



## The Bridge

### March 12, 2021

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Daylight saving time begins this Sunday, March 14, at 2:00 a.m. And yes, this is the one where you lose an hour of sleep. But don't fret!

That means you gain one more precious hour of sunlight at the end of the day!

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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven . . .*

– **Ecclesiastes 3:1**



This week (Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> 2020!) marks one year since the pandemic lock downs, restrictions, and cancellations started to happen all over the world. Remember those insane days? The fear and confusion? The anxiety about the future? All of the unknowns? All the computer programs we had to learn immediately? I had a lot of sleepless nights wondering if it was the end of the world – or at least the end of the church and everything I knew. During those sleepless nights, I wondered what God was up to and where was all of this going.

In the last year, so many people have died and become terribly sick because of COVID. But many of us are living through it, and are surviving, and are even looking toward to the future. Wednesday we continued our Lenten Vespers and our discussion of the pandemic. The question we discussed this time was “How do you see God at work in the pandemic?” Now I do not think that God makes things like pandemics, or wars, or famines, or natural disasters. I do not think that God causes suffering. But I do believe that God is always using these things to change us, to challenge us, and to move us, however incrementally, towards God’s vision for all creation.

Many people mentioned the generosity they have seen from people in our community and around the world was a sign of God’s work. Another mentioned the positive environmental impact was God’s work. Others said that their fear of getting COVID this past year has given us a new sense of compassion for those who always live in fear – because of their skin color, or their economic

situation, or their sexual identity. And others mentioned that they saw God in the need we have to help people in other countries get vaccinated and recover from the pandemic (if the everyone around the world doesn't get vaccinated the pandemic might never end!) All of these examples (and more) are certainly signs of God moving us towards God's vision. We are all part of God's work!

We see God in all things, not just in worship on Sunday, or in our devotional life, but in all times and places. God is at work, Christ is at work, the Holy Spirit is renewing us and moving us all the time. My hope this Lent is that we don't forget these lessons we are learning during this difficult time. That we let the Spirit work in and through us to change the world!

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## **INFORMATION FOR THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP**



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
March 14, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Christ Lutheran Church  
Zoom Worship  
Sunday,  
March 14, 2021**

### **GATHERING**

**Who Am I - Casting Crowns (4:49)**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9hetEFcJGM>

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PM** Lord Jesus Christ, we pray to you  
because you were tempted like us  
and yet did not submit.  
You have promised to come to the help of those who  
are put to the test.  
We confess that we are tempted  
by what divides us from you  
and so we pray...

We call on you to help us  
When we are tempted to exploit our abilities only for personal gain,  
and when we let the gifts meant to illumine the world  
lie dormant and unused.

We call on you to help us  
When we are tempted to doubt your love for us  
when we rely on the words of others  
instead of relying on your word.

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**4th Sunday in Lent**

**10 AM  
Join Zoom Meeting**

**Click below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 9101 0897  
Passcode: loveCLCHHI

You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.

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](#)**

## Communion for Lent

**During Lent**, Pr. June will be at CLC, after worship on **Sundays from 11:30am – 12:30pm** giving out communion to anyone who would like it. **She will be outside under the portico outside the church office.** You can park and walk over, or if you can't, or don't want to get out of your car, just drive up and I will come to you. Also, if you would like to, you can bring your offering in person at that time. Please wear a mask. (Pr. June will have a mask and gloves to keep everyone safe.)

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## Lenten Vespers

**Wednesdays in Lent -- next is March 17th**

Lenten Vespers service with music, prayer, and discussion at 7pm.

Zoom Meeting-Click below to join!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85903610800?pwd=Z0Q5N0d6cGUzbW5XbStUQWdwMDk3dz09>

Meeting ID: 859 0361 0800

Passcode: LENT

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### **COVID Update from Bishop Ginny Aebischer**

Dear South Carolina Leaders,

We recognize that across the South Carolina Synod our congregations have experimented with and participated in a variety of worship gathering practices throughout this pandemic that have been highly contextual. Our main concern and recommendation is that while congregational leaders seek to offer the proclamation of the gospel and the opportunity to worship they also follow best practices for keeping everyone in their communities as safe as possible.



As we come to what we hope will be our homestretch in this pandemic that we pray everyone will remain patient, calm and considerate of one another. We have all come a long way in the last year by simplifying our lifestyles and simply staying home. While the vaccine and the warming weather brings us all hope for gathering in-person once again as soon as possible, we still need to be mindful of the need for truly safe practices. It is important to remember that even if you have been able to get your vaccine, someone in your faith community is still be waiting. Time is still needed for more members of our communities to have access to the vaccines and to let those vaccines take full effect. Please show continued care and respect for all our neighbors and give everyone time to allow this to work.

The DHEC website indicates that we are now in Phase 1b for the vaccine and we understand that this includes front line workers of any age, and further, that pastors, deacons and church staff members are included. Please check the SCDHEC.gov website for more details and information about how to make an appointment for your vaccine.

We continue to recommend that online, or outdoor gathering, physically distanced and with face masks be your first choice for worship options. Indoor gatherings should continue to be limited in numbers with good physical distancing and the use of face masks. Holy Communion may be celebrated following appropriate protocols. Please keep a record of all in attendance at any in-person gathering in the event that contact tracing needs to be done. Indoor worship should not include congregational singing yet. Outdoors, singing may be permitted at significant, safe distance and wearing face masks. We do not recommend hosting any coffee hours or fellowship meals yet. We highly recommend that everyone who can, get a vaccine when it is made available to you. Continuing to follow these safety guidelines now can mean that we are all able to gather more fully in the near future.

We remember those we have lost during this pandemic and to hold in prayer all those sisters and brothers

who grieve. We also give thanks for all the faithful partners in our communities that are bringing us through this pandemic: the healthcare workers, the teachers and school administrators, the farmers, the truck drivers and grocery store workers, the parents, the pastors, deacons, musicians, and all the tech folks who have made our online gatherings possible. God has shown us that we are people who can persevere, who can innovate, who can be creative and amazing neighbors to one another. Let us continue to pray for everyone in our communities and work together to continue lifting one another up as we all look forward to the day when we can all gather together safely and sing from the top of our lungs our praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus, in whose name we gather.

*Bishop Ginny Aebischer*

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## **FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE**

*The Covid-19 vaccine is now available for persons in Phase 1B according to SCDHEC. (ages 55+) . 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. <https://vaccinefinder.org/> is another valuable resource.*

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## **WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PRESCHOOL**

**The deadline to order your Pizza for the  
Preschool Fundraiser is Tuesday, March 16th!**

**[Click here for the order form](#)**

New York City Pizza is doing a “Pizza” fundraiser with us.

Pizzas will be ordered and paid for in advance...  
and the pizzas will be delivered to the school for pick up.  
There are order forms on the counter in the Church Office.

**But be sure to plan on pizza for dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup>!**

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**April 12-18, 2021**  
Harbour Town Golf Links  
Hilton Head Island, SC

71 Lighthouse Road, Suite 4200  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
843.671.2448  
[HeritageClassicFoundation.com](http://HeritageClassicFoundation.com)

Dear Christ Lutheran Church members and friends,

**Birdies for Charity** is back. It's a fun, easy, great way to support our Preschool. Birdies for Charity is like a walk-a-thon, but instead of donating per mile, you make a pledge for every birdie made during the RBC Heritage presented by Boeing. When the golf tournament ends, we receive 100% of your donation, plus a 10% match from the Heritage Classic Foundation. It's a golf tournament where everyone wins!

You can pledge \$.01 - \$1.00 per birdie or make a flat donation of \$25 - \$1,500. For example, if there were 1400 birdies made during the four day tournament:

- 1 cent pledge = \$14.00 total pledge
- 3 cent pledge = \$42.00 total pledge
- 10 cent pledge = \$140.00 total pledge

Your support has made this our most successful fundraiser each year. Your generous contribution will make a big difference. Our two-year old playground is in need of remodeling due to the recent church construction. Picnic table, play structures and landscaping are in our plans. Please visit [HeritageClassicFoundation.com](http://HeritageClassicFoundation.com) between now and April 18 to make your pledge. Designate your donation to Christ Lutheran Preschool.

If you have any questions, need a pledge form, or would like assistance in making your pledge on line please contact Janet Betts at 843-785-6570 and she will be happy to help you.

**Thank you in advance for your generous support!**

Sincerely,  
Nancy Conder

## Support the Preschool with your Birdies for Charity Pledge!

Everyone should have received an email about the Birdies fundraiser. After you click on the link, there will be a red button "**DONATE NOW**". The next step is to click the **REGISTER** button. From there you can enter the needed information. You do not need to "log in".

We are happy to enter your pledge for you . just call or email the school and someone will help you. There is information about the Birdies for Charity on the counter in the Church office. Thank you for your support!

<http://www.heritageclassicfoundation.com/giving-programs>

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## "Call in the New Testament" Bible Study

We meet via Zoom on Wednesdays 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.



Family Promise continues to work with families who are temporarily homeless. Due to COVID

restrictions, families are housed in extended stay hotels. Instead of getting their meals through church stays, families are given Food Lion gift cards to purchase their groceries. Since we don't have Food Lion grocery stores on Hilton Head, you can send a check to Family Promise and they will purchase the gift cards.

The address for Family Promise is: 181 Bluffton Rd., D101, Bluffton SC 29910. Thank you!

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## News about our Little Free Pantry

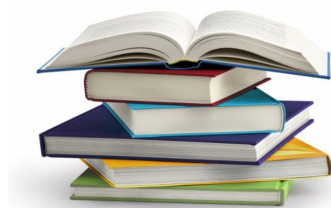
Thank you everyone for your donations to last week's drive by collection for Deep Well, Thursday Lunch Break, the Preschool and the Little Free Pantry. The Service Team appreciates your consideration and donations!

As stated earlier, the LFP was unable to secure additional funding from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry for 2021; all the distributed money from the COVID-19 Relief Fund went to well deserving organizations in Jasper and Hampton countries. Nothing was distributed to Hilton Head Island organizations. In order for us to continue to stock our pantry shelves we are looking into other revenue streams and asking our congregation members to continue to support our outreach to the food insecure adults and children here on the island. Please use the following list of on-going needed items when you go shopping. Throw some of these items in your cart and bring them to the blue wagon in the office. Another way to help is to offer monetary donations to the LFP; the donations go into a specific church account for the LFP. We'll shop for you! And finally for the Thrivent members among the congregation, you can make a simple application for a \$250 gift card from Thrivent and give it to a Service Team member (Leslie Heavener is the chair) so it can be used to buy items for the LFP. Bonnie Sikes has offered her assistance in filling out the application.

## Needed Items for the Little Free Pantry Shelves

Small cartons of shelf stable white milk (sold in 6 packs)  
Bottles of hand sanitizer  
Canned vegetables (any kind with a pull tab)  
Canned fruit (any kind with a pull tab)  
Paper towels  
Feminine supplies (Tampax, pads)  
Breakfast bars  
Travel size personal hygiene items (shampoo, lotion, soap etc.)  
Pasta sauce (cans or plastic jars)  
Chef Boy R Dee meal cans (pull tab)  
Condiment packets (mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise)

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**The Women's Book Club of CLC** meets again on Saturday, March 20 via Zoom. March's selection is **Hidden Valley Road** by Robert Kolker. This book explores the story of an American family with 12 children, six of them diagnosed with schizophrenia, and how the family became one of the first families to be studied by the National Institute of Mental Health. It's a story of suffering, love, and hope. Join us! Contact Chris Wilcox if you have questions or wish to join our group! [christinewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christinewilcox@aol.com) or 843-342-9711.

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

PRAYER  
Requests



**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
*Don't forget to adjust your time for Daylight Savings!*  
*Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night!*

**Sunday, March 14 -- 4th Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Zoom Worship Service with Pastor June

**Monday, March 15**

10:00 am Consolidated Meeting, Henrich's Hall

**Tuesday, March 16**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday, March 17**

9:30 am Preschool Chapel, Heinrich's Hall

11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom

7:00 pm Vespers Service via Zoom

**Thursday, March 18**

12:00 pm Lunch Break program

Confirmation Class, Heinrich's Hall

**Friday, March 19**

10:00 am Renovation Meeting, Heinrich's Hall

Office Closed

**Sunday, March 21 -- 5th Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Zoom Worship Service with Pastor June

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4 pm**

**843-785-5560**