

Christ
Lutheran
Church

Proclaimer

Worship

Sunday Morning
Holy Communion
At 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Education

Sunday Morning -
9:15 a.m. for All

Ages:

Children 3 & up -
*Meet upstairs in their
classrooms*

Junior High Youth -
Youth Room

High School Youth -
High School Room

Adults - *Fellowship
Hall*

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.

March 2020

Come to the Water, Lent at Christ Lutheran . . .

From a desert sojourn ... to a man wondering what it means to be born of water and the spirit ... to a woman at a well ... to a blind man healed with saliva and mud ... to Jesus weeping, water runs through our engagement with scripture this Lenten season. Truth be told, water runs through our entire lives, spiritually and physically, from ancient of days through today. Water brings sustenance when we are parched. Water offers new life in baptism. Water reminds us of our forgiveness. Water heals our bodies. Water reminds us that we are loved and held and comforted by God.

So, this Lenten season, as you come to Christ Lutheran for worship, we invite you to Come to the Water. Together, we will explore how God continues to transform lives as God did so long ago. As we walk with Jesus toward the cross, we will find revealed a God who is as real as the water that runs through our faucets each morning, as real as the water that surrounds us when we dive into a cool pool of water, as real as the water that cleanses and refreshes us daily. At the same time, through our Lenten offering we will remember those who go without water, this most precious of commodities. As we offer our gifts to our partner in ministry, Water to Thrive, we will contribute to efforts to bring wells and water to those in desperate need in Africa. Read more on page 4.

This Lent, we will find ourselves renewed in the waters of God's mercy, love, and forgiveness, and we will share those gifts with others of God's children in need.

- Pastor Leslie

Groups

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

Every Wednesday
5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Healing Prayer

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. Rode Prayer
Chapel

Joseph's Sons

First Monday
6:30 p.m. - Location TBA

Lydia Circle

Second Tuesday
6:30 p.m. - Primrose House

Men's Breakfast

Second Tuesday
7:00 a.m. - Bill Miller BBQ

Mulligans

Second Tuesday
6:30 p.m. - TBD

Quilters

Every Tuesday
9:00 a.m. - Primrose House

Sanctuary Choir

Every Wednesday
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

Soul Sisters

Second Thursday
7:00 p.m. - TBD

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

Faith University ... What's Ahead!

March 1: Stewardship: Giving and Receiving God's Grace

This class will focus on why we emphasize stewardship, what it takes to do the things Christ Lutheran does, and the Stewardship Plan for 2020. Deacon John Dellis, Senior Gift Planner for the Southwestern Texas Synod for the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, will be with us to talk about legacy giving and how we can best steward our resources for the sake of the gospel.

March 8, 15 & 22: Christ Lutheran Church is a congregation of the **Evangelical** Lutheran Church in America. Pastor H will help us better understand the word "evangelical" in all its facets with an emphasis on reclaiming it within our Lutheran practice.

March 29: We are in Lectionary Year A, which focuses on the gospel of Matthew. In keeping with that focus, Pastor H will offer a class on Matthew's gospel, helping us to better understand its themes and theological focus.

April 5 & 19 (Note that April 12 is Easter Sunday): Pastor Leslie returns to complete her series of classes on the parables of Jesus. For our last two sessions, we will study "The Laborers in the Vineyard" and "The Widow and the Judge."

April 26, May 3, 10 & 17: Dr. Dan Long will finish out the year for us with a class exploring "The History of the Christian Gospel Quartet."

Serving Dinner at Haven for Hope: Sunday, March 1

Haven for Hope strives to eliminate homelessness in San Antonio. We can be a part of that bold and compassionate mission by serving dinner at Haven for Hope. We begin at 3:00 p.m. with preparations for the meal and should be finished no later than 7:00 p.m., but likely will be done earlier. There are only 15 spots so sign up right away to reserve yours! You can do so by emailing Pastor Leslie or calling the church office. Volunteers are required to be at least 15 years of age.

Lucy Circle

All CLC women and visitors are invited to join the Lucies for a once-a-month meeting during the Sunday school hour. We read an essay or story in advance and enjoy a stimulating discussion, sharing personal stories and reflections on life. It's a comfortable, friendly group and we hope you'll join us. We will next meet on Sunday, March 15 at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor to discuss the essay, "We Are Never Too Young for Life's Lessons," by Anne Wilson Schaefer. If you'd like a copy of the essay, let me know.

- Jan Schubert Norris

The *Evangelical* Lutheran Church in America...

What does that second word in the name of our community of faith mean? Are you comfortable being identified as an *evangelical*?

Pastor H invites members of CLC to Faith University at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall on March 8, 15 & 22 for an experiential reflection on faith and life and how we can reclaim our evangelical heritage with a hospitable orientation to faith, life and our congregation's future.

Women's Retreat: March 20-22

This spring, the women of Christ Lutheran are once again invited to gather at the beach in Port Aransas. This year's retreat will be led by Jennifer Dunn, Sarah Borrell, and Pastor Leslie. They have a variety of activities and learning experiences planned for us. Many thanks to them for sharing their gifts with us. We will stay at the Mustang Island Retreat Center, a ministry of the Episcopal Church. The cost for the weekend is \$300, which covers a double occupancy room and all meals. You can pick up a registration packet in the CrossWay or go online to download the forms and make your payment. Registration is due by Sunday, March 15.

Praises To

- Mary Overstreet for the beautiful Lenten banners and to John Malitz and crew for hanging them.
- All who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The kids collected over \$600 for CAM.
- The men who worked at Camp Chrysalis the weekend of February 14.

Water to Thrive: Our Lenten Gifts Will Save Lives

Our Lenten theme, “Come to the Water,” reminds us of God’s precious gift of water, nature’s life-sustaining element. We are grateful that our Lenten gifts will help save and transform the lives of rural African villagers by building wells and providing access to fresh, clean water.

Water to Thrive, a small non-profit in Austin, has brought clean, safe drinking water to more than 575,000 African villagers through construction of over 1,000 wells in its first decade. In 2019, they built 85 wells in Ethiopia serving 50K people; 20 wells in Uganda serving 11K people; and 10 wells in Tanzania serving 5K people. Our Lenten offerings in 2018 contributed to construction of the Ethiopian wells.

Diseases from unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation kill more people every year than all forms of violence, including war. Children are especially vulnerable. Lack of water prevents many African children from attending school because their days are consumed with fetching dirty water and hauling it by hand. Community development and economic growth are thwarted by lack of fresh water.

Fresh water wells contribute to rising education levels and economic advancement. People survive and thrive when they have access to this most basic human need.

We are so fortunate. We can drink unlimited clean water, bathe our children, wash our clothes, prepare our food and flush our toilets – with such ease that it’s easy to take the gift of fresh water for granted.

Let us help Water to Thrive by giving generously to their ministry and bringing the gift of clean water to more brothers and sisters in Africa in 2020.

Every \$1 invested in water sees an \$8 return in economic development. Children live. Rural villages find hope. Because we gave the gift of water. What a remarkable way to observe the holy days of Lent and to honor our Savior.

For more information on Water to Thrive, visit www.watertothrive.org.

CAM ... So Many Ways We Can Help

As a representative of Christ Lutheran Church at the Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) Council, I would like to thank the members of our church for your support of this ministry. At the annual meeting of Christ Lutheran in June, we are given the opportunity to vote on the budget for the coming year. In the benevolence budget, for many years, we have voted to give a gift to CAM that is critical to their ministry. Our dollars help them live out their mission statement: "To share the Love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis."

Opportunities for us to help out in other ways include donation drives, tours, volunteer projects, and fundraisers. We are always grateful for your donations of clothing, and during March we are highlighting the need for shoes. Needed especially are **men's and children's shoes**, new or gently used, but we appreciate them all. There will be a box designated for shoes for CAM in each of the Sunday school rooms for the youth to donate and a box will also be in the CrossWay for everyone to make donations easily. I will see that they are taken to the downtown location promptly. You'll find a donation form near the box or you can download a form from the CAM website.

Thank you for your support of this ministry to the homeless and to families in crisis.

- Willie Hagen

Family Camp at the Beach – DATE CHANGE – Now August 6-9!

On **August 6-9**, spend a long weekend on the beach with Family Camp at the Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center! We use the term "family" loosely as singles and couples without children are also invited. It's about gathering with our church "family." Everyone stays in a beautifully furnished room with a private deck and bathroom and a view of the Gulf of Mexico. The women have stayed here for several years now for the women's retreat, and they can attest that the accommodations and the food are fabulous! The program begins on a Thursday afternoon/evening and continues through Sunday lunch. Enjoy swimming, singing, surfing, arts & crafts, delicious meals, beach games, fishing, resting under a beach umbrella, a campfire, worship with great music, biblically-based teaching, and more. Online registration is now open. Folks are encouraged to make their reservations soon as space fills up quickly. Pastor Leslie's family and Carrie's family will attend August 6-9, but you can sign up for any date you desire. We switched the church dates as the previous week we scheduled had already filled! So get your registration in now before it's too late! Here's the pricing: 1 - \$395, 2 - \$535, 3 - \$700, 4 - \$860, additional child \$180, additional adult \$270, and children under 2 are free. The website to register: <https://www.dwtx.org/departments/camps/mustang-island/family-camp/>

Gloria Choir Schedule (Children & Youth Kinder-8th)

Rehearsals for our Gloria Choir start each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for an exciting spring semester with Ms. Mary and Ms. Sharon.

Children will sing at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 1. Please arrive at the choir risers by 10:00 a.m. on that Sunday.

Preschool & Elementary Sunday School

Please note that there is no Sunday School on Sunday, March 8, due to Spring Break. We will resume Sunday School on Sunday, March 15.

We will continue with the Whirl Curriculum. Please note for the spring that our preschool class will move from Godly Play to Whirl. We need volunteers, and we have Sunday morning slots available where you can help. Please contact Ms. Carrie.

Confirmation Sunday School Schedule

March 1 – 1st Commandment
March 8 – No Sunday School: Spring Break
March 15 – Breakfast & Catch Up
March 22 – 2nd Commandment
March 29 – 3rd Commandment

The Light (High School Sunday School)

High School students are invited to join Brandon Albrecht in the High School room for breakfast and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

FX3 (6th-8th) & the Light 9th-12th)

Our middle and high school youth are invited the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a special time of faith and fellowship with friends. These evenings will consist of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and dinner. We will explore scripture in an open conversation to link worship and the Word of God to our everyday lives. Our faith is always growing, so let's grow together! Don't forget to bring a friend!

Schedule for the spring:

March 1: Dinner & Fellowship

March 15: Bowling at Bowlero 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 5: Dinner & Fellowship

April 19: Dinner & Fellowship

May 3: Pool Party (Last FX3 of the year)

Save the Date for these Summer Activities:

June 1-June 5: Middle & High School Mission Week

July 13-July 17: VBS (4-years-old – 5th grade)

July 19-July 24: Camp Chrysalis (finishing 1st - 8th grade) **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE**

August 6-August 9: Family Camp **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE**



Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show
Sunday, March 29, 2020
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We are looking for participants for our annual Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show.
Proceeds will benefit the Youth Gathering Trip to Minneapolis in 2021!
Contact: Ms. Carrie to sign up.
Tickets will go on sale March 1st in the CrossWay.

Children & Youth Service Drive for CAM Ministry

**Bring your new or gently used shoes to Sunday School during the month of March
for Soles4Souls Shoe Drive!**

March 1st - March 31st

**CAM helps people living in poverty gain dignity, courage, and hope. When you donate new or
gently used shoes, you're helping people get back on their feet, literally!**

**CAM needs men's and women's shoes of all sizes & brands, children's shoes of all sizes &
brands, and men's work boots.**

Our Children and Youth will be collecting shoes for CAM during March. Whichever Sunday School class
has the biggest collection (preschool & elementary vs. the Confirmation Class) will earn a pancake
breakfast during their Sunday School hour!

Men's Work Retreat

This year's project for the Men's Work Retreat at Camp Chrysalis (February 14-16) was construction of several decks and porches surrounding a recently converted classroom building that will be used as staff housing and storage of camp records. Thrivent Choice Dollar funds (\$1,250.00) contributed to the cost of the project. Thanks Thrivent!



Pictured from left to right: Jeff Jowers, Troy Hall, Mark Marchand, Bob Lynch, Janet Sisson (staff), Mike Harris, Vern Sisson (staff), Jim Eifler, Vestal Odom (Facilities Director), Jayme Brown, Bryan Woods, Frank Pennington, Larry Sulser, Joe Diana, and Bobby Stobb.

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Soles 4 Souls

Christian Assistance Ministry

Shoe Drive in March



Your old shoes provide new opportunities in your hometown. Did you know there are 46.5 million people living in poverty right here in the United States? Did you know that 16.1 million of these are children? CAM helps people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope. When you donate new or gently used shoes you're helping people get back on their feet. Please consider donating your gently used shoes, or new shoes, during our Soles4Souls Drive, happening during March. Shoes can be dropped off at the church in the CrossWay. Thank you in advance for your support!