



# Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

**This Sunday (June 4) is Deep Well collection!**

*The June Bridge 06/02/17*

Pastor Emil

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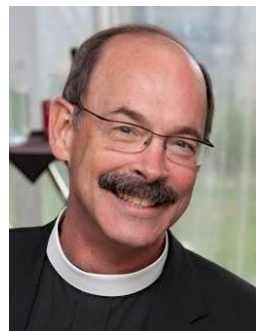
## CLC Youth Summer Mission Camp



In July 2017, our youth will go on another mission summer trip. On July 16, Pastor Emil, Silke, many youth of our church and several chaperones will pack up their cars and drive to Arden, NC to stay at Lutheridge in a private cabin and work with [ABCCM CRISIS MINISTRY](#) in Asheville.

We will volunteer at the soup kitchen and food pantry and will help with the clothing room.

## Pastor Emil



### Pastor's thoughts....

I have asked that we all read a very short, easily read book titled *I Am a Church Member* by Thom S. Rainer. We have provided copies that can

be checked out, and they reside in the narthex.

There is a sign out/sign in sheet available next to the books.

As of this writing, ten folks have checked out a copy. Kind of underwhelming. This is a book I wish I'd had available when I began parish ministry. I would have had anyone who wanted to join the congregation read it and discuss it

At Lutheridge we will have team building activities and for fun we will go white water rafting!

Please pray for our youth, our mission and this trip. If you feel called to support our travel costs, we will gladly and gratefully accept donations!



Working a garden plot during 2016 mission trip



Campfire 2016



Raising funds 2017



**Celebrating June Birthdays**

with me. I intend to start that practice here, now that I have this book. Its focus on what it means to be part of a church family is well presented in easily understood terms. Please read this book.

If you are in your summer quarters up north and are reading this, please get a copy and read it before you come back. In the meantime, I'd like to use this column to highlight some of Rainer's points, and I would invite you to talk with me about what you're seeing in this book that applies to you and to Christ Lutheran Church.

The Church Council has read and discussed the book.

Rainer lays out his thesis in the introduction. He acknowledges that many congregations are shrinking or not growing. He attributes this to several factors. He writes, "But I am proposing that we who are church members need to look in the mirror. I am suggesting that congregations across America are weak because many of us church members have lost the biblical understanding of what it means to be part of the body of Christ."

He calls for each of us to examine what it means to be a member of this congregation.

Does it only mean entitlement? I theorize that this may be *one* of the reasons we, along with nearly every denomination, have lost, among others, the Millennials. Rainer states that, according to studies, only 15% of Millennials even claim to be Christian. Does membership mean, as he writes, to be served and fed, with no thought to what we are called to bring to the body and the community?

Now, I absolutely believe that we can call on others in this congregation to care for us in general, and specifically, when the need calls for it. But is that all there is to it, and then we leave a five-dollar tip when we're here? This is not just about what others can do for us. It's also about what we do for each other. That means giving of ourselves, as well as taking when we need it.

According to Rainer, nine out of ten churches are no longer reaching their community outside of themselves. We here at CLC are engaged in the community through our different and effective ministries. I am pleased with where we are, but we can never rest on our laurels. These ministries are a large part of our identity, and they must be nurtured.

I believe our congregation is working beyond the

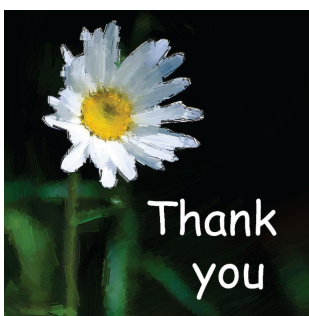
- 6/1 - Karla Collins
- 6/2 - Jim Breland & Patty Conklin
- 6/3 - Betsey Novosel
- 6/4 - Manfred Pyrlík
- 6/9 - Mary Jo Etter & Rick Novosel
- 6/15 - Russ Collins & Anne Eddy
- 6/16 - John Babbitts & JoAnn Livingston
- 6/17 - Peggie Dolch
- 6/19 - Jimmy Rowe
- 6/20 - Joyce Prange
- 6/21 - Janet Kline
- 6/24 - Angie Taylor
- 6/26 - Don Bethman
- 6/28 - Evelyn Johnson

### Celebrating June Anniversaries

- 6/7 - Doug & Elsa Felten (48 years)
- 6/12 - George & Janet Kline (68 years)
- 6/15 - Gary & Peggie Dolch (43 years)
- 6/15 - Harvey & June Johnson (71 years)
- 6/17 - Richard & Judith Johnson (56 years)
- 6/18 - Ron & BethAnn Julseth (23 years)
- 6/21 - Preston & Connie Henne (48 years)
- 6/22 - Mike & Judy Morton (49 years)
- 6/23 - Ron & JoAnn Livingston (62 years)
- 6/23 - Kirk & Cheri Taylor (38 years)

If your information is incorrect or not included, please email the Church Office at [info@clchhi.com](mailto:info@clchhi.com) with any corrections.

Thank you for having Ed on your prayer list. He is now home from the hospital recovering from major surgery. He will be recovering at home for 4-6 weeks. Ed is getting stronger everyday and certainly appreciates being on your prayer list at Christ Lutheran church. You are our home away from home. Regards, Anne Davis



walls in very positive ways, and for the glory of God and furthering the cause of the Gospel. I would suggest that, with a congregation of our size and demography, we do a few important ministries, and do them very well. That's how we'll get known here on the island, that's how we can contribute, and that's how we will attract people to come experience what we have going on here. It's just a good idea to do the occasional gut check to ensure that we're fulfilling our purpose as Christ's hands in the world. It's very easy to fall into complacency.

The end of each chapter of this book calls for us to make a pledge toward healthier, more effective membership. I would like to discuss each chapter periodically through this forum and highlight each chapter's pledge. I hope this has piqued your interest to read the book. You can read it by the time you finish your second cup of coffee. I feel it will give each of us a different perspective on why we come here.

In Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Emil*

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### JUNE FELLOWSHIP "Movie and Low Country Boil"

Mark your calendar and join us for our **Wednesday, June 7, 2017 fellowship activity!** We will have a Low-Country-Boil and will watch the movie "Hidden Figures" in Heinrichs Hall! Our fellowship event starts at 5:30 p.m. The movie showing will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. (running time is 2:07 hrs). **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex!**




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### The Purple Angel Project A Memory Matters Initiative

Christ Lutheran Church has been named as a dementia-friendly congregation through the Memory Matters initiative:  
**The Purple Angel project.**

With this privilege comes the opportunity for us to be actively involved in helping to make Hilton

Dear Family of Faith of CLC,  
Thank you for the outpouring of cards, phone calls, emails, hugs, prayers and condolences regarding the recent passing of Barbara's father, Bill Newill. While this is a difficult time for both of us, your outpouring of sympathy certainly helps to ease us through each day.  
Blessings & Peace, Pastor Emil & Barbara

Head and the surrounding area a dementia-friendly community. Many of us were able to take advantage of the recent sensitivity training, to better equip us to respond appropriately to situations where dementia could be present when we meet and greet others who come for worship. If you were not able to be a part of the initial training, watch for future dates to be scheduled. We would like as many members as possible to take part in this unique opportunity. This is yet another way CLC is reaching out to others with Christ's love.



## CLC Council Corner

Below is a brief recap of our May 16, 2017 Council Meeting:

- Staff and Ministry reports were reviewed and approved.
- Our ministry giving and spending plan continues to be an area of concern. Our April giving held steady. Our ministry giving is down \$20,000 versus budget however we have saved \$7,000 versus our expense budget, therefore our net shortfall is \$14,000. Since many of our members leave during the summer, we hope that each will continue to be mindful of how important their giving levels are during the summer months. No immediate action is needed but we will continue to closely monitor our numbers.
- St. James Soup Kitchen is in need of funds to continue it's important ministry. Please, remember that CLC is it's main sponsor. We approved putting up a "Soup Pot" for donations coupled with a temple talk regarding the importance of supporting this ministry. As a Council we agreed to make a special donation of fresh fruit from each of our Council members each month.
- Our Habitat for Humanity home is making good progress and we need to continue to supply volunteers. Please volunteer if you are able.
- We agreed to support continual improvement of our sound system in the sanctuary. We agreed through the use of volunteers to replace the wiring to our speakers thus saving us a substantial amount of money versus having it done by a professional.
- We approved three Trustee's for our CLC Endowment Fund. The following Trustees were approved: Ron Julseth, Doug Felton and John Prange. Our sincere thanks to these gentleman for volunteering for this ministry.
- We formally approved our CLC Vision Statement (*see separate article in this publication*)
- We approved funding to correct our lighting problems in the sanctuary. We expect the lighting to be fixed and greatly improved over the coming weeks.
- On September 10, 2017 we will be joining efforts with the ELCA as a day of "God's Work. Our Hand's". A small group will work together to determine how we will utilize this day to provide a volunteer ministry to help in our community. More details to follow.

Joe Etter, Council President

## CLC VISION STATEMENT

I want to share with you a vision statement for Christ Lutheran Church that our congregation has affirmed and your Church Council has ratified. My hope is that you will read this article and embrace our vision for CLC.

As background, your Church Council spends much of their time prayerfully considering the leading of the Holy Spirit as they set and continually evaluate the course of CLC in our community. This course setting process is intended to help us ensure that we are focusing our time, talents, and treasures on those activities and goals that bring Glory to God's name and bring others the Good News of Jesus Christ through our ministries.

This course setting process has three components:

1. Reaffirming our Mission Statement, which we claim and proclaim at the end of each of our services.
2. Setting our priorities for this year, which we refer to as "Big Rocks"
3. Setting a Vision of what we want to accomplish as we move forward.

You might be asking yourself, why is a Vision Statement important for our Church? It is intended to help us:

- Paint an image of the future we hope to create. It's our dream and serves as a North star to help give us direction
- Inspire, energize, motivate and stimulate creativity
- Welcome helpful change
- Attract people to rally behind a cause
- Provide a template for decision making
- Shape strategy and major goals

### **CLC Vision Statement**

**"We are a visible, thriving and welcoming community of Faith, deeply committed to worshiping and serving the triune God. Our goal is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all while impacting the lives of those in need through mission outreach."**

#### **"We are visible, thriving and welcoming community of faith"**

We want to increase our visibility within the community so more people know who and where we are. How many times have you talked with someone about Christ Lutheran and their first question is, "Where are you located?" or, "I'm not familiar with Christ Lutheran?" We want to thrive so that this is an exciting place to be and people will want to join our congregation and be a part of our mission work. We also want to be a church that is known for how welcoming we are, and one that values diversity. We want people to feel at home the moment they walk through our doors or participate in one of our activities.

#### **"Deeply committed to worshiping and serving the triune God"**

This is JOB ONE for our congregation. We exist to serve God the Father, God the Holy Spirit, and God in Jesus Christ. We must never lose sight of our #1 priority. We exist to worship and serve the Triune God.

#### **"Our goal is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all"**

It is not enough to just come to church, but we want to reach out and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We desire to serve in His name in all that we do, and proclaim His message, both within the walls of our church, as well as in our everyday lives.

#### **"While impacting the lives of those in need through mission outreach"**

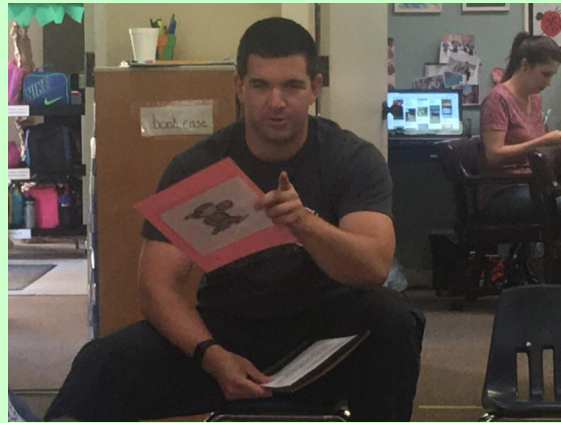
We believe one of the most important ways to share the good news of Jesus is through our deeds of giving a hand up to those less fortunate than us through a vibrant, relevant mission outreach, both in the Hilton Head Island area and beyond. Given the size of our Church, we do an excellent job in our mission outreach today. However, we should never be content, and we can always strive to do more.

I hope that this overview has been helpful and you find it as exciting and inspiring as your Church Council does. We have worked hard on this and given it much thought and prayer. Everything we do as the body of Christ in this community should be held up to our vision and mission statements to ensure that what we are doing is in accordance with them.

Thank you and may God bless us all.  
Joe Etter, CLC Council, President

## CLC Preschool

Camp will start on June 12 and we have several spots still open for this Monday, Wednesday, Friday program. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the preschool at (843) 785-6570.



Learning about water (pool, ocean, beach, boat) safety with the fire department!



## CLC Mission Work

### LOCAL MISSION: HABITAT for HUMANITY Build

#### UPDATE!

The walls are raised on our **Habitat for Humanity house**, and soon it will be our turn to supply workers. **Our next work dates are June 7 and 10.** Volunteers work from 8-12, and all tools and instructions are provided. The next few weeks will mainly involve framing. If you can help either day, please contact John Babbitts (843) 341-2465 or [jhb725@ptd.net](mailto:jhb725@ptd.net) *There is paper work that needs to be filled out beforehand.*



## LOCAL MISSION:

**ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - EVERY THURSDAY AT 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

We **need extra help** more than ever. On an average, the kitchen serves **125 meals** every Thursday at lunch and our **funds are running low!** As a summer **community outreach project**, we will be collecting monetary donations in addition to the cookies and fruit we currently provide. Please help us help them keep their doors open to serve the less fortunate in our community. **A soup kettle for your donations is in the narthex.**

If you are interested in volunteering this summer (June-August) or simply want more information **Please Contact Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 -- or the church office and we will happily put you on the schedule**

## LOCAL MISSION: DEEP WELL - This Sunday is collection Sunday



**"Helping our neighbors in need by providing basic assistance in emergency situations."**

The next church collection for the Deep Well food pantry is Sunday, June 4. Please continue to share your offerings of cleaning supplies, toiletry items, paper products, Chef Boyardee cans and breakfast cereal. Many Island children are home for the summer and do not receive their usual school breakfasts and lunches. Budgets are even tighter for families to provide these extra meals to their children. Please donate any of the suggested items or even better, just do a little extra "cleaning" in your personal pantry to bring to church and fill the blue Deep Well wagon. Thank you! Also remember that Deep Well also accepts donations of your old working appliances and useful furniture items. Call the Deep Well office at 843-785-2849 to set up a home pickup appointment. Questions? Call Chris Wilcox 843-342-9711

### Specific needs for April include:

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Diapers — size 4, 5 & 6  
Baby wipes  
Dishwashing soap

Chef Boy-R-Dee products  
Brown rice  
Flour (1 & 2 # bags)  
Cereal  
Pancake mix  
Syrup  
Ensure plus nutrition bottles

***Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon!  
Your continuing donations are so appreciated. Fill up that wagon!***

## LOCAL MISSION: BACKPACK BUDDIES



**THANK YOU! We packed the last time for this school year in April!**  
Interested in helping out for the next school year? Please give me a call or email to discuss what you can do. Doris Stickel, 843-842-4710, [dlstickel@aol.com](mailto:dlstickel@aol.com)

## CLC Faith Formation

**Faith Formation for children (K to 5th) & Faith Formation for youth (6th to 12th grade):**  
NO classes during the summer, 2017 Summer Mission Trip from July 16 to 21, 2017

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION -** Every Sunday at 9:45 am in Heinrichs Hall.

# CLC Fellowship

**LOW COUNTRY BOIL & MOVIE NIGHT - Wed., June 7 @ 5:30** (see info on front page of this newsletter and in your Sunday bulletin)

## CLC Book Club - SUMMER BREAK - next meeting is in September 2017

The members of the CLC book club are taking a break from our scheduled meetings to enjoy time to read our favorite "beach reads." We will resume our get-togethers on Saturday September 16 with the book **The Woman Who Wrote in Silk** by Kelli Estes. In October we will discuss **The Underground Railroad** by Colson Whitehead, in November it's **The Atomic Weight of Love** by Elizabeth Church and in December it's **The Prayer Box** by Lisa Wingate. Please call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711 or [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com) for more information about this wonderful group of church members who always come to the meetings with such outstanding and thought provoking comments!

## CLC Quilters - SUMMER BREAK

## CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers.  
Please pray for :

- Ed Davis, *home recuperating post surgery*
- Lila Kozlowski (*great-grandaughter of Kasten's*)
- Jane Williamson, *failing health*
- Lenora Weinig, lung cancer
- Joyce Moreau
- Susie Ruth (*sister of Paulette Stefanik*), Cancer
- Kolten Foster, (*Lori Maurer's grandson*) 9 mo. old diagnosed with cancer
- Gail Murray (*daughter of DJ Murray*)
- Gary Gregory (*son of Lois Gregory*)
- Donna Putrino
- Frank Conder
- ALL service personnel



*Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office*

## Events Happening at CLC

Sunday 6/4	8:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Adult Faith Formation Class
Wednesday 6/7	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Women's AA group
	4:45 p.m.	Choir practice
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>MOVIE and Low Country Boil</b>
Thursday 6/8	Noon	Soup Kitchen
	<b>12- 5 p.m.</b>	<b>ARC Blood Drive</b>



Friday 6/9

ALL DAY  
5:00 p.m.

Church Office Closed  
Friday Night AA Group

