

The Bridge

August 9, 2024



We are a **Reconciling in Christ**Congregation

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Pentecost 12

August 11 10 am

at 10 AM on SUNDAY

Just click on the link! That's it!
Click here for Sunday's Worship

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www.clchhi.org

Worship Team

Preacher & Presider: Rev. June Wilkins

Reader: John Prange

Communion Assistants: John & Joyce Prange

Greeters: Gary & Leslie Heavener
Ushers: Fran & Robin Baselice
Altar Guild: Kathy Hogue

Our musicians this week are:

Rick Radcliff - Piano, 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/

Our CLC Handbell choir has been on "summer vacation" and is ready to start up again on **Wednesday, August 14**th at 4 pm in our sanctuary. Never played the hand bells? No problem! Can not read music? No problem!

Handbells are becoming very popular for players of all ages, with many new composers exploring new ways to use this ancient instrument. Come and join us and make joyful music!



CLC SINGERS

Beginning **Sunday**, **August 25** directly **after worship**, join us in the sanctuary to be a part of the CLC Singers! We will be singing during the Offering about once a month and practicing every Sunday after service for about 30-40 minutes. Come and join us as we raise our voices in praise and prayer!

JOIN US!

Questions? Ask Susie Fidler-susiegfidler@gmail.com.

PFLAG Peer Support Meetings

Get and give support if you are LGBT, a family member, a friend, or an ally.

Third Mondays of the month at 5:30pm at Christ Lutheran!

Next meeting, August 19th



Contact Julie Raino <u>jraino@sbcglobal.net</u> or Silke Pyrlik <u>spyrlik@clchhi.com</u> for more information



Christ's Love Food Pantry

Summer is in full swing and although we continue to receive meat and produce from 2nd Helpings each week, our pantry is running low on some "staple" food items. If you would like to help re-stock our shelves, please consider picking up some of the following items when you're at the grocery store:

Small bags of masa flour peanut butter jelly canned meat (tuna or chicken) cans of tomato sauce pasta cereal

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We're very happy that we've found someone to fill the position of Parish Administrator!

Her name is Sandy Biggs.

Sandy, a Virginia native, holds a degree from Roanoke College. She and her husband Robert were high school sweethearts and have been married since 1987. They moved to Hilton Head Island in 2014. Sandy has two children and two grandchildren. Her professional journey has been largely devoted to church office administration, a role she has fulfilled for many years.

She is very qualified having so much experience in church administration. We're happy to have found her.



She will begin working in the office on August 19th. Linda Sheetz will be training her for two weeks.

Linda's last day will be August 28th. She has served Christ Lutheran well for over 4 1/2 years. Please stop by and wish Linda the best in her retirement!

CLC's PRAYER GARDEN RENEWAL

Did you know that we have a cemetery at Christ Lutheran Church? Well, it's not a cemetery, but it is a columbarium, a place where the cremated remains of our loved ones are housed. It's right outside the back door of the sanctuary near the doors to the sacristy.

The Prayer Garden, in 1986 without the



columbarium

Currently, the remains of 67 people in the Prayer Garden. There 14 that are reserved, and there are 15 remaining that can still be purchased (see below for more information). There are also plaques on the wall in memory of others. The rules of the Prayer Garden limit burial in the Prayer Garden to CLC members and the family of members. The burial areas on Hilton Head are very limited. We are happy to provide this service to our members and we are honored that families have entrusted their loved ones to our church.

The Columbarium began just as a garden. The area was walled off in the early 1980's and since then, it's been a peaceful, enclosed space intended for reflection and prayer. In 1991, the people of Christ Lutheran started to investigate turning the garden into a columbarium. The first group of niches (on the far right in the garden) were installed in 1992. The next set was built soon after that. And the third was installed in 2008. Each structure holds 32 sets of remains. The responsibility of maintaining the prayer garden fell on the Prayer Garden Committee. Over the last 15+ years, the members of this Prayer Garden Committee became inactive and the committee ceased to function. People were still being buried in the columbarium, but there was no committee in charge of oversight or upkeep.

In 2023, some members noticed that the Prayer Garden was having some maintenance issues. There was mildew on the stucco walls from rain and moisture, the sprinklers didn't turn on, there was an excessive amount of pine straw from landscaping and from a large pine tree. Things needed work. So we formed a new Prayer Garden Team. That team is Susie Fidler, Laurie Fons, Eric Momberger, Julie Raino, Chris Wilcox, and Pr. June.

In the last year, this team has overseen and participated in a lot of work! They had the large pine tree removed, they cut down the sego palm, they had the walls and the pavement power washed, there was a workday where volunteers from the congregation removed all the pine straw from the garden and the other garden space adjacent to the Prayer Garden.

Now the garden is back to its original state. But, the committee doesn't want to stop there. There are still other, major issues with the Garden that they would like to correct. There is a vision to make it into a space worthy of the memory of our beloved saints in light!

Next article, we'll tell you about those plans and how you can help!

If you or a loved one would like to be buried in Christ Lutheran's Prayer Garden, there are still spaces available. You could secure your burial spot AND make the Prayer Garden vision a reality! Contact Pr. June at 843-785-5560 or pastorjune@clchhi.com.



The Prayer Garden today.

More improvements are coming!

THANK YOU from Ben Pyrlik and family



Last weekend Benjamin graduated from the University of North Dakota (UND) with a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Aviation.

We had a wonderful celebratory weekend! I took all the cards and best wishes many of you had given or sent to me and over dinner Ben really enjoyed opening them and feeling the love, support, and admiration you all poured out over him! Of course he also really, really appreciated the gifts:).



Ben is not home yet. He and Hannah are packing up, doing their farewell rounds and then will arrive sometime next week. Ben will only stop over for one or two nights before be goes on to Florida to interview for flight instructor jobs. By FAA regulations no one can be hired by airlines as a pilot who has less than 1,500 flight hours (for UND graduates that is 1,000 hours) of experience, so the next step is to build flight hours.

When he is back from Florida, sometime by the end of August, Oliver, Ben and I would like to host a "THANK YOU" reception after Sunday worship!

Thank you all for the congratulations, love and support you gave!

Silke, Oliver and Ben









Wednesday ZOOM Bible Study 11 a.m. via Zoom

Participants in this study will reflect on God's steadfast love and faithfulness, modeled through God's covenant with Israel, Jesus' healing

miracles, and the hope we share in his resurrection. We are invited to respond by giving God glory through faithful witness in word and deed.

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=aytMaXFCc2JYQXoxRGtuZXVUekJ0UT09
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!



Celebrating AUGUST Birthdays

8/7 - Richard Dauchert 8/10 - Gary Heavener 8/12 - Bill Weber 8/15 - Jim Kondor 8/16 - Ray Makalous 8/18 - Kathy Mork 8/27 - Carla Holm 8/28 - John Prange

Celebrating AUGUST Anniversaries

8/7 - Bill & Sue Weber (59 yrs) 8/19 - Steve & Kathy Mork (52 yrs) 8/27 - Don & Barbara Bethman (58 yrs) 8/29 - Ray & Doris Stickel (60 yrs)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at **info@clchhi.com** with any corrections.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up for Altar Flowers

August, September, October, November in the Ministry Lobby



FOR OUR VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Carolyn and Joe Kern on death of Carolyn's mother, Katherine Kirk Phyllis Rowe who is having heart issues Amy Nolde who has pneumonia

Prayers for Tami & David Kuhlmann at the sudden and unexpected death of their godson (nephew) Jeremy Mault. We pray for Jeremy's wife, his 4 young children, and his parents

Our sympathies to Karen Momberger and family on the death of her father, Joseph Russell

Patty Bassford Carla Holm

FOR CLC FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES

Kathy (Pr. June's sister) who is struggling with her health.
Jake and Lindsey Solberg (Jo Bolish's nephew and his wife)
at the loss of Lindsay's father and grandfather.

Mark and Brenda Deaton, (Friend of Jo Bolish) serious health concern.
Bill Harrington (friend of Jo Bolish) loss of his father.

Pat Bottomley (friend of the Hamnes) on kidney dialysis in Virginia
Rachel Chester (friend of Karen & Eric Momberger)
Mike Fidler (brother in law of Susie Fidler)

Calhoun Family (Lynn and Allen) 1st cousins of Patty Bassford
Bob Brooke (Patty Bassford's son)
Ruth Keightley, Carol Benton's mother
The people of Chimney Cove
Gary Gregory (Lois Gregory's son)
Jim Woods, son-in-law of Lois Gregory

Any prayer requests for Christ Lutheran members or friends can be shared with Linda in the church office at <u>info@clchhi.com</u> or with Pr. June at <u>pastorjune@clchhi.com</u>.

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 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday-Wednesday at (843)785-5560.



Sunday, August 11

10 am Worship, Pentecost 12 6:30 pm Pops Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 13

10 am Church Staff Meeting, Meeting Room

Thursday, August 15

4:00 pm Christ's Love Food Pantry

Friday, August 16

5:00 pm SHAG CLUB

The Church Office hours are: Monday through Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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