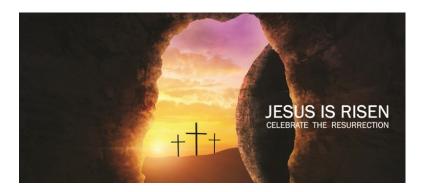


The Bridge April 2, 2021

Included in this edition: Pictures from the Palm Sunday Outdoor Service!



Good Friday, April 2nd

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

7pm – ZOOM Worship

Topic: Good Friday 2021 Time: Mar 29, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84645160421? pwd=UDIBUitjWDA5WWIFUU9UeURQU115Zz09

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Click Here For the Good Friday Bulletin

Easter Sunday, April 4th

We will celebrate Christ's resurrection and his victory over death! Together! **10am - Worship In Person, outside** Bring a chair and wear a mask! **Chairs will be available.** We will also ZOOM the worship for those who can't make it yet.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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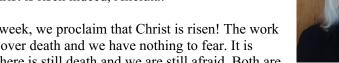
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Already and Not Yet

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!



As we celebrate Easter this week, we proclaim that Christ is risen! The work is done, Christ is victorious over death and we have nothing to fear. It is true. But it is also true that there is still death and we are still afraid. Both are

true. We are in what they call a liminal space. That is a space between what was and what is to come, but is not yet here. The way it is most frequently talked about in theological conversation is "already and not yet". It is difficult to figure out how to live in this space. Do we always celebrate and not admit any grief and sadness (some Christians do just this) or do we always mourn the reality of our world and never have any hope (some people do this too.) As Christians, we actually need to live in both places: with the knowledge of both the cross and the resurrection.

We are living in this "already and not yet" liminal space in our pandemic journey right now. Many of us are vaccinated and numbers appear to be going down in many places, but we are not fully in the clear yet. People are ready for it to be over and are throwing caution to the wind, but there is still the very real potential for more illness and more death. It is difficult to figure out how to live in this space!

But as Christians, we have had lots of practice living in that already and not yet liminal space. We know that we have been freed by Christ, but we have not yet experienced it fully. We are pros at doing both: celebrating God's victory and doing the hard work that still needs to be done! Let us not lose hope in this time, for we know that Christ has risen!

Rev. June Wilkins

Pastor's email: pastorjune@clchhi.com Church Office: 843-785-5560

Pastor June's Blog: http://revjunewilkinssermons.blogspot.com/

Worship Plans

Many people have asked if we will be having worship in person outside every week after Easter Sunday. We had such a great time in our outdoor worship and we want to be together again, I know. But the answer to that is complicated. There are some challenges to doing it every week. Of course there is the weather issue the possibility of rain and heat, but mostly the challenges are in the people-power department.

Doing worship outside takes quite a bit of prep work and in the coming weeks some of our main coordinators will be going away. The set-up requires microphones for the sound and technology for the ZOOM

feed for those who can't be here. Not everyone is able to do that. Another hurdle is the music. All our music is being done on a volunteer basis right now and our musicians are not able to be here every week. We're working hard to get our music program in order and get music staff, but we want to do it right and that takes time.

The sanctuary is coming along well and we're looking at a May completion. Once that happens, and assuming the COVID numbers stay low, we'll be having inperson worship weekly. Until then, we will be doing some outdoor worship service (dates to be announced) and some Sundays we'll be back on ZOOM. We'll keep you posted on what we're doing when!

We are in that in-between state right now on so many things. COVID, renovations, staffing. All of us are so ready to be back in person every week and NOT worshipping virtually, but we need to be patient for a little while longer. Thanks for all your understanding!





Blood Drive Hilton Head Community

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

Please schedule your appointment online at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> (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

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 <u>www.hiltonheadregional.com</u> and click on the Drive-Thru Testing & Vaccination Information link at <u>https://www.hiltonheadregional.com/our-response-tocovid-19/contact-us</u> to complete the form needed.

More details at <u>scdhec.gov/COVID19</u>, or call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432. <u>https://vaccinefinder.org/</u> is another valuable resource.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4/1 Elizabeth Murray
- 4/2 Pastor Mary Anderson
- 4/3 Janet Garnjost
- 4/6 Ron Schrotberger
- 4/8 Linda Kondor
- 4/9 Deirdre Johns
- 4/10 Chris Madison
- 4/13 Jennifer Bayer

4/15 Edie Marth
4/18 Joyce Keller
4/19 Ed Davis, Christoph Ganner
4/20 Ben Eddy
4/23 Cherie Taylor
4/30 Carol Benton

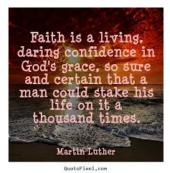
ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 Gary & Kathy Reynolds (48 yrs) 4/17 Joseph & Connie Simon (50 yrs) 4/19 Doug & Ann Hamnes (35 yrs) 4/23 Gary & Laurie Fons (44 yrs) 4/28 Alan & Deanna Coyne (48 yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at **info@clchhi.com** with any corrections.

" 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!





On Wednesday, April 14 CONNECTED via ZOOM returns. 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."

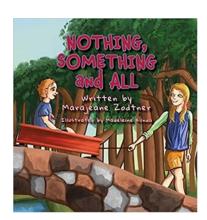
<u>To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by</u> <u>grace alone is the hardest thing.</u> - <u>Martin Luther</u>

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!

Nothing, Something, and All

Christ Lutheran's own Marajeane Zodtner has written a children's book! Nothing, Something, and All will be released on April 7th and is available on Amazon. You can pre-order it on Amazon and have Marajeane sign it when you see her! We are blessed to have an author in our midst!



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https://www.amazon.com/NOTHING-SOMETHING-ALL-Marajeane-Zodtner









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



843.671.2448 HeritageClassicFoundation.c 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 birdle 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!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will not be meeting on April 7, and 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.



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. For more information contact: Rebecca Ruggles, Director of Development and Communications, 843-681-5864, or rebeccaruggles@habitathhi.org.

Service Ministry update---

Last week, 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.

SERVICE MINISTRY NEXT DONATION COLLECTION

April's donation collection falls on Easter Sunday, April 4th. When you come to worship at 10am on the church driveway, please bring your donations to our ministries with you. A collection spot will be set up close to the office portico, before you arrive to the church service set up area. Every donation is so very appreciated! The needs are as follows:

1. Preschool:

disposable cereal bowls containers of disinfectant wipes (Clorox etc.)

2. Thursday Lunch Break:

bottled water granola bars small bags of potato chips

3. Little Free Pantry: (anything is appreciated but these items are especially needed)

paper towels cans of tuna, chicken etc. toilet paper spaghetti pasta pasta sauce packaged snacks (cheese crackers, trail mix, pudding cups) canned fruit small cereal boxes

4. The Deep Well Project:

boxed macaroni and cheese full sized shampoo deodorant

PICTURES FROM THE PALM SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE!

Handbells Prelude: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine"



Some of the crowd!



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.

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**. If you'd like to call the office, you can do so 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday- Thursday at (843)785-5560.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Good Friday, April 2 Office Closed 7 pm – ZOOM Worship Sunday, April 4 -- EASTER SUNDAY 10am – Worship in person, outside (Following COVID guidelines) Bring your chair and wear a mask! Some chairs will be provided.

Monday, April 5--Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 7 9:30 am Preschool Chapel

Thursday, April 8 11:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

> Friday, April 9 Church Office Closed Pre School Closed

Saturday, April 10 9:30 to 12 Noon Worship Committee Meeting, Heinrich's Hall

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4 pm 843-785-5560