



# The Bridge

January 12, 2024

Prayer Garden Work Day  
Saturday, January 13-9am



We are a  
*Reconciling in Christ*  
Congregation

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Welcome Statement](#)

Welcome to Christ Lutheran



Epiphany 2

*Widow's Mite*  
James Christensen

## 2 Epiphany

Sunday, January 14  
10 am

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP at 10  
AM on SUNDAY

Just click on the link! That's it!  
[Click here for Sunday's Worship](#)

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

### Worship Team

**Preacher & Presider:** Pastor June Wilkins

**Reader:** John Prange

**Communion Assistants:** Wayne & Jo Ann Sebulsky

**Ushers:** Fran & Robin Baselice

**Greeters:** Judy Beirne & Carla Reichenfelder

**Altar Guild:** Danny & Brenda Wheeler

### Our musicians this week are:

Tami & David Kuhlmann, Rick Radcliff, Susie Fidler, Steve Holm

*Thanks to all our music leaders and volunteers!*

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



## Prayer Garden Work Day THIS SATURDAY! January 13–9am

The Prayer Garden Team has scheduled a work day (weather permitting) in the prayer garden on **Saturday, January 13**. We want to rake out and re-distribute as much of the pine straw around the trees and plants as we can in the next step in the refurbishment of the space. If you can spare your

time, muscle, and tools (rakes, pitchforks, wheelbarrows) we would gladly welcome your presence.

Help us make our sacred space even more beautiful!

**Please come to church at 9 am on Saturday, January 13 and help us out!**  
**Coffee, for sure, will be served!**

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## Stewardship 2024

Our stewardship drive is starting this week and will go through February 11th. Will offer our Statement of Intent cards on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

During Epiphany, we will hear sermons about giving and generosity from me, **Pr. June**, and from **Rev. Rick Klotz**, **Rev. Julie Raino**, and **Rev. Rick Carter**, assistant to the bishop for the South Carolina Synod.

During those four weeks we will be focusing on **Mark 12:38-44**, the story of the Widow's Mite. Over the four weeks, will hear that story four times (with Judy Wilfong doing Gospel Story Telling) and we will hear four different takes from our four different preachers on this story. (Trust me, there's enough in that story for lots of sermons!)

During worship you will also be hearing short Moments of Generosity from our members.

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 over our 50 years as a congregation. CLC also has always reached out beyond our church to those we don't know. That is generous. You are already doing a lot. I thank you for that.

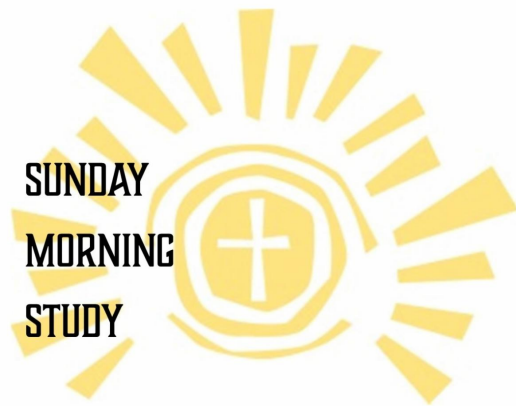
And I'd also like to challenge you. I want to ask you to consider how you might grow in your generosity. I am increasing my gifts to CLC because I believe in our ministry together and I want to be a part of that financially. Generosity does not just help the recipient. It helps the giver as well, it's a spiritual act.

**Your intent cards will be mailed to you at the end of January.** We will also give you a chance to respond by e-mail.

As we embark on this time, please 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.

*Pr. June Wilkins*



## **Sunday Morning Study**

**Starting January 14th**

right after Worship

**Join us for discussions of  
faith, the bible, current  
events, and other topics!**

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH PURPOSE**

### **Embracing Life's Sacred Transition**

Exploring the profound Themes of Death and Dying  
in the Light of Faith and Compassion



**Four Wednesdays,  
Jan. 17 to Feb. 7**

at 5:30pm

**Let's embark on a unique spiritual journey**

☐ We will:

- Dive into the spiritual dimensions of life's inevitable transition, guided by the wisdom of our shared beliefs.
- Connect with fellow seekers in a warm, non-judgmental space where thoughts and feelings are shared with love and understanding.
- Talk about the five steps of advance care planning
- Deepen our understanding of the physical, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of the end-of-life journey.

All are invited – whether you're a longtime member of our church community, a newcomer seeking spiritual guidance, or anyone curious about the intersection of faith and life's final moments.

☐ **Join us in fostering a sacred space for reflection, understanding, and compassion.**

**Let's walk this spiritual path together!**

The topic of death and dying is not an easy one to tackle. We all fear death. Together, as a group of believers and as a supportive community, we can brace the fear and learn together.

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## Food Pantry!

Our plans are moving ahead with our food distribution with Second Helping for Chimney Cove and other Hilton Head residents!

We are scheduled to start on Thursday, January 18th (4-5:30pm.) That's not far off!

This will be a project the whole church can really get involved in in different ways!



**Hand Trucks** - We need your hand trucks! (pictured here) We know someone has one! If a few people could bring hand trucks to the church, we'd like to borrow them until we establish what we need and get our own. (We'll give it back, we promise.)

**Bags** - We need your plastic grocery bags! Those plastic bags that we have no idea what to do with, bring them to church! We'll have a receptacle of some sort in the Ministry Lobby for Sunday.

**Food** - We will need some non-perishable food on hand to give out. Things that are likely popular are vegetable oil, white rice, bags of dry black beans. Just put them in the Ministry Lobby.

**People** - We need two groups of people:

Wednesdays We need a few people who would be available to move produce from the truck to our building on **Wednesdays, starting January 17th.** Time TBA

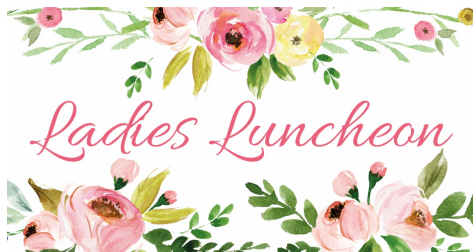
Thursdays - If you'd like to volunteer to help distribute food, please let us know. And on **Thursday, January 18th, we'll need all hands on deck!** We don't know how many people will be coming for food and we don't yet know how it's going to work, so we'd rather have lots of people standing around than not enough people! **Please arrive at 3pm.**

**Prayer** - Please pray for all of us and for our ministry together!

We are excited to begin!

If you'd like to volunteer or have a hand truck or anything else, please contact: Lynn Baglyos at [lynnabags@gmail.com](mailto:lynnabags@gmail.com) or Pr. June at [pastorjune@clchhi.com](mailto:pastorjune@clchhi.com)

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### January Ladies Out to Lunch

**January 26, 11:30 am.**

Meet us at Dockside Restaurant located at 2 Hudson Rd at 11:30 am. Contact Suzy Makalous for more information, 913-481-1124.

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## BELL CHOIR AND VOCAL CHOIR for 2024!

Happy New Year to all!

With the New Year, the Dulce Jubilo Bell Choir and the CLC Singers will be returning to services.  
Our choirs always welcome new musicians at any time, even if you are here for only a couple of months. Our practices are as follows:

**Dulce Jubilo Bell Choir:** begins Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. No experience necessary!

**CLC Singers:** begins Sunday, January 14, 2024 immediately after service – up front near the piano. We welcome all singers!

Questions? Please contact Susie Fidler at 908-451-9063 or [susieqfidler@gmail.com](mailto:susieqfidler@gmail.com)  
Join us and make a joyful noise!!

## ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT 2024



### EXPERIENCING WILDERNESS FRIENDS ON THE JOURNEY THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

**PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!**  
(spots are limited and will go fast)

We will retreat from **Friday March 1 to Sunday March 3, 2024 with a daytime option on Saturday March 2** (we will work on providing transportation) at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center in Savannah, GA.

The cost for 2 nights, incl. boarding, food and materials will be \$220 per person.

The cost of the day-time option (just Saturday, March 2) will be \$50 per person.

Transportation, materials and lunch are included.

For more information and to reserve and your spot please reply to [Silke Pyrlík](#) and pay a \$50 deposit fee per person, asap. Preferably by check made out to CLC with "Wilderness Retreat" in the memo line.

**Deadline for full payment is January 31, 2024!**



## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday,  
February 4th**

Following worship in the sanctuary  
We will vote on our  
Spending Plan for 2024  
and approve our Mission Statement



# WE NEED YOUR HELP

With Meal Prep!



## The Service Team needs your help to provide a meal for Circles

**CLC WILL BE PREPARING A MEAL ON WEDNESDAY February 14th at 1pm**

Circles is a national program organized locally by Deep Well. The goal of the program is to help people in poverty get out of poverty and develop a sustainable practices for life.

The group meets every Wednesday night for a meal, discussion, education and planning.

Attending the meeting are 15 adults and 21 children in the program as well as their mentors (call allies). This is a total of about 50 people and they need meal prepared. CLC will be cooking a meal on **Wednesday, February 14th at 1:00 PM** in the Heinrichs Hall Kitchen.

Please let Elsa Felten know if YOU would like to help cook: [elsafelten@yahoo.com](mailto:elsafelten@yahoo.com)

*If you are a Thrivent member,  
you MAY be able to help with the cost (at no cost to you!)  
Contact Pr. June !*

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## 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are in the narthex,  
please take your box home!

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### SANDBAR FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to all who supported the Sandbar fundraiser for the Preschool on November 30. We received a check for \$3,286. We appreciate the continued generosity of Erika Waronsky and the Sandbar staff.

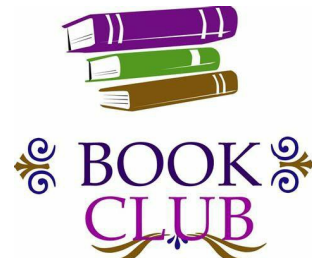
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**[Save the Date for next month!](#)**

**Tuesday, February 13  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner!!!**

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The CLC Ladies Book Club holds its first 2024 meeting on Saturday, January 20th at 1 pm (not our usual 1:30pm time) in Heinrichs Hall at the church. We hope to choose the books to read and then discuss for 2024. We welcome full and part time members and island visitors as well. Please join us! Contact Suzy Makalous at [s.makalous@gmail.com](mailto:s.makalous@gmail.com) for further details!





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

**"Faith That Glorifies God" December 1 through February 25, 2024**

The purpose of this study, "Faith That Glorifies God" is to inspire participants. Our world needs to see and experience God's love. God is working tirelessly to reach all people with this life-changing love, and we get to be a part of it!

May God move us through the witness of our biblical ancestors to faith that glorifies God.

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



## CLC Grief Support Group

The 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!

Dear Church Family:

I would like to thank everyone for their concern about my recent surgery as well as knee replacement.

To all my wonderful family and friends of Christ Lutheran Church, I want to say that I am ever so grateful for all your caring thoughts, words of support and especially your prayers. I share my heartfelt thanks and my loving appreciation to all. The many beautiful greeting cards, calls, offers of assistance and floral bouquets that I am constantly reminded that I am cared about and not forgotten. I feel truly blessed.

This has been an unexpected occurrence for me, and recovery seems to be much too slow for my liking. This old nurse is not happy being on the other side of the bed and I am so looking forward to being back to my usual activities and back to Christ Lutheran Church.

Thank you, thank you and thank you all again. I am joyful knowing that I am in your continued thoughts and prayers. Happy New Year wishes and may God's abundant blessings be with one and all!

Love,  
Ann Hamnes





## Sunday morning Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

They enhance the beauty of our service and remind us of God love for us through his amazing creation. Flowers do not have to be given just for a birthday or anniversary. There are many occasions that cause us to be grateful – such as a new grandchild, memory of loved ones, recovery from illness, kindness received, recognition of the music program or other church ministries, church staff etc.

The flowers may be taken home after the service or you can choose to have them delivered by our members to other members of our congregation who are homebound and may need a gift of God's love.

Please check out the flower chart in the Ministry Lobby or call the office to add your name to donate Altar Flowers. A faithful group of women purchase the flowers and create beautiful arrangements each Sunday. Your requested donation is \$45. Thank you to those who donate, those who prepare and those who deliver the gift of flowers.

**JANUARY 14-- In honor of Doris Stickel's birthday.**

**Given by Danny & Brenda Wheeler to the Glory of God.**

**JANUARY 21-- Given by Gary Heavener in honor of his wife, Leslie's birthday.**

**JANUARY 28--OPEN**

Additional dates are available. Contact the office if you would like to sponsor altar flowers, or sign up for a date on the flower chart in the Narthex. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin.



### FOR OUR VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Ann Hamnes who is recovering after her hospitalization

Jackie Longo who is having cancer treatment

Carla Holm who is dealing with cancer

### FOR CLC FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES

Susan Lamp (Susie Fidler' friend), cancer in her jaw needs surgery

Katherine Kirk, (mother of Carolyn Kern), who fell and hurt her knee.

Brian Leri (fighting cancer, friend of Karen & Eric Momberger )

Dana Brown (recurrence of cancer, friend of Linda Condor)

Janet Zendzian (recent surgery, friend of Linda Condor)



Calhoun Family (Lynn and Allen) friends of Patty Bassford

Jim Woods, son-in-law of Lois Gregory

Richard Brooks (Patty Bassford's son)

Ruth Keightley, Carol Benton's mother

The people of Chimney Cove

Gary Gregory (Lois Gregory's son)

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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Sunday, January 14**

10:00 am Worship, 2 Epiphany

### **Tuesday, January 16**

10 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting, Heinrichs Hall

### **Wednesday, January 17**

4:00 pm Bell Practice, Sanctuary

5:30 pm Wednesday Night with Purpose, Heinrichs Hall

### **Thursday, January 18**

4 to 5:30 pm Food Pantry Truck

### **Friday, January 19**

5:00 pm SHAG CLUB, Heinrichs Hall

### **Saturday, January 20**

1:00 pm Book Club, Heinrichs Hall

### **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

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