

Christ
Lutheran
Church

Proclaimer

Worship

Sunday Morning
Holy Communion
at 9:30 a.m.
Light Breakfast and
Fellowship begins
at 9:00 a.m.

Education

On Summer Break
through Labor Day,
September 3

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.*

July/August 2017

From the Pastor

Summer arrives in south Texas with a lot of heat and humidity, but hopefully it also comes with a little more time for relaxation: a moment to pause and sip a glass of cold lemonade, a dip in the pool to ward off the sun's rays, or perhaps a lazy afternoon tubing on the Comal. I pray this summer has been fruitful in giving each of you some much-needed rest.

Rest and relaxation can also lead to reflection, rejuvenation, and reawakening. As we take some time to pause this summer as a community of faith, I am wondering: where do you feel God at work in your life and in our community? This August, we will be distributing a survey that encourages each of us to stop and consider our ministry of outreach as individuals and as a church. Our hope is that we can identify some key areas of mission that we would like to focus on to further strengthen our efforts to help the poor and vulnerable in our world. With your feedback, we can better craft our service opportunities to address the issues you find most compelling.

Additionally, we will be creating an Outreach Ministry Team to further show our commitment to service. We are seeking committed members to join this team to further our common mission. This Team will oversee all of our outreach ministries and will work closely with our Benevolence Team to make sure that our commitment to outside ministries and organizations follows a two-pronged approach, one financial and the other service oriented.

With a more clearly defined approach to our outreach ministries, we will be setting ourselves up to serve more consistently and to build important relationships with our brothers and sisters that will transform us. Taking time to rest and rejuvenate is important. Hopefully our summer of reflection will give us the focus, energy, and strength we need to serve God faithfully in all we do.

-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

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.

Rode Prayer Chapel

Hope Circle

Thursday, July 13

9:30 a.m. - Primrose House

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

Quilters

Every Tuesday

9:00 a.m. - Primrose House

Sanctuary Choir

On Summer Break

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

From the CONGREGATION Council

Summer is here, and we are in full summer mode at CLC. We have lots of good things planned. The older kids have completed their service trip to Galveston, and we are reconnecting with friends who attend different services during the year at our summer 9:30 a.m. service.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the annual meeting on June 11. For those unable to be there, let me provide you with a quick rundown of the meeting. *First, all who were not in attendance have been placed on at least two committees for this coming year!* Okay, maybe that did not happen ... but I do think everyone would be well served to look over the Annual Report and consider all the various committees and small groups that contributed to it, thinking about where you might consider adding a group or joining a committee this year.

Next, the new constitution was approved and is now pending approval from the Synod office, which will happen in September. I personally want to thank all the people who were involved in helping to create that document and tailor it to our church. It will take a while to change our vocabulary but I will try my best to purge “parish” from my vocabulary since now we are the Congregation Council. We also passed a budget that balances to our offering receipts.

At this time, we will continue operating with Pastor Leslie as our solo pastor, but we will also monitor her workload and the church’s needs to determine if we should change that in the near future.

Lastly, thank you to the newly re-elected council members! We appreciate your faithful service.

Moving forward into the new budget year, there will be some exciting things happening. It will be fun to watch our Day School under the new leadership of Dana Ferraro. The church will be finalizing a plan for how to proceed with our roof following damage from a hailstorm in spring of 2016. The Property Committee has done a good job helping us work on the upkeep and renovation of our facilities and there likely will be more changes this year, too.

As a council, we continue to discuss ways to open our doors to the community and make sure we follow through with our mission to welcome all people to celebrate our faith with us. We will explore new and different ways for our congregation to give back in their time and talents and to make it easier to give financially to our church as well.

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Council... (Continued from page 2)

Christ Lutheran is a vibrant and strong church community, and we remain thus through the efforts of Pastor Leslie as our leader and through the efforts of each of our members. Our church community continues to evolve and grow and all of us, both longstanding and newer members, have a role to play in keeping us moving forward. I truly do challenge each of you to volunteer or join one of our various small groups or committees. I look forward to watching us continue to move forward with what has worked in the past as well as with trying new things to keep all of us engaged.

Robb Decker, President

Welcome Team

Welcome Team will meet Tuesday, August 1, at 6:00 p.m. at Natalie Morgan and Chris Fidao's house, 14802 Canonero St., to share in a meal and fellowship while also planning dates for New Member Sundays and Visitor events throughout the upcoming year. We will also strategize about how to better welcome our newest members as well as continue to engage long-term members. Welcome Team members are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Many thanks to our faithful Welcome Team members! If you're interested in joining the team, we would love to have you. Just talk to Natalie Morgan, Welcome Team Chair.

Altar Guild Luncheon

Dearest Altar Guild Members, please join us on Monday, July 31, at noon in Fellowship Hall for a thank you luncheon. We appreciate all you do for CLC! We will also have a discussion concerning what works, what could work better, suggestions for improvements for the coming year, and a sign-up sheet to let us know when you will be able to serve. Please mark your calendars ... we look forward to seeing you.

Member News

Births

- *Edith Rose Garrett was born on June 27 to Will & Elizabeth Garrett & big sisters Poppy & Lilly Kate.*
- *Evelyn "Evie" Elaine Fischer was born May 11 in Wisconsin to Amanda & Joe Fischer and big sister Charlotte Leann. Great-grandparents are Eugene & Rose Huhndorf and great-aunt is Laurie Huhndorf.*

Sympathy to:

- *Kirk Richard on the death of his mother, Helene Guilbeaux, on June 10.*
- *Simmie Smith & Carolyn Petersen on the death of their nephew and cousin, Jon Drew Hartmann on June 23.*

All-Congregation Summer Reading: We are on the move!

As you likely have already heard, it's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year. And as such, we at Christ Lutheran have taken up some traditional modes of commemorating the Reformation, including a class on the book of Romans and one on Lutheran hymnody. This summer, I invite you to turn with me to a less traditional source for inspiration on how we might commemorate Luther's Reformation. I challenge each of you to read with me The Great Spiritual Migration, by Brian McLaren, a former evangelical pastor who grew up in a fundamentalist church. In this thought-provoking work, McLaren advocates for a new kind of Christianity: one that is less concerned with beliefs and more passionate about faith, one that is less preoccupied with doctrine and more dedicated to justice, generosity, and working with people of other faiths for the common good. As we read individually and together, my prayer is that we would be inspired to consider what God might be calling us to at Christ Lutheran. Five hundred years after Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the Wittenberg door, I wonder, what are our convictions and how are we living them out together as a community of faith? Join me on Sundays, July 30 (Discussion of Part II) and August 20 (Discussion of Part III) after 9:30 a.m. worship to discover the answer together. Books are \$10.00 and may be purchased from the church office.

- Pastor Leslie

Summer Worship and Breakfast

Our summer worship schedule continues through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 3, when we will have one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Each of these Summer Sundays, you're invited for a light breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay. We thank all who signed up to provide breakfast foods. All Sundays are now covered!

Hope Bible Study

Hope Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, July 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Primrose House. Pastor Leslie will lead the study, and Elward Reiss will be our hostess. All are welcome.

CLC Book Club

Our July book is The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Phillipps Sendker. It is available from Amazon Sellers for \$5.00 for the book and shipping if you cannot find it in the library. The meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month, July 11, due to our Independence Day holiday on the 4th. It will be at Carolyn Dufelmeier's home, 327 Busby.

For September, we will be reading Stone Cold by C.J. Fox. Set in Wyoming, the main character is a game warden. This is one of a series that is a fast read with believable characters.

In October, we will read Day Without End by Sebastian Barry. It's set in a time prior to, during, and after the Civil War.

Mike recommended Prisoner in His Palace: Saddam Hussein and His American Guards. The author is Will Bardenwerper. It would be a great pick for November.

Call Edna Robbins at 657-9105 for more information.

Praises to:

- Carrie and Jeff Jowers, Troy Hall, Brandon Albrecht, and all the youth who participated in the mission trip to Galveston. The group served at the St. Vincent Home, cleaned up the beach, and worked at the Galveston Food Bank. They also built on their faith journeys, had a great time at the beach, developed new friendships, and even learned how to cook!
- The parents of the youth who attended the mission trip for their help with all the preparations for the trip!
- Jayme Brown for being "head chef" for the Ramadan Dinner and all who helped with preparations.
- All who attended the Ramadan Dinner. It was a wonderful night with our friends from the Raindrop Turkish House, MacArthur Park Lutheran, Bethlehem Lutheran, Shepherd King Lutheran, and Zion Helotes.
- All who attended the annual congregational meeting and to our Congregation Council and Pastor Leslie for a very well organized meeting.
- All who have helped with providing food and rides for Roberta Leichnetz as she receives cancer treatment here in San Antonio.
- Jeanette Wahl who faithfully comes and straightens up the pew racks each week. She is a blessing to us all!

VBS is Right Around the Corner: Oh My!!

Our Children and youth will be experiencing the thrill of visiting an underground church and a Roman Market Place where they can try out kabobs and other delicious treats. Also, in the Roman Market place they can try out weaving, smash grapes to make grape juice, and much more. VBS will be the week of July 10th through July 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

VBS Donations & Volunteers Needed

Don't have plans the week of June 10th through July 14th. Come join us for VBS at CLC. We are still in need for Market Place leaders (Market Place leaders will help children with craft activities as they travel through the Rome Market Place). This is a great way to be in fellowship with our children and youth! Please contact Carrie Jowers in the church office for more information or by email at carrie.jowers@gmail.com.

We are also in need of a few items to make our VBS a huge success this summer. If you can help, please contact Carrie Jowers in the church office. All items need to be brought to the church office or can be placed in the VBS Donation box located in the Crossway.

Donations Needed: (deadline July 7th)

- Large cardboard boxes
- Shoeboxes with lids
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Foil (for crafts)
- 2 Baby Pools
- 10 Pool Noodles

Sunday School and Rally Day: September 10

Preschool & Elementary:

Sunday School for all ages will begin on Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 a.m. We will have two elementary Sunday school classes for 3 years old through kinder and 1st through 5th grades. We will follow a rotation schedule which will include a Bible lesson followed by art/cooking classes that are Biblically based on the lesson for the day.

Confirmation:

Will take place in the Youth Fellowship Room, located upstairs, at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Junior High (FX3) Faith, Fellowship & Friends:

6th through 8th grade students are invited to attend FX3 on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (dinner is included). This will be a time for our youth to talk about what's happening in their worlds and how the Bible can help guide us in the ways we think and handle situations. Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 17.

High School: The Light

Sunday School will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the Youth Fellowship Room from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 17. Dinner will be served during this time.

Rally Day:

Join us for lunch and fellowship following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 10. Games will be set up for all ages to enjoy. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Mission Trip Stockholders' Banquet

All who invested in our youth through purchases of Mission Trip Stock are invited to our Stockholders' Banquet, which will be held Sunday, August 27, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Please mark your calendars now for this special time for our youth to serve you and to thank you for your prayers and investment in each of them. The youth will share their story during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Following the worship service, the youth will serve you a delicious meal and share a slide show of pictures of their trip as well as answer questions from the congregation.

Camp Chrysalis

I am getting excited about Camp Chrysalis! Our campers will be attending camp Sunday, July 23 through Friday, July 28. If you haven't already done so, please turn in your Health History and Activities Release Forms. Below I have listed arrival and departure information as well as items to bring to camp.

Campers attending this year are Sophia Diana, Ella Moore, Ryan Schwarze, Zachanias Wormley, Silas Tenorio, Seth Tenorio, Nate Tenorio, Cisco Tenorio, Max O'Donnell, Samantha O'Donnell, Bennett Hall, William Hall, Griffin Hall, Stella Schwarze, Camden Moore, Ella Moore, Carson Moore, Parker Jowers, Sophia Jowers, Katrina Weidman, Dustin Bendele, and Hannah Whitmore.

Arrival: Your camper may arrive at Camp Chrysalis between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the first day of their camp session. Because Camp Chrysalis staff has other responsibilities, they cannot accept early arrivals. Older youth campers may not drive themselves to camp. They must be brought to camp by a responsible adult.

Departure: To ensure your child's safety, our policy requires that all campers be signed out by a person designated on the Health History Form. Please note this portion of the form. For all programs except Young'ns A, camp ends at 2:30 p.m. on Friday. Family and friends are welcome to come at 2:00 p.m. and join our closing worship. Please arrive to pick up your camper no later than 2:30 p.m. Pets are not allowed on site, so please don't bring them with you.

Early Departure: If a camper must leave camp early, arrangements must be made with the Camp Director, and the camper must be signed out at the office.

Below is a list of things to bring to camp this summer. Please put your name on everything!

Bible Sleeping Bag & Pillow Towel & Washcloth Soap & Shampoo Toothbrush & Toothpaste Other Toiletries Insect Repellent Sunscreen & Chapstick Shirts—at least one per day of camp Shorts—at least one per day of camp Modest Swim Suit Swim Towel Underwear & Socks 1 Pair of Long Pants Clothes That Can Get Muddy 2 Pairs of Tennis Shoes Shower Shoes Water Shoes (no sandals) or Old Pair of Tennis Shoes Sun Hat or Cap Light Jacket or Sweatshirt Lightweight Rain Coat or Poncho Prescription Medications in their Original Bottle Copy of Your Insurance Card (if you have not submitted one yet) Flashlight with Batteries Money for Offering— \$3.00 per camper

Sending for Camp Chrysalis Campers will be during the worship service on Sunday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m.

Day School News

I feel so blessed and excited to be able to introduce myself to the Christ Lutheran Church family. I have a wonderful family, including my husband, Phil, and my three boys, John, Joe, and Greg. I have been working at the Day School for the past 17 years. I have worked with our children and families to create an environment that reflects the mission of the church in love and learning. I love this school and our community. I want to thank Pastor Leslie, Marilyn Hamilton, the School Board, and the Selection Committee for their support and trust in me. This is such an important mission for the church, and I am ready to work together to realize our vision. I am excited to report that our school is almost at capacity. We still have a few openings for children who turn two by September 1. I am confident that this will be a fun and successful year. I have been busy interviewing candidates to fill some of our staff openings at the school, and I am happy to announce that Amanda Godfrey will be joining our CLDS team as a new teacher for our three-year-old students. She has years of teaching experience and is a licensed speech therapist, and we are very blessed to have her. I will continue to work over the summer to ensure a smooth start to our school year. I want to thank you all for your support and look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

As Always, For the Children,
Dana Ferraro

Save the Date: Rally Day, September 10

Some exciting details about what will be starting up on Sunday, September 10:

8:00 a.m. Worship – Rise and shine! We're back to our early service. Join us for the break of day to worship our creator and redeemer!

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages:

- Faith University: Adult education in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday school for children ages 3 through 5th grade will meet in classrooms upstairs.
- Confirmation class for grades 6-8 meet in the Youth Fellowship Room located upstairs.

10:30 a.m. Worship – Join us for worship after Christian Education on September 10.

11:30 a.m. Congregational Picnic! – Giant thanks to Elizabeth Diggs for hosting our picnic! Please sign up or offer to help with set-up and clean-up! Sign-ups coming soon in the CrossWay.

Lutheran Cluster Habitat for Humanity 2017 Build

The schedule has been set, and Christ Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers to participate in the fall Lutheran Cluster Habitat build. Christ Lutheran will team up with St. Francis Catholic Church on Friday, September 8 and Saturday September 9 at Lenwood Heights (GPS: 227 S. Acme Road, 78237). This is a new build site. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age. Christ Lutheran is looking for 15 volunteers each day. Also, we are looking for volunteers to provide lunch on both days for 30 volunteers. We ask lunch volunteers to arrive by 11:15. Sign-in at the build site will be at 7:45 a.m. with a start time of 8:00 a.m. Parking is limited along the street, so we have been asked to carpool if possible. We will meet at CLC parking lot and proceed from there. I have a Suburban that will accommodate 7 or 8 volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, I will have a sign-up sheet in the CrossWay with the schedule and directions to the build site. I need to provide the names of the volunteers to the Habitat build coordinator no later than August 16 in case we don't have enough volunteers. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 210-379-0654 or talk to me at church on Sunday.

- Paul Mathsen

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New Member Sunday

July 30

Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the CrossWay for a reception
honoring the new members of our CLC family!

Call the church office if you are interested in joining . . .
all are welcome here!

