



The Bridge

April 30, 2021

*Look below for pictures from Pastor June's installation last Sunday!
Also, renovation pictures!*

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

The service will be held outside in the rear parking lot

IT WILL ALSO BE ON ZOOM

10 AM

***BRING A CHAIR AND WEAR A MASK!
EXTRA CHAIRS WILL BE AVAILABLE***

WE WILL HAVE COMMUNION

Zoom Link is below:

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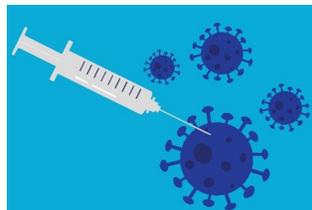
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You will need the password to access every Zoom meeting.

Go to our website: www.clchhi.org to view recordings of each Sunday's worship services.

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

VACCINE CLINIC



An exciting thing is happening at Christ Lutheran Church!

We have been chosen to be a site for a vaccine clinic. Because of our existing engagement with our community, we were selected to be a site for vaccines. The clinic will be on Thursday, May 13th from 10am- 2pm. (And then again, 28 days later for the second shot.) These will be given by appointment or walk-in. These local sites are geared specifically towards those people who don't have an internet connection, may not be able to travel a distance, or may not be able to take off work to get the vaccine. They are working to get these local vaccine clinics where people are comfortable going already, like local churches, schools, and other local places.

The vaccine clinic will be run by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). It is on Thursday, May 13th from 10am – 2pm. It will purposely run at the same time as our Thursday Lunch time in order to reach out to those people who usually come to Christ Lutheran then.

We are putting flyers into our Thursday lunch bags, putting them in our little pantry, and giving them to other groups who may benefit. If you have someone you know who you feel might not otherwise get a vaccine, tell them about the clinic at Christ Lutheran. We will have flyers printed (in Spanish and English) that you can pick up at the church and give out too.

DHEC has all of the official roles covered, but if you would like to be at Christ Lutheran to be a welcome and help for them on May 13th, please let me or Linda in the front office know. We need some help handing out fliers to various places around in our community like the apartment complex next door and the hotels across the street where people live. If you would like to help with that, or if you have any ideas where they need to go, let me know!

I am happy that we get to further serve our community in this way!

Rev. June Wilkins

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



Inspiring thoughts by Silke Pyrlik, Spiritual Director

Meeting your True Self

Last week I attended the SDI Renaissance Conference, hosted by Spiritual Directors International, an inclusive, global learning community that advocates for and celebrates the service of spiritual direction, spiritual companionship, and spiritual guidance.

All members share universal human values of love, compassion and respect.

The conference addressed contemplative & practical wisdom with an incredible array of speakers and teachers. Key Presenters included Sister Joan Chittister, Roshi Joan Halifax, Dr. Barbara Holmes, Pat McCabe (Weyakpa Najin Win, Woman Stands Shining), Richard Rohr, Mirabai Starr and Adam Bucko.

The plenary sessions and workshops introduced new perspectives of understanding, all with a special focus on practical wisdom that can be readily applied by spiritual companions or spiritual directors.

This Online-Event was filled with contemplative practices, workshops on various topics, and opportunities to connect with other participants. It also offered research based new studies on spirituality in America by the Fetzer Institute.

It was a wonderful tool for me to keep exploring and developing my calling as spiritual director. (Participants earned 51 hours of continuing education).

One thousand five hundred participants celebrated humanity without reservation in all its colors and forms after a truly difficult year. It gave us a chance to awaken to the connectedness of all beings, to embrace truth as a gateway to love – and to share the experience with other deep listeners.

Here the workshops I took:

- Spiritual Guidance in a Post-Religious World: Lessons from the Frontlines of Working with the Dones, Nones, and those Hurt by Religion (supported by the results of the newest study on spirituality in America by the Fetzer Institute)
- Dreams - A Portal to the Divine
- Working with our Blindspots - The Enneagram
- Your Sorrow Unmasked: Journeying through Grief
- Going Out to Go In: Spiritual Companionship in Wild and Natural Spaces
- Innovations for Expanding Spiritual Companionship/Direction
- Forgiveness and the Process of Dying
- Mindsight: How Interpersonal Neurobiology Can Change the Brain, Help Resolve Trauma and Improve Relationships
- Spiritually Connected: Taking Tech from 2020 to 2022

The conference, even though online mostly via Zoom (plenary sessions, workshops, breakout rooms, coffee meetings, yoga, mediation, centering prayer....all virtual but it felt connected) left me deeply moved.

Spending a week with people who are spiritually highly developed, extremely self reflected, have made it their life goal to tame ego in the most effective way and getting to the essence of their divine being is truly uplifting.

It confirmed my desire wanting to be a spiritual companion/director to those who need support with the deep questions of life; where is God in my life? What is my purpose? Where am I called? Do I need religion/spirituality? How can I get to know my true self? If I am not my ego, who am I?

I will also keep supporting those suffering from loss and grief and honing my skills with the Enneagram.

If you have not ever considered or not started the (somewhat difficult) journey to get to know your true self, your device essence, and to learn to understand that you have an ego (that often is in your way) but that you are not your ego, I strongly recommend to reflect on taking that (lifelong) journey!

It is the most exciting journey you will ever take in your life: the journey within!

Like always, feel free to contact me with questions!

May the force be with you, always!

Silke

***A fun evening for Preschool families and
CLC church members
is planned for Thursday, May 6th.***

A food truck...”**Chef B’s Eatz**” will be in our church parking lot from 5:00 – 7:00 pm for us to enjoy a meal together outside on the picnic tables....or take dinner home with you. There will be many different food items to choose from...



including shrimp baskets, hamburgers, wings, hibachi bowls and lots more! All very reasonably priced!
The Preschool will receive 20% of the proceeds of the evening.
Hope to see everyone there!!

BIRTHDAYS

***PASTOR JUNE'S BIRTHDAY IS MAY 1st!
JOIN US IN WISHING HER THE
BEST DAY EVER!***



May 2 Beth Ann Julseth, Amber Olesh
May 10 Barbara Johnson, Loretta Warden
May 13 Alex Kasten, Sherry White
May 15 Ben Pyrlik
May 17 Susie Arnold, Elsa Felten
May 23 Ken Fetter
May 24 Patty Gosdin
May 25 Janet Lynn
May 29 Danny Wheeler
May 31 Phyllis Dickes

ANNIVERSARIES

May 27 Ted & Irmgard Drilling (60 yrs)

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



HONORING OUR GRADUATE

Bailey Sullivan

Bailey Sullivan is the eldest daughter of Janet and Anderson Sullivan and big sister to Jackie, Elise and Olivia. This year is a turning point for Bailey and her family as she will graduate from Hilton Head Preparatory High School on May 22, 2021 and she and her family will be relocating to Alabama. Bailey has been accepted into the University of Maryland where she plans to study Economics among other subjects.

After graduation, Bailey is looking forward to meeting all the other incoming freshman at UMD and enjoying time at the beach with friends for one last summer. Bailey is excited to move to Alabama and explore a new area! The University of Maryland was her first choice because of the location near Washington D.C. Her ambitions include a job in the international realm and living near the capital will allow her to be able to procure employment and internships within the government. Additionally, UMD has offered her an opportunity to be a part of a research group for first year students. Congratulations, Bailey!

Looking to the future, Bailey hopes to obtain a bachelors and master's degree, widening her horizons with as many subjects as possible. Although she knows that travel is a part of her future, Bailey looks forward to her time at UMD with confidence that she can narrow down her career choices there.

The COVID shutdown provided all of us with challenges, especially our youth. When asked about what she learned from the COVID shutdown and restrictions, Bailey replied:

“From the COVID shutdown and restrictions I have learned many things. I have learned better time management, how to work in a stressful, loud environment, how to adapt to new social norms such as not hugging and so on. I also learned that you never know what is going on in some

else's life and that you should never judge them."

Christ Lutheran has been Bailey's church home for many years. When asked what impact Christ Lutheran and your Christian beliefs have had in her life, Bailey replied:

"My Christian values and beliefs have allowed me to live my life with an open-wide-minded point of view. The Bible states that we should never judge others and always be kind and lend a helping hand to others. I try to live life to the fullest and take advantage of every opportunity that this life has given me because it is a gift from God! I strive to live my life in His thoughts and image!"

We are all so very proud of Bailey and wish her the very best in her future! How very fortunate we were to see her grow into a beautiful (inside and out) young woman!



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! IF YOU WISH TO HELP US CONTACT:

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

Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 15, 1:30pm, at Joyce Prange's home in HHP. This is our FIRST in-person gathering in over a year and we are excited! We hope to include our out of town members via Zoom at the same time. Please let me know if you can attend in person or via Zoom so we can accommodate everyone. Also indicate if you will need a gate pass to get into Hilton Head Plantation.

We will discuss a current best seller **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett.

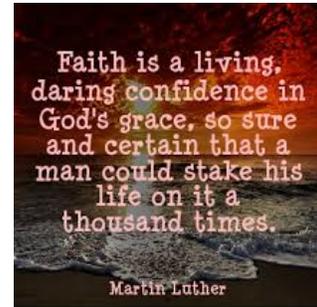
Please contact Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711 or email her at christineewilcox@aol.com.

"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

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

Our church
renovation has

been bustling with



activity. Sanctuary painting is almost completed, our outdoor entry way is being readied, cabinets are being installed in the Narthex. Flooring will begin to be installed next week. We do not yet have a confirmed final date of completion but we are getting close. When we have a more definitive date we will let you know, but work is happening as fast as is prudent at this time. Thank you for your patience, it won't be long!

New painting looking toward the choir area.



New cabinets being installed in the Narthex.



New front entryway now painted to match our exterior.



Church Council continues to be busy with the areas concerning the renovation project and our excitement in anticipation of moving back into the Sanctuary. All things are closer to the completion. What a difference the painting of the new portico makes on the outside and if you have a change to look inside, the painting of the walls is tremendous!!! We so appreciate all of the work that Doug Felton has put into the project. He will be going back to Chicago mid-May and Laurie Fons and Joe Etter will take over as team leaders. A HUGE THANK YOU to Doug for all of his time and effort!! Outside in-person services have been a success and we will again have outside service on May 2. The 2021 SC Synod Assembly will be held online on June 26 and Carol Benton and myself will attend. The Assembly will address the business of the Synod and we will report back to the Council and congregation. We are also planning for the COVID vaccine clinic that will be held in Heinrichs Halls on May 13 from 10-2. We ask that church members participate by spreading the information about the clinic so that we can reach members of the community. The upcoming months will be an exciting time for all.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our study, "Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant", continues on May 5 at 11am. 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.

This week's topic is Joshua and how God directed the capture of the city of Jericho. We won't be reenacting the fall of the wall of Jericho like I did with a fourth grade Sunday School class a number of years ago, but will focus on how God can remove walls when His people worship and work together.

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. We are a welcoming group that enjoys our time together learning from God's Word and each other. For more information and to receive the link for logging in to our weekly meetings, contact Kathy Mork at klmork@yahoo.com.

Some pictures of last Sunday's installation Service are below:



Elsa Felten, Doug Felten, Phyllis Rowe



Pastor June, Wayne Sebulsky, Gary and Leslie Heavener



Lynn Baglyos, Paulette Stefanik, Elsa Felten



Ray and Doris Stickel



Pastor June and Silke Pyrlik



Fran and Robin Baseslice



Service Ministry Team News**

We have been asked to expand our cookie ministry to help feed the housekeepers at the Sea Pines Resort on Thursdays, starting April 29. St. Andrew by the Sea Methodist Church is providing sandwiches, chips, water, and snack items. CLC bakers would provide cookies/brownies/cupcakes etc. to add to the lunches. We need more bakers to join the other CLC and community bakers who provide the baked goods for our weekly Thursday Lunch Break program. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact **Chris Wilcox at 843-384-1667 or christineewilcox@aol.com** to be added to the baker list. Consider it a one time monthly commitment. Thank you for your consideration.

The next collection for the Thursday Lunch Break, Little Free Pantry, Deep Well and the Preschool will be Sunday, May 2. It's a perfect occasion to attend church, visit with church members you haven't seen in months and contribute to our local outreach ministries. A win-win!!! Please note the following suggestions for each group:

****Thursday Lunch Break:** We desperately need small bags of chips (Sam's usually has them in boxes), small bottles of water (cases), granola bars

Little Free Pantry: paper towels, canned tuna, canned chicken, individual cereal containers, small containers of milk, bars of soap, cans of Chef Boy R Dee, stew etc., canned fruit and vegetables

Preschool: Tall kitchen trash bags, scotch tape, AA Batteries

Deep Well: Band-Aids, sunscreen, deodorant, bottles of juice, cans of fruit

Habitat for Humanity Project

We at Christ Lutheran are excited to be part of a faith build Habitat for Humanity project in 2021, with half of the funds being donated by Thrivent.

We are looking to form a team to take on the responsibilities, only for Christ Lutheran, of fundraising, recruiting workers, and general cheerleading. The work times will be done by individuals going to the Habitat website and choosing the day and time it suits their schedule. Most of the work will be done Monday-Friday, but they will also do construction two Saturdays a month. Right now they are looking at a June start date, and expect the project should take 4 months. Youth over 16 are welcome with some restrictions, no power tools or high ladders. Please consider being on this team to make a difference in the lives of a local family by giving them safe, affordable housing. If you are interested please contact Leslie Heavener at pjst48e2@gmail.com, or 706-830-3943.

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.

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

New as of today: April 29, 2021

*Pray for Tom and Sandy Martin. Sandy is seriously ill.
Steven Szymanski, Robin Baseslice's brother, testing for ALS.
David Gendlsen, cancerous brain tumor, friend of Robin and Fran Baseslice,
Dana Dapolito, relative of Robin and Fran Baseslice, reoccurring cancer.*

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, May 2

10am – Worship with Pastor June
outside in the back parking lot, bring a chair and your mask!
It will also be on Zoom (see information above)

Tuesday, May 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 5

9:30 am Preschool Chapel
4:30 pm Handbell practice
6:30 to 7:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Connected via Zoom (see above)

Thursday, May 6

11:30 am Lunch Break Program
5:00 to 7:00 pm Food Truck Fundraiser for Preschool

Friday, May 7

Church Office Closed

Linda Sheetz in the Church Office will be on vacation from
Monday, May 10 through Thursday, May 13.

Contact Pastor June or Silke Pyrlík if you need something
during this time. Thank You!

Church Office Hours:

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