



The Bridge

January 20, 2023



Here is our YouTube link for Sunday's Worship
3 Epiphany
January 22, 2023

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP
at 10AM on SUNDAY

Just click on the link! That's it!

https://youtu.be/irzd_PMWxMQ

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

Worship Volunteers for this Sunday:

Lector: Mary Jo Etter
Communion Assistants: Joe Etter & John Prange
Greeters: Paulette Stefanik & Suzie Makalous
Ushers: Joe Etter & Ed Stafford
Altar Guild: Danny & Brenda Wheeler

Music today will be by Ray Radcliff and David & Tami Kuhlmann.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Weekly Giving

When we talk about giving during our Stewardship season, we will be talking about weekly giving. We know that everyone doesn't give weekly. Some give every other week, every month, quarterly,

or even once a year. But for our purposes, we're going to do the math and talk about how much those average out to if we all gave weekly. When we talk about how much we've increased our giving, we're going to tell you how much our congregation's weekly giving has increased.



When you think about it, it's much less intimidating to think about what we give weekly than what we give in the whole year. For instance, I am going to increase my giving to Christ Lutheran by \$10 a week. That doesn't really seem like a lot. That's about the cost of two Starbucks Coffees a week, or one sandwich at the deli, or one tube of the fancy hand cream I like to get. All of these things, I don't think twice about spending money on. It doesn't seem like much to spend \$10 more each week. BUT, if you add it up, just consistently adding \$10 to my offering each week adds up to \$520. And if more people increased that much consistently, that can make a great difference to our congregation.

When you consider your generosity to CLC, don't get overwhelmed by big numbers. Just consider what manageable amount you can give each week!

Rev. June Wilkins

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

Stewardship Preachers

During our Stewardship Drive, we will be hearing from our three other resident preachers who will be speaking on the topic of stewardship: Pastors Julie Raino, Danny Wheeler, and Rick Klotz.

This week's Stewardship Preacher will be Julie Raino .

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, January 29th, 2023

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 2nd vote on the proposed changes as were previously voted on in December.

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 22nd 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.

NOTICE:

The 2022 Annual Report was emailed on Thursday, January 19th. Please make sure you open it and take a look at it before the meeting.

There are a limited number of printed reports that will be available on Sunday, January 22nd. Please save these for those who don't have e-mail.



LET THE CHURCH BE FILLED WITH JOYOUS MUSIC!

We are so excited to offer two opportunities for music at CLC:

1. ***Dulce Jubilo***, our handbell choir welcomes new members. We will meet on Tuesdays, starting **January 24 at 4:00 pm** in the sanctuary.

We love to teach new people the techniques involved in handbell ringing!

2. The newly formed ***CLC Men's Choral Society*** will have their first practice on: **Wednesday, January 25 at 4:30 pm** in the sanctuary. We welcome all men who want to raise their voices in praise and enjoy our time together!

Please notify Susie Fidler if you are interested in joining us!
susiegfidler@gmail.com or 908-451-9063.

CLC Men's Out to Lunch
Monday, January 23rd at 11:30 am
at Gr8 Bites, Northridge Plaza,
435 William Hilton Parkway,
Suite G, Hilton Head Island, 29926.

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



CLC Ladies Out to Lunch
Wednesday Feb 1 at 12:15PM
at Jane Bistro & Bar, Shelter Cove

Please let Suzy Makalous know by email smakalous@gmail.com)
if you would like to join us!

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, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and other Lutheran organizations.

**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!**



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.

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 21st, 2023

Hilton Head High School

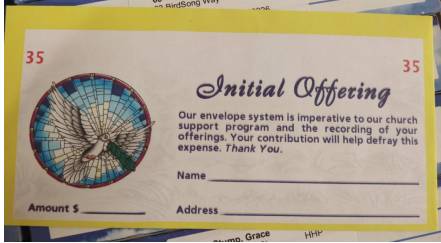
70 Wilborn Road, Hilton Head SC 29926

12-4pm

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

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

PRESCHOOL



We are thrilled to announce that we have once again passed the NAEYC Accreditation process. We've been accredited since 1991 and a big review/observation is done every 5 years.

This time around, CLP scored the highest it ever has! We feel blessed to be able to offer the best early childhood education program to the children of HHI!

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)

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)

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 cwilcoxhi@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

LENTEN SPIRITUAL RETREAT

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.

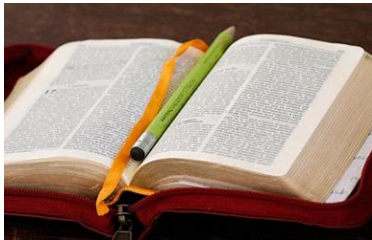
CLC Grief Support Group

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 Pyrlík](#) for more information!



Wednesday Bible Study 11 a.m. via Zoom

**New Zoom Bible Study Starting December 7
"From Darkness to Light" Dec 7 – Mar 1**

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



OUR MEMBERS:

MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS . . .

Linda French (Karen Momberger's cousin)

Our Sympathies to Carol Skujins (friend of Barbara Johnson) whose husband recently passed away.

Nancy Skaggs, (friend of Barbara Johnson) open heart surgery end of January

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

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.

The logo for 'WHAT'S HAPPENING' features the word 'WHAT'S' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is contained within a colored square: 'W' is blue, 'H' is green, 'A' is orange, 'T' is blue, and 'S' is green. Below this, the word 'HAPPENING' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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