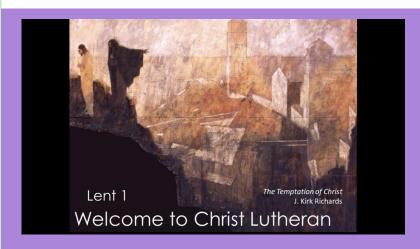


The Bridge

February 24, 2023



Here is our YouTube link for Sunday's Worship

1Lent February 26, 2023

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP at 10AM on SUNDAY

Just click on the link! That's it!

https://youtube.com/playlist? list=PLotbYu7kUgY9WtkoAcVthi-ueKguDUR7c

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

Worship Volunteers for this Sunday:

Lector: Susie Fidler

Communion Assistants: Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky

Greeters: Chris Wilcox & Silke Pyrlik
Ushers: John & Joyce Prange
Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky

The music this Sunday will be by: Rick Radcliff & Steve Holm and our other music leaders

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Reconciling In Christ

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. -Romans 15:7



In December, our council voted for us to go forward with examining the feasibility of

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Christ Lutheran Church becoming an Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. An RIC congregation is one that makes a public statement of welcome to all people, specifically, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people (LGBT).

The reasoning for making this specific welcome is because many LGBT people have come to churches (Lutheran and other denominations) only to be shunned, excluded from participating, told outright they didn't belong, or even told that God didn't love them because they are LGBT.

We discussed becoming RIC in our Wednesday Night With Purpose gatherings during January and February. The idea was well received and the council decided at their February meeting to keep the process going and especially to include the members of the congregation who were not at the Wednesday Night session.

To allow the whole congregation to hear more about being RIC, we are going to make information sessions about RIC available on Sundays after worship for three weeks: February 26, March 5, and March 12. If you weren't able to be at the Wednesday Night sessions, or if you want more information, you can come to the ones on Sunday. They'll start right after worship and we'll try to get you out by 11:45.

During worship, we'll hear how the Gospel and the stories of Jesus lead us to be inclusive and welcoming (including welcoming LGBTQ+ people) and we will hear members give testimonies about Inclusivity in "Inclusivity Moments" .

Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns, you can talk to me, Silke, or any member of our Inclusivity Team (see the names below) about our congregation becoming RIC.

We want everyone to be informed, at least about the basics of being RIC, and we want to hear your thoughts, questions, concerns, and doubts about it. No matter where you stand on this right now, you are valuable member of Christ Lutheran and part of what makes our congregation so welcoming! Come ready to find out more!

Rev. June Wilkins

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

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Wednesdays: March 1st, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29

5:30 pm Soup, Study, Worship in Heinrich Hall



We will eat soup and bread and we will move through the Lenten season together,

engaging with familiar table stories from the Gospels.

Then we will worship with Holden Evening Prayer.

Everything will be in Heinrichs Hall.

Join us and Jesus at the table as we move towards Holy Week.

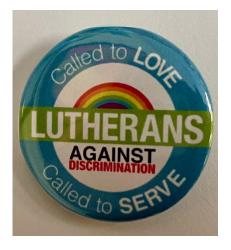
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO BRING SOUP AND BREAD!

Reconciling In Christ Informational sessions Sundays February 26th - March 12th Immediately after worship - 11:45am in Heinrich Hall



Reconciling in Christ a program where Lutheran Churches make known their welcome of all people including LGBTQ+ people.

These sessions are specially for people who could not be at the Wednesday Night classes. Please come with your questions, concerns, and doubts about our involvement in this. The aim is to provide everyone clarity about what it means (and what it doesn't mean) to be RIC.



RIC INCLUSIVITY TEAM

CLC has a dedicated team of members who have a heartfelt and often very personal interest that we as a church extend a warm, loving, caring and truly inclusive welcome to ALL. You will hear from them during our "inclusivity moments" on Sundays and you can find them before and after worship wearing this button. "Called to LOVE. Called to SERVE. Lutheran's AGAINST discrimination"

Here the members of this team:

Marajeane Zodtner, Ingrid Low, Pastor June Wilkins, Pastor Rick Klotz, council member Pastor Julie Raino, Susie Fidler, council president Chris Wilcox, council member Doug Felten, Tami & David Kuhlmann, Silke & Oliver Pyrlik, Ray & Suzy Makalous.

You are invited and encouraged to contact any one of these members to voice your support and concerns or to ask questions about becoming Reconciling in Christ.

Please attend our informational sessions after the worship on either one of the following Sundays: February 26, March 5, or March 12, 2023

If you would like to become part of the inclusivity team please let us know!

DINING OUT! FOR EVERYONE!

Friday, March 3, at 6:00 pm **Taste Of Europe**

Call Paulette Stefanik. 912-655-5846 or email: mjsormps@gmail.com, RSVP to her by Feb. 27th!

Taste of Europe, is an authentic European family owned restaurant, located in the Northridge Shopping Center.



If you're a Hungarian cuisine lover, you will love this. You can have tasty goulash soup, pork chops and bleu chicken at this restaurant. It is well known for its great service and friendly staff that are always ready to help you. Quiet atmosphere and average prices for yummy meals!



Donation Sunday

Sunday, March 5th
Donation Sunday is always the 1st Sunday of every month.

Your Service Ministry Team is requesting specific items for the month of March. CLC's Little Free Pantry is in great need of canned fruits, individual canned our microwaveable meals, and single serving, shelf ready milk. Other donations are greatly appreciated, but the above items seem to be in great demand daily.

As always, we appreciate bottled water, which is distributed every Thursday in bagged lunches as part of our Thursday Lunch Break Program.

Please place your donations in the blue wagon located in the Ministry Lobby before or after church.

We are making a difference on Hilton Head due to YOUR GENEROSITY!!



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Class

March 19th after worship **New Member Installation** March 26th during worship

If you would like to become a member of Christ Lutheran, please contact Silke silkepyrlik@clchhi.com or Pr. June pastorjune@clchhi.com

HOPE & TRANSFORMATION LENTEN RETREAT

Growing Together in Faith

Hope. It is the beacon we cling to when we wander in the darkness. It is the nourishment needed by a weary soul. This retreat celebrates God's faithfulness and his refusal to abandon us, even when we drift away. God's promise to us can result in a transformation that is not a miraculous alteration of our circumstances but a change within ourselves.



We will learn, play, pray, worship, eat and built connections - vertically with God and horizontally with each other!

All overnight spots are taken but we can accommodate a few daytime participants on Saturday, March 18 beginning at 9:30AM. (\$20 for the day (lunch included, \$30 with dinner included as well)

Please let Silke (Email Silke) know if you would like to join in on Saturday!



We will meet at **Wesley Garden Retreat Center** from March 17-19, 2023.

There will be a meeting of all participants on March 5 after the service in Heinrichs Hall! If you are registered you will get an email invite for the meeting as well.

Wesley Garden website



Saturday, March 25th 9:00 to noon

Lunch to be provided
We will be sprucing up the church, both inside and out

Your Service Ministry Team has determined that a little CLC house keeping is needed before Easter!

We want the church and grounds to sparkle

during Holy Week when anticipate many visitors to our church.

You all know that saying "many hands make light work". Please consider lending a hand or two on March 25th. We will have clean-up projects on the outside of our property, in the sanctuary, and in Heinrichs Hall!

Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many will be helping!

A light lunch will be provided to participants after all the odd jobs are complete.

THANK YOU!

Building a Culture of Generosity

Our stewardship drive was a great success. We definitely increased our generosity at Christ Lutheran Church! We will have specific numbers for everyone on Sunday.



If you would like to return your statement of intent, you can still send it into the office, or put it in the offering plate.

If you would like to share your intent of giving electronically, please e-mail it to Karen Momberger, our financial secretary, at

<u>CLCfinancial@myyahoo.com</u> Karen is our financial secretary. She keeps all intent of giving cards and gifts confidential.



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 March 5
"Jesus Calls Us" March 5 – May 28

The purpose of this study, "Jesus Calls Us" is to examine three questions: When does Jesus call us? Where does Jesus call us?



How do we answer Jesus' call? Our mission is to explore the theme of call in biblical and modern

times.

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 <u>Kathy Mork</u> for more info. Study Guides are available in the church office.

Zoom Information

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6729108287?pwd=aytMaXFCc2JYQXoxRGtuZXVUekJ0UT09

Meeting ID: 672 910 8287

The memorial service for John Conway (Vera Conway's husband)
will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 11am.
There will be a luncheon following.

My sincere appreciation to everyone who called, sent cards, etc. following my recent fall.

I was very surprised and grateful for everyone's concern.

Blessings to everyone, Jo Ann Sebulsky





OUR MEMBERS:

Elsie Meccariello, Carla Holm

MORE PRAYERS NEEDED FOR CLC FRIENDS . . .

Our sincere **condolences** to Hannah (Ben Pyrlik's girlfriend), and her family on the death of her father, Brian, who reently passed away.

Friends of Joe and Mary Jo Etter: Theresa Battista (declining health), Josh Blunt (cancer surgery), Gus & Judy Kane (death of daughter)

Pastor June's mother, Carole.

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

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

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

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.



Sunday, February 26 10:00 am Worship- 1 Lent, Sanctuary After Worship - 11:45 - RIC Information Session, Heinrich Hall

Tuesday, February 28

11:00 am Grief Support Group 1:00 pm Worship Planning Meeting, Craft Room 4:00 pm Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 1

11:00 am Bible Study via Zoom 4:30 pm Men's Choir, Sanctuary 5:30 pm Lent Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2 10:00 am Lunch Break Program

Friday, March 3 5:00 pm Shag Club, Heinrich Hall

6:00 pm Dinner at Taste of Europe

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

Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool | 829 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Unsubscribe info@clchhi.com

Sent byinfo@clchhi.com