



The Bridge

November 13, 2020

From Pastor Mary

Dear Church:

Thank you for your many well-wishes as I travel for my daughter Colleen's wedding in North Carolina this weekend. Colleen is our oldest child and has lived in the Hickory, NC area since 1999 when she went there to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University. She is a registered nurse and currently works at Trinity Lutheran Nursing Home in Hickory. Her campus pastor from LR University is presiding at the wedding. The wedding is taking place at the Old Henry River Mill that is currently being restored by a friend of Colleen's to be a venue for gatherings and as a place to teach about the lives of mill families. Those who are familiar with *The Hunger Games* movies may recognize it as "District 12" where Katniss and Peeta lived. So yes, my millennial daughters are very excited about that! I'll share pictures.



I'm also very excited to report that the grant request for \$3,000 we sent to the SC Synod Growing in God's Mission Fund to help support our efforts in Beaufort County to provide internet and other technology needs to students in need, was received in full! With this grant and with the money we raised as a congregation, the ELCA Lutherans on HHI have provided \$8,412.00 to this effort. All public high school students now have internet access and teachers now have 88 cameras that they needed to teach via zoom. The Education Subcommittee of the MLK Committee for Justice is meeting with the superintendent of Beaufort Country Schools next week to deepen our partnership.

We have many plans and transitions going on at CLC right now. This can be both exciting and unsettling. This issue of The Bridge gives you much information about these plans. Thank you for reading about them all. Thank you for doing your part to partner with each other. Look for more letters from the church next week to inform you of other important matters. Please, turn in your pledge card. Sign up for an opportunity to meet our pastoral candidate. Put the upcoming Advent opportunities on your family calendar. Advent really sneaks up on us coming on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Be ready. Pull out your home Advent wreaths and calendars once you put your turkey leftovers in the refrigerator.

Lastly, this Sunday we are happy to welcome our new synodical bishop, Virginia (Ginny) Aebischer as our preacher. She will be zooming in with the rest of you. I'm grateful that you will have the opportunity to meet her more personally.

Stay strong. Remain prayerful. Wear a mask. Christ is with us!
Pastor Mary

Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship
Sunday, November 15, 2020
10 AM
Join Zoom Meeting

Click below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?
pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmdz09](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.

Church Services are held 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.

[Click Here for Today's Bulletin](#)

Your Worship Team (Phyllis Rowe, Tami Kuhlmann, Chris Wilcox, Doug and Elsa Felten, Susie Fidler, Silke Pyrlik, and Pastor Mary) have been hard at work planning worship and faith formation opportunities for Advent and Christmas.



MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS

"Vespers" are sunset evening prayer services that we will hold outside in our grassy parking area beginning at 5pm on Wednesdays December 2, 9 and 16 and on Monday December 21.

We plan to have the sound system set up, live music, handbells, and an evening service of about 30 minutes. We'll have some lights in the trees and torches serving as the four candles of Advent. The campfire will be burning. Those who want to depart at the end of the service are welcome to do so. Those who want to stay under the stars and around the fire are welcome to linger and toast a marshmallow or two. (Bring your own skewer. The church will provide the marshmallows.)

Worshippers are asked to bring: a beach chair, a mask, a small flashlight or the light on your phone. We may send you an order of service that can be utilized on your phone as well as having a few paper copies.

Information for Outdoor Worship

It is very important to know and take personal notice of several health-conscious points regarding these worship services:

For the Safe-Keeping and Love of Your Neighbor:

1. This opportunity for gathering in-person, even though outdoors, is not a COVID risk-free environment.
2. Anyone not feeling healthy, and/or vulnerable to COVID infection as outlined by the CDC, and/or not wanting to risk gathering within a crowd, should not attend.
3. The wearing of a face mask over both the mouth and nose will be required at all times for all persons over the age of 3 years old. Please bring your own mask. Should anyone forget, we will have a limited number of clean masks available.
4. In addition to wearing a mask, maintaining a social distance of no less than 6 feet between family units will also need to be honored. Though we do deeply miss you, all church staff will be maintaining strict social distance around themselves and will be wearing a mask.
5. Anyone over the age of 3 years old not willing/able to keep a face mask over both their mouth and nose, or maintain these social distancing stipulations, should not attend.

Logistics Regarding this Outdoor Worship Service:

1. When possible, the worship service will be recorded posted to the church website, just as we have done in previous months.
2. Worship service will take place in the side yard southwest of the Sale (office) building.
3. Each person will need to bring their own chair to sit on.
4. The ability to see and hear may be an issue for some attendees. We will try to do the best we can in ways that we can safely manage. Please consider your hearing/seeing abilities when making your space selection among those available.
5. Access to the inside of the church building (including the restrooms) will be restricted to urgent needs only. A staff member will be available to help when needed.
6. Skin protection and personal hydration (bring your own water) are recommended. In the event of inclement weather, worship will be done via our media. We will try to communicate that decision to you with as much advanced notice as possible.

The Worship of Our Lord:

1. We will have a shortened service to minimize exposure time (around 30 to 45 minutes).
2. Offering plates will not be passed. Online giving (or the church mailbox) remain available for our offerings to God.
3. Worship leaders will explain about music and invited congregational response at each opportunity.

Please contact Pastor Mary, Silke, Council or Staff if you have any questions or concerns.

We all miss you and love you dearly. Thank you for your continued love, support,
and prayers for Christ Lutheran Church.

--CLC Council, COVID Task Force, and CLC Staff

MEET AND GREET FOR PASTOR JUNE WILKINS



On Monday, November 9 a very important mailing went out with incredibly good news! We have a candidate for a new Pastor here at Christ Lutheran! Hopefully you all have received this mailing by now. The cover letter invited everyone to attend a "Meet and Greet" on Thursday, November 19th in Heinrich Hall with Pastor June Wilkins and her husband, Bob.

The Meet and Greet will be held Thursday, November 19, 2020

- In Heinrichs Hall
- Two sessions: 3-4 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. (pick one)
- Pre-registration with Linda in the church office
- COVID guidelines will be followed:

- All persons present will be required to wear a mask
- No more than a maximum of 50 persons per session
- Temperatures will be taken on each individual prior to entrance
- Sign-in sheets with contact information will be required
- Hand sanitizers and extra masks will be provided
- Two hours between events will be used to thoroughly sanitize the area

The Call Committee is to be highly commended for all of their hours and hours of work and dedication to this opportunity. Come and meet Pastor June and her husband Bob at this very special event!

Service Ministry Update

The "serving our community" part of our church's mission statement has never been so realized. For the next several weeks you will see this article repeat itself in the Bridge.

The next all congregation drive by food and Christmas gift collection will be Monday, December 7 from 9 to 10:30AM in the church parking lot. Chris Wilcox will be there with marked bins so that you can deposit your items yourself. The following are the missions the Service Ministry are supporting:

1. Church Preschool-- Copy Paper, Play Doh, Napkins, Toilet Paper

2. The Thursday Lunch Break Program--- Water, Granola Bars, Potato chips (individual sized bags)

3. Little Food Pantry--- remember no pull tabs, no glass jars, small sizes for the shelves

Healthy snacks (nuts, granola bars, breakfast bars, cracker packets
Canned fruit/applesauce cups/fruit cups
Canned vegetables, soups, stews, sauces, gravies
Pasta and noodles
Cornmeal/grits/oatmeal/ corn masa flour
Tortillas, Canned meats and fishes
Breakfast cereal cups/bars, Personal hygiene items
Paper products, Cleaning supplies

4. The Deep Well Project--we will collect UNWRAPPED books/toys, etc. not food this cycle. Monetary donations can be made (make check out to The Deep Well Project) These donations must be collected by December 10. The Santa Shop opens December 14! Visit the Deep Well website for further ideas. (deepwellproject.org)

Stuffed animals Books for all ages
Batteries for power toys (mostly AA) Board games
Sports equipment (scooters, skateboards, balls, baseball mitts etc.)

There will be no hosting of Family Promise at Christ Lutheran this month, as planned, due to the virus. Family Promise has still been actively helping families in need of a safe place to live.

Since several families have graduated to their own apartments recently. Family Promise is now vetting a family of five and two other families to come into the program. They will still be housed in an extended stay hotel in Bluffton with cooking facilities in their rooms. If you had planned to help out by donating a meal, their supplies or an overnight stay while we were hosting, please consider instead sending donation for a Food Lion gift card to help provide food for those in the program. A check can be sent to:



**Family Promise of Beaufort County 181 Bluffton Rd., D101
Bluffton, SC 29210**

Please indicate you are from Christ Lutheran and designate the money to go for a Food Lion gift

THE LAST BLOOD DRIVE FOR THE YEAR!

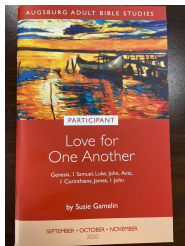
Thursday, December 3 will be the last Blood Drive for the year at our church. The times are from 11am to 6 pm.

Tricia Bantz, Account Manager, Donor Recruitment
American Red Cross Blood Services
8085 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, SC 29483
843-371-2611
patriciav.bantz2@redcross.org
redcrossblood.org
facebook.com/RedCrossBlood



We cannot wait to give you your total on how much we collected for the year!

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY

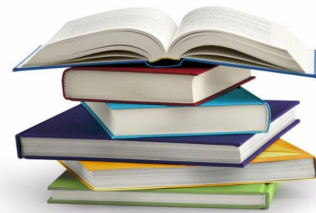


Weekly Bible Study continues this Wednesday,
November 18 at 11:00.

Contact Kathy Mork if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

BOOK CLUB HAPPENINGS

The Ladies Book Group will meet via Zoom on Saturday, November 21 at 1:30pm. The book to be discussed is Dani Shapiro's memoir *Inheritance* (issues of identity, paternity and family secrets). On Saturday, December 19, we will Zoom again and discuss *Gullah Days, Hilton Head Islanders Before the Bridge* (1861-1956) by Thomas Barnwell, Carolyn Grant, and Emory Campbell. With all the discussions of a redesigned Highway 278 and racial inequalities, this should be an amazing discussion. Please join us! Contact Chris Wilcox for Zoom information. 843-384-1667 or christineewilcox@aol.com



UPDATE FOR ADOPT-A-CHILD FUNDRAISER

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry makes \$54,784 grant to support local education.

Through the fundraising efforts of the Student Tech Fund and many donors (including CLC), the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry was able to provide a grant of \$54,784 to the Beaufort County School District. The Student Tech Connect Fund worked with Hargray and BSCD to provide internet connections to high school students in low income households with no Wi-Fi. In addition, funding was provided for:

- The purchase of 88 cameras for HHHS teachers
- The purchase of a Creative Curriculum Digital curriculum for 64 pre-K and early childhood special education classrooms.

Jackie Rosswurm, the interim president and CEO of the Community Foundation stated: "We realized that, though food and housing insecurity continues to be a hardship for many, the start of the school year has created some unique educational challenges. Parents with the financial need to

continue working need help ensuring their children are getting online instruction. Local non-profit organizations have stepped up to create virtual learning hubs or to provide safe and clean locations where children can get instruction."

Many thanks to the contributions from our generous CLC members who helped to make this possible!

Information provided by c-lowcountry.org and Hilton Head Monthly magazine

CONNECTED on Holiday break

CONNECTED - SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS had its last session before the Holiday break last Wednesday! We had a wonderful, educational and spiritual time with all participants!
We will resume in January 2021!



6+1 Sacred Time small groups have been formed

The groups started to meet.

These groups are designed to meet the spiritual needs and questions of its members and to form deeper connections, with each other and with God. 6 members meet and invite the Holy Spirit (+1) into their midst.



Please contact [Silke at CLC](#) if you want to be part of this faith formation opportunity or if you need more information.

Here is a quote from Pope Francis submitted by Carla Bech-Hansen:

Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.



Sarah DeMaria's mother, Leora Horst
Steve Bassford
Victims of recent wildfires and hurricanes
Our nation living with many blessings and much strife
Nancy McCleskey's sister, Cyndie
Nancy McCleskey
Jim Kondor

Pastor Mary's family as they mourn the passing of their Uncle George in Iowa;
Pastor Mary's Aunt Gloria.

HANDBELL NEWS!

The Christ Lutheran Church handbell choir has a new name! We will be known as the "Dulci Jubilo" which is Latin for "sweet rejoicing". Tami Kuhlmann has graciously agreed to serve as our director, and we welcome Joyce Prange as a new "ringer". Look for our first performance on

Sunday, November 22 when we will perform "Come Ye Thankful People Come".

New members are always welcome to our rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m. in Heinrichs Hall.



Old flooring and ventilation ducts being removed and readied.

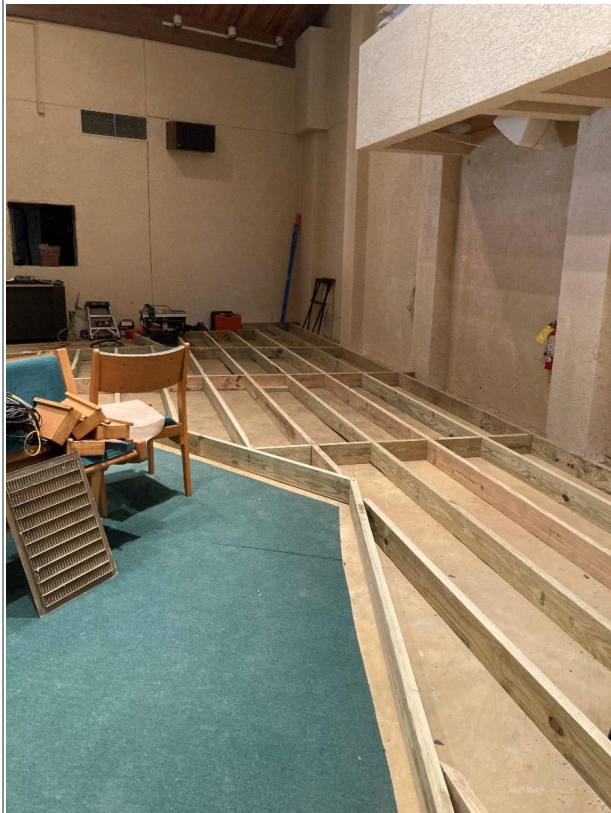


RENOVATION UPDATE

Rain or no rain the work on our renovation keeps moving forward. Below are a few pictures from this past week.



Our good shepherd keeping watch over the work.



New choir platform taking shape.

Narthex ceiling and walls being prepped.



UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The updated Christ Lutheran Church directories should have appeared in your mailbox by now. Many hours of work went into the revision of this directory, but if there are any corrections that need to be made, please call Linda at the church office. During these times of COVID and our renovation, it is so important that we can keep in contact with everyone.

Many thanks to Linda and all who helped to make this directory possible!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room
6:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

11:00 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Handbell Practice, Henrich's Hall

Thursday, November 19

3:00 to 4:00 pm Meet and Greet with Pastor Wilkins
12:00 pm Lunch Break
4:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 to 7:30 pm Meet and Greet with Pastor Wilkins

Friday, November 20

Church Office Closed

Pastor Mary will be out of town from Thursday, Nov 12

through Monday, Nov. 16

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
843-785-5560**