

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
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.
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*Through God's Grace
All are welcome as we joyfully,
Receive...to Give
Learn...to Serve
and Worship...to Grow.*

November 2017

From the Pastor . . . Celebrating our 85th Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to you, the good people of Christ Lutheran Church! This year, our community of faith celebrates 85 years in ministry together. Although the congregation wouldn't officially be formed until 1932, it began meeting in August of 1931 for Sunday school, gathering in the auditorium of Alamo Heights High School (now Cambridge Elementary!). Clergy from the faculty of Texas Lutheran in Seguin provided the pastoral support for the Sunday school meetings, much as our professors from Texas Lutheran, Trinity, and St. Mary's continue to do today. On September 3, 1932, Christ Lutheran would hold its first official worship service with 35 members present, and the parochial report from 1932 shows 47 baptized members.

Today we are a congregation of over 500, blessed throughout our 85 years of ministry with excellent pastoral and lay leadership, which has enabled us to grow and thrive. Here at CLC, you will find vibrant worship, engaging service activities, and intellectual education courses. You will find people who care for one another in our community of faith and for those outside our walls. You will find a congregation that gives back 20% of the general offerings it receives to those most in need in our city, region, country, and world. The vision that our forefathers and mothers laid for us is still alive and well here at Christ Lutheran.

To celebrate all this and our continuing legacy, I'm privileged to announce that one of our previous and beloved pastors, the Rev. Steve Rode, will be returning to participate in our anniversary festivities to be held during worship and education hour on November 12. Pastor Steve will preach at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services and be our honored guest at an Anniversary Celebration Breakfast hosted in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for all members and friends of CLC. We hope that you will join us for this special time of commemoration, celebrating where we have been and where we are going as God's Holy Spirit continues to guide our efforts to share the gospel for the sake of the world.

- Pastor Leslie

Groups

Angelicus Choir

Every Wednesday
5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

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
6:15 p.m. - Sanctuary

Healing Prayer

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

Hope Circle

Thursday, November 9
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

Mulligans

Second Tuesday
6:30 p.m. - Hoffbrau

Quilters

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

Sanctuary Choir

Every Wednesday
7:05 p.m. - Sanctuary

Soul Sisters

First Thursday
7:00 p.m. - Julian's

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

All Saints Sunday & Dia de los Muertos – November 5

At Christ Lutheran, we celebrate a unique cultural tradition that remembers those loved ones who have gone before us. Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead is an annual two-day Mexican festival where family and friends remember departed loved ones. It is a vibrant celebration of life that gives artistic expression to mourning through music, color, dancing, food, art, flowers and more. The dead are celebrated literally as though still alive, and ofrendas or "offerings" are made in memory of them and their favorite sports, foods, drinks, and pastimes.

Join us for contemplative worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on November 5. Congregants will be invited forward during the service to light a candle in memory of a dearly departed friend or family member, and a bell tone will sound for all those lost in the last year as we lift their names in prayer. **If you would like a name added, please contact the church office.** At 9:15 a.m., we will host an all-ages event in Fellowship Hall. We will partake of Pan de los Muertos, a delicious sweet bread, learn about the traditions of Dia de los Muertos, and present ofrendas in honor of our loved ones. Please feel free to bring pictures, cards, or any other mementoes that are meaningful to you in remembering and celebrating the life of someone who has gone before you.

Eucharistic and Visitation Ministers Gathering November 14

We are so grateful to our Eucharistic and Visitation Ministers for all they do to extend the love of God to members of our faith community who cannot be with us. These faithful volunteers regularly visit with and bring Holy Communion to the shut-ins and homebound of our congregation. Quarterly, the volunteers of this ministry meet for food, fellowship, and conversation about how we might grow in our pastoral care and ministry skills. This group will meet on Tuesday, November 14, at Carolyn Dufelmeier's home, 327 Busby, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you aren't a part of this group but would like to become a Eucharistic or Visitation Minister, please talk to Pastor Leslie or Carolyn Dufelmeier.

Advent Wednesday Worship: Holden Evening Prayer

Our Advent Wednesday worship services will begin November 29 and continue on December 6, 13, and 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this beautiful, calming worship based on Holden Evening Prayer. The lovely music of this vespers service sets the tone for the season, reminding us of the beauty of the Christmas story each Wednesday during Advent. What a wonderful half hour of stillness and peace in the midst of an otherwise busy week!

Hope Bible Study

The Hope Bible Group will meet on Thursday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Primrose House. Carrie Jowers will lead the Bible study. Please join us.

Visitors and New Members Wine and Cheese, November 16

The CLC Welcome Team invites all visitors and new members to a Wine and Cheese gathering **on the Plaza on Thursday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m.** Please join us and get to know more about CLC in an evening of fellowship, fun, and food.

Fair Trade Sale November 26

Hollye Schwartz, owner of All's Fair, a fair trade boutique in San Antonio, will be in the CrossWay on Sunday, November 26, with handmade items and foods from around the globe for sale in honor of "Fair Trade Month." Fair Trade is an organized social movement that helps artisans and producers in developing countries make better trading conditions and promote sustainability. Fair trade insures that workers get fair compensation for their products. The annual CLC Fair Trade Fair is always a popular event with exotic teas and coffees, handmade gift items, chocolate, and other goodies. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and hear how fair trade is impacting our brothers and sisters worldwide. Save the date!

Member News

Sympathy to:

- *Jeff Timm and family on the death of his father, James Timm, on September 14.*
- *Jill Johnson on the death of her brother, Jack.*

Music Changes

Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. service on November 19 at a reception in the CrossWay as we say goodbye and honor our beloved organist, William Ross. He will be retiring after 4 years of service. We ask God's blessing on Bill & Frances.

Matthew Goodson who accompanied us during the summer months will be stepping in as our new organist. Look for more information on Matthew in the December Proclaimer.

Faith University:

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, is conducting part II of a course on the history of this remarkable musical genre created through five centuries. Part I took place last spring. Join us for Part II on Sundays November 19, December 3 & 10.

Please note that Faith University will be intergenerational on Sunday, November 5, as we recognize All Saints and Dia de los Muertos (see page 2) and on Sunday, November 12, as we celebrate our 85th Anniversary as a community of faith (see page 1). Also, we will be on break on Sunday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday School for Parents

Our class for parents of Sunday school children and youth of all ages continues to grow and thrive. We are delighted to report that the class fills the bright and comfortable Primrose House each Sunday. This group gets together to talk about all things related to faith and parenting, from silly stories of what your kids did last week to the challenges of how to parent faithfully in today's world. Sunday school for Parents is led by its faithful participants, and the church leadership and Pastor Leslie are very grateful for their donation of time and talent! There are still slots available to lead. If you would like to sign up to lead a month or even one Sunday, please talk to Pastor Leslie. Note: nursery is also provided during the education hour for children not old enough for Sunday school. In November, we meet only once due to other congregational activities. See the schedule below.

November & December Leaders' Schedule:

- November 5 – All Ages Education in Fellowship Hall for Dia de los Muertos
- November 12 – All Congregation Breakfast in Fellowship Hall for 85th Anniversary
- November 19 – Sarah Loyd will lead
- November 26 – On Break for Thanksgiving
- December 3 – Open
- December 10 - Open

Lucy Circle-the Conversation Continues

On the third Sunday of each month (with occasional exceptions), Lucy Circle meets in the Parlor at 9:15 a.m. to discuss an essay, fictional story, or other short reading. We engage in welcoming, stimulating conversation and invite all women who would like to join us. This fall we are reading FREE essays written by women that we can download from the Internet. This month, we'll meet on Sunday, November 19 to discuss "Notes from a Difficult Case" by Ruthann Robson. You can read and print out the essay at: <https://www.creativenonfiction.org/excerpt/77/3437>. Please join us and bring a friend.

Mulligans

6:30 p.m., Second Tuesdays, Hofbrau

Mulligans is a welcoming group of 20-40-somethings who are dads, singles, and married men with or without children. This group of young and young-ish men invites other guys to the group for great conversation to find a deeper meaning of your faith, yourself, and your family. It's a no-pressure environment in a place of trust and commitment to each other. We welcome ideas for service projects. Please consider making Mulligans your time for friendship and faith. **Contact: Ryan Loyd and Jeff Jowers**

Soul Sisters

7:00 p.m., First Thursdays, Julian's in Sunset Ridge

Soul Sisters is a welcoming group of 20-40-somethings who identify as sisters on this faith journey together. We might be single or married, have children or not. We are a group for the young-at-heart, and we seek to have meaningful conversations about our lives of faith amidst the real struggles and challenges that come our way. We are a casual group that practices trust and unconditional love. We hope you'll join us on November 2. **Contact: Sarah Loyd, Carrie Jowers, and Pastor Leslie**

CLC Book Club

Our book for November is "Days Without End" by Sebastian Barry. It's the story of a young Irish man's struggle in the 19th century west that targets a critical point in U.S. history. The meeting date is November 7 and we will meet at the Primrose House at 6:45 p.m. Many thanks to Michael Lewis for leading the October meeting. Also many thanks for the delicious Middle Eastern food.

Looking forward to next month! Please think of a book or short stories for Christmas when we have the December meeting. Contact Edna Robbins for more information.

River City Ringers Christmas Bell

Concert, Friday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

This season, the River City Ringers present "A Rhythmic Christmas," featuring pieces full of energy and vitality. From asymmetrical rhythms to Christmas swing favorites, our concert will feature favorites such as, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen." Join us for "A Rhythmic Christmas," the very best way to ring in Christmas and the New Year.

FX3 (Faith Fellowship & Friends) & Senior High-The Light

Please Note Date Change for November

Our middle school and high school students are invited for a special time of fellowship on November 12 and November 19. On November 12, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., a speaker from the David's Legacy Foundation will speak to our youth and their parents in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to stay afterwards for dinner. On November 19, we will attend the movie "Wonder" and go out for burgers afterwards. Please stay tuned for more details on the time for this outing. ***Don't forget to bring a friend!***

Register now For the ELCA Youth Gathering 2018

The ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, will take place the week of June 27 through July 1, 2018. Registration is now open for this event until November 17. The cost for this year's trip is \$250 per youth (scholarships are available upon request). The ELCA is busy planning for the Gathering, and we invite you to follow the progress on Facebook (ELCA Gathering) for exciting details and great video clips. Let's get our youth excited about this memorable mission opportunity.

High School Gathering Retreat

Please mark your calendars for this super fun retreat at Camp Chrysalis. The weekend is set for Friday, February 9 through Sunday, February 11. More information will be coming soon.

Advent Festival for All Ages:

December 10, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10, we will celebrate Advent with a church-wide Advent Festival! Children and adults will travel to different stations to participate in fun activities. Stations will include: preparing reindeer food, nativity photo op, decorating cookies, making potholders, playing games, creating ornaments, and making Christmas cards. Bring the whole family and invite your neighbors and friends to come for this special time of fellowship and fun.

Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class is doing a wonderful job serving as acolytes for the 10:30 a.m. worship service. A huge thank you to: Nate Tenorio, William Hall, Katrina Weidman, and Emily Giesecke for serving as our October Acolytes.

Acolyte Schedule for November:

November 5:

November 12:

November 19: Sophia Jowers

November 26:

Confirmation Class Schedule

November 5: No Sunday school: *All Saints Sunday*

November 12: No Sunday school: *85th Anniversary Breakfast in Fellowship Hall*

November 19: Breakfast Fellowship

November 26: No Sunday school: *Thanksgiving Break*

Save the date: Confirmation Large Group Wednesday, January 10.

CAM Shopping Night

All middle school and high school youth are invited to go shopping for the CAM Christmas Store. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. We will go out for dinner afterwards. Pickup will be at 8:00 p.m. at the church.

Preschool & Elementary Sunday School

Preschool and elementary meet every Sunday in their Sunday school classrooms starting at 9:15 a.m. and end their time at 10:15 a.m. (Sunday School is located on the 2nd floor).

Sunday School for Preschool (ages 3 through Kinder)

November 5: No Sunday school: ***All Saints Sunday***

November 12: No Sunday school: ***85th Anniversary Breakfast in Fellowship Hall***

November 19: What is Christmas to you?

November 26: No Sunday school: ***Thanksgiving Break***

Sunday School for Elementary (1st through 5th grade):

November 5: No Sunday school: ***All Saints Sunday***

November 12: No Sunday school: ***Breakfast in Fellowship Hall***

November 19: Pageant Rehearsals Begin

November 26: No Sunday school: ***Thanksgiving Break***

No Sunday School Classes on Sunday, November 5, 12 and 26

Sunday School Offering

The Sunday school children will begin collecting money for Meals on Wheels as part of their Sunday school offering this year! We have a big igloo cooler that will be collecting our offering each Sunday during the Sunday school hour. The children are excited to see how much of the cooler they can fill!

Christmas Pageant: "A Christmas to Believe In," Sunday, December 17

Please mark your calendars to see our children tell the story of Christmas: the best story ever told. You won't want to miss it! The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 17, during the Sunday school hour (9:15 a.m.). Pageant parts will be given out on Sunday, November 19, during the Sunday school hour. Our Angelicus Choir will begin rehearsing pageant songs on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in November. I strongly encourage ALL children to participate. Children will begin rehearsing lines during the Sunday school hour beginning November 19. On Saturday, December 16, there will be a final dress rehearsal that is REQUIRED for all children participating in the pageant.

We need parent volunteers for this year's pageant. If you are interested, please let Carrie Jowers, Director of Faith Formation, know.

Day School News

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather! It has been a fun month! The students had an opportunity to show off the classrooms to their families on our Open House Nights. We also enjoyed another visit from Happy Tails and got to see a tortoise and a Coati-Mundi up close. This is always such a fun time for the children to experience new and different animals and learn more about them. The firefighters visit was, as always, an amazing day. Our kiddos saw the big fire truck and crawled through the “smoke tent,” and we learned a lot about fire safety.

The staff had a wonderful opportunity for professional development at the TAEYC conference held in San Antonio in October. We heard leaders in the field of early childhood education speak about curriculum, leadership, play, social/emotional development, and developmentally appropriate practices. The staff always takes away such great information, and we get to implement our learning right away.

We will be collecting candy November 1-3 that we will donate to our local Ronald McDonald House Charities. There will be a container to drop off candy in the breezeway.

We are busy in the office getting ready for our Fall Fest Mardi Gras. This will be held at Christ Lutheran on November 9, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Brooke Leddy and Margaret Pape have planned a wonderful night for all of us. There will be New Orleans style food and music and a wonderful silent auction. Contact the school office to make reservations for this fun event. We would love to see you all there!

Dana Ferraro, Director

Praises to:

- David Hough for leading the fascinating and informative Faith University class in October.
- The leaders for Sunday School for Parents.
- The Confirmation class for great attendance and super behavior.
- The Bell Choir for a beautiful beginning to worship on October 15.
- All who participated in “Trunk or Treat” – What a fun evening!
- Elizabeth Diggs and her crew for a delicious and festive Reformationfest.
- All who brought desserts to Reformationfest.
- Middle schoolers for attending the Middle School Retreat at Camp Chrysalis.
- Heather Rosenquist and Brandon Albrecht for chaperoning the Middle School Retreat.
- All youth who attended the Hondo Corn Maze event and the sleepover at church afterwards.
- Our children and youth Sunday School teachers: Patti Lynch, Jeff Jowers, Troy Hall, and Tessa Baden.
- All who attended the House Meetings.

Upcoming Service Projects

- **Help Serve Thanksgiving Lunch to our Friends at SA Clubhouse, 6851 Citizens Pkwy #100, 78229, www.saclubhouse.org, Thanksgiving Day, November 23.** We have a wonderful opportunity again this year to help serve prepared food to the members of SA Clubhouse and give them a Thanksgiving meal that will warm their hearts and fill their bellies. The doors open at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day to begin preparing the food to be served at 11:00 a.m. We will eat and visit with the members, help clean up, and be finished by no later than 12:30 p.m. We participated in this day of giving thanks with our friends at the clubhouse last year and it was a blessing for all involved. Join us for this special outpouring of love and fellowship! Contact Linda Sulser for more information.
- **Help Provide Thanksgiving Dinners to the Food Pantry:** Alamo Heights Christian Church (at the end of Primrose Drive, across from Sunset Ridge Shopping Center) has a food pantry that operates all year to provide food for those in need in our community. We like to help them out in November by providing food to help those in need have a bountiful Thanksgiving meal. There is a bulletin board in the CrossWay with “leaves” marked with requested food items. If you would like to donate, please take a leaf (or two or three!) and bring the item(s) to CLC by November 12. The items will be sorted and given to the food pantry to be distributed to their clients in time for Thanksgiving. There are also leaves requesting gift cards from HEB or Wal-Mart for purchasing turkeys. Thank you for your help! Contact Linda Sulser or the church office for more details.
- **Volunteer at Operation Turkey:** In 2016, Operation Turkey hand-delivered more than 40,000 meals to the homeless and less fortunate in 13 cities and 6 states. This year their goal is 50,000 meals with even more locations. Their volunteers work throughout the year to ensure everything is in place to prepare, package, and deliver warm meals, care packages, and clothing donations to those in need from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Cooking, cleaning, delivering, packaging, or plating -- there is always a job to be done. Any time and help you can offer Operation Turkey is greatly appreciated. Kids are welcome and encouraged to come out with parents or guardians. We also have special programs that enlist the help of the younger members of your family. They will get to share the great Operation Turkey experience with you, and it will help open their young eyes to the importance of giving back to their communities. The Loyd family participated last year and really had a great time. They said, “We enjoyed it - there was plenty to do for kids, teens, and adults. Lots of people working together, and we were done in plenty of time to have Thanksgiving dinner of our own!” The location will be announced soon. Call the church office for carpooling opportunities. For more information: <http://www.operationturkey.com/volunteer/>.
- **Christmas Boxes of Blessings:** What a great event this was last year and promises to be again this year! The event is sponsored by Redeemer Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 3200 E. Houston St. We will pack boxes of food in a warehouse environment. It will be 10 degrees cooler than the outside temperature and industrial. Breakfast and lunch are served. You can show up anytime and be of help. Parking is a challenge so carpooling is recommended. People of all ages will be there. Please call the office or talk to Joe Diana for more information.
- **Family Service Association Angel Tree** - See page 11 for information.

Companionate Ministry Update

Our friend Brenda is working at UIW, her kids are doing well, and we're so proud of her for moving toward independence. Thanks to all who contributed quarters to help her with laundry and to those who continue to remember Brenda and her family when shopping – gifts of paper products, cleaning supplies and personal care items are not approved by Food Stamps, and they add a mighty burden to her budget. Any gifts of this type that you are able to give are truly appreciated. You may leave your gifts in bags marked "Companionate Ministry" on the bench in the CrossWay. Also, if you have gently-used children's clothes your kids have outgrown that would fit Brenda's two little girls and two little boys, that is always a most welcome gift. The girls' sizes are 6/7 and 10/12. The boys wear 3T/4T and size 6.

While we continue to assist Brenda financially, the primary ministry we as a church family can offer is the gift we give each other and others in our community who are struggling – prayer, the hand of friendship, moral support, and companionship. "Companionate Ministry" is just that – being there for each other.

Family Service Angel Tree

CLC will be participating in the Family Service Association Angel Tree project again this year. There will be a Christmas tree in the CrossWay beginning **November 19**. If you would like to help provide Christmas joy to someone who could use a boost, choose an angel from the tree and shop for clothes, toys, household goods, and other special gifts for someone who will be very appreciative and warmed by your generosity. **Please sign the registration sheet if you choose an angel.**

There are often many requested gifts listed on an angel tag. This is a great opportunity to share the purchasing of gifts with another person or family. Small groups may want to adopt an angel for the group to share the Christmas joy!

Please know that if you picked an angel who asked for something you cannot afford, any gifts you can give will be appreciated.

Please bring WRAPPED gifts to the CrossWay no later than **Wednesday, December 6**. Be sure and attach the angel and identifying label and keep the gifts together in a bag. **Gifts of non-perishable foods and new or gently used household items, linens, and furnishings are also needed by these families.**

For more information, talk to Linda or Larry Sulser, or call the church office at 210-822-3394.

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Live into the Future*

*Sunday, November 12
Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Anniversary Breakfast 9:15 a.m.*

*Former CLC Pastor,
Steve Rode, preaching.*

Please rsvp if attending.