



The Bridge

June 25, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

IN PERSON IN HEINRICH'S HALL
at 10am
we will share communion

Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated
or if you feel more comfortable with a mask on.

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 to view recordings of
each Sunday's worship services.

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Communion

There's currently a controversy going on in the Catholic Church going on about whether the bishops should recommend that priests should not give communion to the president and other politicians who openly support a woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion.

This will not be an article about abortion. There are many different opinions on that and the Catholic Church has chosen their stance on it. But this is an article about Communion, something that both denominations share, and have some similar views on, but also have many different views on. I cannot speak with any authority on Catholic Eucharistic theology, I'm sure they have their reasons for making the choices they will, but I can speak on the Lutheran understanding of the Eucharist. And this is a good opportunity to share my thoughts on this topic!

We believe in the Lutheran church that the Eucharistic table is not our table, it's Christ's table and that he is the host of our meal. Jesus ate with all kinds of people: his friends and apostles, yes; but also sinners, religious leaders who opposed him, and Zacchaeus the crooked tax collector (well, he invited himself to Zacchaeus' house), and also Judas, the one who would betray Jesus into the hands of those who crucified him. I don't believe we have the right to limit the table more than Jesus did to his own table.

We do not believe that the Eucharist is a reward for good behavior. It's not a prize for agreeing with everything that any church teaches (surely no one would be able to receive it if that were the case). It is Christ's body and blood, shed to take away the sins of the world. We believe it has the power to both convict and to heal. Martin Luther said in the Large Catechism, "Even though a scoundrel receives or administers the sacrament, it is the true sacrament . . . just as truly a when one uses it most worthily. For it is not founded on human holiness but on the Word of God." We believe that the Eucharist, and the worship surrounding it, has the power to heal and to change hearts and lives. We want people to receive this mysterious gift and to have their hearts and lives changed. I sincerely believe the more who receive it, the better.

Pastors and priests alike have given this sacrament to convicted murders and worse. There would have to be very good reason (that I have not come across yet) to deny someone Communion. The sacraments of Jesus should not be used as political tools or as a punishment for bad behavior. To do that cheapens the mystery that is Christ' body and blood broken and shed for us. We are all unworthy of this wonderful gift and mystery. We all come before Christ as sinner, repentant and unrepentant alike, and Christ still gives his whole life, broken and shed, for each of us. I believe that everyone is welcome to Christ's table.

Rev. June Wilkins

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

A NEW, ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS IN THE MAKING

Suzy Makalous, Carol Benton and the office staff are in the process of making a new, updated church directory available.

Please be on the lookout for emails.

If we do not have your picture on file, you will receive an email asking to upload one to the directory.

It will be a few more weeks before we publish the directory but soon we all should have instant access on our phones to this directory.

If you do NOT want to be in the directory, please let us know! If you are not a member, associate member, or regular worship attendee you might not be automatically in it. Please contact the office and let us know if you want to be included!



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Celebrating JULY Birthdays:

- 3 - Irmgard Drilling, Brenda Wheeler
- 6 - Bobbie Fetter
- 9 - Johnathan DeMaria
- 11 - Mel Lawson
- 14 - Phyllis Rowe
- 17 - Barbara Bethman
- 22 - Philip Peter
- 25 - Nancy McCleskey
- 26 - Ron Livingston
- 28 - Laurie Fons
- 29 - Ron Julseth

Celebrating their JULY Anniversary:

- 3 - Sam & Nancy McCleskey (23 yrs)

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study is taking a short summer break. We will begin meeting again on Aug 4 using a new study - "Confident Hope". Study guides are available in the office. If you are not on Hilton Head, please ask Linda to send you one.



Car to Donate?

To provide temporary shelter, family stability and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children by mobilizing resources from interfaith and secular communities. Our vision is *EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE A HOME* !

Occasionally one or more of our families need help obtaining their own transportation. Sometimes, our extraordinarily generous community may have a car to donate. If this might be you, please think of us! We may well have a need for a reliable vehicle.

Live in Sun City? Check out the Family Promise of Beaufort County display case in Pinckney Hall! We're there for the entire month of June!

As always, please contact Stephanie on 843-815-4211, fpbcstaff@gmail.com for more information, or check out the website at familypromisebeaufortcounty.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Service Ministry Team

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 to sign up!! All help is appreciated!



OUR FAITH IN ACTION



Our church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent, and seven other local churches in a 2021 Faith Build project to raise walls, funds, and prayers to help build a home for a local family in need of safe, affordable housing. To celebrate the kick off of this project, please join us for the **2021 Faith Raising Ceremony on Saturday July 10, at 10AM. The home address is 48 Alex Patterson Drive, HHI.** Watch the first walls being raised, and meet the homeowner family. Join in prayer for a blessing of this project and the family.

Sign up to help build or provide refreshments during OUR special work days, Saturday August 15, or Saturday, September 11 from 7:45AM- 12 noon. You can also volunteer during Habitat's regular volunteer hours, Tuesday-Friday, 8:AM-12PM, and register on-line at habitatthi.org Together we can reach our fundraising goal of \$3,000. To contribute to this project, please make a donation to the church designated to the Faith Build Habitat House. Any questions, please contact Leslie Heavener at pjst48e2@gmail.com, or 706-830-3943.

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

John Eddy (Chris Wilcox's husband) is having prostate cancer surgery on July 1, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

Our sympathy to Sarah DeMaria and the DeMaria family on the death of her mother, Leora Horst.

Deanna Coyne is requesting prayer for her brother, Jim Donaldson, who is very ill.

Laurie Mauer (Christ Preschool's music teacher) who fell and hurt her leg.

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

Connie Simon

Bill Putrino

Gary Gregory (Lois Gregory's son) for ongoing health issues



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



Sunday, June 27

**10:00 am IN PERSON Worship with Pastor June
in Heinrich's Hall with Communion**

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 30

Bible Study on break until August 4--Zoom (Kathy Mork)
4:30 pm Bell Rehearsal, Heinrich's Hall

Thursday, July 1

11:00 am Lunch Break Program

Friday, July 2

Church Office Closed

**The church office will be closed Monday (July 5),
for the 4th of July holiday.**

Church Office Hours:

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