



The Bridge

March 19, 2021



This Holy Week Season has presented us with some challenges. COVID and our sanctuary renovation are making it interesting to say the least. BUT we know that everyone wants to get back to worshipping in person as soon as we can! So our Palm Sunday and Easter worship will be in person, outside. We will keep you posted on the worship plans for after Easter as things develop. But we are all looking forward to worshipping God together this Easter Season!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28

We remember Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem and we read the passion story.

10am – Worship in person, outside (Following COVID guidelines)

Bring a chair and wear a mask!

We will be worshipping in-person for the first time this year. It will be outside in the back parking area next to the Pre-School. There will be handicapped parking near the worship area. Bring your chair and wear a mask! We will be sharing communion (pre-packaged). There will be live music and Palms!

We will also ZOOM the worship for those who can't make it yet.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Jesus last supper with his friends. We will remember how he washed the disciples feet, we will share communion, and strip the altar to prepare for Good Friday.

Noon – 1pm – Pr. June will give out communion outside in the front of the offices under the portico.

7 pm – ZOOM Worship

Good Friday, April 2

Remembering Jesus last day and his crucifixion. We will hear the passion story and pray for forgiveness.

7 pm – ZOOM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 4

We will celebrate Christ's resurrection and his victory over death! Together!

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Changed

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed . . . 1 Corinthians 15:52

This Wednesday in our Vespers service, we asked “how has the pandemic changed you?”



Some people see change as a fault. When someone says “You’ve changed” we can see it as an insult. We respond, “I haven’t changed. I’m just the same as I’ve always been.” It almost seems like a sign of weakness. We don’t want to think that we were ever wrong or at fault or different. But we should take it as a compliment! We should change. I hope I’m not the same as I was at 10 years old, or as 20, or even the same as I was at 40 or even six months ago! We should be happy to have changed and to be changed by the events of our lives and the world around us, and ultimately by God.

God wants us to change. God wants transformation, growth, resurrection, new life. And the strange time we are living through will change us. We might not know all the ways it will change us as a country, as individuals, and as the church, but it will change us. Our hope is that this time will form us into God’s vision for us: Not more anxious, but more hopeful. Not more bitter, but more loving. Not more stingy, but more generous.

This Lent, allow yourself to be changed by God’s word, Christ’s love, and the presence of the Holy Spirit!

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<http://revjunewilkinssermons.blogspot.com/>



Inspiring thoughts by Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director

Spring forward - Into the exciting journey of life

It has been awhile since we reflected together.

Twelve months ago, Covid-19 started to have its grip on us and the worldwide pandemic changed all of our lives. The whole world population was hit by a traumatic event. Imagine that? ALL of us! No

one not affected! So how do we “spring forward” from something so huge like a worldwide pandemic?

It was a year ago when I offered, somewhat naively, to provide inspiring thoughts from the perspective of a spiritual director for the few weeks this will last....maybe 4-6 weeks.

Little did I know....

Now, many, many, many hopefully inspiring articles later, I am still offering my thoughts to provoke contemplation and spiritual growth.

Interestingly, and like so often, providing these writings has done probably a lot more for me than possibly for you. Over the last 12 months I have gotten a lot of wonderful feedback about the writings. I am thrilled that I could help people and give some comfort just by sharing openly my journey and my struggles.

2020 was not just the pandemic year but also the year where I shed the last of my former life. After selling everything else, the last was letting go of my house and moving to a much smaller space.

I gave away or sold most of my stuff and furniture. Ben has moved to college and will have a bed in a guest room/office combination to put his head down when he comes to visit.

I now have a small kitchen, one living/dining room combo, one bedroom, a small bath. Simple, easy, mine, affordable, all I need, not one inch more.

The “good dishes and glasses” are now my everyday and only dishes and glasses. Why save something for the special occasions? Isn’t every day we live special? Worth celebrating?

I feel at peace, free, light, well organized and with time at hand, finally, to pursue my passions.

My biggest one is spiritual direction or spiritual companionship. It gives me great comfort and joy being able to accompany others on their spiritual journey.

I am meeting clients (still mostly virtual), I will attend a huge national conference of “Spiritual Directors International” (also virtual this year), and meet fellow alumni classmates from the seminary regularly for spiritual direction and supervision.

This spring, I feel like I did spring forward into a new life, a new exciting journey.

I feel this not just on a personal level but here at church too.

With most of our membership soon being fully vaccinated, our sanctuary renovation nearing its end (hopefully), our Pastor June hitting the floor running, all ministry teams working full force on projects and future plans, and....the most exciting part....with generating a great interest in others to join us in our ministries and to form an authentic community of believers that will follow Jesus in truly loving and serving our neighbor, we are up for a HUGE leap forward.

CLC is in the process to spring forward into an exciting future, a future filled with people who love to serve, who love to connect to people and to God, who are willing to be challenged by seemingly impossible tasks, who seek spiritual growth and don’t mind the wrestle with the hard questions of life.

Do you truly believe that ALL things are possible in Christ?

If we are in Christ, in the Spirit, if we stay true to what it means to walk in Jesus’ footsteps and to authentically live with the heart of compassion, love, peace and service, NOTHING is impossible!

Faith is the foundation of all we do. Faith is what will take us to the next level.

I am a scientist at heart. I wouldn’t be so convinced if I myself would not have experienced personal proof of this:

Keep your faith in the power of God/the force/the universe no matter what, and then just keep doing, keep loving, keep serving, keep patience, keep understanding, keep trusting and things will work out!

Possibly not the way you imagined them, but who are we to know better than God?

“If you want to hear God laugh, tell him your plans. ”

24 months ago I could not have ever imagined to be where I am right now! If you would've told me I would have either had a nervous breakdown, killed myself, or laughed myself to death. Under no circumstances would I have believed you. It actually would have sounded like the most terrifying horror story you could have chosen for me.....

Fact is, I am probably in the most peaceful, content and self-assured place I have ever been in my life. I am happy. I will keep trusting that my journey will be guided by the Spirit and will lead into unimaginable bliss.

If we as a community of believers keep trusting that God has us, that she will never forsake us, we will be more than fine!

We will soon be in a place we might have never imagined! A place so much better and much more exciting than we ourselves could have ever dreamed up!
We will be a thriving, shining beacon of God's love on Hilton Head Island!

Make sure to join our exciting and uplifting journey of spiritual growth and service to our community! Get involved! Call, email, zoom with us or stop by the office!

And always know:

If you should struggle with spiritual or life's hard questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me or any other spiritual director.

May the force be with you, always!

Silke

INFORMATION FOR THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP



Christ Lutheran Church

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

You Alone Can Rescue- by Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin (4:40)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UracNSSift0>

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.

**Christ Lutheran Church
Zoom Worship
Sunday,
March 21, 2021**

5th 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 to view recordings of each Sunday's worship services.

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

Communion for Lent

Pr. June will be at CLC after worship on **Sunday, March 21 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.)

Lenten Vespers

Wednesdays in Lent -- next is March 24th

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

ATTN: St. James Baptist Church Soup Kitchen helpers! "Happy Birthday" Parade

We are getting together a "parade" of cars on **Saturday, March 27th, at 2:45 pm** beginning at St. James Baptist Church, 209 Dillon Rd. "Miss Maggie" called to invite all of us to participate in the parade. We will be celebrating her older sister, Barbara's Birthday. This lovely little lady would sit in at the Thursday lunches and enjoyed seeing everyone. Balloons and signs are welcome!

What you said...

Recently, March 1-12, a congregation wide telephone survey was conducted. 106 (66% of the congregation) calls were made with 74 successful contacts and 32 missed calls. The goal was to check in to see how each person was doing and get their input on several issues. Here's what you said:

- 49 have joined in the Zoom services and it was well received
- 8 attended other websites
- 65 received and read the Bridge
- 65 will attend outdoor Easter Service
- 16 have attended in-person communion
- 65 would like to be contacted again in the future.

In addition it was asked what was missed most by not having in-person worship with the overwhelming response being "seeing others and worshipping with them, music and singing.

Since everyone is looking forward to our outdoor Easter Sunday Service, would you like to help! We need volunteers to help with greeting, parking, set-up/take down etc. Please call Linda Sheetz at 843-785-5560 to let her know! Thank you to the calling team and everyone who responded. It

***Blood Drive
Hilton Head Community***

**Thursday, April 8th
11am – 5pm
Christ Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall**

Please schedule your appointment online at
www.redcrossblood.org
(Sponsor Code: HHCommunity)

Free COVID19 antibody test.
Please make an appointment as we will be social distancing!

**Schedule a blood donation appt today!
1-800-RED-CROSS or 800-733-2767**

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 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, or call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432. <https://vaccinefinder.org/> is another valuable resource.



 **RBC Heritage**
PRESENTED BY BOEING

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

 **Heritage**
CLASSIC FOUNDATION

71 Lighthouse Road, Suite 4200
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
843.671.2448
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 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!

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

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 (Preschool number is 843-785-6570; email: info@clchhi.com), and someone will help you. You can make your check out to "Heritage Classic Foundation" and mark at the bottom of your check: Birdies for Charity. There is information about the Birdies for Charity on the counter in the Church office. Thank you for your support!

VENT & PRAY YOUTH GATHERING
Sunday, March 14, 2021



"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 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!

Habitat for Humanity House

We are excited to announce Christ Lutheran's involvement with another Habitat for Humanity house that will break ground in late May or June. Our last involvement with a Habitat house was in 2017, so we are excited to be asked to help again! This house will be half funded by Thrivent, (\$40,000), and there are currently 9 or 10 other local churches involved. Christ Lutheran will need to make a financial donation as we are able, as well as workers to build, but we are not committed to a particular amount as we were previously.

What a wonderful way to give back, since we are all aware of the lack of affordable housing on

Hilton Head Island. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

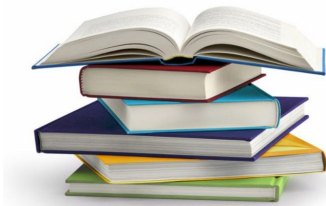
News about our Little Free Pantry

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)



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! christineewilcox@aol.com or 843-342-9711.

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.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, March 21 -- 5th Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Zoom Worship Service with Pastor June

Monday, March 22

2:30 pm Worship & Music Team, Henrich's Hall

Tuesday, March 23

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

Wednesday, March 24

9:30 am Preschool Chapel, Heinrich's Hall

11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom

7:00 pm Vespers Service via Zoom

Thursday, March 25

12:00 pm Lunch Break program

Confirmation Class, Heinrich's Hall

Friday, March 26

Office Closed

Sunday, March 28 -- PALM SUNDAY

10am – Worship in person, outside (Following COVID guidelines)

Bring a chair and wear a mask! (See above for Holy Week schedule)

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4 pm

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