

The Bridge October 21, 2022

Welcome to Christ Lutheran



Pentecost 20

The Pharisee and the Publican James Tissot Worship this
Sunday
Pentecost
20
October 23rd,
10am

With Pastor Rick Klotz

Here is the live-stream link for October 23, 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/L9ybYpDJk9o

To read Pr. June's Sermon from last week, click here: http://revjunewilkinssermons.blogspot.com/

Come Celebrate With Christ Lutheran! Reformation Sunday, October 30th Worship at 10am

WEAR RED
Invite your friends!

From our Director of Christian Life

Last Monday in our prayer group we prayed about our fear of change.



All of us are old enough to know that life's only constant is change and still we never seem to be able to get used to it.

If we can, we tend to fight change any possible way. Most of us only change direction if we are forced through circumstances. Rarely have I seen people making voluntary, meaningful changes in hope of

advantageous outcomes in the future.

Instead, we prefer to stay in our comfort zone until (so often) life hits us hard and knocks us far out of our safe zone; maybe through an illness, the loss of a job or the death of a loved one.

That doesn't mean we always have all deciding factors of those peace endangering happenings in our hands, nevertheless we might have had a few options at our hands, e.g. to change to a healthier diet and more exercise before an illness hits, to move into a better suited housing situation before we are not able to take care anymore of a house, a garden or ourselves, or switching a job when we had a chance before losing the old one.

Voluntary change seems hard for us. We are lovers of our cozy comfort zone.

Then there are the unforeseeable, sudden, often traumatic changes that come our way. We are never prepared for those.

But what we can somewhat prepare and train for is our reaction to those changes, may they have been foreseeable or not.

Having a strong mature faith, knowing ourselves well, having started the journey of discovering our true selves versus still living out our ego selves can help us tremendously in absorbing the shock of sudden changes.

Never giving up on growing our faith, seeking new perspectives, allowing the different and the new into our lives, attending classes at church or seeing a spiritual director/counselor regularly can prepare you fairly well for the second half of life (or end of life) challenges that are to come as surely as the AMEN in church.

Genuinely knowing yourself and mastering the understanding that you truly are in God and God truly is in you, should alleviate the fear of change and even death.

We are all human, I know very few people who really do not fear change or death, but I have experienced first hand how much spiritual seeking, an openness to learn and monthly meetings with my spiritual director have helped me through my challenges.

If you yourself or someone you know would like to seek a spiritual director/counselor to walk with you through life's trials and tribulations, contact me!

We also hope to soon start a grief/loss support group here at CLC. Julie Raino will cochair with me. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this group.

Contact: Silke Pyrlik, 843-298-2823 or email Silke

October 2022



The Christ Lutheran Church Council met this past Tuesday, October 18, in Heinrich's Hall.

This past month we have been challenged: in addition to "talking the talk", can we "walk the walk?" The answer is YES, we can!

- CLC hosted a Candidates Forum on Affordable Housing on October 4 th in our sanctuary
- Pastor June has begun the Hilton Head HOME Coalition, which is working on affordable housing issues
- Wednesday Nights with Purpose is addressing "CLC and Social Justice" in the context of faith and life.
- Silke has connected with Aaron Kalms, the leader of Young Life on Hilton Head. Young Life is ministering to middle and high school kids on the island and in Bluffton, engaging with our youth and exemplifying the love of Christ for all. We will keep exploring how CLC and Young Life could cooperate to spiritually enrich the lives of our HHI youth, with a special focus on the underprivileged.
- We will have the opportunity during Advent to reach out to our Chimney Cove neighbors along with other churches, to provide them some special gifts for the holidays.
- Lynn Bagylos, who volunteers with VIM (Volunteers in Medicine), will be looking into planting fruit trees on our property as a part of efforts to provide fresh fruit to those in need.
- We have been invited to provide support for the Lowcountry Pride parade on November 5th, the news is out that we are a welcoming church!

In addition, Council proposals centered on our membership as well:

- Silke will be researching off-site facilities for a men's and or women's retreat in March of 2023
- Our Nominating committee has been very active and will have a slate of new council members for the November council meeting.
- Joe Etter, John Prange and Wayne Sebulsky have completed the revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws. We are currently awaiting final approval from the Synod. Thank you for a job well done!
- Our Preschool was visited by the NAEYC Accreditation on October 12, 2022. Currently, 42 children are enrolled in this excellent program.
- The A and F Committee benefited from a guest presentation from Stephanie Burke, ELCA Foundation/Legacy and Gifting representative via Zoom. There is no financial obligation to use Stephanie and her expertise. More to come on this as we move forward with Planned Giving as a part of our Stewardship program in January of 2023.
- The Hilton Head Choral society is so grateful for the use of our sanctuary for their Sunday evening practices.
- The Fellowship "fun" team is off to a great start after their ice cream treat sign-up. Two "Out to Lunch" groups have already met. The dining out group will meet October 29. The Bridge group is being coordinated by Nan Stafford. The women's lunch group will meet again November 11. "Those who pray together and play together, stay together"!
- Advent and Christmas plans are in place- it is "just around the corner"!
- The date for our annual meeting in December will be Sunday, December 18, 2022 in the sanctuary following worship service.

Our faith is at work here at CLC- God Bless you all!

Respectfully submitted, Susie Fidler, Council President

Please note: this report is the abbreviated version of the Council minutes. The official minutes are taken by Lynn Baglyos and sent to all members of staff and Council in advance of our monthly meetings. The official minutes are available to any member upon request.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH PURPOSE CLC and Social Justice





Who are we called to be?

Please join us to explore CLC's calling for Hilton Head Island!

- What does the church have to do with social justice?
- What is our response to God's love and grace?
- Do we as the church carry a responsibility for the well-being of our society, our communities, and our environment?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join us for a meal, fellowship, learning and an exploration of a complex topic on WEDNESDAYS at 5:30pm.

Wednesday, October 12th to November 9th, 2022

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING GROUPS

Men's Out to Lunch Group

Monday, October 24, 11:30 am
Bourbon Street Bistro, Bluffton
Please contact Pastor Rick Klotz 843-705-2770
to let him know you want to join the group.

Dining Out Group

Saturday, October 29, 6:00 pm at Charlie's L'Etoile Verte It's sure to be a delicious, fun evening. Come join us! Contact Suzy Makalous s.makalous@gmail.com.

Ladies Out to Lunch

November 11, 11:30 am at Low Country Backyard Come join us and let Susie Fidler, susieqfidler@gmail.com know you want to come!



REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

For All Saints Sunday, on **November 6th**, we will be remembering loved ones who have died and those who have been baptized.

If you have a friend or loved one who has died in the past year (since November of 2021) or who has been baptized in the past year, please forward their name, their relationship to you, and the date of

Bible

their death or baptism to Linda Sheetz in the office at info@clchhi.com or PastorJune@clchhi.com.

The next Wednesday Bible Study is October 26 at 11 a.m. via Zoom

"God's Exceptional Choice"

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?
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Meeting ID: 672 910 8287
Passcode: Wednesday



\$25 Walmart gift cards for our Chimney Cove

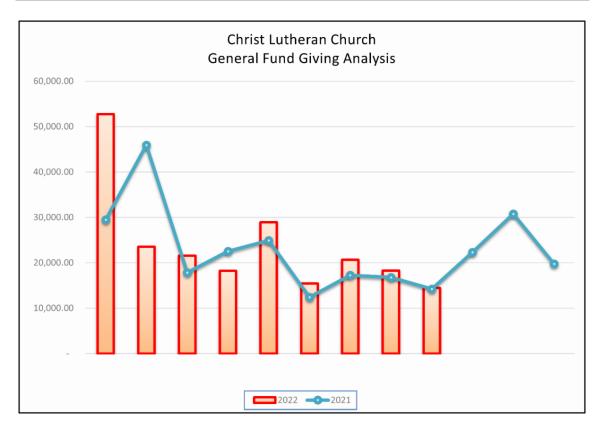
families. Instead of collecting toys to distribute, the Service Ministry team are asking for these gift cards so our Chimney Cove neighbors can buy what they most need for their families this holiday season. Please place these gift cards in the small blue wrapped box located on the Narthex counter. Gift cards must be placed in the box by Thursday, December 8 so they can be placed in the gift bags the Service team are packing on Saturday, December 11.

From the Administration & Finance Team

From the chart below you can see we are slightly ahead of the third quarter income from last year. However, it should be noted that both years were projected as a deficit for the year. Expenses are higher this year due to increases in repair costs, increased costs in goods and services after the worst of the pandemic and higher utility costs due to full time use of the facility. Recent gifts to the church have improved our cash on hand and should carry us into 2023. As always, thank you for your continued contributions to CLC, as they are always appreciated.

Financial Comparisons through Three Quarters of 2022

Income	2021	2022
January	\$29,501	\$52,744
February	\$45,922	\$23,523
March	\$21,578	\$18,204
April	\$22,552	\$18,230
May	\$24,047	\$28,916
June	\$14,227	\$15,477
July	\$17,280	\$20,650
August	\$16,779	\$18,260
September	\$14,091	\$14,445
9 Months Income	\$200,979	\$213,643 (+12,664)
9 Months Expenditures	\$299,693	\$352,467





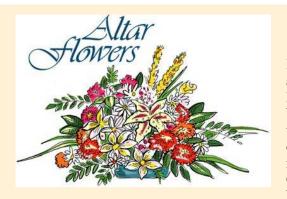


The new picnic tables and shade canopy are wonderful additions to our playground! We were able to purchase these items thanks to the *Birdies for Charity* fundraiser last year. The children have enjoyed having lunch outside when the weather is nice!

I am looking for people who would like to help make quilts. The quilt group stopped meeting over two years ago at the beginning of the pandemic. We have a lot of material that has been donated, as well as a bolt of batting. I think we should start with making baby quilts. They are approximately 36" x 40". They are pretty easy to make and finish. We previously donated them both locally and to an orphanage in Malawi.



Please contact Linda Kondor (843-816-5284), if you are interested in helping with this project. I anticipate meeting once a month.



Altar Flowers

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. **The dates we**

still have available are December 4 and December 11.

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.

OUR MEMBERS:

Ingrid Low



MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS ...

Our Sympathies to Barbara Fudjack and family in the death of her brother, David E. Poole in Virginia on Oct. 16.

The people of Chimney Cove

All those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

Rachel Rekich surgery on Sept. 22. (Karen Momberger's daughter in law)

Death of Linda Zambelli, prayers for her husband and family, as they mourn her passing. (from Tami Kuhlmann)

Jennifer Klotz, daughter-in-law of Rick and Kriss Klotz who had a heart attack on Monday, September 12th. She is recovering.

Audrey Ongman— My dear friend of many years who is living with advanced Alzheimers. (from Julie Raino)

Gabe Federici— My step son and his parents as they grapple with his mental illness and reduced capacities. (from Julie Raino)

Liz and Tom— As they grieve the loss of their child, Isaac. (from Julie Raino)

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

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

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, October 23
10:00 am Pentecost 20, worship with Communion
7:00 to 9:00 pm Hilton Head Choral Society meets in Sanctuary

Monday, October 24 11:30 am Men's Out to Lunch Group

Bourbon Street Bistro, Bluffton

Tuesday, October 25

10:00 am Staff Meeting--Pastor June returns to the office 3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 26

11:00 am Bible Study, by Zoom 5:30 pm Wednesday Nights with Purpose, Heinrich Hall

Thursday, October 27

10:00 am Lunch Break

Friday, October 28

Church Office Closed 9:00 am Preschool Halloween Party, Heinrich Hall 5:00 pm SHAG CLUB meets in Heinrich Hall

Church Office Hours:

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

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