



The Bridge

July 2, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

IN PERSON IN HEINRICH'S HALL
at 10 am
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

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

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Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 1 Corinthians:10

I think a lot of people who don't go to church imagine that everyone in the church works together in harmony and peace (or that's how it should be anyway). People who have been actually been part of a church know that is not always the case. I mean, we might get there at times, but most

churches have had many instances in their history where things were not peaceful or harmonious. This has been true since the beginning of churches. Just read some of Paul's letters (especially 1 and 2 Corinthians). In most of them he alludes to some sort of conflict or controversy in the churches that he founded. Every church that I've been a part of has had some kind of conflict in its past that has resulted in a loss of members and friendships. I suspect a majority of churches in the US have. And Christ Lutheran has had its share of conflict in its past.

In any group of people, there will be disagreements. We don't agree on how things should work, the process of things, the priorities, the way money is spent, the color of the drapes, any number of things. Disagreements happen all the time. They are nothing to be ashamed of or afraid of. We shouldn't avoid disagreements. And when we can work together on resolving disagreements, it can strengthen our relationships and help us grow together. But the problem comes when disagreements become conflicts.

Sometimes we use the terms "disagreements" and "conflicts" interchangeably. But there is a difference. Disagreements are when we have a difference of opinion and we can negotiate a resolution. We can usually come out with our relationships in tact. If not, we might "agree to disagree" if that's possible. Or we might avoid that topic in the future. But in conflicts we make negative assumptions about the motivations of the other person or people. We dig in our heels and refuse to compromise. In conflicts we often bring other people into our arguments and make people choose sides. Then our direct communication with the other parties stops. Sometimes we can even vilify the other people and believe they are awful, bad, or (in the church) "not Godly people". Disagreements can be controlled, but conflicts are hard to control. And the bigger a conflict is, the harder it is to get it under control. We've all probably be a part or, a witness, to conflicts that can't be controlled and how destructive they can be.

We should not be worried about getting into disagreements, when we're making bold and exciting choices and moving forward, that will happen! Some say we can't move forward and avoid disagreements. And healthy disagreements can actually make us a stronger congregation. On the other hand, we should try to avoid conflict. Fortunately, Jesus actually gave us many tools in the scriptures to help us not end up in conflict.

Next week, I'll talk more about the things that can lead to conflict and how we can avoid them.

Rev. June Wilkins

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The logo features the word "Stewardship" in a large, black, cursive font. The letter "S" is significantly larger and more stylized than the rest of the word. A red cross is superimposed over the top of the "S". To the right of "Stewardship", the phrase "for all seasons..." is written in a smaller, black, cursive font.

The **SERVICE MINISTRY** team works beyond the walls of Christ Lutheran by reaching out to help others in our local community and beyond. The list of those we help includes **Backpack Buddies**, weekend meal assistance for underserved students, and the **Neighborhood Outreach Connection**, a bagged meal for 50 children in an after school outreach program. We also host a **Lunch Break** "soup kitchen" here at church every Thursday where we serve bagged lunches to many hungry folks. Our **Little Free Pantry**, located in the CLC parking lot, helps people with food insecurities 24/7. It is stocked daily with food, paper products and toiletries. We collect specified items, food, paper, and toiletries monthly for the **Deep Well Project**, an important local social service organization. Twice a year we host **Family Promise** of Beaufort County, a nationwide organization that houses homeless families and helps them to get back on their feet and regain their independence. This year we have partnered with **Habitat for Humanity**, Thrivent and nine other area churches to build a home for a local family in need of safe, affordable housing. Globally we have collected money and made baby quilts for a crisis nursery in **Malawi**.

Our team is always open to new members and new ideas for ways to serve others. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at noon in Heinrich's Hall.

Helping one person might not change the world, but it might change the world for one person.



Donations for the Little Free Pantry and the Thursday Lunch Break will be taken on **Sunday, July 4 and then be continued on Sunday, July 11**. Bring your donations to the blue wagon located by the front doors of Heinrichs Hall.

Suggestions for the **Little Free Pantry**:

toilet paper, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, paper towels, breakfast bars/poptarts

Suggestions for **Lunch Break**: **URGENT need is bottled water**

granola bars, and individual bags of potato chips

MEN OF CHRIST

Join Bob & Ray (Abdou & Makalous) for our first **Men's Breakfast, last Wednesday in July (the 28th) at 7am** at the Plantation Diner North, 95 Matthews Drive. No agenda, just a time to eat pancakes and eggs together!



South Carolina Synod, ZOOM Meeting Report

On Saturday, June 26, Pastor June, Phyllis Rowe and Carol Benton attended the 2021 South Carolina Synod Assembly via Zoom. The theme was To Boldly Go to Proclaim. It opened with a beautiful worship, followed by parliamentary duties. The afternoon brought very creative videos letting us know what was happening around the Synod, and all the ways the ELCA in South Carolina got out to Boldly Proclaim. Our very own Pastor June was in the section featuring our new leaders. The keynote speaker was Ryan Panzer, author of *Grace and Gigabytes: Being Church in a Tech-Shaped Culture*. He did a wonderful job and made us feel very fortunate that we are going through the renovation, because we will have the technology in place to be a church on the move. You can see some of these videos in The South Carolina Lutheran eNews Special: 2021 Assembly Edition. To subscribe, please email the editor, Neal F. Fischer at neal@scsynod.com. Request he send you this edition. It was a privilege and joy to represent Christ Lutheran Church at this event.

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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!

RIDES TO CHURCH

If you would like to come to church, but need a ride, call the church office or call Paulette Stefanik at 843-785-9592.



Also, if you know someone who needs a ride OR if you are willing to provide a ride to and from church, call Paulette also.

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.



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. (Most recent are put at the top of the list)

Ken Rockefeller, nephew of Ann Hammes, He had surgery July 2. He is in California.

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

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

Lori 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 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, July 4

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

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 7

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

Thursday, July 8

11:00 am Lunch Break Program

Friday, July 9

Church Office Closed

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