



Christ  
Lutheran  
Church  
& Preschool

**REMINDER - Sunday, July 30 - ONE COMBINED SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, August 6, is our monthly collection for Deep Well**

*The August Bridge 08/01/17*

Pastor Emil

CLC Preschool

CLC Ministry at Work

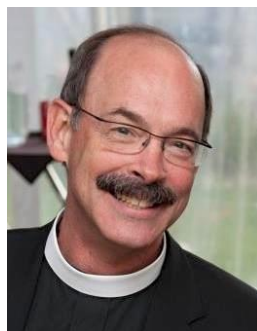
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**Pastor Emil**



**Pastor's thoughts....**

**We will receive new members during worship on Sunday, August 13. Please help us welcome...**

**Michael & Dana Guerrieri**

Michael & Dana met in the summer of 1997. She answered an ad in the paper for a graphic artist. She scheduled an interview, and when the door opened, there stood Mike. Yes, it was love at first sight. And,

operated by a large consortium of local churches. The youth got a 'hands on' education about serving real people in real need. They prepared and served meals, sorted and distributed clothes, reorganized the food pantry, helped interview clients and process their requests for assistance, and much more. They also had time for

yes she got the job! They married in May 2016.

Michael grew up in Bethlehem, PA and worked in the family auto body business until his father died. He started his own construction business from which he retired in 2014.

Dana grew up in Coopersburg, PA. She is certified in Art Education and Family & Consumer Science and has worked as a substitute teacher (K-12) for the past 12 years.

They moved to HH in November and reside in Indigo Run. Together they enjoy traveling, US History, the arts, old movies, fine dining, being "part of the pack" with their 3 Scottish terriers and, of course, boating and the beach.

### John & Judy Johns

John was raised in the Borough of Dormont, Pittsburgh, PA, while Judy grew up in Hollidaysburg, PA. Both graduated from Indiana Univ of PA.

They were married during their Junior year in 1962. Both taught school in Maryland. Judy was a Reading Specialist and English teacher for 32 years. After retiring, she was a full time caregiver for her mother who suffered from cancer. After her mother's death, she ran her own tutoring business for 8 years. John became a Program Assessment Specialist with the MD State Dept of Ed, retiring in 1989. He then worked with Horace Mann Insurance until retiring, again, in 2012.

John and Judy moved to HH in 2000 and now live in Palmetto Hall with son, John, daughter-in-law Deirdre and grandson, Henry. John enjoys golf and being a grandfather. He also volunteers for the HH Historical Society as a guide at Fort Mitchell. Judy enjoys golf, bridge and volunteering at HHCA in

team building and fun. Many thanks to Tricia Reinhardt, Janet Sullivan, and Manfred Pyrlík for joining the trip, and thanks to Silke for organizing and leading the effort.

My review of Thom Rainer's book, I Am a Church Member, is done. I hit what I thought were the main points, and we had a chance to review the six "pledges." I'm planning on continuing to make the book available for checkout, so that we all get a chance to read it. I don't care if you're 18 years old and been coming here for two weeks, or if you're 90 years old and been coming for 20 years, or more. I really want **everyone** to read this very short, very easy, but substantial book!

On to the next topic! Well, we have been partners in ministry for a full year now. Barbara and I thank God for the opportunity to serve alongside, worship with, and become a part of the family here at Christ Lutheran. We can honestly say that there hasn't been a dull moment! How's that for an open-ended statement?

When I first wrote to you via this forum, I said that I knew this to be a very unique ministry setting. We have a core of members who are here year-round.

We also have a large number of members and associate members who go north for a portion of the year. The large majority of members who are here year-round are retired and able to travel frequently, which they do. We add to the mix a number of seasonal visitors, who are in and gone. What I'm saying is that we have a very fluid congregation! This presents us with challenges in our mission and ministry. But we're making good things happen, thanks be to God!

We have taken our ministry efforts and begun to strengthen them. We have a strong core of members who give of themselves in many ways to further our mission. We have a core of associate members who, when they're here for their Hilton Head part of the year, are very active in our ministries. God has led more people to be part of answering our call to serve our community, our synod, and the world. We have three distinct worship events. Our Church Council is full and working very well together. We have a great cabinet of officers, and one of the best Presidents I've ever worked with. We're getting a handle on administration and records keeping. The staff is working well together. Our preschool has been given more emphasis as a ministry of our congregation. Attendance is up. We're receiving more new members. We're seeing some younger families among us. Our youth are engaged in projects. Generally, we have reason to be happy with the direction we're going. Happy, but not satisfied. There is always more we can do as individual disciples and as a congregation. I will, however, restate my philosophy about congregations of our size: I would rather see us

the Library.



### **Celebrating AUGUST Birthdays**

8/2 - Mike Matter & Kirk Taylor II  
8/4 - Jacqualine Morris  
8/5 - Jack Keller & Teresa Madison  
8/8 - Connie Henne  
8/10 - Gary Heavener  
8/12 - Charles Lader & Bill Weber  
8/14 - Audrey Spergl  
8/15 - Terri Herron, Jim Kondor & Ann Matter  
8/21- Toni Ferguson  
8/25 - Paula Bentz & Lois Lake  
8/27 - Lois Gregory  
8/28 - John Prange  
8/30 - Shirley Otto  
8/31 - Andrew Peter

### **Celebrating AUGUST Anniversaries**

8/3 - Mike & Sarah DeMaria (22 yrs)  
8/7 - Bill & Sue Weber (52 yrs)  
8/27 - Don & Barbara Bethman (51 yrs)  
8/28 - Bill & Julie Vaglianti (52 yrs)  
8/31 - Philip & Robin Peter (31 yrs)

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



**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 16  
FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
&  
MOVIE NIGHT!**

do a few things very well-have a real and significant impact-than to have too many activities that are shallow and mediocre. It's not the number of "activities" we can list on a website, but the impact of our well-run ministries that counts.

What would I like to see in our next year of ministry together? I would like to see more people who are not very engaged become active in ministry here. That's a better goal than to have ministries on paper that do little or nothing to further the Gospel and our mission. I would also remind everyone of our budget issues. I have already addressed those issues in a letter to the congregation. Please take this issue seriously.

So, I pledge to continue applying myself to promoting our ministry and our "brand" on this island, and I call upon all of us to do a "gut check" about what we're doing to give legs to our mission statement. I pledge to be available for your pastoral needs. I pledge to increase my (Barbara's and my) giving by 10%.

Lets' get on to *God's Work with Our Hands!* And remember: **DO NOT ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOUR FOOTSTEPS, IF YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO MOVE YOUR FEET!**

In Christ's Service,  
**Pastor Emil**



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

**Every CLC member ...  
Working In Mission Together  
SEPT. 10, 2017**

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday** is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. This year's date is **Sunday, Sept. 10. Mark your calendar today!**

The idea is to deepen a congregation's and the member's experience in their communities and offer a way for congregations to play a critical part in addressing community needs.

This year we observe the 500th anniversary of the

**Join us as we share a  
light supper @ 5:30  
and settle in to enjoy a  
movie together @ 6:30.**

***Pastor will, once again, be our  
Popcorn Maker!***

On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed the "*Miracle on the Hudson*" when Captain "Sully" Sullenberger glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

Lutheran Reformation. The ELCA's anniversary theme, "Freed and Renewed in Christ," reminds us of the gospel's promise that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors. This is work that you do every day - serving your community in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Whether we prepare meals to people rendered homeless, repairing homes or organize shelves at Deep Well, our service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: ***that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.***

**Our youth will be selling the  
"God's work - Our hands" T-shirts for \$15 each  
beginning sometime in mid-August.  
With every T-shirt you buy you will donate \$7  
toward our community  
mission work on that  
Sunday!**

The T-shirt will be used for many years to come at every mission and community work we as CLC will be doing!  
**Make sure you get your shirt!  
Supplies are limited!**



If you would like to purchase flowers to grace our altar during worship, please sign up for your desired date on the sheets on the hallway bulletin board (opposite the bathrooms). Be sure to note how you want the dedication to read and whether or not you will be taking the flowers after the 10:30 a.m. service. Cost is \$35. Just place your check in the offering plate and note: *Altar Flowers* on the memo line.



## **CLC Council Corner**

Below is a brief recap of our July 11, 2017 Council Meeting: (*note: previous month's approved minutes are available for review on the bulletin board opposite the restrooms outside the sanctuary*)

1. Staff and Ministry reports were reviewed and approved.
2. We continue to have a shortfall in the range of \$40,000 in regard to giving levels versus our approved budget. We will need to begin to cut back on those expense items over which we have control. To that end, a decision was made to reduce our Synod support from 10% of giving to 7%. While not ideal, this still puts our giving levels well ahead of the average giving levels in the Synod. Once our local giving increases we will consider raising our giving at the synod level.
3. We have an urgent need to repair the exterior wall on Heinrich's Hall. John Babbitts has done excellent work on a bid of \$13,300 to properly repair the wall and water drainage from the roof. This expenditure was approved from the Capital Improvement Fund.

4. Thanks to John, the irrigation system in the Prayer Garden now is operational. Next steps include cleaning up the area and adding mulch.
5. We approved the renewal of our pest control contract after repeated negotiations to lower the cost of the contract and improve service.
6. The Constitution Task Force is up and running with an objective of recommending needed changes to our Constitution in those areas over which we have control. We expect this task force to present their recommendations to Council later this Fall and then for Congregational approval at our Annual Meeting.
7. We approved two new church members. Pastor has been actively engaged in meeting with prospective new members with great success.
8. We approved a special Council meeting to be held on August 8th at 6:30 pm to consider recommendations from the Church Renovation Task Force.

Joe Etter, Council President

## CLC Preschool

We are gearing up for the start of the new school year!  
 Summer Camp ends on August 4 and School begins on August 17.



Last week, Lowcountry Raptors came to visit the preschool. They brought 3 types of owls and a hawk. The children loved seeing and learning about these beautiful animals.

We still have some spaces available for Fall enrollment. Please spread the word to friends and family!

## CLC Ministry Teams at Work in our Community

### LOCAL MISSION: HABITAT for HUMANITY

The "**Apostle's Build**" Habitat for Humanity house that Christ Lutheran Church supports is well on it's way to completion with the help and hard work of many of our church members. Those who have helped, or who are scheduled to work include, Ed Barrett, Gary Reynolds, Jo Ann Sebulsky, Joe Etter, John & Joyce Prange, Joe & Trish Reinhardt, Leslie Heavener, and Joe Fudjack. We continue to supply volunteers each month, with the projected completion date sometime in October. There is still time to fill one of work slots for the remaining dates. If you are interested, please contact Leslie Heavener at 843-363-5789, or call the church office.



### LOCAL MISSION: FAMILY PROMISE

**AUGUST 20-27, 2017**

We have good news!!! Hilton Head Community Church and St. Francis Catholic Church again are partnering with us to host our second **Family Promise week at CLC**. We will share the duties of providing the evening meal and staying overnight at the church. We have split the opportunities with the other 2 churches so that St. Francis will provide the meal and overnight host for Tuesday and Saturday. **CLC will provide volunteers for Sunday and Thursday**. HHCC parishioners will cover Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **In addition, we all will share the duties of setup and takedown of the bedrooms, laundry and providing supplies needed for the week.**

Many hands make light work, so please check the list of possibilities in your bulletin insert or the Narthex signup sheet. You may not be able to prepare a meal or be an overnight host, but there are many small ways you can be involved. Please include your name and phone number when you sign up.

Family Promise gives families hope, encouragement and training for life. A donation location will be established in the Narthex. Please bring your items with you the next time you come to church! Thank you!!!

Please note that people who are bringing a meal or staying overnight are required to complete a background check form. You can find these forms in the Narthex along with an envelope in which to place your completed form.

Need More Information? Contact Chris Wilcox, 843-342-7911 or Leslie Heavener, 843-363-5789.

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**LOCAL MISSION:**

**ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN - every Thursday -- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

As a summer **community outreach project**, we collected monetary donations in addition to the cookies and fruit we provide on an ongoing basis. **THANK YOU** for your generosity. You gave **\$2,747.79** to help the Soup Kitchen continue its vital ministry through the coming months.



If you are interested in volunteering on any given Thursday, or simply want more information **Please Contact Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086**

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



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

This period before school starts has been busy at Deep Well. School supplies and school uniform shirts are being distributed to Hilton Head Island families who have signed up for them. Each child (pre-K through high school) can receive 5 new polo shirts in either

white or navy, parents pick the sizes and colors. Each child in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through middle school receives a backpack and school supplies. Pre-K and K children receive a new backpack. High School youth can apply for supplies once they receive their supply lists from their teachers.

The Deep Well School Supply program has grown steadily over the years. Last year over 850 children, representing 300+ families, received school supplies from Deep Well. As of July 20, 2017, over 400 children have received their supplies. There are lots of smiling faces as the children leave with their bags of shirts and supplies! Parents continue to register their children for the Deep Well program daily and continue to do so up until school starts in a month.

The pantry continues to serve a steady stream of folks needing food to tide them over until paychecks or food stamps come to them. As said over and over, *Deep Well appreciates all the donations coming from Christ Lutheran*. The wagon has never been so full! The items on the printed list in the bulletins are always needed; but for some reason, there is **never enough JELLY or PASTA / SPAGHETTI SAUCE. Let's continue to donate more jelly and sauce.** Please know that the Pantry donates food to our partner soup kitchen at St. James Church. Overstock and expired food continue to go to St. Stephens Church in Ridgeland to support their food pantry mission to people who live in Jasper County. Questions? Call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711...Thank you!

**Specific needs include:**

Chef Boy-ar-dee products	jelly	toothbrushes
spaghetti sauce	vegetable oil	toothpaste
white rice	Ensure plus nutrition	shampoo
rice mix sides	bottles	deodorant
flour (1 & 2 lb bags)	ketchup	disposable razors
sugar (1 & 2 lb bags)	mustard	paper towels
corn muffin mix	salad dressing	baby wipes
		dish washing soap

***Thank you CLC members who regularly contribute items to the blue wagon!  
Your continuing donations are so appreciated.  
Let's fill up the blue wagon in the narthex!***

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## CLC Faith Formation

**Faith Formation for children (K to 5th) & Faith Formation for youth (6th to 12th grade)**  
NO classes during the summer. Classes will resume in September.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION - every Sunday at 9:45 in Heinrichs Hall. We follow a series published by Augsburg Fortress. You can join in at any time. Coffee and bites available as well. Hope to see you there!**

## CLC Fellowship

### **CLC Book Club - SUMMER BREAK - why not join us on September 16, 2017?**

The CLC Women's Book Club is on summer hiatus; the group resumes its meeting on Saturday, September 16. At that time we will discuss **The Girl Who Wrote in Silk** by Kelli Estes, a debut novel of 2 women determined to do the right thing and how a small item can hold centuries of secrets. A great read! Watch for further details in the next few weeks.

As a group, we welcome not only our permanent island resident members but also our seasonal/part time island resident members. If that is your situation, please consider joining our engaging group. Give Chris Wilcox a call at 843-342-9711 or an email at [christineewilcox@aol.com](mailto:christineewilcox@aol.com).

In case you are interested and need some really interesting books for the remainder of the summer, the following are books we will be discussing this Fall. Questions? Call Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711

1. The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
2. The Atomic Weight of Love by Elizabeth Church
3. The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate

## CLC Prayer List

God provides answers to our prayers.  
Please pray for :



- Lauren Priegel, mesothelioma
- Pam Phillips, (*Kathy Reynolds' sister-in-law*) breast cancer
- Ken (*Audrey Spergl's brother*) pneumonia and recovering from fall
- George Kline
- Hanna Dwornikoski, (*Babbit's granddaughter*) recovering from sudden illness
- Stephen Burd, (*neighbor of Reynolds'*) young father with CLL/SLL - rare form of leukemia
- Amelia Williams, (*Janet Garnjost's mother*) DVT and recovering from fall
- John "Bud" Ehlers, difficult recovery from multiple major surgeries
- Ed Davis, treatment for cancer
- Jane Williamson, failing health
- 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

<b>Sunday 7/30</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH</b>
Wednesday 8/2	1:00 p.m.	Women's AA group
Thursday 8/3	10:00 a.m.	Constitution Task Force
	Noon	Soup Kitchen
Friday 8/4	<i>ALL DAY</i>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Friday Night AA Group



