



## **The Bridge**

**December 3, 2021**

# **CHRISTKINDL MARKET**

**This Sunday 4 – 7pm**

See below for details

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, December 9th, 11am – 5pm

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

December 12th after worship

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## **Here is our YouTube link for Sunday**

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP at 10AM on SUNDAY

**Just click on the link! That's it!**

*If you'd like to watch the worship after Sunday, you can just click on this link too!*

**<https://youtu.be/lrRsJyYMteo>**

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## **FINALLY, AN ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

# **CLC's first ChristKindl Market**

**The preschool kids will sing at 4:30pm**

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**WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT CASH AND CHECKS!**



**THIS SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 5**  
**from 4-7PM**

**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, FUN,  
AND GIFTS TO SHOP FOR A  
GOOD CAUSE**

Contact Silke at the office  
843-785-5560  
or email [silkepyrlik@clchhi.com](mailto:silkepyrlik@clchhi.com)

We will sell quality  
homemade crafts and  
gifts, food, cookies, and  
provide a gemuetliche  
atmosphere like the  
real, original German  
Christkindl Market  
provides!

**100% of the proceeds will  
support the  
Lowcountry  
Diversity Weekend  
at CLC!**



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## DIVERSITY

*Our goal is to create a beloved  
community and this will require  
a qualitative change in our souls  
as well as a quantitative change*



April 29, 30, & May 1, 2022

Join us for a CELEBRATION of our DIVERSITY and UNITY  
With three events

<p><b>April 30th</b></p> <p><b>CORAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS</b></p> <p>Embrace the Past, Unify the Present, Transform the Future</p> <p><b>11am—4pm Lunch will be provided</b></p>	<p><b>April 29th &amp; May 1st</b></p> <p><b>TWO AMAZING CONCERTS!</b></p> <p>Celebrating the Low Country's Diversity Through Song</p> <p><b>April 30th 7pm • May 1st 4pm</b></p>
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All events at  
**Christ Lutheran Church • 829 William Hilton Parkway Hilton Head, SC**

Tickets will be available through EVENTBRITE starting on March 1st

*in our lives. — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

It's hard to believe, but I've been here in Hilton Head for almost a year now. And one thing that I'm pleasantly surprised about is how diverse it is. There are many communities of people of different races. I didn't expect that, and I am happy to see it. That being said, like other places, there is a divide between people of different races here. There is a divide of income and privilege and interactions. People of different races don't revolve in the same social

circles. We might interact with people of other races through their work or through our work, but there isn't much personal social interaction between people of different races. This is not unique to Hilton Head, of course, but I think the divisions are a more starkly defined here. And because we don't share social interactions, we don't hear a lot of stories or experiences from people of other races or economic situations. It's much easier to dismiss and ignore people when we don't know them personally.

At the end of April, we will be hosting a Diversity Weekend at Christ Lutheran that aims to aid in those personal interactions. On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a day of courageous conversation, a symposium, that will discuss our racial divide and the possibility of unity. There will be speakers and local government officials who will speak, and then people will meet around tables to have respectful conversations and share our experiences together. We will hear each other's stories and experiences, and help us to be better friends with each other across racial and economic divides. On April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Friday before the symposium and the Sunday after, there will be concerts showcasing the diversity of Hilton Head and the surrounding Lowcountry through music. It will be a concert of Gullah, Gospel, Latino, Lowcountry, and American Standard music. It will be directed by Terry Herron, who is the visionary behind the whole weekend.

This had been in the works to happen at Christ Lutheran in 2020, but it was stopped because of COVID. But we're happy to be hosting it again, and I'm happy to be involved in its planning. I'm also pleased that the proceeds from our first Christkindl Market this Sunday will be going to support the Diversity Weekend! This is important work that is being done and it is exciting that this congregation is supporting it.

Work like this is what the gospel of Jesus calls us to: To love people, understand people, and reconcile with people — especially those who are different from us. This is a vision of God's Kingdom. We can't just wish for it and pray for it, we are called to do something and this is a wonderful first step towards God's vision for us. Martin Luther King called it "the beloved community". The community that transforms those who are bitter towards one another, or who are indifferent to one another, into friends.

Come to support the Christkindl Market from 4-7pm on Sunday. Buy crafts, food, and gluhwein and know you are supporting a great thing: the Diversity Weekend, and God's vision for us on Hilton Head!

*Rev. June Wilkins*

To read Pr. June's Sermon from last Sunday, Click Here  
<http://revjunewilkinssermons.blogspot.com/>

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

# Hilton Head Community

Thursday, December 9th, 11am – 5pm  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall

Please schedule your appointment online at  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
(Sponsor Code: HHCommunity)

Please make an appointment as we will be wearing masks!

**Schedule a blood donation appt today!**  
**1-800-RED-CROSS or 800-733-2767**

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## COVID UPDATE:

The COVID risk level remains at “Medium” for Hilton Head and Beaufort County. Currently, the infection rate is .87%, the positive test percentage is 3.3%, and the number of people hospitalized with COVID is 7, with 4 of those needing ICU care. It is still important to encourage anyone you know who is not vaccinated to please do so, especially with the potential for the new variant, Omicron, to show up across the US. It is just as important to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> vaccination for the same reason. You can find locations to get the vaccine by going to <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/>. We continue to follow the CDC Guidelines recommending all people, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask whenever they are indoors in public. Please practice 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



## ADVENT COLLECTION

For All our Ministries and Service Partners

Here at Christ Lutheran we are celebrating the season of Advent with a collection throughout the season to support our local ministries-The Deep Well Project, The Little Free Pantry, The Thursday Lunch Break and The CLC Preschool.

Our focus is to collect **new, unwrapped** adult (men's, ladies) and children's **socks, gloves, hats, and even scarves** beginning on the **first Sunday of Advent, November 28 through the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19th**. As you wish, place your donations in the basket(s) in the Narthex on Sunday morning, or in the Sanctuary, up towards the front (eventually by the tree).

Pastor will offer a blessing of the donations, which will be given to our local ministries for their use.

Some members may wish to make **additional donations** to Deep Well, the Preschool, or the Little Free Pantry (of **toys, food, paper products, etc.**) a list of items has been created and placed out in the Narthex.



If you have questions, please contact Chris Wilcox at 843-384-1667 or [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com). Thank you!

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## **Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 12th after Worship**

**DON'T FORGET ANNUAL REPORTS ARE  
DUE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17!**

Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 12, 2021, immediately following worship. As per our Constitution, a Congregational Meeting will be held to elect Church Council members for 2022. There is one seat open for election and one seat open for re-election, both for 2-year terms. The candidates are:

**Chris Wilcox for election  
Susan Fidler for re-election.**

Please plan to stay for this important meeting. There will be a sign in sheet for the election and only voting members are allowed to vote. See you there!

**AFTER THE MEETING, STAY TO HELP DECORATE  
THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINEES**

*At our congregational meeting on December 12th, we will vote on two new council members. Most are returning for next year. Chris Wilcox is being newly elected and Susie Fidler will be re-elected.*

### **CHRIS WILCOX**

I am a Buckeye by birth---born in Mansfield and raised in Columbus, Ohio. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Wittenberg University. With my first husband, I moved to Tucson, Arizona and then to Denver, Colorado. There I earned my Master's Degree from the University of Denver and subsequent teaching credentials and endorsements from the University of Colorado. I worked at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center for 25 years at a day treatment psychiatric center for severely emotionally disturbed children and children on the Autism Spectrum as an early childhood special education specialist. I met my "keeper" husband, John Eddy, forty years ago; together we raised two daughters. Caitlin lives in Augusta and works at National Hospital Burn Center. Meghan lives in Beaufort in a Department of Special Needs group home. Our lives in Denver were full of skiing, hiking, camping, biking and travel. John and I also ran several businesses, one of which was an event operation with a contract to put on a very large fundraising three day bike event through the Rockies for the Children's Hospital in Denver. We "retired" to Hilton Head in 2007 and never looked back. I enjoy reading, walking the beach, playing euchre and mahjong, and working at the Deep Well Project. I became a member of Christ Lutheran Church over 10 years ago and have been on a faith journey since then, experiencing the highs and lows of belonging to a faith community. I now find myself truly uplifted as CLC moves into more connectedness with its members and its outreach and investment into the HH community. I look forward to serving CLC as a member of Council.

Thank you,  
Christine Wilcox



### **SUSIE FIDLER**

A native of West Virginia, Susie and her family were regular visitors to Hilton Head since 1970. After moving here in 2015, she became a member of Christ Lutheran in



2016. The Lutheran church has been an integral part of her life since she was 11 years old. A retired teacher, Susie and her husband Tim settled in Moss Creek, where their children Jon and Kath come to visit from Atlanta.

For the past four years, Susie has served on Council at CLC as Ministry Liaison to Faith Formation and Congregational Care and as Secretary of Council for two years. Currently, she is the Ministry Liaison and team leader for Fellowship, serves on the Outreach Ministry, the Christkindl team, the Worship Team and is a member of the bell choir. Susie enjoys being a lector and a communion assistant and providing flowers for the altar. From time to time she will lead singing during services and on rare occasions you will see her filling in on the piano.

The past two years have not allowed Susie to complete her mission as Fellowship team leader. Only recently, with the October 31<sup>st</sup> celebration and the Chriskindl Market has she been able to help organize fellowship for CLC. It is her desire to continue to bring our membership together as much as possible as we recover from our time of isolation.

Our church has remained strong in faith through many challenging years. May we look to the future with hope and love for each other and our community.



Your Stewardship Team held it's last meeting of the year this past Monday. It was here that we learned that 41 giving units pledged a total of \$251,660 for 2022. This is approximately half of what will be needed to further CLC's ministry in the upcoming year.

CLC has made great strides the past several years in serving the Hilton Head community. It would be a terrible shame if we needed to back peddle now due to lack of funding.

We thought it would be wise to let those of you who did not pledge in October know that, if you might have the desire to do so now, IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season and thanking one and all for your continued support of CLC. United in Christ we are a mighty force.

Your Stewardship Team



## THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to many members of Christ Lutheran who gave money (\$3,636.49), and/or time this year to help a local family realize the joy of owning a home sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. The dedication of the Faith Build home for the Pinckney family will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 4:30 pm. The quilting group from Christ Lutheran plan to give them a handmade quilt as a housewarming gift. Please plan to join us at their new home for this happy occasion. The address is 48 Alex Patterson Road, HHI, 29926.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Each Sunday a beautiful bouquet of flowers adorns the area behind the altar. These flowers are donated by members who sign up each week and they're made by our own volunteers! Wonder what happens to those flowers after Sunday morning? Sometimes people who donate them take them home. Otherwise they stay at church. There are a number of members of our church who cannot get to church due to health issues or other circumstances. Our



plan is to deliver the available flowers to them!

**We have two requests:**

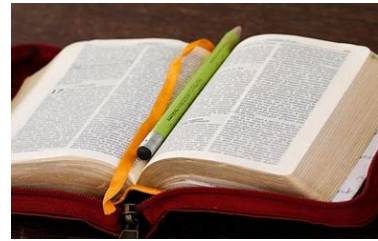
- 1) If you are interested in **delivering flowers**, please contact Elsa Felten (847-830-6348). With enough people, you would need to deliver only a few times a year. If you can't deliver on Sunday, you can deliver on Monday.
- 2) If you have **vases at home you no longer need**, consider donating them for this ministry. Eight or 9 inches tall is a good size. You can put them in the box marked "vases" in the Ministry Lobby on Sunday, OR bring them to the office, Monday-Thursday.

If you are taking the flowers you donated, please pick them up immediately after worship. Otherwise, we might give them away!

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## Wednesday Bible Study 11 a.m. via Zoom

"Celebrate God" with us at our Zoom Bible Study  
With the holiday season quickly approaching, "Celebrating God", is an invitation to celebrate. Throughout thirteen sessions, the celebration of who God Is, what God has done, and how God strengthens us through worship will bring you comfort, courage and joy in your faith journey.



Join us via Zoom for about an hour on Wednesday mornings beginning at 11am. Over the next 13 weeks, we will be "Celebrating God" with people of the Old and New Testaments and look to Revelation for God's plan for the future. The weekly discussions stand alone, so if you can't join us every week, no problem. Join when you can. Never been part of a Bible Study before? Our studies take us from Bible times into the challenges of being a Christian in 2021. We are a caring group that is open to all. If you have questions, contact Kathy Mork at [klmork@yahoo.com](mailto:klmork@yahoo.com). Study guides are available in the office.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6729108287?pwd=UU1qK2pjR21vZnd1WVNOWXRSTJ4Zz09> Meeting ID: 672 910 8287 Passcode: 247876

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# Christmas Eve At Christ Lutheran

December 24th

Children's Worship 4pm

Traditional Candlelight Worship 8pm

With Holy Communion

829 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head, Island, 29928



Poinsettia and greenery will once again decorate the church for our Christmas Eve Services. The form will be included in the Bulletin this Sunday. Please place your payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than **Thursday, December 16**. You can also pay on our website ([www.clchhi.org](http://www.clchhi.org)), at the bottom of the home page, where it says "**GIVE**" with a credit card.

**[CLICK HERE FOR A COPY OF THE  
POINSETTIA FORM TO COMPLETE.](#)**

## Flower Sign-up in the Sanctuary

The flower chart for each month will be posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. The cost will be \$45.

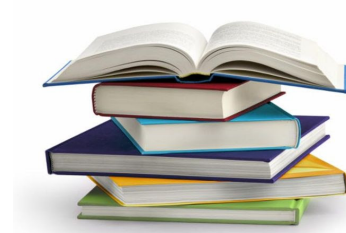
You can give them in honor or memory of anyone you wish. Also, you can choose to take them with you or let us distribute them to our home-bound or ill members. The memorial/honorarium will be posted in the Sunday bulletin weekly.

## Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club of CLC will meet on Saturday, December 18, at 12:00 pm for a holiday luncheon at the Long Cove Club. It's been 2 years since we were able to have our



annual holiday get together. For \$22 we will have soup, salad, rolls, dessert, basic beverage and the tip. If you are interested in attending and love to read as we will be choosing our 2022 booklist in January, please contact Chris Wilcox at 843-384-1667 or [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com) as soon as possible. We welcome you!



### **BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER**

**6** --Barbara Fudjack, Wayne Sebulsky  
**14**--Marion Malcolm, Gary Reynolds  
**16**--Nancy Conder  
**18**--Doug Hamnes, Marajeane Zodtner  
**21**--Bill Putrino

### **ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEMBER**

**27**--Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky,  
52 years  
**28**--Paul & Suzanne Gerhart,  
59 years

### **Prayers--**

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



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Kieran Howard Hauck, Suzy and Ray Makalous' new grandson who was born prematurely on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and is in the hospital.

Gloria Szymanski (Robin Baselice's mother)

John Babbitts. Please pray for our former member.  
Cards can be sent to his home: 3 Chantilly Lane  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926  
He has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Pat (sister-in-law) of Tami Kuhlmann

Bob Bacher (broken hip, in rehab)

Jim Woods (Lois Gregory's son-in-law)

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

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.

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



**Sunday, December 5**

10:00 am Advent 2 worship in our Sanctuary with Communion  
**4 to 7 pm ChristKindl Market, outside under the Oaks!**

**Monday, December 6**

10:00 am Executive Team Meeting, Craft Room  
5:30pm CONNECTED team planning meeting

**Tuesday, December 7**

10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, December 8**

9:30 am Preschool Chapel  
11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom  
4:00 pm Bell Practice, Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 9**

10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting, Music Room  
11:00 am Lunch Break Program  
**11 am to 5 pm--Blood Drive, Heinrichs Hall**

**Friday, December 10**

**Church Office Closed**

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
843-785-5560