



The Bridge

August 12, 2022



Worship this
Sunday

Pentecost 10

August 14th,
10am

Here is the live-stream link for
August 14, 2022

Just click on the link at 10am! That's it!

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

<https://youtu.be/G1DUupJpLjw>



2022 ELCA
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
August 8-12, 2022
Columbus, Ohio

Church Wide Assembly

This week, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (our national church) had their Church Wide Assembly. This is the event where decisions are made for the church at the national level. The Assembly was held in Columbus, Ohio, so I was very tempted to go, but I decided not to.

But I was able to follow it through live streams and through updates on social media. There were the usual slate of memorials that have come from Synod Assemblies over the last three years on various topics: Nuclear Weapons, Russian Divestments, there were many memorials on Greenhouse Gas Reduction (sometimes synods, churches, and members of the church will coordinate their memorials to have a louder voice), Gun Violence, and others. For a full list and to read all of them you can click [here](#).

(They might look overwhelming, but my advice is to skip the “whereas” part and go right to the “resolved” part at the bottom of each memorial.)

Maybe the most important one though was the memorial to “Restructure the Governance of the ELCA”. This was memorialized by 10 synods and calls for a reformation of the church. This

memorial passed overwhelmingly on the first day of the assembly. The reasoning for the change was partially the reality of the change in size of the ELCA from a church of 5.3 million members and 11, 133 congregations to a church of 3.1 million members and 8,994 congregations. The reason why it was so enthusiastically accepted and passed so overwhelmingly, I'll tell you about in the next part of the letter. Here is the specific resolution that was voted on:

To direct the Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church comprised of leaders of diverse representation from all three expressions that , working in consultation with the conference of Bishops and the Church Council, shall reconsider the statements of purpose for each expression of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism, and will present its finding and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention to be called under the rules for a special meeting of the Churchwide Assembly.

This is the first major overhaul of the governance of the ELCA since it was founded in 1988 (the Churchwide Office has restructured, but not the entire ELCA). A lot has changed in 35 years and it's enthusiastic reception at the Assembly was hopeful.

One other major event at the assembly, was that the ELCA gave a formal apology to the congregation **Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina** (Lutheran Church of St. Mary the Migrant). The pastor of this congregation, Nelson Rabell Gonzalez (who happens to be a friend of mine from seminary) was removed from his congregation without being told what the charges against him were, and he was removed in a very dramatic and painful way for his congregation.

Many in the church (me included) felt that the response of the ELCA and Presiding Bishop Eaton was slow and was more concerned with institution rather than the injustice caused to Pr. Rabell and the congregation. The bishop in charge of the firing has since been removed from their position and an investigation into their misconduct is proceeding. The interim bishop of the Synod has visited, apologized, and promised an investigation into the charges against Pr. Rabell and is hopeful that he will be reinstated. Pr. Rabell and the congregation have been exceptionally graceful and forgiving during this difficult time, while still working for and demanding justice. If you'd like to watch the apology, you can see it [here](#) . I was a pretty powerful especially the speech the congregation members gave expressing their forgiveness.

If you'd like to read more about it (there's a lot of complicated parts to it) you can read about it here in [this article](#):

This whole incident was really the impetus for the memorials for the memorial for a "Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church". Through the struggle of Pr. Rabell and **Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina**, it exposed a great shortcoming in the ELCA's polity and the way it has dealt with mission congregations, charges against pastors, complaints against bishops, and especially how it has disfranchised congregations and pastors of color over the years. There was a conviction that the current structure and governance of the church has actually harmed people – specifically people and congregations of color – and needed to be restructured with an eye towards dismantling the racism that exists in our structure and polity.

Although this has really been a difficult time for people involved, this move is positive. Hopefully this Church Wide Assembly will be looked back on as a turning point in our denomination, and the suffering of Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina, Pr. Rabell, and other people's suffering will not be wasted.

We thank those people who were at the Assembly for their hard work and care of our Church!

Rev. June Wilkins

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

WELCOME GRACE LUTHERAN YOUTH



On Sunday August 14 we are welcoming 7 girls, 5 boys, Kathy Mork and Pastor Ben Greer to our church! They will arrive by plane from Minneapolis, MN. This group is from Grace Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN ([Grace Lutheran Church](#)).

They will spend 4 days on Hilton Head to offer their service to the HHI Turtle Beach Patrol, Deep Well, the Gullah Community and God's Goods Thrift Store.

They will sleep, eat, pray, play and learn at our beautiful facility.

Many helpers are making sure we will warmly welcome the group. We appreciate help with set-up of the rooms, decorations of the rooms, grocery shopping and setting up the "kitchen" in the Sale building. Next week (8/8-8/11) will be a busy week. :-)

To all who have already donated toward this visit, I want to thank you for your support from the bottom of my heart!

Thank you, Silke (contact me if you can help!)



**WEDNESDAYS WITH
PURPOSE**
MEET THE YOUTH

On Wednesday, August 17, CLC will host a burger and hot dog cook out for our guests. You are warmly invited to join us and to meet and greet the youth, Kathy and Pastor Ben!

**Please mark your calendar and join us at 6pm in Heinrichs Hall!
RSVP to the email that will be send out on Monday, August 15!**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

It is our joy and pleasure to welcome new members into the CLC family!

Please join us this Sunday in welcoming the following new members:

- Pastor Rick and Kriss Klotz
- Richard and Carola Dauchert
- Steven and Carla Holm

- Carla Reichelderfer
- Steve Kish

There will be a Fellowship reception immediately following the service on Sunday, August 14.



Kristine and Pastor Rick Klotz



Richard and Carola Dauchert



Carla and Steve Holm



Carla Reichelderfer

Steven Kish



Come Cruise with Us!

The CLC Fellowship Team is kicking off the 2022-23 activity year with a **CLC Salty Dog Happy Hour Cruise of Calibogue Sound**. Join your friends and make new ones on Wednesday, August 24, at 7:00 pm - 8:30 PM departing from South Beach Marina in Sea Pines. The cruise is \$32.00 per person. Relax, watch the beautiful sunset, see dolphins, and get to know others. You can order food & beverages right on board too! To buy tickets call 843-683-6462 or go to cruise.saltydog.com

Happy Hour Cruises asap as tickets are on a first come first serve basis. We are excited for you to join us! Questions contact Suzy Makalous at 913-481-1124.



Backpack Buddies OF HILTON HEAD

2021/2022 School Year Review and Summer Programs

Christ Lutheran Church is one of six churches and synagogues on Hilton Head Island that jointly came together years ago to establish and run the Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head program. As a packing site, CLC bags and delivers food for children attending Hilton head Island Elementary School. What follows is a summary of the activities of the 2021-2022 school year and the impact Backpack Buddies makes on the lives of children living here on the island. CLC is proud to participate in this program.

Even with continued delivery challenges, Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head still found ways to feed hungry kids on our island! Where there is a will, there is a way – and creative solutions helped us distribute food in new ways to the children who need it most.

- **6,000 Food Packs (approximately) were distributed to the Elementary and Early Childhood schools during the school year.** Each bag was filled with non-perishable, easy

to eat food for the weekend.

- **Fresh Produce Bags at Neighborhood Outreach Connection**

With three island locations, and six deliveries a month, the fresh produce bags have been a great way to supplement healthy food. 125 bags of food were delivered every Thursday and two times a month on Mondays during the school year. Each bag contains 5 veggies and 2 fruit.

- **Winter Break Gift Cards of \$250**

Thanks to Hilton Head Island ARPA/SLFRF COVID-19 Grant, 82 Publix gift cards were distributed in time for the long winter break.

- **After School Fruit & Snacks Provided for High School Tutoring**

1,200 pieces of fruit and over 2,000 snacks were handed out during the school year.

- **Take Home Food Packs for Older Students**

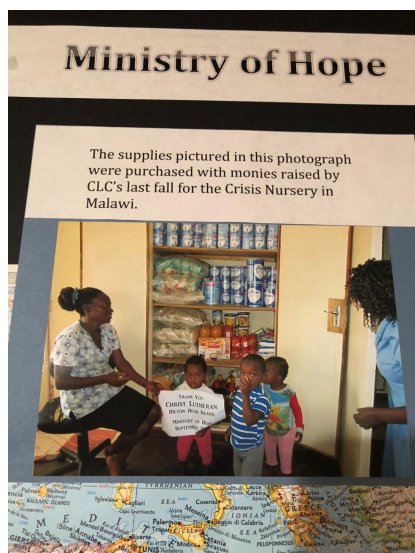
In addition to grab-and-go snacks, we are now providing take-home food bags for the older middle and high school age students. 1,296 food packs for middle schoolers and 540 food packs for high school students were handed out during the school year.

- **Over 300 Scholastic Books Were Distributed in The Elementary and Early Childhood Schools**

The summer is the hungriest time for kids and Backpack Buddies will continue to support NOC and The Boys and Girls Club through the summer months with weekly fresh produce bags. Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head is already gearing up for the 2022-2023 school year. We will continue to work closely with the social workers, nurses and staff in each school who identify students in need. We hope to secure a grant that would allow another gift card distribution at the beginning of the school year.

The financial support of many generous individuals and organizations have allowed us to help the hunger insecure in our community! Thank you so much for acknowledging that these families need help and partnering with us. It is because of you we have been able to creatively pursue getting food to the children in ways different from previous years.

Thank you for your continued support! We can do great things together!



Dear CLC members:

Fran Hallam recently sent a note requesting financial support for Malawi.

She writes:

We are excited that we are going back to Malawi this coming September after a two year hiatus. We have a team ready to go to Malawi, Africa in September. Our plan is to purchase formula and supplies to feed and care for the babies in the Crisis Nursery. We will support 4 Mobile Medical Clinics, bringing medicine and medical care to the people in the remote villages. Pete Barbano will be helping to store up food to feed the children in the Lean Season.

We prayerfully request your supporting prayers and financial donations.

Thank you, and to God be all the Glory.

If you have been at CLC for awhile, you know that Malawi, and specifically the Crisis Nursery there, has been our global outreach since 2014.

We will be collecting monetary donations during the month of August. If you feel compelled to contribute, please make your check out to CLC and indicate Malawi on the

memo line. You can place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Your donation will be used for **Crisis Nursery** needs - formula, food, cribs and crib mattresses, mosquito nets, and other necessary items. It will also help to support the **4 Mobile Medical Clinics** and the "**Vacation Bible School**" day that is being planned.

Your Service Ministry Team

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You may not have even noticed it, but there is a large apartment complex next door to the church. It's named Chimney Cove. You've probably seen the sign as you make the U-turn to get to the church. There are 52 units in there and lots of people living there. This is where we draw most of our guests that use the Little Food Pantry, and walk up for lunches at our Thursday Lunch Break, and some of them probably are the recipients of our Backpack Buddies meals too.



This fall, we are hoping to also offer them school supplies. School supplies are a big expense for many families, and we are going to try and alleviate some of their burden by providing some of them.

Deep Well does an excellent job of providing a whole array of school supplies for their clients, but we've noticed that some people who live at Chimney Cove do not go to Deep Well. Whether they are hesitant to go and do the required registration, or whether they can't get a ride we're not sure. But we feel like there may be a gap in service to them that we can fill.

So, we are asking the congregation to go shopping for some school supplies for our friends at Chimney Cove! We have a list which will be in your bulletins, here in the Bridge, and also in the Ministry Lobby. There will be a collection bin in the Ministry Lobby. We'll be able to give them out at our Thursday Lunch Break.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPLIES!

We did great work!

We're collecting School Supplies for the people of Chimney Cove!
Put them in the Ministry Lobby.
(Please bag them separate from any food you might donate.)

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

24 Count Crayons
#2 Pencils
Pens
Pencil Bags
Glue Sticks
Colored Washable Markers
Rulers
Colored Pencils
Lined 3 Ring Filler Paper--Wide Space
Scissors--Blunt and Pointed
Folders with Pockets

Wednesday Bible Study
August 17 at 11 a.m. via Zoom

On Aug. 9 our "Partners in a New Creation" study moves into the final chapters of Revelation. In the vision in these chapters, God and the Lamb Jesus have "moved into the neighborhood," making their home with us on earth. Over the next 4 weeks, we'll see the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven, take a tour of this renewed world and see our place in this new creation, receiving water of life and citizenship in the holy city as a gift. The poetic imagery of Revelation gives us a glimpse of God's dreams for our world.

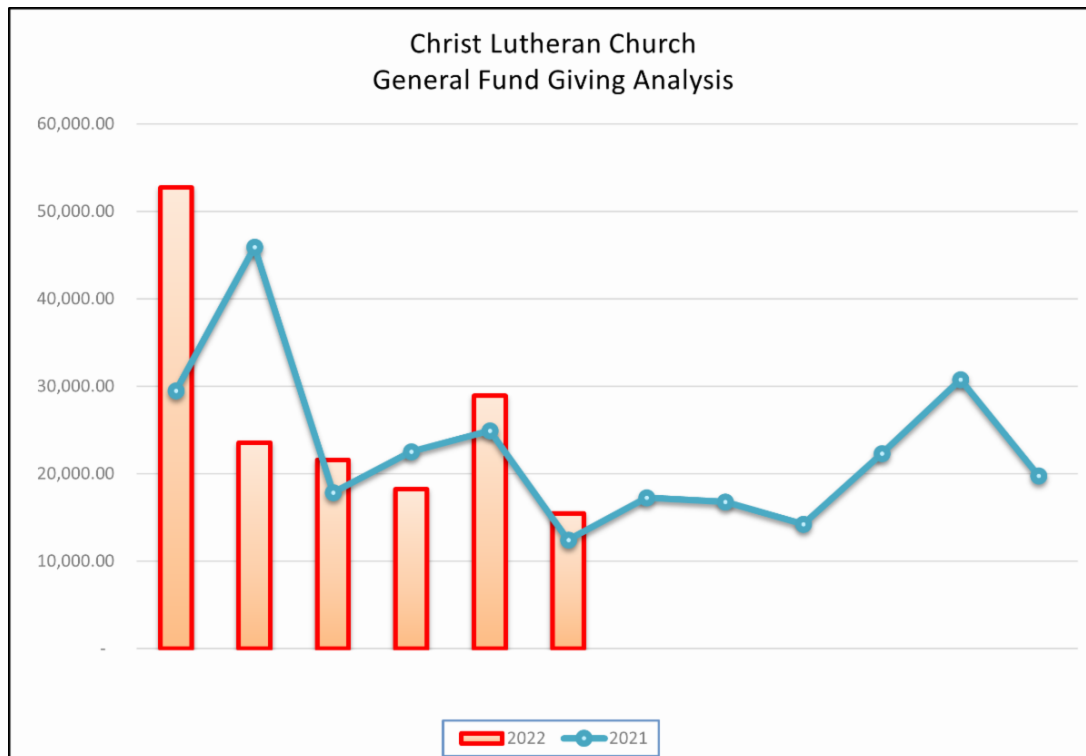


Join us via Zoom for about an hour on Wednesday morning beginning at 11am EST. Most of our members have a tie to Christ Lutheran, but join the discussion from multiple locations across the US. We'd love to have you join us. The weekly discussions stand alone, so if you can't participate every week, no problem. Zoom in when you can. Our studies take us from Bible times into the challenges of being a Christian in 2022. We are a caring group that is open to all. If you have questions, contact Kathy Mork at klmork@yahoo.com. Study guides are available in the office.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6729108287?pwd=UU1qK2pjR21vZnd1WVNOWXRsSTJ4Zz09> Meeting ID: 672 910 8287
Passcode: Wednesday

From the Administration & Finance Team

From the chart you can see we are slightly ahead of the first half income from last year. However, it should be noted that both years were projected as a deficit for the year. You can also see that expenses are higher this year, due to increased repair costs, increased costs for goods and services as reflected in the economy, and higher utility costs due to more usage than in the pandemic years. Thank you for your continued contributions to CLC, as they are greatly appreciated.



<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
January		
February	\$29,501	\$52,744
March	\$45,922	\$23,523
	\$21,578	\$18,204

April	\$22,552	\$18,230
May	\$24,047	\$28,916
June	\$14,227	\$15,477
6 Months Income	\$155,339	\$160,467
Expenditures for 6 Months	\$183,440	\$225,374

GIVING DURING THE SUMMER

If you're away from worship during this summer, please consider giving to Christ Lutheran while you're away. We have three options:

- You can give through Vanco, our automatic giving, (just contact Linda in the office to set that up)
- You can give via credit card through Tithley on a one time or recurring basis. [Click this link to get to our Tithley page](#)
- You can mail a check to the office: Christ Lutheran, 829 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head, SC 29928.

Your regular gifts help us to sustain our ministries through the entire year



Altar Flowers

MANY DATES ARE OPEN!

If you would like to sponsor flowers to grace our altar during worship, please visit our Ministry Lobby. You will find a calendar on the bulletin board that will have the dates available for signing

up. Simply sign your name and write a check to the church for \$45.00 and put it in the offering plate, mail it, or deliver it to Linda Sheetz in the Church Office. You can sponsor flowers in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or loved one.

Please write in your dedication of choice on the sign-up sheet and circle 'yes' or 'no' to let us know if you will be taking the flowers home after the service. Some flowers may be distributed to those who are ill or homebound.



CHURCH MEMBERS:

Mike Matter, Judy Johns, Ingrid Low

MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR FRIENDS . . .

Pat Bottomley of Virginia (friend of Doug and Ann Hamnes)

Pat Kirkland (friend of Doug Hamnes)

Emma Stafford Meyer, daughter of Ed and Nan Stafford,

has in laws recovering from cancer.

Linda Meyer, from breast cancer (friend of the Stafford's)

Klaus Meyer is in the 4th stage of stomach cancer.
(friend of the Stafford's)

Celeste Sichenze (friend of Doug and Ann Hamnes)

Jayne Woods (Lois Gregory's daughter) surgery on July 27th
Gary Gregory (Lois Gregory's son)

Tammy Simmons (friend of Doug & Ann Hamnes, in Virginia),
cardiac problems

Nancy Sloane (a friend of Fran and Robin Baselice),
diagnosed with leukemia

Glyndal Partington, lymphoma (friend of Barbara Johnson)

Gloria Szymanski (Robin Baselice's mother)

Dana Dapolito, relative of Robin and Fran Baselice for recurring cancer

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 14

10 am **Pentecost 10**, worship with Communion
Youth Group arriving from Minnesota

Monday, August 15

Preschool classes resume

Tuesday, August 16

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 17

3:00 pm Choir

4:00 pm Handbell Choir

7:00 pm Barbecue with Minnesota Youth

Thursday, August 18

11 am Lunch Program

Minnesota Youth Group leaving today

Friday, August 19, Church Office Closed

5:30 pm SHAG CLUB meets in Heinrichs Hall

Church Office Hours:

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

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