

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 in the
Moench Chapel*

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.

February 2019

From the Pastor... Drawn In: God's Creative & Redeeming Work

Hello to all of you! First things first: how wonderful it is to return from maternity leave and to be back working alongside all of you faithful folks at Christ Lutheran Church. I am incredibly grateful for the time that you offered me to be away from my regular duties and spend the days caring for my young children as we began our journey together as a family. Each and every moment was cherished and treasured. While I must admit that part of me still wishes I could be with the babies as their full-time caregiver, it's also a wonderful thing when returning to "work" doesn't actually feel like work at all, which is certainly the case at CLC. I am grateful to return to a staff that I deeply enjoy working with and a congregation that further energizes me, giving me joy for ministry and the mission of God in this place and in our community. I offer a huge and heartfelt thanks to each member of the staff for stepping up while I have been away, doing more here and there to connect the dots and make all run smoothly. A special thanks goes to Pastor H who did a tremendous job leading in my absence. I also want to thank each member of the congregation. Many of you took on extra tasks and responsibilities while I was away, and I am grateful. You have given our family a tremendous gift of time and support and we are touched and honored by your graciousness and generosity.

Jumping right back in upon my return, we are exploring what I hope will be a challenging and fulfilling theme throughout this season after Epiphany . . . "Drawn In: God's Creative & Redeeming Work." In the beginning, God formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed God's very breath of life into us. We are an incredible creation formed by an even more incredible Creator. God continues to breathe life into every part of the material world, calling all creatures, great and small, to be united into co-creating with one another and with the divine. Although some of us may think we don't have a creative bone in our body, that simply isn't true. We are all created and creative beings. Join us on Sundays, January 20-March 3, as together we rest, dream, listen, risk, bless, love, and re-emerge more fully alive to the beautiful and awe-inspiring ways that God works through us and around us.

- 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
6:00 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
7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Soul Sisters

Second 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: Creative Spirituality

Dovetailing with our worship theme for the season after Epiphany, our adult education series on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. for the month of February will explore the creative side of our spiritual journeys. We will look back at the history of God's relationship with us as Creator. We will consider God's incarnation into our world in the person of Jesus and its impact on our understanding of the integration of the material and the divine. We will challenge ourselves to explore our identity as co-creators with God, unpacking all that might entail. Join Pastor Leslie as we venture creatively together, discovering a side of our spirituality that often gets overlooked.

Sunday School for Parents

Our class for parents of Sunday school children and youth of all ages continues into the new year (9:15 a.m. in the Primrose House), serving as a small group community within our larger community of faith, offering fellowship and camaraderie for parents struggling to raise faithful children in a post-Christian context. 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 steadfastly led by its participants. The church leadership and pastors are very grateful for their donation of time and talent! Note: nursery is also provided during the education hour for children not old enough for Sunday School, so don't let that keep you from joining this bright and friendly group.

Receive to Give ... The Children of Ngong Road

In faraway Nairobi, Kenya, almost 400 impoverished children whose families are devastated by HIV/AIDS are thriving, thanks to your gifts. \$4K annually from our benevolence fund supports education, health care, and nutrition for the **Children of Ngong Road**. These grateful, beautiful children bless you for your stewardship.

Lucy Circle: Reading, Talking, Fellowship

All CLC women and visitors are invited to join Lucy Circle on Sunday, February 17, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor. This friendly group reads an essay in advance and meets to discuss and share our stories, inspired by the writing. This month, we'll discuss the essay, "Why I'm Giving Up On Preventative Care/How Contemporary American Medicine is Testing us to Death," by Barbara Ehrenreich. We hope you'll join us. I have the essay as a Word doc and can send it to anyone who requests.

- Jan Norris

Hondondo Creek Trails Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Hondondo Creek Trails, Alamo Heights on Saturday, February 2, from 9:00 a.m. –12 noon. This is a great opportunity to be a good earth steward and do God's Work with Our Hands. Please wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirt if you have one.

Plan to wear work clothes, sturdy shoes, and work gloves and bring water. Plastic bags will be provided. For questions, please contact Lew Gorman at (856)952-6970.

February Service

In February, we are planning to collect personal hygiene items for the Family Violence Prevention Battered Women and Children's Shelter. These are the items needed:

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| Hand gel/soap (full size) | Deodorant |
| Bath Gel/soap (full size) | Hair brushes & combs |
| Shampoo & conditioner (full size) | African-American hair products |
| Toothpaste & toothbrushes | |

Please look for more information in the CrossWay about how to donate to these important organizations.

Member News

Baptisms:

- Ethan Roy Noble, child of Philip & Taylor Noble on January 20.

Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Jenny Garcia, daughter of Sue Garcia and granddaughter of Edie Delaney, who died on December 28.
- The family and friends of Blossom Stobb, wife of Bobby Stobb, mother of Blythe Boeck, and grandmother of Addie, who died on January 7.
- The family and friends of Shirley Rubenstein who died on January 13.

Moved:

- Dan Hill married and moved to New Braunfels. He is grateful to the congregation of CLC for his time with us. He will be attending Peace Lutheran in New Braunfels.

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 3, our middle school youth will lead our congregation in the fight against hunger. They work passionately to educate the congregation and our younger ones about hunger issues in our community, and they invite the congregation to join them at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services to support their efforts.

Saddlin' Up for Rodeo Sunday!

The Rodeo is on in San Antonio and our children will sing, "This Little Light of Mine," on Sunday, February 10, donning their best rodeo and western wear. So kids, y'all bring your hats, jeans, and boots as we share God's love through song *and* celebrate Rodeo Sunday!

Children's Sunday School

We have begun the New Year continuing our children's education with Spark: Active Faith. Right now, all ages are together in one combined class. The Sunday school hour is 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. between the first and second services. If you would like to volunteer to teach a lesson or a few, please contact Marina at marina@clcah.org.

Confirmation

We had our second large group meeting in early January to begin our lessons in the New Testament. February dates to watch for:

February 3 – Souper Bowl of Caring project

February 10 – The Early Church – Required Attendance

February 17 – Breakfast Fellowship

February 24 – Peter – Required Attendance

FX3 and The Light

This group has been meeting in Fellowship Hall on the first Sunday of each month directly following the 10:30 a.m. service until 1:00 p.m. In February, however, the time and meeting place will change. On Sunday, February 3, we will be going roller skating at The Rollercade! More info will be advertised and emailed. Please email Marina at marina@clcah.org with questions.

Save the Dates

Vacation Bible School: June 24 – June 28

Lutheran Camp Chrysalis: July 28 – August 2

Please contact Marina at marina@clcah.org to register for Summer Camp. More information regarding VBS will be sent out at a later date.

Camp Chrysalis Summer Camp 2019

Overnight camp at Chrysalis will take place the week of **Sunday, July 28 through Friday, August 2**. 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 fun and to grow in their faith! Marina Huffman will be attending camp with the kids this summer.

Age group options:

Explorers – Completed grades 2-3: Spend all week (5 nights), Cost: \$440

Yearlings – Completed grades 4-6: Spend all week (5 nights), Cost \$440

Adventurers – Completed grades 6-8: Spend all week (5 nights), Cost \$440

We will be doing group registration, so if your child wants to attend, please register through Christ Lutheran **INSTEAD** of directly with the camp. Please contact Marina 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 will be made available for those in financial need ... no child should miss this wonderful opportunity.

A Message from Mary Villarreal, Our New Children's Choir Director

I am truly blessed to be part of the Christ Lutheran Church family, serving as the Youth Choral Director.

I have been teaching elementary music at Riverside Park Academy (SAISD) for 32 years. In those 32 years, I have served as a supervisor for the after school program, taught middle school math (summer school), taught UTSA technology applications (college students), and this year I have had the privilege to coach 7th grade football and 7th grade basketball (boys/girls). The guidance and protection of the youth of San Antonio has been where the Lord has led me to dedicate my life.

I received my Bachelor's degree in Music Education and my Master's degree in Technology Applications. I have three precious gifts from God, my children – two girls and one boy. I love the Lord, and I would like to instill the message of how much God loves your children through song and scripture. We will learn the good news about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we will sing God's praise.

"Train up children in the way they should go, even when they are old they will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

God's blessings be with you all,
Mrs. V.

Immigration Small Group

Please join this passionate group, facilitated by Paul Pfeifer, to learn more about immigration issues, new developments in immigration reform, and opportunities to be involved. All are welcome! Call the office for more information. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the CrossWay.

Save the Date! You're Invited!

The GROW Team will host a **Mardi Gras breakfast** on **Sunday, March 3**, between services from 9:15-10:15 a.m. In addition to lots of good food, there will be small-group discussions about potentially updating the welcome statement we print in our bulletin each Sunday. Come for the breakfast; stay for the conversation!

The adult education classes in the four weeks to follow will continue these conversations. On March 10, 17, 24, and 31, we will explore how other Lutheran congregations have crafted welcome statements that reach out to groups and individuals who have felt excluded from church communities in the past. Classes will focus especially, but not exclusively, on issues related to sexuality. The schedule of topics will be distributed soon.

CLC Book Club

In February, Mike Lewis will lead the discussion on [Siddhartha](#) by Hermann Hesse. If you are not familiar with The Buddha, you might want to Google it or go to Wikipedia so the book will make more sense. It's sure to be a good discussion.

In March, the book is [The Last Sheriff in Texas](#) by James P. McCollom. It is a true story set in Beeville, Texas. It's a look at law and order and how they come into conflict. Greg Meyer will lead the discussion. All are welcome!

Women's Retreat – March 29-31

This spring, the women of Christ Lutheran are once again invited to gather at the beach in Port Aransas. This year's retreat will be led by Jennifer Dunn, Heather Rosenquist, and Pastor Leslie. Under their leadership, we will explore the theme of grace and God's unconditional love in our lives. They have a variety of activities and learning experiences planned for us. Many thanks to them for sharing their gifts with us. We will stay at the Mustang Island Retreat Center, a ministry of the Episcopal Church. The cost for the weekend is \$250 for double occupancy rooms and all meals are covered. Registration opened on Sunday, January 27. You can pick up a registration packet in the CrossWay or go online to download the forms and make your payment.

Work Retreat at Camp Chrysalis

All Christ Lutheran men (and friends) are invited to a **Work Retreat at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis February 15 – 17**. On Saturday the 16th, work will involve a project to maintain and improve the facilities at the camp. Join us either Friday evening or Saturday morning for the workday. Departure is planned for Sunday morning after brunch. Evenings are dedicated to stargazing and relaxing by the campfire.

Reservations are required so the camp can provide meals and lodging. Contact Bob Lynch (830)438-3389 or Larry Sulser (210)822-6797 for further information and reservations.

Big Bend Men's Retreat

The CLC Men's Big Bend Retreat is planned for **March 7 through March 10** this year. We will leave on Thursday morning for overnight stays near Terlingua, TX. Activities are planned for all day Friday and Saturday in and around Big Bend National Park. On Sunday morning, we will return to San Antonio. Lodging is limited but some space is still available. Contact Lewis Westerman (210)710-9020.

Praises to:

- Elizabeth Diggs for “undecorating” Fellowship Hall. There was a lot of climbing on a ladder and we are so grateful for her time and effort!
- Our new Youth Choir Director, Mary Villarreal, for an energetic beginning of delightful singing for Angelicus and Gloria Choirs!
- All who attended Ijeoma Oluo’s lecture at Trinity University in honor of Martin Luther King Day.
- All who contributed to the food drive for the San Antonio Food Bank.
- To Mary Overstreet for once again creating and hanging the beautiful banners which adorn our Sanctuary for Epiphany.

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live and silent auctions, music, dancing, and fellowship.
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