



## The Bridge

January 13, 2023



Here is our YouTube link for  
Sunday's Worship  
2 Epiphany

January 15, 2023

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP  
at 10AM on SUNDAY

Just click on the link! That's it!

<https://youtu.be/lqYdNGz61fs>

You can also find the link on the homepage of our website:  
[www.clchhi.org](http://www.clchhi.org)

Worship Volunteers for this Sunday:

**Lector:** Linda Kondor

**Communion Assistants:** Leslie & Gary Heavener

**Ushers:** Fran & Robin Baseline

**Altar Guild:** Joyce Prange

***We welcome Susan Micharlesen, our guest pianist.***

Thank you to all our volunteers!

## Generosity

Our stewardship drive is starting this week. You've probably already gotten a letter in the mail. Yes, we'll be talking about intent cards and your church offering, but mostly what we'll be talking about is generosity and how generosity, in all areas of our lives, is vital to us as Christians.



Generosity doesn't only benefit the one receiving, it also benefits the giver. As Christians, we have a need to give to others. It's part of our make-up as followers of Jesus. We are givers. The discipline of giving helps us to grow spiritually. It helps us recognize what we have is from God. It helps us to grow in trust and faith.

The people of Christ Lutheran are generous. There are many people who support the ministry of this congregation with their generous, consistent giving. With those gifts the church has been sustained through difficult times. This congregation has also reached out beyond our church to those we don't know, but who we know need our help. That is generous. We want to recognize and thank you for that. And there is also a challenge. We want to ask you to consider how you might grow in your generosity.

Our stewardship drive will take place during Epiphany (January 15-February 12) and we will offer our Statement of Intent cards on February 12<sup>th</sup>. **During Epiphany, we will hear sermons about generosity from me (of course) and we will also be hearing from our other members who are pastors: Julie Raino, Danny Wheeler, and Rick Klotz to hear their take on generosity.** During worship you will also be hearing short Moments of Generosity from our members.

**Your intent cards will be mailed to you in February.** We will also give you a chance to respond by e-mail if you are not here or if you'd rather do it that way.

As we embark on this theme of *Growing a Culture of Generosity*, consider your generosity towards your church community and in other aspects of your life too. Consider ways for you to grow spiritually by growing in generosity.

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

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**From Silke Pyrlik, Director of Spiritual Formation**

### **About the RIC (Reconciling in Christ) journey our leadership has decided to undertake**

Please check out this website **[RIC](#)** and attend our Wednesday Nights with Purpose (WNwP) learning opportunities to be fully informed about what this journey means.

CLC leadership really, really, really would appreciate to see all of you at the many learning and listening opportunities that we will create over the coming months.

In July 2020, still in the middle of the pandemic, I wrote the following in our newsletter:

*"In moments of insecurity and crisis, shoulds and oughts don't really help. They just increase the shame, guilt, pressure, and likelihood of backsliding into unhealthy patterns. It's the deep yeses that carry us through to the other side. It's that deeper something we are strongly for—such as equality and dignity for all—that allows us to wait it out. It's someone in whom we absolutely believe and to whom we commit. In plain language, love wins out over guilt any day."* (Richard Rohr, Daily Mediation 7/5/2020)

*"Like Richard Rohr in his article insinuates, we humans are not made to change voluntarily. We will not leave our comfort zone just because. We always need to be pushed or dragged out of our comfort zone and into a brighter, changed future by outside forces. And those usually include times of upheaval, pain, chaos.*

*And while being in the midst of those uncomfortable times, like right now, we need to let love win. Not doubt, not shame, not guilt or pressure. We need to dig deep to find our big YES inside of us! What are we FOR? Instead of against?*

*What is our greatest and biggest hope and wish for the future? Are we ready to let go of some old, potentially unhealthy patterns and can allow God to change us from within? And trust that whatever stands at the end, even though not visible for us yet, or even imaginable, that it will be good? Most likely even better than before?*

*That is what I personally hope and pray for. With all the changes in my life, having to let go of pretty much everything that was dear and near to me for the last 20 years, the seemingly upheaval, chaos and pain I'm living in, can I trust without seeing or knowing yet, that at the end my life will be better than before?" (Silke Pyrlik in July 2020)*

Obviously, today in January 2023, I can wholeheartedly admit that my future and life turned out better, brighter, and more amazing than I could have ever imagined. I did not know that in 2020 or even 2021. But I trusted in God and I found that deep "YES" inside myself. The yes to life, to change, to transformation, to letting go of the old, to withstanding the fear of change.

Why am I bringing up this old story up?

Because I hope that we, as church, as community of believers who've gone through so much in the last years, will also be able to find the "YES" inside of us to embark on a journey of deep self discovery. Who are we as a congregation, as a family of believers? What are our values? What do we stand up for? What are we deeply afraid of? How do we communicate with each other? How do we listen to each other? How do we love each other?

Taking on a risky journey can and should be the great initiator of spiritual growth for a church and done right, should lead to lasting and deep transformation of ourselves as well as our church as a whole. It should bind us closely together. It should unite us and never divide us because every voice will be heard and every viewpoint will be valued.

For that to happen we need to engage in real, fearless and respectful conversations.

There will be no voices of fear, judgement or cynicism allowed.

There cannot be gossip or behind-the-back-talk or non-engagement. We all are called to prayerfully and respectfully engage in conversations and in learning opportunities.

Like I said in 2020: Can we trust that whatever stands at the end, even though not visible for us yet, or even imaginable, that it will be good? Most likely even better than before?

At the end of this journey we should emerge as an attractive, strong, confident, trustworthy, and loving congregation that people will love to be part of.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH PURPOSE RESUMES JANUARY 18, 2023

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME A RIC CONGREGATION?

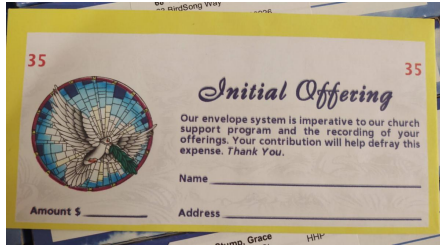
The purpose of the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program.



We will begin this journey from our own unique context and ReconcilingWorks will support us to help create an authentic welcome journey that is customized to our community.

Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The RIC Program is made up of congregations, synods, colleges,

**PLEASE JOIN THIS IMPORTANT CONVERSATION AND PLAN TO  
ATTEND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH PURPOSE  
at 5:30 TO 7:00 PM, JANUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2023!**



## Offering Envelopes

As 2023 is upon us normally you would be receiving your offering envelopes. However, the manufacturer had indicated in early December that they are having extreme difficulty completing orders. They have been hit with staffing shortages as well as equipment failures and are behind in their orders.

As soon as the envelopes arrive, we will be placing them in the narthex for you to pick up. In the meantime, did you know that Christ Lutheran has many different ways to help you with your offering.

1. You may utilize the Tithely page on our website. Just go to [clchhi.org](http://clchhi.org) and click on GIVING. It works the same as your envelope with exactly the same funds for you to give to as your envelope.
2. Another opportunity is VANCO. This is a bank withdrawal, set up with Linda in the office.
3. Or simply use a blank envelope, please add your name to the front and we will process your offering into the Advancing Our Ministry fund. If you would like a more specific fund, just place that on the outside of the envelope along with your name.

Thanks for your understanding and patience with our 2023 envelope order.

## Important News Regarding the Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, immediately following worship.

As per our Constitution, an Annual Congregational Meeting will be held to approve the Ministry Spending Plan (budget) for 2023. In addition, our revised Constitution requires a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on the proposed changes as were previously voted on in December. Both of these votes require secret ballot.

To prepare for this very important meeting, The Annual Report, including the proposed Spending Plan, will be prepared and available for your review prior to the meeting. Your copy of the Report will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email account, a copy will be available for you at Church on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to take home with you. This will help us save on postage to mail it to your home. If you are unable to pick it up, it will be mailed to you in advance of the January 29th meeting.

Thank you.

## Thanks to the Cookie Makers!

Every Thursday dedicated volunteers put together our Lunch Break food program for our island neighbors next door at Chimney Cove and for employees of local businesses.

Besides volunteers who provide sandwiches, fruit and baggies of celery sticks, carrots or small tomatoes, there is an additional team of volunteers from the church and the outside Hilton Head community who bake and bag cookies, bar cookies and brownies to go into the packed lunch bags for the Thursday Lunch Break program.



The following list of individuals deserve our thanks and appreciation to their dedication to the **Cookie Team** over the last couple years.

Judy Beirne  
Karen Bittman  
Nancy Conder  
Patti Conklin  
Irmgard Drilling  
Susie Fidler  
Margaret Gawryszewski  
Alice Graeb  
Leslie Heavener  
Carla Holm  
Pat King  
Jackie Longo  
Ingrid Low

Karen Momberger  
Joyce Prange  
Carla Reichelderfer  
Nancy Renner  
Phyllis Rowe  
Paulette Stefanik  
Doris Stickel  
Cherie Taylor  
Maria Ternstrom  
Julie Walters  
Brenda Wheeler  
Chris Wilcox  
Marajeane Zodtner

Thank you one and all for your service to the **Cookie Team**!



Many thanks to all who supported the Preschool with our SANDBAR fundraiser. The event was a huge success! The Preschool received a check for 50% of the day's profits...which was \$3,430.38!!

Please thank SANDBAR owner Erika Waronsli the next time you visit the SANDBAR. Erika has generously held this fundraiser for us for the past 5 years!.

**Month of Events for Hilton Head's MLK Celebrations  
January 7-28, 2023**





January 7 - 28, 2023

# MLK MONTH OF EVENTS

*Only Love Can Drive Out Hate*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – *Dine & Dance*

(USCB Hilton Head, 1 Sand Shark Drive, Hilton Head - purchase tickets at [www.hiltonheadmlk.com](http://www.hiltonheadmlk.com))

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 p.m. – *Ecumenical / Interfaith Service*

(Queen Chapel AME Church, 114 Beach City Rd, Hilton Head)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

6:00 p.m. – *Shabbat Service*

(Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting Street, Hilton Head)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – *Service Project: In-person Cleanup of Historic Gullah Cemeteries*  
(Cemeteries TBD; event will be preceded by a drive-thru breakfast at All Saints Episcopal Church at 8:00 a.m.)

7:30 p.m. – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute featuring Lowcountry Jazz Band*  
(USCB Center for the Arts, Beaufort)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00 p.m. – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute featuring Lowcountry Jazz Band*  
(Church of the Palms, Okatie)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 a.m. – *MLK Day Memorial March*

(Depart from Hilton Head High School, 70 Wilborn Rd, Hilton Head)

11:00 a.m. – *MLK Memorial Program*

(Hilton Head High School Seahawk Cultural Center, 70 Wilborn Rd, Hilton Head)

12:30 p.m. – *MLK Fellowship Luncheon*

(Hilton Head High School Cafeteria, 70 Wilborn Rd, Hilton Head)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

12:00 – 4:00 p.m. – *Career Day*

(Hilton Head High School, 70 Wilborn Rd, Hilton Head)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. – *Children's Fun Day*

(Hilton Head Boys & Girls Club, 151 Gumtree Road, Hilton Head)

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## Community Career Event

Saturday, January 21 at Hilton Head High School

The recent years have seen an influx of small footprint, high technology firms relocating to the area and those that are here expanding via new markets, productive innovations and improvements in technology. Additionally, technology improvements are born from the three military installations as they upscale their material and human resources while on active duty. And notably each year between 1200-2000 military personnel exit their branch of service right here bringing with them an amazing legacy of technical training, superb work habits and ethical value systems.

With this influx of talent and initiative, it is important that the young and those aspiring to improved career skills realize that opportunity lies right here in their home geography.

**We want our own people, who currently live in Hilton Head and the Low Country, to be the first ones to have these wonderful jobs and the education needed to get them!**

**The Community Career Event** is designed to bring together human talent, resources to improve personal skills, and financial organizations to fund new aspirations, on **Saturday January 21, 2023 at Hilton Head High School, from 12-4pm.**

Bring your Students, parents, and mid-career adults to touch and experience the lucrative

jobs and opportunities that lie before residents of the Silicon Garden!

### Community Career Event

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Hilton Head High School

70 Wilborn Road, Hilton Head SC 29926

12-4pm

[CLICK HERE FOR THE CAREER EVENT FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

**Ladies Book Club** is meeting on Saturday, January 21st at 1:30pm in Heinrichs Hall. This is the first meeting of 2023, and we will be selecting books to be read and discussed this year. All interested lady readers of CLC are invited to attend, even if you are just part time on Hilton Head Island. We are a wonderful fellowship of women who enjoy reading and sharing their love of literature! Please put this date on your calendar and come join us.



Contact Chris Wilcox at [cwilcoxhhi@gmail.com](mailto:cwilcoxhhi@gmail.com) or 843-384-1667 with questions.



### In March 2023

Seventeen members indicated interest, so we will be going to Wesley Gardens Retreat Center, a 90 minute drive from Hilton Head.

The retreat will take place  
**Friday, March 17  
to Sunday, March 19**

The cost per person is \$220, that includes double rooms and all meals.

### 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.

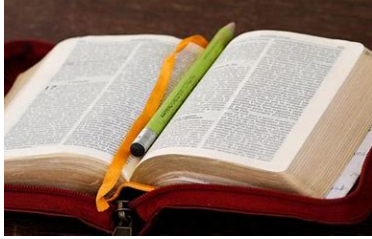
Please contact Silke in the office or via email if you would like to be part of a group of people who all grieve the loss of a loved one in different and individual ways but can now share the pain and suffering as well as the joys and hopes that life still has to offer.



Contact [Silke Pyrlik](#) for more information!

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

New Zoom Bible Study Starting December 7



A light in the darkness enables life and movement in the face of danger and brokenness. Darkness is not a bad thing but makes it difficult to see the dangers around and ahead. During the next 13 weeks, we'll hear Old and New Testament writers proclaim the light of God's presence, mercy, and love in the face of great obstacles and darkness. And we'll discuss our

calling to share the light of Christ.

The members of this study group are from various ELCA congregations across the country who share a common desire to grow and serve. If you can't make it every week, that's okay. We'll welcome you as often as you can join us. Contact [Kathy Mork](#) for more info.

Study Guides are available in the church office.

#### Zoom Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6729108287?pwd=aytMaXFCc2JYQXoxRGtuZXVUekJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 672 910 8287

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### CLC Flower Ministry to Shut-ins

Each week a dedicated group of individuals prepares a lovely flower arrangement to add to the beauty of our Sunday service. A big thank you to Laurie Fons, Julie Raino, Susie Fidler, Nan Stafford, Wendy Dickes and Jackie Longo.

Members of the congregation donate the cost of the flowers. When donors do not want to take the flowers home, another dedicated group delivers them to shut-ins or folks recovering from surgery or illness. Those who were a part of this ministry this past year were: Maria Ternstrom, Julie Raino, Brenda and Danny Wheeler, Nan Stafford, Wendy Dickes, Jackie Longo, Robin and Fran Baselice, Paulette Stefanik, Jimmy Rowe and Elsa Felten.



**This ministry needs a couple more people to deliver flowers. If you would like to get involved, please call me or email me 847-830-6347 or [elsafelten@yahoo.com](mailto:elsafelten@yahoo.com).** You end up delivering 4 or 5 times a year.

**Want to know more about it?** Talk with one of the folks who participated last year. They will tell you how much people will appreciate your visit and how gratifying it is to meet new folks and share stories. It's a blessing all around!

Thank you. Elsa Felten



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### Men's Out to Lunch

Will be meeting on Monday, January 23rd at 11:30 am at Gr8 Bites, 1407 Main Street Village Center, HHI.

Any questions call Ray Maklous at 816-510-3041  
Come join us!

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## OUR MEMBERS:

Doris Stickel, Ingrid Low, Susie Fidler, JoAnn Sebulsky, Chris Wilcox

## MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS . . .

Ruth Keightley, Carol Benton's mother. Who has COVID.

Layne Carver, surgery at MUSC, Charleston (friend of Ray & Suzy Makalous)

Ginny Majsztrik, broke both arms (friend of Fran & Robin Baselice)

Carolyn McPherson (friend of Janet Garnjost), passed away on December 21, 2022. Please pray for Carolyn's family and friends.

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

The people of Chimney Cove

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

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, January 15**  
10:00 am **Worship-2 Epiphany**, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, January 17**  
10:00 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room  
11:00 am Grief Support Group  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting, Heinrich Hall

**Wednesday, January 18**  
11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night with Purpose

**Thursday, January 19**  
10:00 am Lunch Break Program Today  
1:00 pm Worship & Music team meeting

**Friday, January 20**  
5:00 pm NO Shag Club today

**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**843-785-5560**

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