head Island were suddenly and very unexpectedly turned upside down. The need for assistance, support and caring exploded. Christ Lutheran responded with its usual generosity by starting a new ministry called the Little Free Pantry or LFP. The LFP is stocked once or twice a day with food and other items needed by those in our community who now find themselves hungry or homeless.

Recently Pastor Anderson related the following Mission Moment Story concerning her recent interaction with Tonia. Pastor Anderson writes:



"Tonia lives across the street from Christ Lutheran. She's lived at the Red Roof Inn for about a month now after losing her home on the island. She has a job and is working with a realtor to try and find a new place to live. At the end of September, she walked across the street to our church and asked if we could help her with her past due bill at the motel. They were about to ask her to leave. Pastor Anderson, in consultation with our treasurer, worked out a plan to help by using budgeted monies in the Pastor's Discretionary account. Pastor Anderson went over to the motel and met with Tonia and the very caring young manager there, Michael.

"When Pastor Anderson asked why she decided to come to our church for help, her eyes lit up and she said, 'I come to the Little Free Pantry just about every day!' And then she said she has started coming over to the Thursday lunch. While sitting with her in the motel lobby, she wrote us this special note of thanks:"

"I found it to be a big help from The Little Free Pantry at Christ Lutheran Church for needs of food and other necessities. I also appreciate that they have a little bit of 'this' and a little bit of 'that'. I'm also fond of nuts and other special little snacks because every little bit helps.

*Thank you, Christ Lutheran Church,
Tonia"*

Yours in Christ.

Joyce and John Prange

2020 Stewardship Appeal Co-Chairs

FALL 2020

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.**

6+1 Sacred Time small groups have been formed

If you have signed up you will have received an email with information about your group.



A pandemic, social distancing, political turmoil and changes to every area of life have brought most of us to the limit of our patience, understanding and often sanity.

Christ Lutheran is inviting you to join a small (4-6 people) group, that will meet safely outside at a host's home to share burdens, sorrows, joys, hopes and the love of God.

These are supposed to be sacred conversations where the Holy Spirit (the plus one!) will be part of the meeting (6+1 sacred time) and will be guided by a spiritual lay leader.

We will try to match groups by neighborhoods to keep travel time as short as possible.

Please reply to this email if you would like to be part of one of these newly formed groups.

Groups will start meeting as soon as they are assembled, on a weekly or bi-monthly schedule determined by the groups themselves. Meeting times and dates will also be decided by the individual groups.

Faith formation resources will be used by the spiritual leader of each group.

We hope to be able to offer you comfort and meaning in these challenging times and hope you will appreciate the help these newly formed groups can offer. Please reply to [Silke at CLC](#) if you plan to attend!

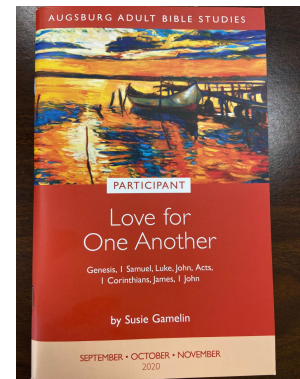
Your Faith Formation Team

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY

Weekly Bible Study Resumes via Zoom on October 14.

It seems harder and harder these days to remember Jesus command to "Love one another." It just isn't easy to love some people. "Love for One Another", an Augsburg Adult Bible Study, gives us an opportunity to explore how loving one another can be life-giving, especially when we begin to love people who are difficult for us to love. Old Testament stories, Jesus, Paul and the writer of Acts will speak to our questions about loving one another. Join us as we experience the joy and peacefulness that comes from loving God and one another, no matter what.

We will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 11am, beginning October 14. Study Guides are available in the church office. Contact [Kathy Mork](#) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.



CONNECTED NEWS

CONNECTED is helping a refugee and you can too!

THANKS TO ALL who have already contributed to help Mango to get his education at the jTech Institute! He has started his studies and is very proud about his chosen path of education. In this picture you see Mango proudly sporting his uniform with his mom and little brother.

About Mango:

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



With the support and help from his designated mentor from LSS he has researched, evaluated and applied to the "jtech INSTITUTE" to pursue an Automotive Technology Operational Associates degree and was accepted.

Mango will have to give up his night time job at UPS to be able to concentrate on his studies but has identified a day time job to support his studies and his family. **He is short about \$220 for tuition every month.**

His education started September 21, 2020 and will run for 21 months.

LSS is supporting Mango as best as they can!

Any funds we can raise to support Mango will go through our church books as a tax deductible donation and will then go to LSS Jacksonville, FL. LSS will be responsible for distributing needed funds to Mango.

If you would like to help, please make your check out to CLC, subject matter "Mango refugee support".



More information:

[jTech-Institute](#)

or contact Silke at [Silke at CLC](#)

ZOOM-CONNECTED is working out great for everyone and we have meaningful, deep, educational and faith based conversations!

We will meet on October 14, and 21.

We are tackling 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 on Mondays 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 (break-out groups via Zoom).



Please help us by sending a RSVP to our CONNECTED invite or to Silke at CLC.

Here the log-in:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 876 3629 9009

Passcode: CONNECTED



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

Family and Friends of Dr. Rita Hungate

Nan Stafford



Susie Fidler captured this unusual sight last week, a Gullah Geechee funeral procession. What a good reminder that we are an island with a deep history and rich cultures.

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.

Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: Bible Study Women in the Bible

Time: Oct 12, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83738302636?
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Meeting ID: 837 3830 2636

Passcode: 342934

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.



BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

For the next three Sundays, our Stewardship Appeal, under the theme of "Building a Culture of Generosity", will be sharing short Mission Moment videos that will each highlight different ways in which Christ Lutheran Church has consistently and continuously responded to the Abundance of God's Gifts to us through our collective offerings of time, talents and treasures.

This week our Mission Moment video that will be shown during the Welcome and Opening Announcements portion of Christ Lutheran Church's Sunday worship service (October 11th), covers the Christ Lutheran Preschool (CLP). Trust us, you will definitely want to see this Mission Moment video! Here is the youtube link:

[Click Here](#)



We all have stories to tell of multiple acts of Generosity and we all have stories to share about how important this faith community is to us, even as we had to engage in social isolation. Despite these challenging times, we have continued to worship, albeit in modified ways that allow us to remain socially distant. We have

maintained on-going ministries while at the same time finding new ways to help those in our community who are struggling, who need encouragement and support. We have worked towards achieving a shared vision for our congregation. And we can now more clearly understand that the ministries that we support are more important than ever.



We ask that you pray about how you can become more involved in the ministries of our congregation, that you work towards helping our congregation remain strong and vibrant, and that you will declare on Sunday, November 1st, your true financial generosity through your intent card.

Over the course of our month long Stewardship Appeal around "Building a Culture of Generosity", we pray that each of us will come to know that true financial Generosity is not measured by the size of the gift, but rather by the heart and soul of the giver. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21).

Yours in Christ,

Joyce and John Prange 2020 Stewardship Appeal Co-Chairs

News from the Preschool

Some of you may remember that last year during our Stewardship Campaign the Preschool children wheeled in paper towels and built a tower to show everyone how many paper towels we use at the Preschool. The next week we had "Paper Towel Sunday" to collect rolls of paper towels for the school....and the response was overwhelming! We had enough to last us throughout the rest of the school year!

This year due to COVID-19 we are missing our "Helping Hands" box that so many of you contributed to, and we cannot have Paper Towel Sunday at church. But you can still help! Next week we would like to have "Paper Towel Drop Off". Members can drop off paper towels either at the Preschool entrance under the covered walkway, or at the church office. The Preschool has a limited number of children this year, and we need your help more than ever. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



RENOVATION UPDATE

We are getting close to the start of construction on our renovation project. If you drive by the church you will see that tree protection and silt fencing has been installed outside the church.



Now that this is completed, a pre-clear inspection will be initiated which is required by the Town.

Actual construction work is now scheduled to begin the week of October 19th !!!!



1st Day of Prep work October 8, 2020: More to follow and On we go . . .



Welcome to the Waters!

On October 7th, we celebrated the baptism of Owen William Benton, grandson of Carol Benton, son of Rusty and Anne. Owen and his family live in the Phoenix area but have been on HHI several weeks visiting with grandma. Welcome to the family of Jesus, Owen!



THE CHURCH CALENDAR

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| Sunday, October 11 | 10 am Service of the Word and Meal (via Zoom) Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation 6:30 pm Youth "Fire Pit" Get together! |
| Monday, October 12 | 10 am Stewardship Meeting, Craft Room 5 pm Pastor's Bible Study on Women in the Bible |
| Tuesday, October 13 | 10 am Staff Meeting 12 pm Service Ministries Meeting 1 pm Administration and Finance Meeting 5 pm Faith Formation Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 14 | 10 am Executive Team Meeting 11 am Love One Another Bible Study Linda out of the office today 6:30 pm Record & Archive Team Meeting |
| Thursday, October 15 | Linda out of the office today 9:30 am Preschool Chapel |

10 am Preschool Board Meeting
11:30 am Worship Team
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm Confirmation Class

Saturday, October 17

1 pm Handbell Polishing Party

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am Service of the Word and Meal (via Zoom)
Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation