

The Bridge November 24, 2020

November 25 from 5 to 8 pm.

Salty Dog Restaurant will have a Low Country Boil to benefit Deep Well.

\$10 Donation (carryout is welcome, 843-671-5456)

SANDBAR RESTAURANT PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER COMING UP!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, ALL DAY. TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

see more info below!

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Bring your items to the meeting!

Prayer for the Thanksgiving Table

Whether you are dining alone, on zoom, or with several family members and friends around your house and yard, here is a thanksgiving prayer you might use this Thursday. Enjoy the day. Count your blessings and plan ways to help others count some blessings as well.



God of abundance, God of every one of us, you open wide your hand and we are blessed. Thank you for this sabbath day to gather as we can, to enjoy this good food, and to offer our grateful prayers. This year has been difficult for people all around your world. We remember those who have died in this past year that we loved in our families and in our friendships. We give thanks for new people in our lives and for the ones who continue to love, comfort, and mentor us. Keep us ever grateful for your abundance and continue to grow our generosity toward all people everywhere. Amen.

Your Congregation is grateful for your support and encouragement throughout this year. Thank you for your prayers, cards of appreciation, for your financial pledges and offerings, for all the ways you serve in the congregation without pay and sometimes without much thanks. We want you to know how thankful we are for your partnership in this mission we share!

Your Church and Preschool Staff

Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship Sunday, November 29, 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.

Church Services are held each Sunday at 10:00 am via Zoom technology.

Go to our website: <u>www.clchhi.org</u> to view recordings of each Sunday's worship services.

Click Here for Today's Bulletin

Come and Meet Pastor Wilkins

It is with great pleasure that the Call Committee and the Christ Lutheran Council announce exciting news! A candidate for the position of pastor at Christ Lutheran has been brought forward and approved by Council. The Council is now recommending Pastor Wilkins to the congregation for consideration. All members are invited to one of two opportunities to meet our pastoral candidate and her husband.

MEET AND GREET PASTOR WILKINS

Friday, December 4, 2020 In Heinrich Hall Two sessions: 3-4 p.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration for each event
Please register again if you registered for the previously
scheduled event. COVID guidelines will be followed

In order to provide a safe environment for all who attend the following guidelines will be followed:

- ALL persons present will be required to wear a mask
- No more than 38 persons per session. Pre-registration will be provided through Linda at the office via email or phone. <u>info@clchhi.com</u>, 843-785-5560
- Temperatures will be taken on each individual prior to entrance into Heinrich Hall
- Sign-in sheets with contact information will be provided for contact tracing

- Hand sanitizers and extra masks will be provided
- Two hours between events is planned in order to provide time to thoroughly sanitize the area.

CLICK HERE FOR BUILDING USAGE PROTOCOL FOR INTERNAL GROUPS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Plan now to attend:
A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, December 6, 2020
2:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church
Meeting and vote will be held outside

These are exciting times here at Christ Lutheran! In addition to all of our mission outreach, special fundraisers and the fantastic renovation of our beautiful church, we now will come together to vote on these 3 motions:

- 1. To extend the call to Pastor June Wilkins as a full-time pastor at Christ Lutheran.
- 2. To approve the salary and benefit package for Pastor Wilkins.
- 3. To approve the six (6) nominees that will serve on CLC Council beginning January 2021.

In keeping with our constitution, notice of this meeting is to be made ten (10) days in advance by mail and announced during services. Only voting members of Christ Lutheran may cast votes. Only voting members physically present at the meeting may cast votes.

These three motions will be voted by secret ballot one at a time.

COVID Guidelines will be strictly followed as the health and safety of our members is of primary importance:

- 1. ALL persons present will be required to wear a mask.
- 2. No pre-registration is required. Quorum must be present (10% of membership)
- 3. Temperatures will be taken on each individual prior to entrance to the meeting.
- 4. Sign-in sheets with contact information will be provided for contact tracing,
- 5. Hand sanitizers and extra masks will be provided.
- 6. Please bring your own chair and plan to sit at least 6 feet apart.

Click Here to read the bios of the Church Council Nominees



OUTDOOR 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.)

Worshipers 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.

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON OUTDOOR MEETINGS OR WORSHIP



For Christ Lutheran Preschool

Thursday, December 3, 2020 Join us for Lunch or Dinner Dine In or Eat Out! 50% OF ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCEEDS GO TO CHRIST LUTHERAN **PRESCHOOL**

HOSTED BY The Sandbar Beach Eats Located in Coligny Plaza 101 Pope Avenue

Hilton Head Island





Bring your family and friends for a meal to raise funds for Christ Lutheran Preschool!

St. Nicholas Festivals on December 4th and 6th

At the Preschool at 9:30am on Friday, December 4th, in Heinrichs Hall, Pastor Mary and Nancy Conder will welcome St. Nicholas a little ahead of his annual feast day on December 6th.

The children will hear the story of Nicholas and about his care for the poor. Inspired by his story, the children will be asked to bring gifts of hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for The Little Free Pantry. Nicholas will give them a small gift bag in return and leave a little treat in their shoes lined up back in their classroom.



The Second Sunday of Advent falls on The Feast of St. Nicholas this year. On December 6th, Nicholas will visit us again during worship as we offer a prayer of blessing for the Preschool gifts. Gather your younger family members around for our Zoom worship that day as we retell the story of St. Nicholas as a children's sermon.

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.

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- 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---Please remember: small items for small shelves.

Disinfectant wipes Hand Sanitizer wipes, gel

Laundry detergent pods Toothbrushes, toothpaste

Personal hygiene supplies

15 oz. canned vegetables (yams for the holidays) and beans

Canned turkey/chicken/tuna 16 oz. bags of dried beans

16oz. bags of white rice Canned pasta sauce

Canned milk (condensed, evaporated) Healthy snacks (peanuts, etc.)

Individual serving shelf staple meals Hot cocoa mix

small packages of baking mixes (bisquick, cornbread, cookie mixes)

Christmas themed items (mini composition books, pencils, erasers, small pencil sharpeners, soaps, lotion, lip balm, etc.)

Small containers of household cleaning items, sponges cloths

Hot hands 10 hour hand warmers

Gloves, socks, slipper socks, knit hats, ear warmers, neck warmers

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.)

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!





Give now for Hurricane Eta and Iota Response

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Dear friends,

On Nov. 2, Hurricane Eta, a powerful

Category 4 storm, hit Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala. Throughout Central America, at least 171 people died. Winds as high as 150 mph caused power outages and structural damage while heavy rains caused catastrophic flooding and landslides, damaging homes, crops, roads and bridges. Just two weeks later, Hurricane Iota made landfall in Nicaragua, 15 miles from where Hurricane Eta had made landfall. Iota was the first Category 5 hurricane of the 2020 season, but it weakened to a Category 4 hurricane as it made landfall. It brought strong winds and rains to areas already devastated by Hurricane Eta, hampering any ongoing recovery.

To assess the immediate needs and initiate a response, Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with many companion churches and ecumenical partners in the region, including ACT Alliance, Iglesia Cristiana Luterana de Honduras, Comisión de Acción Social Menonita, Church World Service, Iglesia Luterana Augustina de Guatemala and Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua "Fe y Esperanza." While the extent of the damage is not yet known, we will accompany devastated communities from immediate relief through long-term recovery. This is an important part of Christ's call on our church.

Please give today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose lives have been devastated by hurricanes Eta and Iota. Gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100%) for direct response until it is complete.

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Please join me in prayer and partnership, and stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our <u>Facebook</u> page.

Please give now

With gratitude for your partnership,
The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY



Weekly Bible Study continues this Wednesday, November 25 at 11:00.

Contact <u>Kathy Mork</u> if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.

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
Bill Putrino



Directory Update:

Ted Drilling

Herb Heins recently moved back to Babylon, NY, where he is sharing an apartment with one of his sons. He's enjoying being close to family and to the church where he and Sandy were married. He said to say hi to the great folks at church! We will miss you, Herb, but it sounds like you are in a great situation.

His new contact information is:

Phone: 631-526-9352

85 Ralph Ave., Babylon, NY 11702

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, November 26 Happy Thanksgiving, Office Closed

Friday, November 27 Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am (via Zoom) Followed by "Coffee Hour" conversation

Tuesday, December 1 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

Wednesday, December 2 11:00 am Bible Study

3:30 pm Handbell Practice 5:00 pm Advent Vesper Service

Thursday, December 3

11:00 am Blood Drive with Red Cross, Heinrichs Hall
2:00 pm All items for the BRIDGE are due
SANDBAR FUNDRAISER for the Preschool--all day long

Friday, December 4

9:30 am St. Nicholas comes to the Preschool 3:00 to 4:00 pm Meet and Greet with Pastor Wilkins 6:30 to 7:30 pm Meet and Greet with Pastor Wilkins Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Zoom Worship Meeting 2:00 pm Congregational Meeting

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