



The Bridge

January 19, 2024



We are a
Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

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Welcome Statement](#)

Welcome to Christ Lutheran



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3 Epiphany

Sunday, January 21

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

Worship Team

Preacher & Presider: Pastor June Wilkins

Reader: Lynn Baglyos

Communion Assistants: Lynn Baglyos & Joe Etter

Ushers: John & Joyce Prange

Greeters: Gary & Leslie Heavener

Altar Guild: Danny & Brenda Wheeler

Our musicians this week are:

Beth Corry, 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/>



As we continue with our stewardship drive, we consider impact that our gifts and generosity have on our church and community. One of the ways that our generosity supports so many is through our music. Our worship life is enriched by it and it's made possible by your financial gifts and by the musical gifts of our members!

Can you imagine . . . our church without music?

From the time that David played the harp to soothe King Saul, from Martin Luther, all the way to Christ Lutheran Church today, music has always been a bedrock of our common story and celebration of our faith.

The Christ Lutheran musicians volunteer their time and talents. We are blessed to share the musical talents on a regular basis of Tami and David Kuhlmann, Steve Holm, and Doug and Elsa Felten, the Dulce Jubilo Bell Choir, The CLC Singers, and the piano and organ players who lead weekly, and our occasional guests and friends who come by our worship has been varied, and inspiring. It unites our people and helps us praise God together.

In the past year, Susie Fidler has stepped up to direct much of our music at CLC. With her guidance and everyone's involvement, the worship music at Christ Lutheran has connected us to our common story and leads us in a celebration of our faith. We grow spiritually through a deepening appreciation of how music invites the Holy Spirit in. Music connects us to one another. Through music, relationships are built and strengthened.

Susie sees music as a form of evangelization. "Visitors sing with us in full voice, then they return and tell us that our music has brought them back. It is a form of prayer." It is a great satisfaction for her to see people leave worship with a smile on their face and to bring joy to people.

What an impact all our gifted musicians make on our worship lives. It is hard to imagine our worship without the music and all of the people whose gifts make it wonderful. And thankfully, we don't have to imagine that. Take the time to thank all of our music leaders!

Your gifts help make all our ministries possible! Thank you for your generosity!

**TIME IS UP! Please tell us by SUNDAY, 01/21/24
if you will attend!**



Annual Lenten Retreat 2024

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

TELL SILKE IMMEDIATELY
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND!

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.



FOOD PANTRY!

(look at our nifty new name and logo!)



We had the grand opening of our food pantry yesterday (Thursday the 18th).

We got a great assortment of food from second helpings and the response was great! (more on that later)

Here's an update on what we need from you:

Food - We will need some non-perishable food on hand to give out. We will need these on an ongoing basis:

- vegetable oil,
- bags of white rice
- bags of dry black beans
- masa flour

Just put them in the Ministry Lobby.

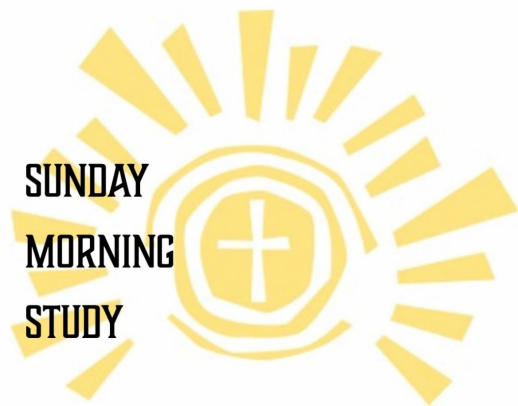
Bags - We still need your bags. You've done a good job, but we'll need these on an ongoing basis too.

People - We will eventually need more people to volunteer on Thursdays starting at 3pm and maybe Wednesdays to help unload food. Let us know if you'd like to help!

No more Hand Trucks! - We got plenty of hand trucks from you. Thank you! We'll return them to you once we figure out how many we actually need.

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

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



Sunday Morning Study

right after Worship

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH PURPOSE

Embracing Life's Sacred Transition

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

Let's embark on a unique spiritual journey

Four Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 7
at 5:30pm

☐ 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.

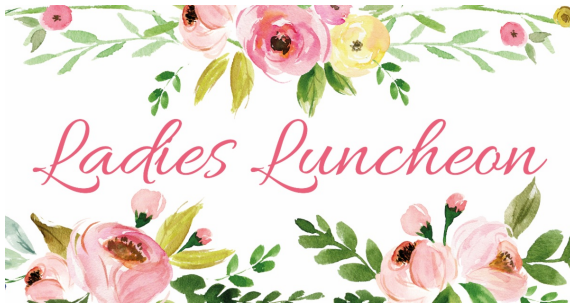
All are invited – whether you're a longtime member of our church community, a newcomer seeking spiritual guidance, or anyone curious about the intersection of faith and life's final moments.

- ☐ **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.

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 for further details!



Ladies Out to Lunch

January 26, 11:30 am

Join your CLC friends for January's Ladies Lunch Out at Skull Creek Dockside at 11:30 am on Friday, January 26. Please contact Suzy Makalous at 913-481-1124 or s.makalous@gmail.com



Thanks for Everyone's Help!

Many hands lightened the load of work accomplished in the **Prayer Garden on Saturday, January 13**. I want to thank Susie Fidler, Joyce Prange, Marajeane Zodtner, Karen and Eric Momberger, Rick Klotz, Julie Raino, Merle Walker, Steve Mork, Laurie and Gary Fons, Bob Abdou, Mike and Patti Conklin and Pastor June for bringing tools, muscles, and enthusiasm to the outside areas of the church we often forget, particularly the Prayer Garden.

What might have taken several workdays to complete, all the pine straw in the Prayer Garden and the area outside the "breezeway" hallway to Heinrichs Hall was pulled away and carted off to several other sites on our campus needing pine straw. The bushes in the "breezeway" area have been trimmed back significantly. We created a huge pile of debris for Simon Landscaping to haul away for us. We even cleaned up the area behind the Sanctuary where no one ever goes!

The Prayer Garden Refurbishment Team can now move to planning paver areas in this space and contracting for further tree trimming and removal. Please take time to venture out to these areas and visualize what a calming space we hope to create in memory of the loved ones interred there.



COUNCIL UPDATE

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024 the officers of the CLC Congregational Council were elected: President Chris Wilcox, Vice President Richard Dauchert, and Secretary Carla Reichelderfer. Ron Juleseth was appointed Treasurer. They will serve for the 2024 council term.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, February 4, 2024, immediately following worship. All church members are encouraged to attend so that quorum is met. As per our Constitution, an Annual Meeting is held to vote on the Ministry Spending Plan (budget) for 2024. We will also approve our new Mission Statement.

To prepare for this important meeting, the Annual Report, including the proposed Spending Plan has been prepared and will be available for your review prior to the February 4th 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 28th to take home with you. This will help us save on postage to mail the report to your home. If you are unable to pick it up and have no email address, kindly let the office know. The Report will be mailed to you in advance of the February 4th meeting.

I hope to see many of you on the 4th!

Thank you,
Chris Wilcox
2024 Council President



Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 4th

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 13 at 5:30pm

You are invited to CLC's Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm. Shrove Tuesday is also known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. CLC's Loyal Chefs will make a delicious dinner of a variety of pancakes etc, and Chris Paul a professional singer and musician will entertain you. So mark your calendar now, for a fun evening! Please let Suzy Makalous know if you can join us, s.makalous@gmail.com or 913-481-1124.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner





Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday,
February 14th
7pm

BELL CHOIR AND VOCAL CHOIR for 2024!

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: will be held every Wednesday at 4 pm in the sanctuary. No experience necessary!

CLC Singers: 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

Join us and make a joyful noise!!

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

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

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are in the narthex,
please take your box home!

FINANCIAL COMPARISON FOR YEAR 2023

As we finish out 2023 and embark on our Stewardship Campaign for 2024, we want to inform everyone about our financial status. We are still operating in a deficit. But our generosity is rising, and we've kept our expenses down which is great. Thank you for your ongoing support of CLC's Ministry!

INCOME	2022	2023
January	\$52,744	\$57,398
February	\$23,523	\$21,587
March	\$18,204	\$16,933
April	\$18,230	\$28,420
May	\$28,916	\$35,205
June	\$15,477	\$19,477
July	\$20,650	\$22,469
August	\$18,260	\$19,978
September	\$14,445	\$18,312
October	\$18,086	\$24,095
November	\$15,002	\$14,679
December	\$38,721	\$45,504

12 Months Income \$285,387 \$323,590

Expenditures 2022 \$476,861 Expenditures 2023 \$466,359



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

EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE A HOME

Celebrating the start of 2024 with a magical musical evening in support of our vision with the **Evolution Big Band and soloist Penney Lynn Smith**



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

Doors open at 6 pm. Buy your treats before the magic begins at 7 pm

Delicious Desserts and Delightful (Non-Alcoholic) Drinks will be available to purchase ~ Something stronger? Feel free to BYOB!

**Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church
Parish Life Center
31 Saint Gregory Drive, Bluffton**

Tickets are \$40/person, just scan the QR code



www.familypromisebeaufortcounty.org (843-815-4211)

www.evolutionbigband.com



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 Hammes



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.

Also 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's 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 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, January 21

10:00 am Worship, 3 Epiphany

Sunday Bible Study following Worship

Monday, January 22

9:30 am Facilities Meeting, Craft Room

Tuesday, January 23

10 am Staff Meeting, Craft Room

11 am Grief Support Group, Sofa Room

Wednesday, January 24

4:00 pm Bell Practice, Sanctuary

5:30 pm Wednesday Night with Purpose, Heinrichs Hall

Thursday, January 25
4 to 5:30 pm Christ's Love Food Pantry

Friday, January 26
5:00 pm SHAG CLUB, Heinrichs Hall

Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
843-785-5560

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