

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.

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.*

May 2018

From the Pastor . . . a joyous Easter, a vibrant Pentecost

It's important to remember that the season of Easter lasts seven weeks. It's not merely one day, filled with lilies and brass and jubilation. It's an entire season. A season that, if we are honest, from Sunday to Sunday looks a whole lot different than the packed church of Easter Sunday morning. The Sunday after Easter, in fact, is sometimes referred to as "low Sunday" because there is less attendance, fewer people, fewer voices singing out the hymns, fewer believers making their way toward the Communion table. But the real question is: whether or not this means there is any less faith.

I'm going to boldly say, "I don't think so!" Just as we boldly proclaim in worship throughout the Sundays of Easter, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!" What I am getting at is that God is just as much at work in our lives throughout the entire Easter season as God is on Easter Sunday morning. The truth of the resurrection still stands. The joy of the good news still guides our lives. The Easter promise is still true, not because of us but because of Jesus the Christ.

That is indeed good news. So, as we bumble through this Easter season, just like those first disciples did . . . I might add, it's important to remember that gradually and slowly the good and true and rich promises of God take their hold on our lives. Like those first disciples, we will have moments of confusion, moments of distrust, moments where fear paralyzes us, moments where we would rather hide under the covers than proclaim our faith. And yet, God is still there, ever present and ever active in our lives . . . God is there, getting ready to send the gift of the Holy Spirit as flames descend on Pentecost Sunday (May 20) . . . God is there, making faith new as our Confirmands confirm their faith on this Pentecost Sunday . . . God is there, precisely where you are, sending the life-giving spirit to hold you, guide you, and sustain you in God's love.

- 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

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.

Faith University – May

On May 6, 13, and 20, we welcome back to Faith University, Dr. Dan Long, Professor at St. Mary's and our beloved Minister of Music. Dan's unique and engaging classes not only offer deep learning but also lead to profound questions that enhance our faith. This May, Dan's topic will be themes of sin and redemption in Johnny Cash's music. Join us at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in Fellowship Hall for this intriguing class.

Lucy Circle: Helping a Friend

Many thanks to the Lucies, who contributed \$210 to buy a year 'round Zoo Pass for Brenda and her children - the third consecutive year we've given her this very special gift to our amazing SA Zoo. She and Bobby and the children enjoy the animals, fresh air, and beautiful grounds and we are so delighted to be able to provide that quality experience to this family.

The Lucies wrapped up the spring semester in April, and will take a summer hiatus, reconvening in September. Happy Summer, everyone!

- Jan Schubert Norris

Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly is fast approaching. It will be held May 4-6 this year in San Marcos at the Embassy Suites. The theme of the Assembly is Seeds of Hope: Beyond All Imagination, which will be clearly evident in the worship services, speakers, and offering. The Assembly offering will support the ELCA Fund for Leaders program through the ELCA Campaign.

Voting members, both clergy and lay, will gather from all across our synod to represent their congregations in making decisions about the issues facing the larger church, including electing a new bishop to serve our synod. We are very grateful to Blossom and Bobby Stobb, Sarah Loyd, and Brandon Albrecht for agreeing to serve as our lay voting members at Synod Assembly. Of course, Pastor Leslie will be there as well. A huge thank you to the Rev. Lisa Tice for preaching and presiding at CLC while Pastor Leslie is away. If you would like to learn more about what issues will be discussed and voted on at Synod Assembly, please visit the Synod's website at www.swtsynod.org.

Summer Worship Schedule & Breakfast Sign Up

Each Sunday beginning Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 27, through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 2, we will hold one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m.

On each of these Summer Sundays, you're invited for a light breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay. If you would like to participate in providing breakfast foods for the fellowship time, please sign up on the bulletin board in the CrossWay or call the church office. You may sign up for one or all of the food offerings – fruit, juice, and pastries. We ask that food be set up by 9:00 a.m. and that you stay to help with clean-up after worship.

Thanks in advance!

Building an Inclusive Church

Reconciling Works is offering a “Building an Inclusive Church” toolkit training at Christ Lutheran on May 11-12. Using the “Building an Inclusive Church” toolkit, this workshop will provide the tools that empower congregations to create a grace-filled, respectful process towards becoming Open and Affirming, a process uniquely designed for each congregation’s specific needs. This workshop will provide in-depth and hands-on training in the tools of graceful engagement, one-to-one conversations, storytelling, framing and more. These tools are also powerfully useful in many other contexts. This training will hone your skills and give you knowledge about how to help congregations through those tough conversations toward a fully inclusive church. If you would like to attend the workshop, please call or email the church office, and we will get you registered.

The schedule for the training is as follows:

Friday May 11, 5:30 p.m. Registration, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Training

Saturday May 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Training

Annual Meeting: June 10

Our annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, June 10, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. In that meeting, we will hear reports on our ministries, elect Congregation Council members, and adopt the budget for next year. All members are encouraged to participate and to lend your voice and vote.

Congregation Council Nominations

Our Nominating Committee consists of two members of the Congregation Council plus three members of the larger church. The Congregation Council approved Ryan Myers, Laurie Stiteler, Lewis Westerman (Chair), and Council members, Joe Diana and Blossom Stobb, to serve on the Nominating Committee along with Pastor Leslie to seek candidates to fill the positions up for election and re-election to the Congregation Council. The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions of candidates from any member of our church. The Congregation Council positions up for re-election are President, Robb Decker; Treasurer, Sharon Wiedemann; and Trustee #1, Carolyn Dufelmeier. All three are willing to stand for re-election. Our current Vice President, Joe Diana, would be up for re-election as well, but has declined to run in deference to a church practice that spouses and significant others of ministry staff do not serve on Council. Joe's wife, Lisa Diana, joined our staff just last month. While we are delighted to have her, we are sad to see Joe leave Council, and we are incredibly thankful for the leadership roles he has filled in our church over the last several years. Suggestions for all Congregation Council positions must be submitted in writing to the church office by May 10, and include the signature of the potential nominee, position they are being suggested for, and information on his or her history and experience serving at Christ Lutheran. The Annual Meeting will be on June 10 after worship.

Visitor Wine and Cheese

The CLC Welcome Team invites all visitors and new members to a Wine and Cheese gathering on the Plaza on Thursday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m. We gather under the arbor for lively conversation to enjoy a casual and comfortable way to get to know one another better. Please join us and get to know more about CLC in an evening of fellowship, fun, and food.

Confirmation News

For all Confirmands:

Be sure you are up-to-date on all your Talksheets, Worship Notes, and Service Hour Forms. For 8th graders, these materials need to be turned in by May 13. For 6th-7th graders, turn your materials in to Pastor Leslie by the end of the school year for her to check over the summer. If you need help with any of your confirmation work, don't hesitate to call or email Pastor Leslie or talk to one of your teachers for small group: Jeff Jowers and Troy Hall. Sunday, May 6, is our final small group lesson for the year: The Church Today! Sunday, May 13, the youth will help host a Mother's Day event for our mothers!

For 8th Graders:

Confirmation Sunday (May 20) is fast approaching. We are honored to announce that Bishop Tiemann will be with us to celebrate this important occasion as he is the second cousin of one of our Confirmands, Stella Schwarze. Our Confirmation Mini-Retreat (for 8th graders) will be held Sunday, April 29, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at church. During this time, the youth will help to plan and create their worship service for Confirmation Sunday. In addition, all 8th graders need to be working on their Faith Statements for Confirmation Sunday. Drafts of Faith Statements are due to Pastor Leslie by Wednesday, April 25. You can send them to her by email at leslie@clcah.org.

For Confirmation Sunday, students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m., as they will be participating in both services that Sunday. More details regarding Confirmation Sunday will be sent in an email to parents soon.

Receive to Give, Stewardship 2018: Volunteer Opportunity

On Saturday, **May 5, from 11:00-1:00 p.m.** Christ Lutheran Church will be serving a meal with St. Vinney's Bistro in the Haven for Hope courtyard. In 2010, St. Vinny's Bistro® was created specifically to provide three hot, nutritional meals a day, 365 days a year in the Courtyard at Haven for Hope, serving an average of 1,100 to 1,400 meals per day. In addition, sack lunches are provided for those who work in the community and medicinal meals are provided for those who need to take their medication with food. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for this project. Thank you!

Lisa Diana, lisa@clcah.org or 210-787-9651.

"Tidbits from Tessa"

Through the Eyes of Children

I have been raising a child for 2 years, 10 months, 3 days, 8 hours, and about 14 minutes. It is by far the hardest job I have held. I have taught endless groups of children, 20-30 at a time. I want them to learn everything and I worry about their future. Children think, see, and feel differently from adults, which makes understanding them so challenging. Lately, I've been asking myself how do I teach my child to love the way Jesus wants us to? How will she understand how to be a Christian? When I stop worrying and listen, I noticed that she already does. Children have the ability to understand Jesus' love so easily. Children love wholeheartedly, which is what Jesus wants from us all. If we could see through the eyes of a child, we could see that our children are Christians! But for now, since we cannot, we just have to trust that if we let them, our children can and will guide us to Jesus' love.

- Tessa Baden

Sunday School

We are in need of volunteers to help support our Sunday School programming. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this way! tessa@clcah.org or 512-775-0210

May is our last month of Sunday School for the 2017-2018 school year.

May 6

"Just as I have Loved You" John 15:9-17

May 13

Youth families will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast! We will be celebrating mothers and grandmothers out in the courtyard all together!

There will be a special Thank You to our Children's Ministries volunteers during the 10:30 service. We couldn't guide our children to walk with God without these wonderful volunteers!

May 20

Last Day of Sunday School! The children will enjoy a movie and popcorn to celebrate the end of our year! Children are invited to wear pajamas to church to relax and enjoy their time!

May 27

Labor Day Weekend! No Sunday School

CLCAH presents "Splash Canyon" Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

Splash Canyon VBS will take us through missions, arts and crafts, drama, games, and small group Bible studies. Singing and dancing are a given!!



When: July 9-13; 9:00a.m. -12:00 noon

- Registration began April 1. Forms can be found in the CrossWay or on the youth bulletin board outside the parlor.
- Or register online!

Cost: 40 dollars per child

- Cash or check (enclose in envelope with registration form, checks made payable to CLCAH).
- Payment due by June 30.

Children must be 3 years old by June 30 and potty trained to attend VBS. Please email me with any questions: tessa@clcah.org.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Arts and Crafts

- Support children with creating a craft each day.

Small Group Leaders

- Support a small group of children through a Bible study and help them move through different stations throughout the morning.

Games

- Help plan/prepare and/or lead each small group through two games each day (materials supplied).

Snack

- Help prepare and serve snacks to all children each day of VBS.

Drama

- Support children in acting out experiences to help them understand and live in the Word.

T-shirts

- Design logo and organize t-shirts for all VBS attendees.

Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this way! tessa@clcah.org or 512-775-0210

Mother's Day Brunch

The middle and high school youth are hosting a brunch in honor of our moms and grandmothers. Our preschool through high school children and youth are invited to have brunch with their moms (grandmothers are encouraged to come too!) in the church courtyard.

We hope you will join us for great discussions and fellowship on this special day. RSVP is encouraged for planning purposes. Please contact Carrie Jowers for more information @ carrie.jowers@gmail.com.

Confirmation Sunday: May 20

At the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services

Please join us to celebrate this special stepping stone for our 8th grade youth. This year's confirmands are Emily Giesecke, Stella Schwarze, Hannah Whitmore, Beau Perez, Ander Escudero, and William Hall. Please come hear each of our youth speak as they affirm their baptism. After the 10:30 a.m. worship service our congregation is invited to attend a reception in the Crossway to celebrate this very special Stepping Stone.

Camp Chrysalis Informational Meeting Sunday, May 6, at 9:15 a.m.

On Sunday, May 6 at 9:15 a.m., an informational meeting for parents of this year's Campers will be held in the Parlor regarding Camp Chrysalis. Please join us to hear the details for camp; and to finalize health forms and camp payments. Light refreshments will be served too. For more information, please contact Carrie Jowers at carrie.jowers@gmail.com.

What to Bring to Camp Chrysalis

We are off to camp in less than five weeks! Brandon Albrecht and Carrie Jowers will be tagging along again this year to spend a week with our children and youth at Camp Chrysalis from Sunday, June 10 through Friday, June 15. To help with planning, here is the packing list for camp. Please make sure all items are labeled with your name.

- o Bible
- o Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- o Towel and Washcloth
- o Soap and Shampoo
- o Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- o Other Toiletries
- o Insect Repellent
- o Sunscreen and Chap Stick
- o Shirts and Shorts – at least one per day of camp
- o Modest Swim Suit
- o Swim Towel
- o Underwear and Socks
- o 1 Pair of Long Pants (2 Pairs – LYLE II & III)
- o 2 Pairs of Tennis Shoes
- o Water Shoes (no sandals) or old tennis shoes
- o Sun Hat or Cap
- o Light Jacket or Sweatshirt
- o Lightweight Rain Coat or Poncho
- o Prescription Medications in their original bottle
- o Flashlight with Batteries

Optional Items:

- o Money for Offering
- o Pen, Notebook, Envelopes, and Stamps
- o Money for the Camp Store
- o Sunglasses
- o Camera

ELCA Youth Gathering: Coming in June

Our youth will be traveling next month to Houston, Texas, for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering! The senior high youth and their chaperones will depart for Houston on Wednesday, June 27 and return on Sunday, July 1. The Gathering will take place in three main venues: NRG Stadium, NRG Arena, and the NRG Center, located in downtown Houston. The youth will gather with over 33,000 peers to learn of issues around the world, hear from speakers around the world, gather for worship, and work together in service to better the lives of those in Houston.

Attendees for this year's ELCA Gathering are Taylor Dettmer, Matthew Diana, Ander Escudero, Emily Giesecke, William Hall, Beau Perez, Stella Schwarze, Cisco Tenorio, and Daisha Tenorio. Chaperones for this year are Jeff Jowers, Troy Hall, Brandon Albrecht, and Carrie Jowers.

Thank you to all our wonderful stockholders for making this trip possible! If you haven't yet purchased stock to invest in our youth, you can do so online on our website under Senior High Ministry.

Looking Ahead

- Sunday, June 3: Senior High Graduation celebrated during the 9:30 a.m. worship service
- Sunday, June 10 through Friday, June 15: Camp Chrysalis
- Wednesday, June 27 through Sunday, July 1: ELCA Gathering in Houston
- Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13: VBS

CLC Book Club

Thanks to Lisa Tice for leading the discussion at our May meeting. Everyone joined in the discussion and we had a great turnout. We also had interesting suggestions for books to read over the next several months and we invite you to join us. Here's the schedule:

May: [The Woman at the Window](#) by A.J. Finn

June: [Maskerade](#) by Terry Prachett

July: [Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit](#) by Jeannette Winterson

August: [Hillbilly Elegy](#) by J.D. Vance

We will continue to meet at the Primrose House since it seems to work for everyone. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 1 at 6:45 p.m. Contact me for more information, or just come!

- Edna Robbins

Tricentennial Bells – River City Ringers Spring Concert May 18

The River City Ringers are celebrating the Alamo City's 300th year with pieces that pay homage to the strong Mexican influence that the city enjoys. With music titled *Fiesta* and *Vivace con Spirito*, the flurry of bells and Latino flavor will dazzle you, and jazz favorites like *Take Five* will have you dancing in your seat. Come celebrate San Antonio's bright future with us. The Ringers will perform at Christ Lutheran on Friday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Praises to:

- The CLC Quilters for their amazing talent and dedication in creating and sharing their beautiful quilts all over the world through Lutheran World Relief.
- Kim Wheelless and Frank Pennington who helped transport the quilts to TLU.
- Heather Rosenquist, Jennifer Dunn, and Lisa Diana for organizing and leading the Women's Retreat in Port Aransas. Even though the weather was really cold, fifteen fabulous women had a rejuvenating, energizing weekend celebrating the power of women!
- Joe Diana and the Stewardship Team (Casey Passant, Kim Fischer, and Martin Bauer) for all their work on Electronic Giving Sunday and Stewardship Sunday.
- Paul Pfeifer, Lisa Diana, and Carl Hughes for their continued work on our Mission Outreach teams, we well as ALL of the Mission and Outreach Team.
- Clara Tenorio and her family for the delicious Easter breakfast.
- All who helped hide Easter eggs and helped children find them on Easter Sunday!
- Lydia Circle for filling all the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Elizabeth Diggs for the festive Easter/Fiesta decorations in Fellowship Hall, and to Elizabeth and her crew for the great effort in preparing for another terrific Fiesta at CLC!
- Michael Fischer for leading the discussion of resolving conflict at Faith University April 8 and 15.
- The Companionate Ministry Team and Lisa Diana for their walk of faith with our friend Brenda and her family.
- Our fifth graders who received their first Holy Communion on April 22.
- To Dr. Dan Long, Matthew Goodson, our CLC Choir, and all the musicians who made our Holy Week services so meaningful and beautiful.

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