



The Bridge

April 9, 2021

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



New Beginnings

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 1 Corinthians 5:17



Easter is a time of resurrection, forgiveness of the past, and new beginnings. Easter is also a time in churches when many new things happen: new meetings, new discussions, new plans, and new beginnings. Maybe it's because pastors put off so much stuff until after Holy Week, or maybe it's more than that. Maybe the Easter Season is really a time for new life!

My favorite time of the year is spring. All the plants are blooming and the grass is getting green again. It is a time of anticipation for the summer and a time to prepare and plant. When I had a garden, it was always exciting to see if my plants from last year would come back and what new things I could grow (I was mostly not very successful in that endeavor, but that is another story for another time.)

This Easter season at Christ Lutheran there are many things being planted and some are already sprouting. We are making new plans and having discussions. Soon we should be able to see the sprouts of things that are being planted, if we're diligent, we might soon see some things blooming.

We have all had a hard year. Let's celebrate this Easter Season and enjoy all our new beginnings!

Rev. June Wilkins

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Inspiring thoughts by Silke Pyrlík, Spiritual Director

On My Mind - Suicide

Your first impression might be that this title is not very inspiring but you see....it got your attention!

This topic has been on my mind and heart for the last 4 weeks.

Here is why:

Just this week I completed a training with the SC Department of Mental Health.

The Zero Suicide Initiative SAMHSA Grant awarded to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health sponsored the Living Works Faith Training Program for faith institutions in SC. The goal is for this grant to bring a Zero Suicide framework to all formal and informal systems reaching South Carolinians across the state thereby reducing suicide deaths.

This training came free for us at CLC but of course I had to **make a time and spiritual commitment.** I participated wholeheartedly in all the modules for this program for the training to be effective and to be of real help to the community I serve.

I learned about Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention in a total of 30h of training.

From the training:

“There will be times in some people’s lives when they have suicide thoughts. The pastoral goal is not to ignore, banish, or suppress suicide thoughts, but to hear them and acknowledge the suffering behind them. Signs of suicide thoughts are invitations for help, not judgement.

Most people considering suicide would rather live if they could find some way through the problems in life or mental health concerns that currently seem insurmountable.

There is a call for faith communities to initiate “necessary conversations”, that reduce stigma, seek out and respond to those who are hurting, and track with them even during times of pain, confusion, and suffering.

Are our attitudes and responses offering hope that there is a way through and beyond the current despair?

Are we willing to meet people where they are, incarnate the love of God, and journey with them on a life-assisting pathway?

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the Crown of glory that will never fade away.”

- 1 Peter 5:2-4

It is from this willing role as a shepherd of our flock, we can set a new example by responding to issues of suicide in a way that upholds compassion, rather than condemnation, as the pathway forward in our community and congregation.”

And that is what I am prepared to do: to initiate necessary conversations and to meet people where they are, in a life-affirming, loving, non-judgmental way, assisting them to find the help they need!

If you have been affected by suicide or have suicide thoughts yourself, please reach out to me, either way!

I would like to initiate a conversation on how to build a team of compassionate responders who are available if needed.

May the peace be with you, always!

Silke



Christ Lutheran Church

April 11th
Second Sunday of Easter

Christ Lutheran Church Zoom Worship Sunday, April 11, 2021

GATHERING

Christ is Risen from the Dead- Matt Maher (3:44) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahaf0XfolwU>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GREETING

PM The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.
By the grace of Christ among us,
enable us to show the power of the resurrection
in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

2nd Sunday of Easter 10 AM-- Join Zoom Meeting

Click below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691010897?
pwd=TXhoZTgrWVlGaFFteXMrOEtPSkNmdz09](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.

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

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

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.

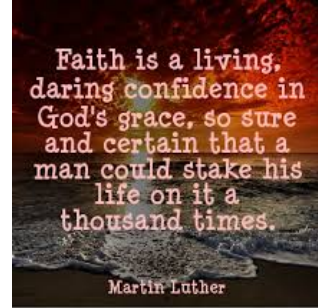
The sanctuary is coming along well and we're looking at a May completion. Once that happens, and assuming the COVID numbers stay low, we'll be having in-person worship weekly. Until then, we will be doing some outdoor worship service (dates to be announced) and some Sundays we'll be back on ZOOM. We'll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

**" 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.”

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Installation of Pr. June Wilkins as the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.
Sunday, April 25, at 4pm. Outside (weather permitting)
South Carolina Conference Dean, Rev. Eric Little will preside.

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

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!

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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



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



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HeritageClassicFoundation.com

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 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@habitathi.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

Service Ministry Team meeting on Tuesday, April 13
The meeting will be at noon in Heinrich's Hall.

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.

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 Hammes).
All that are ill with COVID-19 and their caregivers.

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

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 11

10am – Zoom Worship with Pastor June

Monday, April 12--

Pre-School closed all week

10:30 am Exec. Team Meeting, Heinrich's Hall

Tuesday, April 13

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Service Ministry Team meeting, Heinrich's Hall

Wednesday, April 14

6:30 to 7:30 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm Connected via Zoom (see above)

Friday, April 16

Church Office Closed

Pre School Closed

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4 pm

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