

Worship this
Sunday
Christ the King

November 20th,
10am

Here is the live-stream link for
November 20, 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/CaH21uCmYWc>

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

Worship Volunteers for this Sunday:

Lector: Danny Wheeler

Greeters: Suzy Makalous & Alice Graeb

Communion Assistants: Danny Wheeler & Janet Garnjost

Ushers: Fran & Robin Baselice

Altar Guild: Danny & Brenda Wheeler

Thanks Everyone for volunteering!

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thanksgiving

At my home church in New York City, we had an annual Thanksgiving meal at our church that fed 400-500 people. Some ate it in the fellowship hall in the basement and a lot of people took meals to go. Members made turkeys and sliced the meat, and there was one lady (who I never saw otherwise) who spent the Wednesday before making 50 sweet potato pies in the church kitchen. We had an abundance of everything: mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans and all kinds of pie.

Sharon, a member of Trinity, started the meal with Timmy, a guy from the neighborhood. I never actually met him, but as we said the prayers to start the meal, she always read us greetings and a Native American prayer from Timmy wherever he was.

After I had been there about three years, Sharon asked if I could coordinate this event so she could spend time with her family for the first time in 15 years, and, of course, I said I would even though I had never done anything like that before. She gave me a lot of directions beforehand, but then there were a lot of things that she said “would just work themselves out.” One such thing was that “The New Jersey Family” would be bringing and cooking all the sides. I asked her who were, and did she have a phone number I could contact them beforehand to make sure. She said she only knew one guy, Jon, and no, there was no phone number. They would sometimes call the office and tell whoever answered the phone (or left a message) that they were coming. But I was told, don’t worry about the sides “it would all work itself out.”

The night before we were diligently getting everything ready and making sure we had everything, and there were no sides and, of course, I was worrying. And on the morning of Thanksgiving, I was there at 8am getting everything ready and there was a ton of activity in the dining room, but the kitchen was dormant. Other volunteers were asking me “What is with the sides? Should we start making the sides?” And I said, “No, Sharon said not to worry. Someone is coming to do that.” But I was worrying. What is Thanksgiving without sides?

But at about 9am, I turned my head away for a second and when I looked back, the kitchen was filled with people! It was “The New Jersey Family” as promised. About 10 adults and maybe 400 children of all ages were bringing in instant mashed potatoes, stuffing boxes, butter, cans of green beans, and corn by the case, (and also a case of Bud Light and Diet Coke.) They got out aprons and took the pots and pans off of the shelves and started dumping everything in. It was a miracle! By 11am everything was ready to go and I had a chance to go and talk to Jon, the leader who was stirring some green beans and drinking a Diet Coke.

Jon had gone to Columbia University (which was near the church), he had met Sharon and Timmy and had started helping then. He kept on doing that after he went back to Jersey and he started bringing his brothers and they all started bringing their kids. They made it a family tradition of this. Every year for the last 20 or so years. He said his kids knew no other way to do Thanksgiving. I thanked them for being there and coming through for us. And he said (in a very New Jersey way) “No way, we thank you for letting us do this.” For seven more years (even after I went to seminary) I was part of that meal, and every year, the New Jersey Family would magically appear and make all the sides. And I would have a similar exchange with them. I would thank Jon and his brothers and they would say “No, we thank you.” I’m sure they said this to everyone who came in. So I wrote this this story and was coming up with a conclusion and I asked Heidi Neumark, the current pastor of Trinity, if the New Jersey Family was still doing the sides. She said, “Yes. They’ve now been doing it for 40 years.”

Then she went on with this story:

For Thanksgiving 2020, the year of COVID, Trinity knew they couldn’t have their usual sit-down meal with hundreds of people crowded around tables and cooks crammed into the kitchen. Then Jon called and said his family could prepare 300 take-out meals that they could give out in the front of the church. The Thanksgiving meal would be smaller than usual, but it would still go on. Three weeks before Thanksgiving, Jon called the church to finalize all the plans. Two days after that call, he had a massive heart attack and died.

Jon’s son Ryan called to tell Pastor Heidi that, but in spite of their shock and grief, the family wanted to carry on in Jon’s honor. Not only that, they would be coming with 1000 meals. Jon was the mayor of his town in Bloomingdale, NJ and there was such an outpouring of people who wanted to honor him. His family asked for food for Trinity’s Thanksgiving meal. They cooked the food together in the school where Jon’s wife worked and at the Bloomington Fire department. The Fire Department drove a truck to New York City with the food. In the end, they brought 1200 meals. They gave away over 1000 meals, but there was still more food than they could use, so Pastor Heidi contacted another organization that was sharing a meal later in the day to see if they needed anything. They said, “it’s a miracle!”. They didn’t get all the food they expected and they didn’t know what they were going to do.

I don’t know what my point was going to be when I started this story, but I think my point now is that even in grief there can be gratitude. At Thanksgiving and all times, give thanks and be thankful for all the miracles, small and large that may come into your life.

Trinity is again having an in-person dinner this year (first since COVID) and the “New Jersey Family” is still doing the sides and is also brining 50 turkeys too.

Rev. June Wilkins



"New Jersey" Jon in 2002



Don't forget to vote in the runoff for Mayor of Hilton Head!

Early voting goes through Friday, November 18, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hilton Head Government Center 539 William Hilton Parkway or vote Tuesday, November 22nd at your assigned precinct.



COUNCIL CORNER November 2022

The Christ Lutheran Church Council met November 15, 2022, at 6:30 in Heinrichs Hall. There are many end-of-the-year deliverables that need to be completed. I will list those first and then update our staff and ministry activities.

- The Nominating Committee consisting of Paulette Stefanik, JoAnn Sebulsky and Ray Makalous presented the slate for new and returning council members for 2023. Lynn Baglyos and Doug Felten (returning) Julie Rano, Richard Dauchert, Carla Reichelderfer and Eric Momberger (new)

The motion was passed to place these names forward at the December 18th Annual Meeting.

- The motion was made by Susie Fidler to accept the revised and Synod approved changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. The motion was passed by Council and the revised document will be published via a link in the Bridge and hard copies will be available in the office. This document will be on the agenda for the December 18th Annual Meeting.
- The Annual Meeting will be held in the CLC Sanctuary after worship service on December 18, 2022. Look for our Stewardship Team to introduce their program in January/February of 2023.
- Silke updated us on the CLC participation in the Lowcountry Pride Parade on Saturday, November 5th. Our presence was well received, and we were the only church that supported this event.
- Silke and Chris updated us on the activities planned for our Wednesday Nights with Purpose during Advent. Look for more information to come in the Bridge and during announcements.
- The Grief Support Group led by Silke Pyrlik and Julie Raino has begun to meet on Tuesdays at 11 am.
- Possible Retreat facilities and programs for an all-congregation Retreat in the spring are currently being researched by Silke.
- Young Life in Hilton Head Christian ministry will be supported by CLC. Look for more

information about this in the coming year.

- Pastor June has been working with the Hilton Head HOME coalition on affordable housing issues.
- The Preschool program will be presented in Heinrichs Hall on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 10 am.
- The Sandbar fundraiser will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022. 50% of all food and beverage purchases will be donated to the Preschool.
- Ron provided us with a complete report on finances for the month of October.
- A and F will be presenting a Spending Plan for 2023 by December 6 to the current members of Council.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Christ Lutheran Church Council met Tuesday, November 15, 2022, for their monthly meeting. On the agenda were two very important items that were approved by Council. These items can now be taken to the general membership for a final vote. This will take place at our Annual Meeting scheduled for **Sunday, December 18, 2022** immediately following our worship service.

- The first item is the vote on returning and new Council members for the 2023 year. These proposed members are Doug Felten (returning) and Lynn Baglyos, (returning). Eric Momberger, Richard Dauchert, Julie Raino, and Carla Reichelderfer are on the slate as proposed new members of Council for the 2023 calendar year. Many thanks to Paulette Stefanik, JoAnn Sebulsky and Ray Makalous for serving on the Nominating Committee.
- The second issue is the vote on the changes made to our Constitution and Bylaws required by our Synod and facilitated by our members: Joe Etter, John Prange and Wayne Sebulsky. A link to the revised proposals will be in the Bridge for the next three weeks and hard copies will be available in the office. Many thanks to these dedicated members who literally spent hours revising our Constitution and Bylaws.

Click Here:

[Updated Constitution and By-Laws](#)

There will be sign-in sheets provided prior to service and after service. These items will be voted on as two separate items by secret ballot, as stated in the current Constitution.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Susie Fidler at 908-451-9063 or email at susieqfidler@gmail.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

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

We need 56 Cards
We currently have 19!

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 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.

ADVENT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



WITH PURPOSE AT
5:30 TO 7PM



NOVEMBER 30: WNwP, finger food, story time and tree setup in sanctuary

DECEMBER 7: WNwP, packing of gift bags for Chimney Cove and Family Promise
Pizza, salad and dessert in Heinrich Hall

DECEMBER 14: WNwP, potluck meal in Heinrich Hall, tree decoration and Christmas carols in sanctuary

Be on the look out for the email on Mondays ahead of the event for details and to RSVP! Thank you!

DECEMBER 1:
SANDBOX FUNDRAISER, dine all day to raise funds for CLP

DECEMBER 11:
PRESCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY during worship service in Heinrich Hall at 10AM

Coffee hour to mingle with parents and kids after the worship service in Heinrich Hall

Contact [Silke](#) for more information and let her know of your desire to help with prep and set-up!

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!



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



THANK YOU!!

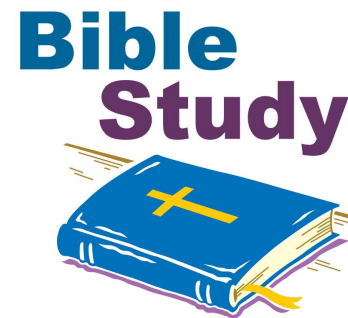
To those who helped prepare two evening meals for Family Promise clients last week. Jackie Longo and Leslie Heavener made slow cooker beef stew and Beth Harwood and Elsa Felten made chicken and rice casserole. Other items were donated by Terry Graves, Janelle Ebaugh-Boden, Ann & Doug Hammes, Chris Wilcox, and Brenda

Wheeler. We'll be doing this again in February, so if you missed out helping this time you will get another chance in February.

The next Wednesday Bible Study is Nov. 23 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?pwd=UU1qK2pjR21vZnd1WVNOWXRsSTJ4Zz09> Meeting ID: 672 910 8287
Passcode: Wednesday



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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Altar Flower Program. The new



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 if you click here: [The Poinsettia order form!](#) in the Narthex, or in the Church Office.

DINE OUT

FOR CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Join us for lunch or dinner

Dine In or Eat Out!

**50% OF ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGE
PROCEEDS GO TO CLP**

HOSTED BY

THE SANDBAR BEACH EATS

Located in Coligny Plaza

101 Pope Avenue, HHI



Hilton Head Island S.C.



Bring your family and friends
for a meal to raise funds for
Christ Lutheran Preschool!

Let's Do Lunch!

The Men's Out to Lunch group

will meet Friday, Jan 6 at
Main Street Pub at 11:30 am.

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



OUR MEMBERS:

John Conway (Vera Conway's husband)
who is in hospice care
Lynn Baglyos (knee replacement)
Carla Holm (knee replacement)
Steve Holm (oral surgery)
Doris Stickel (recovering from pelvis reconstruction surgery)
Jimmy Rowe (knee replacement)
Ingrid Low

MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS . . .

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

The people of Chimney Cove

All those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Ian and Tropical Storm ?????.

Rachel Rekich surgery on 9/22. (Karen Momberger's daughter in law)

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)

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



Sunday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 22

7 am--7 pm Run Off for Election, Heinrich Hall
10:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Grief Support Group
3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office Closed
11:00 am Bible Study, by Zoom

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

5:00 pm Shag Club meets in Heinrichs Hall
Church Office Closed

Church Office Hours:

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

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