

Christ
Lutheran
Church

Proclaimer

Worship

Sunday Morning
Holy Communion
At 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast fellowship
begins at 9:00 a.m.

Due to the sanctuary
renewal project, we will
meet in Fellowship Hall.

Education

On Summer Break

Nursery

Nursery is available for
children who are infants
through 4 years of age
during Sunday morning
worship and the Sunday
School hour.

Office

Monday - Thursday from
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday from
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Through God's Grace
All are welcome as we joyfully,
Receive...to Give
Learn...to Serve
and Worship...to Grow.

August 2019

Notes from the Pastor Sanctuary Update

Thanks to all of you for your flexibility as we worship in Fellowship Hall this summer. It's cozy, but full! The gusto of voices fills the room. We are meeting new neighbors as we find ourselves sitting in a different space. But overall, the spirit of our worship is the same and we are disciples sojourning as we seek to follow Jesus in the midst of it all. We appreciate your patience and accommodation. Here is an update from the Property Team and Church Council on our renovation project:

We have been working diligently on the Sanctuary Renewal since we were approved to start. All of the flooring demolition is complete, and the chancel steps have been cut back, and are currently being framed in accordance with the new design. The pews are in the process of being refinished at a location offsite. The new choir risers are being worked on as well. Flooring will be starting in short order! Things are moving along smoothly so far!

We will continue to meet in Fellowship Hall through the summer and likely until the end of September. As such, we will be putting off our traditional church picnic, moving it from the beginning of September to the first Sunday that we will be back in the Sanctuary, likely early October. We will still have our Rally Day on Sunday, September 8, as Sunday School for all ages returns as part of our school-year format.

Again, we appreciate your patience and look forward to being back in our renovated Sanctuary soon.

- Pastor Leslie

Groups

Angelicus Choir

On summer break

Book Club

First Tuesday

6:45 p.m. - Location TBA

Dominos Group

First Thursday

9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

First Thursday Lunch

First Thursday

12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Gloria Choir

On summer break

Healing Prayer

Tuesdays August 6 & 20

10:00 a.m.

Rode Prayer Chapel

Joseph's Sons

First Monday

6:30 p.m. - Location TBA

Lydia Circle

On summer break

6:30 p.m. - Primrose House

Men's Breakfast

Second Tuesday

7:00 a.m. - Bill Miller BBQ

Mulligans

On summer break

Quilters

Every Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - Primrose House

Sanctuary Choir

On summer break

Soul Sisters

On summer break

Other groups meet during the year. For information, please contact our church office or visit our website www.clcah.org.

What does it mean when we say *All Are Welcome*?

(In the coming months, we will present a series of statements that touch on the many ways in which people may feel afraid, alone, lost, different, rejected and not included in the life of the church. These statements are intended to convey one singular message: All are welcome at Christ Lutheran.)

- Maybe you wandered far from your childhood faith, and don't know how to come back to that place of loving comfort ... you are still welcome and God still loves you.

Liturgical Planning Team

Do you ever wonder what goes into planning a worship service? Do you wish you could help select the hymns? Do you ever find yourself imagining a creative way to engage the congregation in faith exploration? Then Liturgical Planning Team might be for you! This team meets two to four times throughout the year to plan the major church seasons, including Advent/Christmas and Lent/Holy Week. Together we develop concepts, themes, and ideas that will bring the theology of these seasons to life. If you're interested in serving on this team, we will be meeting on Monday, August 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to plan for fall through Advent/Christmas. A light dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Leslie or the office to let us know you will be there.

Council Members Installation & Reception

Join us for worship on August 25 as we install our two new Council members, David Hough (At-Large Member) and Heather Rosenquist (Secretary), during the 9:30 a.m. service. After worship we will have a reception to welcome these new Council members, and to thank Sarah Loyd for her four years of service on Council. We are grateful for the leadership she has provided our congregation, and we hope and pray that she will continue to lend her many talents and skills to the church through other ministries. Join us August 25 as we celebrate the leadership of these three folks.

Receive to Give ... Life After Incarceration

Since 1941, **Chrysalis Ministries** has helped ease the personal, emotional, and spiritual transformation of imprisoned and released individuals and their families, serving 43,000 people annually. Your \$3K gift supports spiritual guidance, life skills, mercy, and healing. Bless you for your stewardship.

Call Committee Report

This summer, members of the Christ Lutheran Church Call Committee have begun the process of calling an associate pastor. Through study, gathering input, and prayerful discernment, the Call Committee envisions an associate pastor who will focus primarily on the youth and family needs of the congregation. The associate pastor also will assist in preaching and providing pastoral care to the congregation, among other general pastoral duties. The committee has been preparing the Ministry Site Profile for submission to the Southwestern Texas Synod, and recently met with Judith Spindt, the Bishop's Associate for Leadership, to learn more about call protocols and processes and to get advice on the steps required to select a candidate. Once the paperwork is finalized by the Call Committee and approved by the Congregation Council, it will be submitted to the ELCA and the Synod to begin the search for candidates whose talents and experience are the most compatible match. Each member of the Call Committee is honored to serve and is available to the congregation for any questions as the call process evolves.

- Mary Rowe, Call Committee Chair

CLC Book Club

Celebrate your love of reading! Join us for good books and great friends! In August, we will discuss [Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup](#) by John Carreyrou, and in September, [Good Old Boys](#) by Elmer Kelton. Join the group that loves to share impressions of the book for the month while enjoying each other's company! Even if you haven't read the book, you are always welcome! Call the church office or Edna Robbins for more information. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Primrose House at 6:45 p.m.

Backpack Donation Station for Interfaith Coalition

We are hosting a **"Backpack Donation Station"** in the breezeway to help the Interfaith Welcome Coalition supply filled backpacks to detainees as they come to the bus terminal or the airport on the way to their next destination. If you would like to help provide comfort and support to these families as they journey toward peace and safety, please pick up a few of the items needed from the display in the breezeway.

Member News

Births

- Travis James Boyd & Luke Harrison Boyd born on July 6. Proud grandparents are Jim & Michelle Boyd.

Baptisms:

- Henry Robert Boeck, son of Kevin & Blythe Boeck and little brother of Addie on June 23.

Service Project at SA Food Bank

Saturday, August 3 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Join the group from CLC as we sort and/or pack produce, non-perishable foods, and household items, preparing them for distribution. Sign up in the breezeway or call the church office! If you would like to carpool, meet at the Primrose parking lot at 8:15 a.m. Otherwise you can arrive at the Food Bank Volunteer Lobby at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Diana at lisa@clcah.org or 210-787-9651. All ages are welcome. You will need to wear closed toe shoes and bring a light jacket in case we are working in the freezers. Thank you for serving the needs of our community!

Let's Help Brenda's Kids with Back-to-School Clothes & Supplies!

Our friend Brenda and her four children are very excited about the new school year! All four children will be attending Olmos Elementary. We would like to help them have a good start to the fall semester with new clothes and school supplies. If you would like to help, please select an apple from the "tree" in the breezeway and purchase the item(s) listed on the apple. If you'd like to make a cash donation so Brenda can buy additional supplies and clothes for the children, please make your checks out to Christ Lutheran and note in the memo line, "Brenda's Family."

We'll need all gifts returned to the breezeway no later than Monday, August 12. Please attach your "apple" to the gifts you bring. Brenda is thrilled that we continue to offer love, support, and prayers to her and Bobby and their children. Bless you for your generosity!

Lutheran World Relief School Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies to make school kits to be shipped to those in need all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to help, please take a look at the list in the breezeway and purchase anything you would like to contribute. You can choose just one item and purchase several of the same item or you can purchase all items needed to complete a kit. Please return donations to the LWR bin in the breezeway. Thanks!

Altar Guild Luncheon and Appeal for Help

Have you ever wondered how the wine and wafers for Communion just seem to magically appear every Sunday, along with the offering plates? There is a small group of very dedicated members who make up our Altar Guild Team, and they work faithfully throughout the year to make sure worship services and Communion go smoothly.

To thank these dedicated ladies for their faithful service, we will have a luncheon in their honor on Thursday, August 15 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Leslie's husband, Jayme, will be cooking! At the luncheon, we will have sign-up sheets for the coming year's schedule, and we invite existing and new Altar Guild members to sign up.

We need to grow our Altar Guild Team. There are several duties, none of which take much time, and all of which contribute to our worship. One team member comes to church on Saturday and sets up all of the Communion ware. Another team member "resets" after the early service when we have two services. A team of 2 to 3 members stays a few minutes after the last service to clean up. None of these shifts involve much of a time commitment.

If you would like to help with this very important ministry, please join us at the luncheon. Come even if you'd just like to learn more about the Altar Guild. RSVP to the church office by Monday, August 12..

A Message from the GROW Team

Greetings from the GROW Team! Thanks to everyone who participated in the postcard poll of the proposed welcome statement update. There was a high rate of participation, and we are excited to report that 73% of respondents are in favor of the update to the welcome statement.

In order to allow time for a bit more reflection and spiritual engagement, we will plan to schedule a congregational vote in the fall. If you were among the people who requested a conversation, you should be hearing from a GROW Team member soon (if you haven't already).

Some feedback also expressed confusion about the statement we are updating. The Vision Statement for CLC will not be changing - only the Welcome Statement that appears in the front of the bulletin.

We also invite you to talk to any of the team members if you have any questions or topics for discussion. Thanks be to God for all who have engaged in this conversation so far!

- Lisa Diana, Carl Hughes, Sarah Loyd

Thank You, Marina Huffman!

Please join us for a reception in the breezeway on Sunday, August 4, following worship, to thank Director of Faith Formation, Marina Huffman, for her service to our youth. We knew she would be with us for only a year, and now it is time to wish her well on the next chapter of her life.

Confirmation Class (6th through 8th grade)

Through our confirmation program, we seek to encourage, inspire, and nurture students as they experience God's baptismal promises, grow in their faith and understanding, and discover what it means to be God's people in the world today. We tackle the issues that define our Lutheran religion, studying the Bible, theology, and the Small Catechism. Most importantly, we learn about the grace and love of God.

On four select Wednesday evenings (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) throughout the year, we will spend time in a large group, hearing interactive presentations by Pastor Leslie that cover the upcoming topics for the next several weeks in Sunday school. On Sunday mornings (9:15 to 10:15 a.m.), students will gather with their Sunday school teachers to talk in-depth about the topics covered in large group and how they might apply this learning to their lives.

Our first Wednesday large group of the year will take place in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 4. We invite all parents and students (6th - 8th grades) to come to Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for an orientation. Following the orientation, our large group class will take place, and we will end at 8:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided for all at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 8 (Rally Day) upstairs in the Youth Fellowship Room. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Looking to inspire our youngsters ... and have fun, engage in fellowship, and forge relationships with young folks and other volunteers? This year, Sunday School will be led by our parents. We are looking to expand our corps of helpers, bringing on board people who may not have been involved with the Sunday School program before, or haven't in a while, and are ready to jump in and experience the joy of engaging our children in their faith formation. You will not plan or teach lessons – just be support for the class. You can sign up for one or two Sundays a year, or one or two a month! Sound like fun? Give the office a call and ... jump in!

Update on Our Minister of Mission & Outreach

Dear Christ Lutheran family,

I will be taking a break from my position as Mission and Outreach Minister, since I will be starting a six-month Clinical Pastoral Education internship in August (as part of the requirement for my Deacon Candidacy). I would like to thank you all for your support in the area of mission and outreach. It has been a privilege and truly humbling for me to have been able to serve among you this past year. I will still be actively involved at Christ Lutheran, but also look forward to this next stage in my formation.

Gratefully, Lisa Diana

From Pastor Leslie

We are so grateful for Lisa and for her ministry in this important area. We pray for her during this time away and give thanks for her continued formation as a Minister of Word and Service through Clinical Pastoral Education. During her time away, we encourage the congregation to keep up their commitment to mission and outreach!

- In Gratitude for Lisa's service to our church, Pastor Leslie

Praises to:

- **Everyone** for their patience and flexibility as our sanctuary renewal process continues!
- Rhonda Barsalou for hosting the parent meeting for Sunday School children and to all who attended!
- All who participated in the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- All Small Group leaders for their help and passion this past church year.
- Allyson Pryor, Marina Huffman, Brandon Albrecht, and our very passionate, kind, and hard-working youth who attended the mission trip to help with the Rockport hurricane relief effort.
- All who attended the Stockholder's Brunch and supported our youth this year.
- Our youth who attended Camp Chrysalis for their great effort and super behavior.
- Marina Huffman for her service to CLC this past year.
- Our Call Committee for their commitment to begin the process of looking into a formal call for an associate pastor.
- Jeanette Wahl who faithfully checks the robes each week and takes them home to wash them so our Worship Assistants & Pastor Leslie always look great.

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project is continuing.

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on Sunday mornings for breakfast
and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and
worship at 9:30 a.m.