



## The Bridge

May 21, 2021

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

WILL BE ON ZOOM at 10 AM

**Zoom Link is 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](http://www.clchhi.org) to view recordings of each Sunday's worship services.

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

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

Pr. June will be handing out communion after the ZOOM from 11am–noon in front of the church offices.

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**Confirmation**  
will be next Sunday,  
May 30, 2021 at 10:00 am

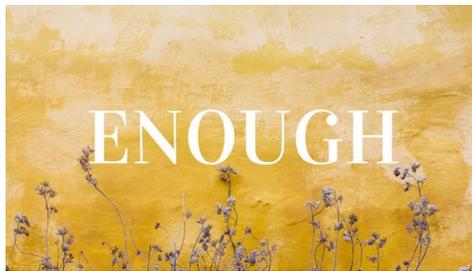
in person in the back Parking Lot  
we will have Communion

We will be confirming five of our young people!

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## More

*And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **Matthew 6:27***



“We don’t have enough. We need more.” That seems to be the constant cry of the church especially now a days.

We need more: More people, more money, more engaged members, more leaders, more staff, more grants, more young people, more children, more organization, more faith, more tithers, more . . . Just more. We end up always hoping we have more. And if we don’t get it, we fear we will die.

I have heard this at every church I have been a part of. I have said it myself sometimes. I have heard this here in the short time I’ve been at Christ Lutheran. It’s really common. I mostly hear the “mores” in terms of people and money (“butts and bucks” as it is sometimes crassly put.) I understand where it comes from. We see what all needs to be done in our churches we want to do more. We can visualize where and what we want to be. But there are only so many of us (and often less than there were before) and we feel the strain. So we wish and we hope for “more”. And then we get anxious and fearful thinking that if we don’t have more, we will fail.

But that anxiety stifles creativity. It causes conflict. It makes us turn in on ourselves instead of being open. It stops people from taking risks and stops us from being inventive. And all of these things can often turn new people away. I have seen this happen in many churches that I have helped through the Synod Conflict Resource Team I was working with in Ohio. A church would grow more and more anxious about members and money and their anxiety caused them to lose more and more members and money, which made them more even more anxious – it was a self-fulfilling prophecy. And it isn’t what God wants us to strive for.

But what if we think of things in a different way? What if we already have enough? What if we have exactly what God wants us to have right now? What if we have everything in our grasp currently to do what God wants us to do, and we’re missing it because we’re always looking for “more”? What if we could relax and appreciate all the gifts we do have here at Christ Lutheran and be thankful for them, and figure out how to use what we have instead of wanting more all the time?

Whenever I get anxious and start playing the “more” game in my head, I try to stop myself. I try to look at all the wonderful resources, and staff, and enthusiasm, and active caring people we do have. I try to be grateful. It is tough to be grateful and anxious at the same time.

“Strive first for the Kingdom of God” says Jesus in Matthew 6. We are part of a consumer society whose mantra is constantly “more”. As Christians, we need to step away from the consumer tendency and strive first for God’s Kingdom with us, and believe in God’s abundance. The question should not be “How can we get more?” but “How can we do our best with what God has given us?”

I have no doubt that we will grow, we will change, we will be better than we are now. But we won’t get there through worry and anxiety about the future. We will get there through enjoying the abundance that we have already been given and giving thanks for what is in front of us.

We have enough. We are enough.

**Rev. June Wilkins**

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**HONORING OUR CONFIRMANDS**

**Gunnar Turnstrom**

Gunnar Turnstrom is one of two Gunnars in the Confirmation Class! A 16 year old sophomore in High School, Gunnar likes living in Hilton Head because it offers the mix of a small town feel with the beauty of nature. In addition to his studies, Gunnar is a well-rounded young man. He enjoys music, playing the guitar and drums. Currently, Gunnar is attempting to teach himself the piano. Playing chess is another interest that Gunnar enjoys. In the summer, his family enjoys diving. This must be a true passion, because he is a certified PADI diver! You are awesome, Gunnar!

The small but mighty youth group is also one of Gunnar's outside of school activities. His sense of humor is also sharp, as he states, "Having a small youth group is handy when it comes to remembering everyone's name!" His spiritual journey with confirmation has been a long time coming. Gunnar completed his first year of studies at another church and completed the second year here at Christ Lutheran.

Looking to his future relationship with God, Gunnar stated that, "Now the hard work of practicing those well taught beliefs through my thoughts, words and deeds begins."

Welcome, Gunnar, to the CLC family of faith!



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## Women's Book Club

The CLC Women's Book Group meets again on Saturday, June 19th at 1:30pm to discuss **This Tender Land** by William Kent Kruger. Mr. Kruger also wrote **Ordinary Grace**, which this group read and discussed a year or so ago. We should enjoy this book as well. We will meet in person at Joyce Prange's home in Hilton Head Plantation and will also Zoom so that our out of town members can join us.

We welcome old and new readers to our monthly groups of lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. If you liked **Where the Crawdads Sing**, you just might enjoy **This Tender Land**. Please come and join us.

Please contact Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711 or email her at [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com).

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## FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE

As of May 17, everyone in South Carolina ages 12 and above are eligible for the Vaccine! The church encourages all members eligible to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

*To schedule an appointment, visit [www.hiltonheadregional.com](http://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](http://scdhec.gov/COVID19), or call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432. <https://vaccinefinder.org/> is another valuable resource.*

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## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Elijah is called the "troubler of Israel". Jesus was also a troubler of Israel. Are we the church called to be "troublers" in our time as well? How comfortable are you with the conflict that being a "troubler" may cause?

Our study, "Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant", will be discussing Lesson 5, "The Suffering Servant Brings Salvation" on May 26 at 11am. 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](mailto:klmork@yahoo.com).

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## Preschool News!

It is hard to believe our school year will end next week! How very blessed we have been to have had such an amazing healthy year for our staff and students. Our end of the year celebration and graduation will be held outside on **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**. Eleven of our 26 students will be heading to Kindergarten next year. Almost all of our 3 year olds will be returning next year, and we have already registered many new children. Our two year old room will be back with a much improved playground.

Many thanks to all CLC members for your commitment, prayers, and involvement in our Preschool. It is truly a partnership that we value.

See you in September! Nancy Conder

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## Service Ministry Team News\*\*

The next collection will be **Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10am**. If that time doesn't work for you, please bring your donations to the church office anytime the office is open. Please, leave them in the blue wagon in the entry area. The preschool is taking a summer hiatus; there will be a collection for the preschool probably on Sunday, September 5.

**Here is your "list":**

**Thursday Lunch Break:** regular size bottles of water  
packages of individual bags of chips

**Little Free Pantry:** paper towels  
bars of soap  
cans of fruit, vegetables, tuna, chicken  
small boxes of cereal  
small containers of self-ready milk

**Deep Well Project:** jelly  
peanut butter  
taco shells  
salsa

**Cookie Ministry:**

The cookie ministry that serves the Thursday Lunch Break and the Sea Pines Housekeepers is now needing **new bakers** for another group of island workers from the Island Car Wash--South End. All these guests receive a full lunch from CLC and St. Andrew by the Sea Church. We have a very dedicated group of cookie providers; we could use more to supply cookies on a monthly basis. Please contact Chris Wilcox at 843-384-1667 or [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com) to sign up!! All help is appreciated!

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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! IF YOU WISH TO HELP US CONTACT:**

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

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Best wishes to Alice Graeb on her 80th Birthday on May 28th!

Join us in celebrating her milestone!

**Prayers**--All that are ill with COVID-19 and their caregivers.

Doug Hamnes is having heart surgery on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Pray for Tom and Sandy Martin. Sandy is seriously ill.

Steven Szymanski, Robin Baselice's brother, testing for ALS.

David Gendlsen, cancerous brain tumor, friend of Robin and Fran Baselice,

Dana Dapolito, relative of Robin and Fran Baselice, reoccurring cancer.

Alex Kasten

Sarah DeMaria's mother, Leora Horst

Connie Simon

Bill Putrino

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.

Any prayer requests for Christ Lutheran members or friends can be shared with Linda in the church office at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) or with Pr. June at [pastorjune@clchhi.com](mailto: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.



**Sunday, May 23**

10am – ZOOM Worship with Pastor June  
11 am to Noon - Communion

**Monday, May 24**

5:00 pm Christkindl Market team meeting

**Tuesday, May 25**

10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, May 26**

9:30 am Preschool Chapel  
11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom (Kathy Mork)  
4:30 pm Handbell practice

**Thursday, May 27**

11:30 am Lunch Break Program

**Friday, May 28**

Church Office Closed  
Last Day for Preschool-until August 16

The church office will be closed for the  
Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 31st.

**Church Office Hours:**

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