

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:  
Rooms 214 & 216  
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 2017

## Pastor's Column

### Meeting Jesus: How do we respond?

Lent begins March 1 on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes calling us to awaken from the rubble of our failings, our doubts, our fears, and our disappointments ... and to renew our focus on what it means to be created by God and called his child. We learn what it means to be God's children by watching our brother, Jesus, in all he says and does. This Lent, we get some intimate vignettes of Jesus interacting with men and women who look, act, and speak from glaringly limited points of view, human as they are.

One stands on the fringes of popular opinion, afraid to come to Jesus by day lest others might know his true leanings. Secretly he believes all the radical things Jesus has been teaching, but he has also witnessed the disturbance they have caused politically and religiously. He's afraid of what others might say or do to him if he boldly follows Jesus. Another doesn't even bother to approach Jesus given her sinful past and her social standing, and yet he comes to her. He meets her where she is and says that even if she is a foreigner and one who does not believe and practice exactly the same as the others, she is absolutely no different in the eyes of God. Grace abounds for her just the same. Others grieve as tragedy robs them of hope and causes them to doubt, and yet Jesus enters into their despair and brings life, healing, and love. In each of these stories, something profound happens as Jesus meets people where they are. It's fascinating to see how each of them responds.

So, I am wondering if you will come along with us this Lenten Season as we meet Jesus and are forever changed. Join us for Ash Wednesday worship March 1 at noon and 6:30 p.m., regular midweek Lenten worship on Wednesdays at noon in the Sanctuary followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall, and for Sunday morning worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Regular Wednesday weekly worship will include a beautiful sung liturgy, similar to Holden Evening Prayer, to guide our time, and then we will gather for a meal together. Each week we will look at how people in our community are meeting Jesus and responding, just as they did 2000 years ago.

- Pastor Leslie

## Groups

### Angelicus Choir

Every Wednesday  
5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

### Book Club

First Tuesday  
6:45 p.m. - Location TBA

### Conversational Spanish

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
7:00 p.m. - CrossWay

### 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  
6:15 p.m. - Sanctuary

### Healing Prayer

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.  
Rode Prayer Chapel

### Hope Circle

TBD  
9:30 a.m. - Primrose House

### Joseph's Sons

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

### Lydia Circle

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

### Men's Breakfast

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

### Quilters

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

### Sanctuary Choir

Every Wednesday  
7:05 p.m. - Sanctuary

Other groups meet during the year. For information, please contact our church office or visit our website [www.clcah.org](http://www.clcah.org).

## URGENT!

**Thrivent Financial policyholders** have the opportunity to designate certain Thrivent Financial profit dollars or "Choice Dollars" to Christ Lutheran or any other charity they wish. You can donate your Choice Dollars to charity ... or to the IRS. At this writing, less than half of you who are eligible to designate those dollars have done so. Fortunately, we have been given until March 31 to designate last year's dollars. Please consider donating your Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran. Because of changes in the corporate structure, certain fund grants are no longer available to our small groups or projects, so Choice Dollars have become very important to our ministries. Please call Thrivent now: 1-800-847-4836. Ask for "Thrivent Choice" and then "Choice Dollars." Many thanks!

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## Women's Retreat: Renewal & Relationship – March 30 to April 2

This year, the women of Christ Lutheran are again invited to gather with Pastor Leslie at the beach in Port Aransas. We will stay at the Mustang Island Retreat Center, a ministry of the Episcopal Church. The cost for the weekend is \$250 for double occupancy rooms, and all meals and activities are covered, including a s'mores bonfire on the beach! The theme will focus on how we build relationships as women: with our partners, family members, friends, and co-workers.

Please join us for what promises to be a spiritually forming and also very relaxing weekend with other faithful women. Registration closes March 12. Look for packets in the CrossWay or go online to sign-up. Talk to Pastor Leslie for more information.

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## CLC Book Club

Please join this reading/fellowshipping group on March 7 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Before the Fall by Noah Hawley. Natalie Morgan will lead the discussion, and she and her husband, Chris Fidaio, will host the meeting at their home: 14802 Canonero St. If you'd like to get started on the April selection, it is this: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. The April meeting will be held at Carolyn Dufelmeier's home at 327 Busby. For more information, please call Edna Robbins.

# Lent 2017: Meeting Jesus; Meeting the Refugee

In keeping with tradition, our offering this Lenten season will be given to an organization whose mission is compatible with our Lenten message. This year's theme, "Meeting Jesus: How Do We Respond?" focuses on individuals, not unlike you and me, who experienced life-changing encounters with Jesus. We'll hear the stories of Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the blind man, and Mary, Martha and Lazarus. They meet Jesus and hear his message and are called to do his work, spread his love, follow his footsteps out into the world.

Pastor Leslie and the CLC Benevolence Committee are recommending that we give this year's Lenten offering to the Center for Refugee Services, a local, 100% volunteer-run organization that is indeed doing Jesus' work, spreading his love and following his footsteps. These amazing, dedicated volunteers are reaching out to displaced, terrified refugees who have endured unspeakable loss and witnessed horrific violence and genocide. Many have been beaten, raped, tortured. Many have been confined in a segregated settlement for 10 years or more without basic rights and have undergone years of intense vetting for the privilege of finding refuge in the United States.

Of the more than 65.3 million displaced people worldwide, 21 million are refugees and 54% of those come from Afghanistan, Somalia and Syria. Over 80% are women and children. It is the worst humanitarian crisis since the end of WWII.

Many who come to the Center for Refugee Services are Muslim. Their stories are complex and unfathomable to us. They have lost family, friends, work, home, homeland and all material goods and comforts. They are adrift and baffled by the language and restrictions they face every day in trying to reconstruct their lives with work, housing and education for their children. The Center for Refugee Services helps them navigate the legal hurdles they face at every turn – hurdles further exacerbated by language barriers.

The Center for Refugee Services is housed in a small, modest structure on Wurzbach Road. They do not receive government funding, and rely entirely on private donations and partnerships with community organizations. They need money. They need NEW computers to help the refugees access the information that will help them resettle and restart their lives. They need furniture, lamps, linens, rugs (basic household items). They need ESL teachers to help the refugees gain basic English skills.

They need our prayers. And our Lenten Love. If ever Jesus called us to help someone in dire need, it is these people. This is our Lenten calling and we are grateful to partner with this critical ministry.

- Jan Norris

## Member News

### Baptisms

- *Adrienne Eve Forsberg on February 5. Adrienne is the daughter of Matt & Teresa Forsberg.*

### Sympathy to:

- *Allyson Pryor on the death of her mother, Barbara Caspersen Pryor, on January 29.*
- *The family and friends of Dimp Bancroft who died on February 17.*

## Praises To

- *All the Sunday School kids who participated in the God's Global Barnyard presentation during worship on February 26.*
- *All who attended the Couples Night Out. Great food and great fellowship!*
- *All who donated to the "Quarters for Laundry" collection to help our Haven for Hope family.*
- *Blossom Stobb, Kim Wheelless, and Linda Sulser for the beautiful job they did redecorating the Parlor, Library, Crossway, and Primrose house! Great job, ladies!*

## *Faith University:*

### *“A History of Lutherans in Texas”*

Allyson Pryor will present a seminar on the history of Lutherans in Texas during Adult Sunday School on March 5 and March 12. She will take us back to the formation of the first Synod in Texas and illustrate how the journey of the Lutherans parallels the history of Texas itself. On March 5, we will have a lecture and discussion. On March 12, we will have a workshop to collect our own personal histories as Lutherans in Texas by sharing our family stories. We will collect these stories of transplanted Lutherans from the Midwest, those who came from other traditions, and those who make up the diverse faces of our faith in Texas.

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## *Faith University: "The History of the Lutheran Chorale and Hymnody"*

The Lutheran chorale has been one of the greatest musical and spiritual contributions to Christian history. In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Director of Music Ministries, Daniel Long, PhD, will conduct a four Sunday series on the history of this remarkable musical genre created through five centuries: March 19, 26, April 2, & 9 at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

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## *Lucy Circle ... Conversation, Fellowship All We Need is YOU!*

Lucy Circle invites CLC women, their guests, and visitors to join us for our monthly hour of discussion and fellowship once a month during the Sunday school hour – 9:15-10:15 a.m. Ordinarily, we meet on the third Sunday, but this month we're meeting on the second Sunday, March 12, so the Lucies can attend Dr. Dan's popular music class on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This year we continue reading stories from Contemporary Latin American Short Stories, edited by Pat McNees. Please join us on March 12 to discuss *Legend of "El Cadejo"* by Miguel Angel Asturias. The stories are short, the conversations are friendly and interesting, the Parlor is cozy and inviting, and the authors, among Latin America's most famous, are often new to us but surprisingly relevant to modern life. Grab a cup of coffee in the CrossWay and join us!

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## *Hope Bible Study*

Hope Bible Study will meet on Thursday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. in Primrose House. Pastor Leslie will be the Bible Study leader and Frances Ware will be the hostess.

# *Sunday School for Parents*

Parenting is a joyful calling but also a difficult and challenging one. Recognizing that, Christ Lutheran wants to create a welcoming and safe place for parents to process together how their faith can strengthen them and guide them in their parenting vocation. In Sunday School for Parents, you'll find a friendly group of peers who gather to consider how our faith and spirituality inform our parenting. Some topics covered thus far include: parenting in an age of social media; fairness and favoritism; kid safety - reasonable worry vs. irrational fear; finding a balance and trusting God; raising kids to have a healthy body image; and modeling anger management. Various dedicated parents take turns leading this class each Sunday. We invite all of our parents to head over to Primrose House after dropping off your youngsters at Sunday school. Nursery is also provided during the education hour for children not yet old enough for Sunday school.

March 5 – Margaret Suther will lead.

March 12 – No Sunday School for Parents because of Spring Break

March 19 – Adam Braaten will lead.

March 26 – Pastor Leslie will lead.

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# *Parenting Preschoolers Faithfully*

All parents of preschoolers are invited to join Pastor Leslie and Day School Director, Marilyn Hamilton, once a month during the school year for a time of fellowship and learning. The hope of “Parenting Preschoolers Faithfully” is to provide a space where parents can nurture their own faith as a way to better enable them to nurture their child’s faith.

This spring we will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:15 a.m. (or after Day School chapel) in the Parlor. Our study this year will be based on Lisa J. Miller’s, [The Spiritual Child: The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving](#).

Our dates for the spring: March 21 (Chapter 5) & April 18 (Chapters 6 & 7).

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# *They're Off to Kenya!*

Jambo (Swahili for Hello) everyone! In about two weeks, I will be traveling with Allison Gates, Julia Biggs, and their daughters to Nairobi, Kenya for a truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect with the people of Kenya, the children of Ngong Road, and several of the best national parks of East Africa. We will meet in Nairobi on March 11 where we will visit a Giraffe Center and an Elephant Orphanage, listen to a presentation from a professor who will teach us about the history and culture of Kenya, learn more about the Ngong Road Children Association (NRCA), visit schools in Nairobi, experience some safaris to try and catch a glimpse at the “Big Five,” meet the children we sponsor through Friends of Ngong Road, along with their families, and take the children on a shopping trip and out to lunch. It will be such an eventful and impactful experience for us all and I ask for your prayers for our safe travels throughout the trip. Sometime after our return, I hope you will join me in a presentation of our trip, which will be filled with stories, pictures, and videos of our experience. On March 5, we will have a “sending” during the 10:30 a.m. service to pray for our time of ministry in Kenya.

Asante (Thank You), Lori Harris

## *Senior High Youth Ministry*

### *What's coming up in March*

The Senior High Youth will have their monthly dinners and Bible studies at the home of Jeff & Carrie Jowers on March 5 and March 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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## *Junior High Confirmation Class*

Sunday, March 5: Required Confirmation Small Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment Overview

Sunday, March 12: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

Sunday, March 19: Breakfast Fellowship (end of Spring Break)

Sunday, March 26: Required Confirmation Small Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

Next Large Group Confirmation Class will be on Wednesday, April 5 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). Pizza Feast starts at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be our last Large Group class of the school year.

***Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, May 21, at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services***

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## *Souper Bowl of Caring: Thank You!*

Thank you to the CLC congregation for helping the Middle School class collect funds for CAM. With your efforts, they raised a total of \$781.67! Thank you so much for your support!

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## *Children's Sunday School for March*

Sunday, March 5: Parable of the Sower (Godly Play) Teach Us to Pray (elementary)

Sunday, March 12: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

Sunday, March 19: Parable of the Pearl (Godly Play) Palm Sunday lesson (elementary)

Sunday, March 26: Good Shepherd & World Communion (Godly Play) and Maundy Thursday lesson (elementary)

# *Gloria and Angelicus Choirs*

Please mark your calendars with these dates:

## **Rehearsals:**

Wednesdays through May 11 (please note there will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, March 15 due to Spring Break).

## **Singing in Worship:**

Sunday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. (Mother's Day)

Wednesday, May 17, end of the year celebration party (more information to come)

# *1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class (5<sup>th</sup> grade)*

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 26, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for First Communion Class. Pastor Leslie and Carrie Jowers will lead this class. The schedule is listed below:

11:40: Lunch

12:00: The History of Holy Communion

12:45: Make Bread for Communion (Maundy Thursday worship)

1:15: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

2:00: Head to Clay Casa (to make our chalices and Communion plates)

Class should conclude around 3:30 p.m. **One parent must attend with their child.**

The youth will celebrate their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service (7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13). During the worship service the youth and their families will be called forward for a special prayer and blessing to recognize this milestone in their faith lives.

# *Save the Dates!*

**Summer Mission Trip to Galveston, TX:** (7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade): Friday, June 9 through Tuesday, June 13

**VBS "Rome" 2017:** Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14

**Mission Week!:** Wednesday, July 5 through Friday, July 7

**Camp Chrysalis:** Sunday, July 23 through Friday July 28 (Theme for 2017 "God 24/7")



# *Camp Chrysalis Deadline for Registration – Friday, March 10*

Overnight Camp at Chrysalis will take place the week of Sunday, July 23, through Friday, July 28. The theme for camp this year is “God 24/7”. Overnight camp helps our kids form healthy images of God and themselves and helps them build strong friendships. It is a memorable experience for our kids to have a great time and to grow in their faith. Carrie Jowers will be attending camp with the kids this summer.

Explorers - Completed grades 2-3: Spend all week (5 nights). Cost: \$405\*

Yearlings - Completed grades 4-6: Spend all week (5 nights). Cost \$405\*

Adventurers - Completed grades 6-8: Spend all week (5 nights). Cost \$405\*

This year we will be doing group registration, so if your child wants to attend, please register through Christ Lutheran INSTEAD of directly with the camp. Contact Carrie Jowers with questions or to register your child.

Parents, please block the week on your calendar TODAY so we can get every eligible CLC kid registered, and they can bunk with their friends. Children are also strongly encouraged to invite a friend to camp, especially if there are limited Christ Lutheran kids in their age group.

\*Scholarships may be available. Talk to Carrie for more information. No child should miss this wonderful opportunity.

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## *All Hands on Deck! It's Mission Week.*

July 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Christ Lutheran will host days of service for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades. We will spend time together learning about the mission field right here in San Antonio by lending a hand. Middle and High School students will lead teams of younger students in developing and executing a service project. We will work and play each day including a trip to the Alamo Heights pool and of course...wait for it... Gaga Ball. Our activities will focus on how we can best use our gifts and skills to serve the community we love. Registration begins April 1<sup>st</sup> (no fooling). Contact Allyson Pryor via [allypryor@gmail.com](mailto:allypryor@gmail.com) or through the church office for more information.

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## *Daylight Savings Time Begins!*

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12. Remember to *Spring Forward* and set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday night.

# Our H4H Family

Our little family continues to struggle and we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to this congregation for your support. It is a merciless battle for the poor to try and get ahead. Although it's easy to lament, it's also important to tally the wins. They are no longer homeless. They live in an apartment that we helped furnish and that Brenda has made into a comfortable home. The children are enrolled in school. They have a car, again a gift from a member of our congregation. These are major strides.

But the challenges continue and so we lend our support. Most recently, we had a "Quarters for Laundry" campaign in the Sunday collection plate and you, my generous friends, emptied your pockets so Brenda can afford to launder the massive amounts of towels, sheets and clothing generated by a family of five. We netted around \$165, which we will give Brenda in \$25 increments. Lisa Diana presented her with the first batch of coins and reports that Brenda was so grateful.

Other ongoing needs: toilet paper, tissue, shampoo, bath soap, cleaning supplies, etc. – those items not covered by Food Stamps. And if you like hanging out in the park on a pretty day with some cute kiddos, it would help the family if you could take two of the little ones for an hour or so.

Work is the answer. Due to back pain, Brenda can no longer work at the nursing home where she had to do a lot of heavy lifting. But she wants to work ... and desperately needs work. She is looking for housecleaning jobs, home health caregiving positions and babysitting. If you need her help or know someone who does, please let Lisa Diana know: 210-787-9651.

Brenda's boyfriend, Bobby, also is looking for work. He can supply DJ services for parties, and is skilled in basic mechanics and basic yard work. Again, please let Lisa know if you could use Bobby's services.

If you have questions or ideas about how we can help Brenda and her family, check with any of our committee members: Lisa Diana, Beth Callaghan, Rhonda Leigh Barsalou, Willie Hagen, Mary Lynn Logan, Blossom Stobb, Pastor Leslie, Tessa Baden or me.

Many thanks, as always.

-Jan Norris

## Staff

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## *Ash Wednesday*

*Worship at noon or 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Imposition of Ashes & Communion at Both Services  
Lunch follows the noon service in Fellowship Hall*

## *Wednesday Weekly Prayer*

*Worship at noon in the Sanctuary  
Sung Prayer and Scripture Reflection  
Lunch follows at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5*