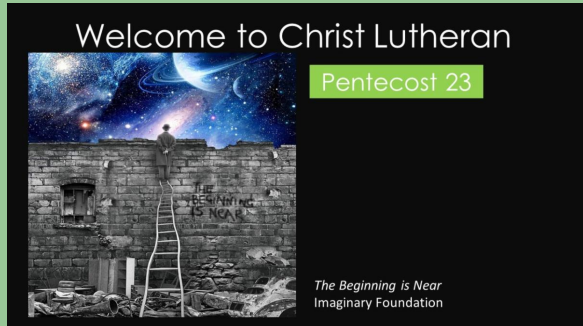




The Bridge

November 11, 2022



Worship this Sunday Pentecost 23

November 13th, 10am

Here is the live-stream link for
November 13, 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/bTd7CAIYVwc>

You can also find the link on the homepage
of our website: www.clchhi.org

Worship Volunteers for this Sunday:

Lector: Lynn Baglyos

Greeters: Fran & Robin Baselice

Communion Assistants: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky

Ushers: Joe Etter & Chris Wilcox

Altar Guild: Danny & Brenda Wheeler

Thanks Everyone for volunteering!

Vision

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. - John 13:34

I have been working with the council on creating a vision statement for Christ Lutheran. We've been using the feedback we've gotten from congregational surveys in the spring, from the work the congregation did in Wednesday Nights With Purpose in the summer, and on our own discussions. We're just now coming up with the wording for a vision that will inform our work in the future. You should be seeing more about that in the next few weeks.

A vision statement is a dream of our future. It's a mixture of what we are in reality and what we could be. It's an ideal.

As I have been thinking about this process, I have been drawn to a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer from his book "Life Together" *:

Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than they love the Christian community itself become destroyers of that Christian community even though their personal intentions may be ever so honest, earnest, and sacrificial. God hates this wishful dreaming because it makes the dreamer proud and pretentious. Those who dream of this idolized community demand that it be fulfilled by God, by others and by themselves. They enter the community of Christians with their demands set up by their own law, and judge one another and God accordingly.

I'll let you read that several times and unpack it. But I believe it is certainly true.

We always need to be working towards a vision. But we cannot love the vision so much that it causes us to be bitter or disappointed with the community we're in now. Whatever work we embark on, it always has to begin first with love and care of our present community. If we concentrate and always work on that, our vision will develop. But if we are always comparing what we are to what we could be, we will end up hating who what we are. That doesn't serve Christ, or our community, and it ironically won't help us to reach our vision.

We can see this happening with the political dialogue in our country now. Each side is so dedicated to their own vision of what could be, that we have forgotten to love what is. And many people have actually come to despise the present reality. This is obviously destructive.

Many churches, also, have been hurt and destroyed by constant grumbling, complaints, and dissatisfaction. Those complaints usually come because the community is not meeting up with some dreamers' ideals of what the church could be. These ideals and visions could be wonderful and the complainers might think they're moving a congregation forward (and they might, for a while) but, none the less, the complaining and grumbling become destructive.

Every community is a community made up of human beings. That means every community will fall short of God's glory and of our own ideals. We will always be a place of false starts, of failures, of brokenness, of not good enough. Christ showed us love in spite of our brokenness. We need to love our community in spite of its brokenness and shortcomings too.

God has put each one of us here in this present time and place. And he has asked us to love above all else. It is the deep love of who we are and what we are presently that will make God's vision a reality for us. It is love of what is real (and not ideals) that will transform us and the world.

Rev. June Wilkins

** Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor who was an anti-Nazi dissident. He was a key founding member of an underground seminary for training other pastors who were resisting the war and Nazi rule. He was arrested and killed by the German government in 1945. His book "Life Together" was about his discoveries about living*

in community in the underground seminary. Bonhoeffer and "Life Together" deserve a very long article (and a re-read by me), but I really just want to focus on this quote right now.

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

Christmas Giving from the Service Ministry Team



*Christmas is coming!
Deep Well needs our help and we are
making gift bags for our neighbors at Chimney Cove and Family Promise!*



\$25 Walmart Gift Cards for our Chimney Cove and Family Promise families

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are giving our neighbors at Chimney Cove and our friends at Family Promise gift cards for Christmas!

Please place these gift cards in the small blue wrapped box located on the Narthex counter.

Gift cards should be placed in the box by Sunday, December 4th

If you would rather give the funds and let someone else buy the cards, just make a check out to Christ Lutheran and write "Gift Card" in the memo line! You can drop it in the

Cookies, Candy Canes, Hot Chocolate Packets

Get out your family favorite holiday recipes and bake a batch or two of your favorites to donate to our holiday gift bags for our Chimney Cove neighbors and the Family Promise families! Many of you are already part of the Cookie Ministry that provides baked goods for the CLC Thursday Lunch Break program. (The Service Team gratefully thanks you for all you do to make our lunch program successful!)

These Christmas cookies, candy cane boxes and hot chocolate boxes need to be at the church no later than Thursday, December 8.

The boxes of candy canes and hot chocolate can be placed in the blue wagon in the Ministry Lobby, by Sunday, December 4

Gift Wraps

Deep Well need new/gently used holiday gift wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, ribbons, holiday décor items etc. for clients participating in the Deep Well Santa Shop. Beginning Friday, December 9, the Santa Shop will be open to parents so they can pick

*offering plate on Sunday,
put it in the gift card box,
or mail it to the office!*

out toys and clothes for their children. As parents leave the shop, they are encouraged to pick out something from a big box of the above-mentioned items. Let's make sure that box is full for all five days of shopping.

Place items in the large, decorated box in the Ministry Lobby. Items will be delivered to Deep Well by December 8.

New CLC Grief Support Group

The new community grief support group will be meeting **Tuesdays at 11AM weekly** in the "sofa room" of the educational building.

Please contact Silke in the office or via email if you would like to be part of a group of people who all grieve the loss of a loved one in different and individual ways but can now share the pain and suffering as well as the joys and hopes that life still has to offer.



Contact **Silke Pyrlík** for more information!

Let's Do Lunch (Or Dinner!)

Men's Out to Lunch
Monday, November 14,
11:30 am at
Main Street Cafe & Pub

Meet you there! or call Ray Makalous
at 816-510-3041

Ladies Out to Lunch
Wednesday, November 16,
11:30 am at
**Low Country
Backyard**

Come join us and let Susie Fidler,
susieqfidler@gmail.com
know you want to come!



YOU'RE INVITED!

If you don't have a special place to go for Thanksgiving, please come to Pr. June and Bob's house for a meal on Thanksgiving Day!

Pr. June will make the turkey and you bring a side to share.

Just let Pr. June or Bob know and we'll fill you in on the details! pastorjune@clchhi.com



CLC CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in our Sanctuary
You are invited to sing just during Advent and
Christmas or joyfully beyond!

We will be singing songs from "The Strangers in our
Manger" that reflects our lectionary passages and themes of
inclusive kindness and justice.

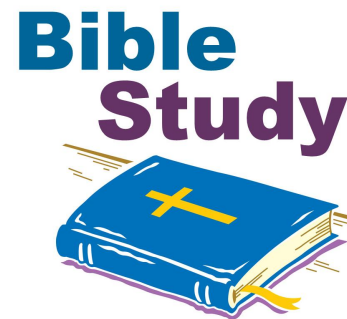
Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Grace & Peace,
Philip Pennington
CLC Music Director

The next Wednesday Bible Study is Nov. 16 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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The Ladies Book Club next meets **Saturday,
November 19 at 1:30pm**, at the church. We will
discuss William Kent Krueger's book: Lightning
Strike.. "An emotionally charged coming of age
tale about fathers and sons, small-town conflicts,

and the events that shape our lives forever." Join this great group of women who love
to read, discuss books, and to have fellowship with each other! Contact Chris Wilcox,
cwilcoxhhi@gmail.com

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. 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. **The dates we still**



have available are December 11 and December 18.



It's Poinsettia Time Again!

Poinsettia and greenery will once again decorate the church for our Christmas Eve Services. To purchase Poinsettia plants, (\$15) each to enhance our chancel, please complete the Order Form and place it, with your payment, in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Monday, December 19. Order forms are available through this link [The Poinsettia order form!](#) in the Narthex, or in the Church Office.



Hilton Head Island S.C.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Preschool's annual Fundraiser at THE SANDBAR will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022. 50% of all food and beverage proceeds go to the Preschool! More details will come soon...but save the date!

OUR MEMBERS:

Ingrid Low
Jimmy Rowe (knee replacement)
Doris Stickel (recovering from pelvis reconstruction surgery)



MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS . . .

Duffy Comeau (friend of Barbara Johnson) had brain tumor surgery

Our sympathies to Fran & Robin Basalice on the death of their friend, Sharon Mazur, who passed on Friday, Oct. 28th.

The people of Chimney Cove

All those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

Rachel Rekich surgery on 9/22. (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)

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)

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, November 13

10:00 am, worship with Communion

7:00 to 9:00 pm Hilton Head Choral Society meets in Sanctuary

Monday, November 14

11:30 am Men's Luncheon, Main Street Cafe & Pub

Tuesday, November 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am Grief Support Group

3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

4:00 pm Bell Rehearsal

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 16

11:00 am Bible Study, by Zoom

11:30 Ladies Lunch, at Low Country Backyard

Thursday, November 17

10:00 am Lunch Break

Friday, November 18

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 19

1:30 pm Book Club, Lounge Room, in the Sale building

Church Office Hours:

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

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