



The Bridge

April 16, 2021

**THE DEADLINE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION TO
BIRDIES FOR CHARITY IS APRIL 18!**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP IS
BY ZOOM
Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter
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.

Pastor June will be giving out communion after every ZOOM worship, from 11am – Noon on Sundays

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Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Psalm 126

Was Jesus funny? I think the image we usually get from movies and plays and stories about Jesus and the disciples was that they were a group of deadly serious people who never cracked a smile.



Throughout Christianity, Christians have been seen as very serious, humorless people too. *The Rule of Benedict*, a very important and influential guide for monks from the 7th – 15th century, seriously discouraged any funny business. It reads, “buffoonery or words which are useless and provoke laughter – these we condemn on all occasions with a perpetual ban,

and the disciple is not permitted to open his mouth for such conversation.” And this opinion seems to have hung on for centuries: The church is no place for humor.

But that just seems terrible, doesn't it? And untrue to boot. I have found the churches I've been a part of to be places of great humor and lots of laughing. I don't think I could have been a part of any institution as long as I have if there wasn't regular laughter.

And, I suspect that there is a lot of humor in the bible and in what Jesus said too, but we just don't get right now. Humor relies on a lot of things like current events, context, imitations, and other subtle things that just don't hold up over time. In bible classes, I always talk about how I like old game shows from the 1970's like *Match Game* or *Hollywood Squares*, but when I watch them there's always a few jokes that get big laughs that I just don't understand. The 1970's were just 40 years ago, and I was alive for the entire decade, and still I don't get all the jokes. How much humor from 2000 years ago do we just miss now? No one knows, but I bet it's a lot!

I think that humor is part of being human. If Jesus shared our humanity with us, I think that humor was a part of his life. I like to think that the disciples and Jesus shared jokes and stories of their lives like we do in our community. I like to think their laughter was part of their bonding as friends and a community.

One of the things I have been very happy about at Christ Lutheran is the humor and laughter that you share together. Of course there are times when we need to be serious, when we are focused, concerned and sad, but I think laughing at the right time is a sign of our health and connection with one another.

I don't think that humor is “useless” as the Rule of Benedict claims. I think that it is a gift from God there to strengthen the bonds of the Spirit we have with one another. I think even God laughs at God's self because God is secure enough to take it!

So make a joke. Laugh with God. Humor is God's gift to God's people and we shouldn't waste it!

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LET'S TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS! YOU are invited and needed!

Yes, let's talk about Christmas 2021 early this year!

Your CLC leadership has decided on a really exciting new project that hopes to involve ALL members, friends and ongoing visitors of CLC to focus our attention on a happy get-together and a mutual event to plan for fellowship and a good cause.

We are asking you get involved in any way, shape or form that excites you and will give you joy.

On December 5, 2021 we will have a congregational **CHRISTKINDL-MARKET**, in the style of the old town, old-fashioned German arts-crafts-markets that are held in many towns in Germany during Advent season. Those are warm, cozy, loving, non-commercial driven, thoughtful events that help to remember the reason for the season!

It will be an opportunity for ALL of us to get together, to celebrate the season, to sell handmade arts and crafts for a good cause, to have fellowship, to eat treats and to drink Gluehwein.

Outside under our beautiful live oaks a tiny 'Christmas village' with tables and booths/stalls will appear. There will be lights, a fire, high top tables in front of the food serving stalls, music and

caroling.

There will be laughter, love, conversations, singing and pulling together for a good cause.

WE NEED YOU ALL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

We hope to have (as a start, more probably to come):

- a stall offering baked goods (gingerbread, Christmas cookies, cinnamon-sugar coated almonds etc)
- a stall that offers Gluehwein and hot chocolate
- a stall offering painted art (like Christmas cards, small wall art etc)
- a stall offering stockings, table runners, aprons, place mats, etc.
- a stall that offers ornaments (Chrismons, shell angles, wood carvings, glass ornaments, etc-all handmade)
- a stall that offers (table) decorations (wood work, lighted displays, table top trees, Advent deco etc.
- a stall that offers window decorations (stars, glass, lights etc)
- a craft table for kids
- a manger scene

I think by now you get the idea!

We would love for YOU to get involved!

If you are crafty with your hands and can offer to create a few pieces to sell, that would be wonderful!

If you are a baker or cook and have ideas on what to create for sale, we would be thrilled!

If you are a grill master and want to offer brats done on our outside grill, YIPPEE!!

If you can sing and want to carol, please get involved and organize a caroling group

If you are good with kids, and want to offer kids crafts and games for our pre-school children, please shout out!

If you are a good wood worker and think you have an idea how to create “temporary stalls”, please let us know!

If you own one of the large square gazebo tents and are willing to lend it to us, let us know.

If you are not crafty but love the idea and want to support us with material, we would be forever grateful!

If you have great organizational talent and like to pull together events, please get involved!

If you are a decorator and can't wait to decorate our village to look as cozy, comfy and Christmassy as possible, please contact us!

Silke & the team (Tami and David Kuhlmann, Susan Fidler, Susie Makalous, Jo Ann Sebulsky, Paulette Stefanik)



SPECIAL EVENT!

**You are invited to attend the installation of Pr. June Wilkins as
Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church**

***next Sunday, April 25, at 4pm. The service will be held outside in the rear
parking lot (please bring your own chair, if possible).
South Carolina Conference Dean, Rev. Eric Little will preside.***

A small reception will immediately follow the service.
Under the portico to Henrich's Hall.

Cards and best wishes are welcome!

CHECK AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THURSDAY, MAY 6th!

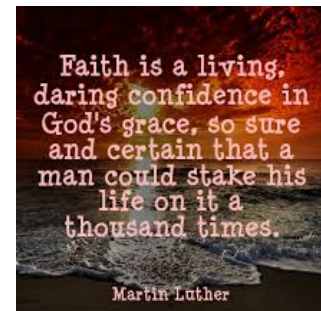
A Food Truck Fundraiser will be held on the property of Christ Lutheran Church, for the benefit of the Preschool. More details to come!

"CONNECTED" ON GRACE ALONE - What does that mean?

**If you have never joined CONNECTED before,
now is the time!**

**For a few weeks we are going back to be basics
of Lutheranism!**

Join us, learn with us, grow with us!



CONNECTED via ZOOM returned last Wednesday!

In our sessions we will tackle the topic of GRACE. Grace is the defining force of all Lutherans.

Grace is amazing because it typically works contrary to reason and against the grain of common sense. Christian ethicist Lewis Smedes says:

“Hard-nosed common sense will tell you that you are too wrong to meet the standards of a holy God; pardoning grace tells you that it’s all right in spite of so much in you that is all wrong. Realistic common sense tells you that you are too weak, too harassed, too human to change for the better; grace gives you power to send you on your way to being a better person. Plain common sense may tell you that you are caught in a rut of fate or futility; grace promises that you can trust God to have a better tomorrow for you than the day you have made for yourself.”

To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing. - Martin Luther

Do we really know what it means for our life to receive God's grace?

If we believe that we are saved by grace and not by works, are we then living and acting as if that is true? Are we able to extend that same grace to all?

Come, join and let's dig deeper into what it means to be saved by grace alone!

ZOOM LOG-IN:

Topic: CONNECTED @ CLC - Spirited Conversations

Time: **Wednesdays at 6pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87636299009?pwd=ZnlDNUN5YzZVOHlydXdrV2Ewa1c5dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 3629 9009

Passcode: CONNECTED

FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE

As of March 31, everyone in South Carolina ages 16 and above are eligible for the Vaccine!
Please make your appointment as soon as you are able.

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.



and for stepping up to the plate again this year!! (She did let us know this would not be a permanent position.)

Men of Christ Lutheran!

Come together at CLC on **Thursdays 8:30am - 10:30am** during the Easter Season (**April 9-May 20th**) for Men's Ministry Clean Up! We will share a short devotion and then work together to clean

up the Preschool area! (The playground and other areas).

For more information, call Ray Makalous at 816-510-3041 or e-mail rmakalous@gmail.com or just come to Christ Lutheran at 8:30am this Thursday!

DEADLINE TO MAKE YOUR DONATION IS APRIL 18!

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!



Christ Lutheran Member, **Sarah DeMaria** was recently recognized in the Hilton Head Monthly in the section, "Leading Ladies of the Low Country" for her work at Hilton Head Prep. (Sarah is on the right). Sarah is the director of admissions and is among the first friendly faces new students encounter as they begin their journey. Sarah says, "I love seeing students shine in an environment in which each can pursue their passion, whether it's in athletics, on the stage in performing arts, and of course, academically."

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will finish our study, "Call in the New Testament" on April 14 at 11am via GoogleMeet.

A new study, "*Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant*", will begin on April 21. This study introduces the ministry of prophets who were summoned to speak the word of God to their own communities of faith in particular times and circumstances. These prophets spoke of events close at hand that they and their audience could anticipate witnessing. Far from limiting their subjects to morality and theology, God instructed these prophets to pronounce the divine intentions about building walls, surrender to an enemy army, the treatment of foreigners, and more. This study intends to challenge attitudes about the relationship of a living faith and today's society. There should be some very lively discussions.

Study Guides are available in the church office. We meet via GoogleMeet which is very similar to Zoom to include participants who may not be physically on Hilton Head on Wednesday mornings at 11am. For more information and to receive the link for logging in to our weekly meetings, contact Kathy Mork at klmork@yahoo.com.

Put your faith into action. Become Our Habitat Faith Builds Coordinator.

Our church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent on a 2021 Faith Builds project to help a local family in need of safe, affordable housing.

We need a volunteer Faith Builds Coordinator to be the lead contact and recruiter as we help raise walls, funds and prayers to make a difference in the life of a local family.

Interested? Please email Leslie Heavener at pjst48e2@gmail.com for more details.



Habitat for Humanity House

Christ Lutheran is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent in a 2021 Faith Build project to help a local Hilton Head Island family in need of safe, affordable housing. We need a volunteer Faith Build co-ordinator to be the lead contact and recruiter as we help raise walls, funds, and prayers to make a difference in the life of a local family. The house will be located on Alex Patterson Drive off of Marshland Road, and will start in June and will take about 6 months to complete.

If you would like more information regarding the duties and responsibilities, please call Rebecca Ruggles, Director of Development and Communications at 843-681-5864, or e-mail her at rebeccaruggles@habitathhi.org.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful community outreach opportunity, please contact Leslie Heavener at pjst48e2@gmail.com, or 706-830-3943.

Service Ministry

A "Go Fund Me" site was established and placed on the CLC Facebook page in the hope of generating some revenue for the Little Free Pantry. Church members who are on Facebook can send out the CLC Facebook page to their FB friends. They may just be interested in this outreach ministry of CLC and want to donate to this GFM site. The more money that is raised means the more food, cleaning and hygiene items that can be purchased and placed in the LFP box out in the church parking lot to help folks on the who need some of these basic items. Help CLC live our mission statement to local island residents and participate, if you can, in the spread of this funding site on Facebook.

Did you know.....

Here at Christ Lutheran Church, we have many ministries you have unselfishly provided financially through this Covid 19 time in our lives. Everyone has their preferred method of giving. We wanted to highlight all the ways of giving.

We have direct mailing to the church, with or without your church supplied envelope. Just simply mail your offering and we will make sure to get it deposited. If we are unsure of your choice of ministries you wish to make this offering, we simply place it in our Advancing our Ministries.

Or you can go online to our web site at CLCHHI.com and click on GIVING at the top of the home

page. This will take you to Tithely, an online giving service. You can do a onetime donation, or you can set up a recurring offer with the frequency and amount decided by you. This will be charged to your credit or debit card. You can also designate how you want your offering to be disbursed to the number of ministries available here at Christ Lutheran Church.

And finally, you may also set up an account with Vanco (which used to be called Simply Giving). You authorize funds to be distributed directly from your bank account, and you can designate what ministry here at Christ Lutheran will receive your offering. To set up automatic giving with Vanco, just call Linda in the church office and she will give you the form and get the information you need.

All of these ways to give to Christ Lutheran are recorded and maintained by the Financial Secretary. Quarterly statements are sent to you to show how your offerings has been received and what ministries you have supported.

During our COVID-19 time, all offerings have been counted and documented on Mondays. Any funds we have received from Monday through Sunday have been designated for that Sunday. For example if your offering is received by Christ Lutheran on Tuesday the 1st, your quarterly statement will show that offering for the following Sunday the 6th on the quarterly statement.

We thank you for all the many ways that you have given to Christ Lutheran Church and Pre-school.

Alex Kasten
Sarah DeMaria's mother, Leora Horst
Connie Simon
Bill Putrino
Nan Stafford



The family of Mary Margaret Geuss. Her husband recently passed away.
He was the best friend of Don Bethman.

John Sichenze, in poor health in Virginia. (a friend of Doug and Ann Hamnes).
All that are ill with COVID-19 and their caregivers.

Pray for Tami & David Kuhlmann as they welcome their new granddaughter into the world! Prayers also for parents Mallory and Chad and brother George.

Jayne and John Woods, the daughter and son-in-law of Lois Gregory.
They both have COVID and John is especially sick in the hospital.

**In the future, any prayer requests for Christ Lutheran members or friends can be shared with Linda in the church office at info@clchhi.com or with Pr. June at pastorjune@clchhi.com. Please include the person's address that you wish us to pray for. If you'd like to call the office, you can do so between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday- Thursday at (843)785-5560.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, April 18

10am – Zoom Worship with Pastor June

Pastor June will be giving out communion after every ZOOM worship,
from 11am – Noon on Sundays

Monday, April 19--

8 am--Funeral Service for the family of Richard Marth, Heinrich's Hall

Tuesday, April 20

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting, via Zoom

Wednesday, April 21

Food Delivery Back Pack Buddies

9:30 am Preschool Chapel

6:30 to 7:30 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Connected via Zoom (see above)

Thursday, April 22

11:30 am Lunch Break Program

Friday, April 23

Church Office Closed

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4 pm

843-785-5560