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## The Bridge

### January 22, 2021

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#### Inspiring Thoughts by Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director

##### Chaos - A Spiritual Force?

Nothing is “just right” or “will be ok” when someone you love becomes terminally ill and your life spirals out of control. When nothing of what you expected the future to be holds true, it becomes a terrifying experience.

I am contemplating this the day before I move out not just of my house but also of my “former life”. The transition will be complete, the chaos will (once again) be replaced by order.

Ever since the diagnosis of Manfred’s cancer in May 2019 (that is 21 months ago) I have lived more in chaos than in predictable order, with constant changes, challenges, losses and fears in my life. I admit I have been terrified many, many times over!

But then there has always been my unwavering faith and trust in the Divine!

In the meantime you know that I like to deeply contemplate life’s challenges and predicaments from a spiritual perspective. So where is the lesson or wisdom to be found in the chaos of the last 21 months?

In my studies I came across a worthwhile writing by Patricia Monaghan.

*"Like most of us in western society today, my philosophy had been unconsciously influenced by dualism. Much of that unconscious orientation was derived from the African philosopher Augustine of Hippo, who changed little of his philosophy when he changed his allegiance from Persian Manichaeism to Christianity in the early fourth century. Following "Saint" Augustine's lead, our culture describes opposition while other cultures see polarity. In Japanese Shinto, for example, good and evil are not opposites; evil, represented by the storm god Susano-o, is whatever is out of place, out of balance, rather than something permanently opposed to goodness. In Shinto, something can be good in one context and bad in another, depending on where it occurs and when it occurs.*

*Our own language harbors a similar spiritual truth: our word "evil" derives from the word "full," thus what is "e full" is excessive, beyond natural boundaries. The word is not related etymologically to the word "good," which derives its roots from that which means "to gather" or "to bond together." So even in our own language we have a different vision than the one that says that good and evil are opposite forces that can never interact.*

*Augustine and his lot argued the soul and the body are separate, that they were at war. This persistent misapprehension was accompanied by other dualities: women as opposite to men, the head as opposite to heart, light opposite dark, and so on. Such visions encourage dualism and separation, rather than bonding and holism. They affect us, whether we will it or not."*

(Citation: Monaghan, Patricia. "The Spirit of Chaos and the Chaos of Spirit." Quest 93.5

This led me to the insight, that chaos is not the opposite of order and that it is not necessarily desirable to get rid of chaos as fast as possible to bring back order, but to seek its spiritual wisdom; to see it as a force that accompanies order, it just means "order is out of balance" for a certain amount of time, but they belong to the same whole. They are not separate things.

They belong to my life as much as my soul and my body are not separated while I am living an earthly existence.

My life being out of balance for almost two years thought me so much: humility, gratefulness, that God is real, that I am not alone, trust, independence, confidence, getting to know my true, inner self, reconnecting with my dreams and desires and to deeply appreciate the value of life and love.

I know that I am forever changed, for the better! I will never again see chaos, trial and challenges as the enemy but a life lesson to be courageously taken on, studied, endured and mastered.

Because now I know that God is with me every step of the way and I will never be forsaken!

When have chaos, challenges, grief, fear or pain made you eventually a better person and taught you a great spiritual lesson? I am always eager to hear stories! Stories are wonderful teachers.

To new beginnings!

May the peace be with you always!

*Silke*



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 24, 2021

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

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

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Meeting ID: 856 9101 0897

Passcode: loveCLCHHI

**Christ Lutheran  
Church Zoom  
Worship  
Sunday,  
January 24, 2021**

**3rd Sunday after  
Epiphany**

**10 AM  
Join Zoom Meeting**

With Supply Pastor  
Rev. Bruce Booher

until Rev. June Wilkins  
begins February 8

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](http://www.clchhi.org) to view recordings of each Sunday's worship services.

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

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### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the picnic area at CLC.

The 2021 Spending Plan will be the main order of business

Please plan to attend!!

(The Spending Plan is in your Annual Report which has been completed and will arrive in your mailbox soon!)

Susan Fidler

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### **NEW COUNCIL SEATED - NEW OFFICERS ELECTED MINISTRY TEAM LEADERSHIP**

At our Council meeting this past Tuesday we seated a new council for 2021. Your 2021 council includes Phyllis Rowe, Susan Fidler, Leslie Heavener, Ron Julseth, Lynn Baglyos, Carol Benton, Doug Felton, Suzy Makalous, Jo Ann Sebulsky, Paulette Stefanik and staff members Silke Pyrlik and Nancy Conder. Pastor June Wilkins will also be a member of council after she arrives on Feb. 8, 2021.

Your council elected the following officers for 2021:

President – Phyllis Rowe

Vice- Pres. – Carol Benton

Secretary – Lynn Baglyos

Treasurer (appointed) – Ron Julseth

Please join us in congratulating and thanking these members for their willingness to serve as our officers during 2021.

We also spent time to determine Ministry Team and Task Force Leaders and Council Liaisons for each. Below is a summary:

| <u>Ministry Team/Task Force</u> | <u>Leader</u>     | <u>Council Liaison</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Admin & Finance                 | Wayne Sebulsky    | Carol Benton           |
| Congregational Care             | Paulette Stefanik | Paulette Stefanik      |
| Communications                  |                   |                        |
| Faith Formation                 | Tami Kuhlmann     | Jo Ann Sebulsky        |
| Fellowship                      | Susan Fidler      | Susan Fidler           |
| Inviting & Welcoming            | Suzy Makalous     | Suzy Makalous          |
| Personnel                       | Joe Etter         | Carol Benton           |
| Preschool Board                 | Nancy Conder      | Nancy Condor           |
| Properties & Maintenance        | Doug Felten       | Doug Felten            |
| Social Ministry                 | Leslie Heavener   | Leslie Heavener        |
| Stewardship                     |                   | Paulette Stefanik      |
| Worship & Music                 | Phyllis Rowe      | Phyllis Rowe           |
| Youth & Family                  |                   | Susan Fidler           |
| Covid                           | Tami Kuhlmann     | Lynn Baglyos           |
| Renovation                      | Joe Etter         | Doug Felten            |

Please note that we still have a few open spots that we are working to fill.

### **GOOD NEWS from the CLC COVID Task Force:**

The Covid-19 vaccine is now available for persons in Phase 1A according to SCDHEC.

Phase 1A includes People 70 years and older. We encourage you to make an appointment ASAP.

To schedule an appointment, visit [www.hiltonheadregional.com](http://www.hiltonheadregional.com) and click on the Drive-Thru Testing & Vaccination Information link at <https://www.hiltonheadregional.com/our-response-to-covid-19/contact-us> to complete the form needed.

*More details at [scdhec.gov/COVID19](http://scdhec.gov/COVID19), or call the DHEC Care Line at **1-855-472-3432**.  
(The phone lines have been overwhelmed, so be patient and call back if you need to).*

### **CONNECTED CONTINUES ON JANUARY 27:**



#### **We meet at 6 p.m. via Zoom**

As always we will offer to dig deeper and do not shy away from the big questions we all have.

"Living the Questions" curriculum is providing the theological grounding, rationale, and vocabulary to help us articulate our deepest questions and might help us to find insight into the challenges we all face in life.

The videos and accompanying discussion questions will serve as an engaging catalyst for conversation among those who are searching for what's next for followers of Jesus.

We hope our Zoom meetings will provide encouragement and inspiration in the midst of this extraordinary time in our lives together.

Here is the Zoom log in:

CLC HHI Zoom Leader is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CONNECTED @ CLC - Spirited Conversations

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

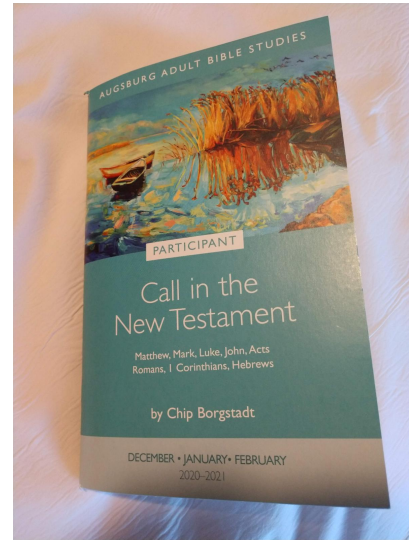
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## Call in the New Testament Bible Study

Our weekly Zoom Bible Study is beginning a new series, "Call in the New Testament". The Old Testament stories of being called by God carry a bit a drama – Moses and the burning bush, the call of young Samuel in Eli's house in the middle of the night and Isaiah's call in the temple that resulted in his saying, "Here I am, send me." But these are not the only ways that God calls people. Jesus taught his disciples that everyone brings something to the table when it comes to bringing God's realm to everyday life. God provides what is needed through ordinary people like you and me. We each have our own unique calls to bring the good news of God's love to our friends, families, and neighbors. As we hear the call of these New Testament people, we gain insight into the call God has for each of us.

We will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 11am. Study Guides are available in the church office. Contact Kathy Mork at [klmork@yahoo.com](mailto:klmork@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.



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## Back Pack Buddies is back at Christ Lutheran.

For the first part of the school year all packing for Back Pack Buddies was being done at Hilton Head Community Church. With the kids back in school 5 days a week, starting in January, we are again packing bags at Christ Lutheran for distribution at Hilton Head Elementary. On January 7, we packed and delivered 180 bags to the school. Because of Covid-19, we are using very few volunteers to be able to socially distance and be safe while we are working. Hopefully in the future we will be able to use more of our loyal volunteers. Thank you all for supporting this program and our important ministry in ensuring that kids have food for the weekend.

Doris Stickel

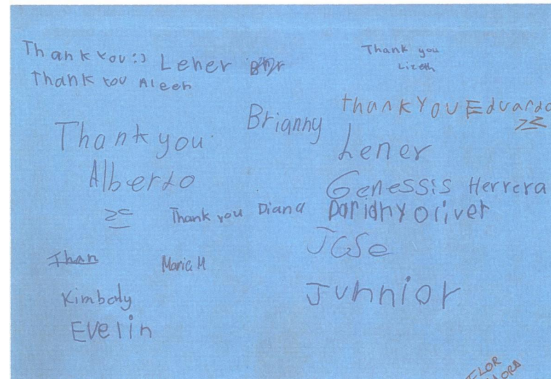


Sarah DeMaria's mother, Leora Horst  
Our nation living with many blessings and much strife  
Connie Simon, Bill Putrino  
All that are ill with COVID-19 and their caregivers.

Tammy Novosad sent us an email to let us know of the passing of her aunt, Phyllis Novosad, Sunday, January 17, 2021. So sorry to hear of her passing. Tammy is hoping to have a memorial in March here in Hilton Head.

If we know of plans we will pass them along. Prayers to her friends and family.

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**THANK YOU CARD RECEIVED**

from the  
Neighborhood Outreach  
Connection kids

**ALSO**

Thank you for your generosity from the  
Lunch Break Sandwich Volunteers and  
Donors



God Bless each and everyone for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran Church!  
Your faithful contributions keep our ministries going strong!

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)

**The giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the Church Office. Please stop by and pick yours up!**

**Fundraiser for the Preschool!**



#### Christ Lutheran Preschool Fundraiser with The Purple Cow

Thank you for your support of Christ Lutheran Preschool! Due to Covid-19, many of our fundraising opportunities have not been possible this school year. Our gracious community partner, The Purple Cow, has created a winter pre-order menu, donating 25% of the profits to Christ Lutheran Preschool! Enjoy delicious winter treats and support your favorite local preschool! Vegan and gluten-free options available for an additional fee. Pick up will be contactless and masks are required.

Place order on or before **Friday, January 29th**.

Order pick-ups at [Christ Lutheran Preschool](#) **Thursday, February 4**  
**4:30 pm - 6:15 pm**  
**Friday, February 5**  
**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

Return your order to CLP with cash or a check made payable to Lisa Bernstein. You may also order directly through Samantha Brown and pay via check (to Lisa Bernstein), cash, and Venmo @lisa-bernstein-6. Only prepaid orders will be accepted.

\*Email Lisa Bernstein with any questions about vegan and gluten-free options:  
[donot4get@mac.com](mailto:donot4get@mac.com)

\*Email or call **Samantha Brown** with any general questions or to place an order:  
[samanthacarnes@gmail.com](mailto:samanthacarnes@gmail.com) / 843-338-1794 (cell)

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH -OR- Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick Date (circle one):      February 4              February 5

A winter fundraiser for the Preschool is underway! **THE PURPLE COW**, a locally owned dessert and coffee shop is partnering with the Preschool with some tasty treats for your family. All items are pre-ordered and picked up at the school. Please use the link below for an order form. Printed copies are also available in the church or preschool office. Thank you for your support!

[Click here to download the order form](#)

..... just a note .....

Dear Friends:

My family and I wish to acknowledge your kind thoughts and prayers. Dick was a man worth knowing. A good husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed our family and we enjoyed him. Thank you for all your good wishes. He is missed by us all.

Sincerely, Edith Marth and Family

### **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**Sunday, January 24--3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

10:00 am Zoom Worship Service with Pastor Palmer

**Tuesday, January 26**

10 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

10 am Council President Transition Meeting, Heinrich's Hall

**Wednesday, January 27**

9:30 am Preschool Chapel, Heinrich's Hall  
3:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Heinrich's Hall  
6:00 pm Connected via Zoom

**Thursday, January 28**

12:00 pm Lunch Break program  
4:30 pm Confirmation Classes, Heinrich's Hall

**If you are needing to come to the Church Office, please call ahead of time (843-785-5560), to make sure someone is here. During this time of transition, it is always good to check before you come!  
Thank You for your understanding.**

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4 pm  
843-785-5560**