



The Bridge

August 27, 2021

**WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY**
IN OUR NEWLY RENOVATED
SANCTUARY
10 AM



**Masks are recommended for all people,
regardless of vaccination status.**

**Please distance yourself from those not in your
family as you sit in the sanctuary.**

The pastor and assistants will be serving communion.
They will be masked. If you would rather use the pre-packaged communion,
they are available as you come in.

WE WILL HAVE ZOOM THIS WEEK!
(READ THE INFO BELOW THE LINK)

Zoom Link:

<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.

[CLICK HERE for today's Bulletin](#)

Live Streaming Worship

As you remember our electrical storm took out our internet in the sanctuary. We finally got that up and running last week, but it seems that either some things in our new set up aren't working or they're set up wrong. We will should be able to get that solved by next week some time.

In the mean time, we will be ZOOMing the worship this week. (You can use the normal ZOOM link which is listed above.) The technology for ZOOMing in the sanctuary is not the best, especially when it comes to the sound of the music, but we are just using this as a stop-gap until we can get the new system up and running.

When we do get the new system going with the streaming, it will be so much better than ZOOM! The sound will be coming through the sound system, the cameras will be crystal clear, there will be close ups, and people at home will be able to see the music on the screen. It will almost look like a professional production! It will be levels above what we have now.

We just need a little more patience until everything comes together!



Children in Church

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."
Matthew 19:14

I think it's great have children in church. They add innocence, joy, laughter, creativity and unpredictability. A lot of you remember when your children were young and how Sunday worship was a family affair. Teaching children about God helps us to understand God ourselves. We help children to grow in faith and children help us to grow in faith. And, besides, I've been told I am pretty good at children's sermons too!

Lots of churches are in a position like ours where there are very few children in our church and the children we do have are growing up and are already in high school, or college, or moved to another area completely. There may be many reasons why this has happened. We might be sad about it, but there's no shame in it, and there are some things we can do to correct that reality.

Almost every church looking for a pastor these days says that a priority for them to "attract young families". Congregations are hoping that our churches will be passed on into future generations and having young people and children as a part of the membership is certainly a way to see that that happens.

But as much as older church goers would like to see children and young families in church in theory, many people have issues with children being in church in reality. Children can be noisy, restless, and even messy. They can sometimes create some interruptions. This is a reality of childhood. This is a reality of having children in our presence. This is not the problem.

The problem comes, in my experience, when the adults in church act annoyed. I have

seen people stare at families, ignore or avoid them after church, and I've actually heard some people in previous churches say to parents: "You should control your child better." and "My children never behaved like that in church." and "Children are supposed to be in the nursery". This kind of behavior can be extremely unwelcoming for children and especially for parents who are trying out a church for the first time and may already feel uncomfortable. To be honest, it's poison to new members of any age or family status.

Pastors cannot attract children and families to the congregation by themselves. The congregation they are in helps to make families feel comfortable and valuable. Families have to feel like their whole family is welcomed for them to decide to return. And we shouldn't just tolerate children. We should make a special effort to say "hello!", ask parents about their children, wave to the children, tell them your name and that you're glad they're here. It takes a lot of courage for a family to come to church for the first time. Let's all make sure that all people, young and old, know that they are truly welcome!

If you've been in the sanctuary, there is one pew missing from the back of the right hand side. I requested that especially so that parents could sit in the back row and children could use the space in front of it. We will eventually have quiet things in that space for children to play with and express themselves. My hope is that in the future, families will be worshipping with us, that children will grow up with the experience of worship and that they will love the Christian community, Jesus's teaching, and will know of God's love for them. And it all starts with them (and everyone else) feeling welcomed by everyone in worship!

Pr. June

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Pastor June's Sermon Blog:

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

To read Pr. June's Sermon from last Sunday, Click Here

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



CHECK OUT THE NEW PLANTERS! Wendy Dickes and Susie Fidler had a great time putting together the planters for CLC. We will hand water them for a while. Hope you all love them as much as we do!!
Susie and Wendy

Stewardship for all seasons...

Over the past two months, your Stewardship Team has been highlighting the many service and outreach opportunities and the multiple Faith Formation Ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church. In doing so the Stewardship team has offered you ways to get personally involved in our various ministries and have encouraged you to begin thinking about stewardship daily. Hence the theme of this year's Stewardship Program:

“Stewardship for all seasons ...”

In our last Bridge article, we shared two of the three ways that adults have, to participate in CLC's Faith Formation Ministries – namely an Adult Bible Study led by Kathy Mork on Wednesday mornings over Zoom and a Progressive Religion Study led by David Kuhlmann that will resume on Sunday Mornings in the near future. In this week's Bridge article, we highlight the third way – “CONNECTED – SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS” which is led by Silke Pyrlík, CLC's Director of Christian Life.

Each one of these three ways offers a different type of opportunity for us to grow in our faith. So, each of us adults could easily participate in more than one of them or even all three!



CONNECTED – SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS –

Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm as Scheduled. You are warmly invited to join our loving CONNECTED community of genuine “faith wrestlers”. CONNECTED seeks to connect people in meaningful ways through music, prayer, and in-depth discussions that are focused on Real-Life Topics that by their very nature tend to be divisive and frequently cause conflict, division, and disagreement. We explore these Real-Life Topics by embracing new thoughts and delving into unfamiliar ideas. The CONNECTED community is an inviting environment that fosters a loving, supporting, and respectful

atmosphere. We learn how to listen, how to ask questions, how to emphasize and how to find common ground.

We believe that the church is uniquely equipped to bring healing, hope and wholeness to a hurting world. Ours is a faith built on hope, on the belief that we are all created in the image of the Creator and on the assurance that no person or situation is beyond redemption. We believe faith is not only believing in a Divine Being, but also doing the work of God in the world.

The next series of CONNECTED gatherings around a new Real-Life Topic are being planned now. We hope to resume having In-Person gatherings starting around the end of September and running through November. Look for an announcement in a future CLC Bridge. For more information about this Faith Formation opportunity, please contact Silke Pырlik at silkepyrlik@clchhi.com .



Service Team Food and Supply Collection

Sunday, September 5 is Food and Supply Collection Day for the Little Food Pantry, the Deep Well Project, the Thursday Lunch Break and the Preschool. Please contribute as you can with your store purchased items or with a check made out

to CLC with designation on the memo line. Bring everything to the side lobby of the church and look for the blue wagon (no longer located in the Narthex). Suggested items are:

Little Food Pantry:

Bars of soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
Canned meats, fruits, and vegetables
Small containers of self ready milk
Individual small boxes of serving sized breakfast cereal
Breakfast Bars
Cans of stews, hearty soups and Chef Boy R Dee

The Preschool:

13 gallon trash bags, Copy Paper
Liquid Soap containers

Lunch Break:

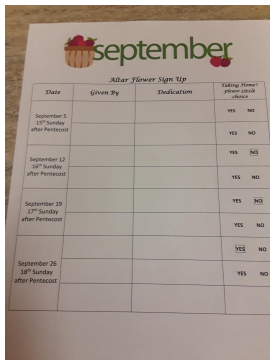
Bottled Water, Individual sized bags of chips
Granola Bars

Deep Well Project:

Jelly, Taco Shells
Egg Noodles
Oatmeal---containers and packets

Women's Book Club:

Our next gathering is Saturday, September 18; we will discuss the book: In An Instant by Suzanne Redfearn. " a tragic, pensive, moving novel that takes you into the lives of 11 people whose worlds are irrevocably changed in the blink of an eye ." All women are invited to join us for a lively discussion and wonderful fellowship. At the present time, we most likely will meet at the church, but watch for further details as the date nears. Contact Chris Wilcox at 843-384-1667 for information.



Flower Sign-up in the Sanctuary

The flower chart will be posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary beginning in September.

The cost will be \$45.

You can give them in honor or memory of anyone you wish. Also, you can choose to take them with you or let us distribute them elsewhere.

Please sign up for September 5th!
The memorial/honorarium will be posted in the Sunday bulletin weekly.

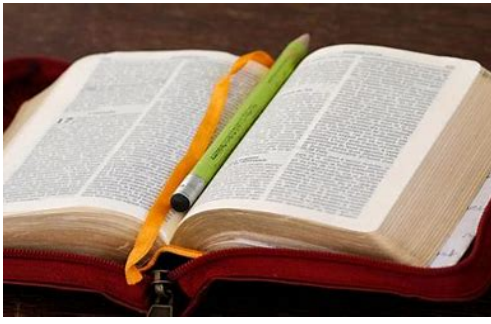
COVID UPDATE

The COVID numbers for Hilton Head and Beaufort County are trending lower and may be plateauing but our risk level is still severe. Sadly, the number of people hospitalized with COVID and needing ICU care is rising. As of 8/25/21, the percentage of ICU beds used for COVID patients is 89% with 16 patients in the ICU and 74 patients hospitalized overall. This is the highest these numbers have been. Thankfully more people are getting vaccinated: the percentage of people who are fully vaccinated is up to 46% while the percentage of people who have had at least one vaccination is 57%. This is good news but there is still a long way to go, so please encourage anyone you know who is not vaccinated to please do so. You can find locations to get the vaccine by going to <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/> .

Here are CLC we will continue to follow the CDC Guidelines recommending all people, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask whenever they are indoors in public. Please also consider practicing social distancing (except for your immediate family) when you attend in-person worship.

As always, if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, please stay home to keep your fellow congregation members safe.

Thank you.
Lynn Baglyos



Wednesday Bible Study 11 a.m. via Zoom

Wednesday Bible Study “Confident Hope”

Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, “Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the

Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.”

Threads of faith and hope in God’s promises are woven throughout the scriptures. Join us via Zoom for about an hour on Wednesday mornings beginning 11am. We will be discussing “Confident Hope” over the next 13 weeks. The weekly discussions stand alone, so if you can’t join us every week, no problem. Join when you can. If you are new to this group, please contact Kathy Mork at klmork@yahoo.com to be added to the email reminder list or if you would like more information. Study guides are available in the office.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6729108287?pwd=UU1qK2pjR21vZnd1WVNOWXRsSTJ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 672 910 8287 Passcode: 247876

Early Response Team (ERT) Training

St. Andrew-by-the Sea Methodist Church is offering ERT training.

An Early Response Team (ERT) is a self-contained team that enters a disaster area by invitation. ERTs provide emergency repairs and/or assistance to help people be safe, sanitary and secure until insurance and other help is available.

Teams fill a specific need in the early days after a disaster to clean out flood-damaged homes, remove debris, place tarps on homes, and otherwise help to prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. They are trained to provide various types of physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to disaster survivors. Training includes the basics of disaster response, how to work effectively with survivors and the response team, and skills to help survivors get back into their homes and begin the recovery process.

The training is Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:00 am - 4:30 pm and it's \$35 per person which includes: lunch, T-shirt, credentials, background check, manual, and training.

[Click Here for the ERT Training Flyer](#)

Reminder:

If you are using the church facilities for any reason, upon leaving please remember to:

- Make sure all the lights are turned off.
- Make sure anything you use is turned off (for example, anything in the kitchen!)
- Make sure the doors are locked behind you.

- Remember to adjust the thermostat if you have changed the thermostat.

Thanks for your help with this!

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

9/9 - Dan Luciano, Steve Mork
9/11 - Gary Dolch, Karen Momberger
9/14 - Michael Morton
9/15 - Dennis Bayer, Deanna Coyne, Suzanne Gerhart
9/20 - Ann Hamnes
9/25 - Jeff Hawley & Alyssa White
9/30 - Jane Williamson



SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

9/2 - Gary & Leslie Heavener (54 yrs)
9/6 - Mike & Patti Conklin (41 yrs)
9/11 - Carl & Janet Lynn (72 yrs)
9/15 - Alex & Barbara Kasten (63 yrs)
9/20 - Lee & Christy Marsden (46 yrs)
9/28 - Joe & Mary Jo Etter (47 yrs)

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

Prayers--

(Most recent are put at the top of the list)
Please advise the office if situations have changed.
Thank You!



Linda Kondor

Herm and Marilyn Kuhlmann (David's parents) who are in a nursing home in Missouri.

Layne Carver (from Ray M. 8/2)

Carla Collins broke her ankle.

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

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

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 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday- Thursday at (843)785-5560.



Sunday, August 29

**10:00 am IN PERSON Worship with Pastor June
in our new Sanctuary with Communion**

Tuesday, August 31

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

Wednesday, September 1

11:00 am Bible Study on Zoom (Kathy Mork)

4:00 pm Bell Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 2

11:00 am Lunch Break Program

Friday, September 3

Church Office Closed

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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