

Growing together spiritually



to be a dwelling place for God

### Get Involved at CLC!

*Our hope is that all people at Christ Lutheran  
might know a sense of belonging  
while engaging their faith  
through our small group ministries.*

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# Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights



Care . . .

Pray . . .

Engage . . .

Serve . . .

## 2017-2018

# Small Group Ministry

Christ Lutheran offers a plethora of wonderful and unique small groups! All of our small groups seek to implement the values, “Care, Pray, Engage and Serve” as a way to help us all grow together spiritually to create a dwelling place for God! Please join us!

## Bible Study & Christian Living:

### Faith University: Sunday Mornings

9:15 a.m., Sundays, Fellowship Hall

Classes are usually a combination of lecture and discussion with topics ranging from Bible Study to Christian history, theology, and other timely topics. All adults welcome! **Contact: Pastor Leslie**

### Hope Bible Study Group

9:30 a.m., Second Thursdays, Bi-monthly, Primrose House

This is a group of faithful men and women who gather every other month for Bible Study discussion led by our Pastor. A wonderful opportunity to chat about faith and life with a friendly crowd!

**Contact: Frances Ware**

### Sunday School Teachers & Confirmation Leaders

9:15 a.m., Sundays, CLC

This dedicated group of volunteers works tirelessly to share our faith with the next generation. They make friends, hang out, teach our kids, and they'd love to have you join them.

**Contact: Carrie Jowers, Director of Faith Formation**



### Lucy Circle

9:15 a.m., Third Sunday, CLC Parlor

This group of women meets once a month during the Sunday School hour for fellowship and discussion of assigned readings. This year, they are reading a series of essays by women authors, and invite all women who enjoy literature and meaningful conversation. **Contact: Edna Robbins and Jan Norris**

### Lydia Circle

6:30 p.m., Second Tuesdays, Primrose House or Member Homes

This group of women meets once a month in the Primrose House or homes of its members. Join this friendly group for thoughtful Bible Study and enjoyable fellowship. **Contact: Linda Sulser**

## Benevolence Team

Various Dates/Times/Church Parlor

Christ Lutheran, as a community of faith, is committed to strong benevolence. We give back 20% of all general offerings to those in need outside of our walls. Through our Benevolence or "outreach" dollars we help support over 20 organizations in our community, in our region, and even around the world. The Benevolence Team assesses which organizations are most in need of support and which are using these dollars most effectively thereby maximizing our impact and our ability to help others. Serving on this team is by invitation only, but if you're interested in joining us, please talk to Pastor Leslie or David Aubry.

**Contact: David Aubry**

## Mission & Outreach Team

Various Dates/Times/Church Parlor & Service in the World!

This year we are excited to launch our new Mission & Outreach Team. This group of people will oversee all of our outreach ministries (service projects, advocacy projects, etc.), which help us to meet the needs of those most vulnerable in our community and our world. If you have a heart for justice or compassion, this is the team for you. We promise not to meet too often, but just enough to make sure we are focusing our outreach efforts in order to best use the talents, time, and service of our congregation. **Contact: Pastor Leslie and Lisa Diana**

## Other Opportunities to Serve

We are a community which "learns to serve," as our vision statement says, which is why we are always looking for ways that we can reach out in service to our neighbors. Look for congregational service projects or check out our website "Get Involved-Find a Place to Serve" to learn about some of our partner organizations which are in need of volunteers!

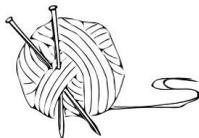
## Service Outreach Opportunities:

### Quilting

9:00 a.m., Tuesdays, The Primrose House

The quilters gather weekly in the Primrose House to sew, tie, and create beautiful quilts! The quilts are shipped each year to LWR and Wounded Warriors to offer warmth and to share the love of our community. To raise money for materials they also have an ongoing hand-quilting project.

**Contact:** *Lucy Mathesen*



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:00 a.m., First Wednesdays, Marty's Home, 266 E. Elmview

This caring group of knitters and crocheters gathers to pray over the beautiful shawls they are creating. The shawls are then given to those in need to wrap them in warmth, love, and prayer.

**Contact:** *Marty Halstead*

### Companionate Ministry

Various Time/Dates/Venues

Christ Lutheran continues to journey alongside a family transitioning to self-sufficiency after homelessness led them to a stay at Haven for Hope. We help this mom and her four small children with budget essentials and emergencies, and uplifting them with encouragement, prayers, and resources. **Contacts:** *Lisa Diana and Jan Norris*

### Meals on Wheels

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 78209

Delivery takes about an hour, and volunteers may serve anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on just one day of the week or as many days as they would like. Join the team and connect with those who are homebound and eagerly awaiting a meal and friendly conversation.

**Contact:** *CLC Office*

### Habitat for Humanity

**2017 Lutheran Cluster Dates; September 22 & 23, October 6 & 7, and October 21**

Every year our congregation participates in Habitat for Humanity. We work together with other Lutheran churches in San Antonio called our Lutheran Habitat Cluster. Sept. 8 & 9 were our official CLC days, but the other days above are Lutheran Cluster Days to volunteer as well. **Contact:** *Paul Mathsen and CLC Office*



### Joseph's Sons

6:30 p.m., First Mondays at Longhorn Café on Rittiman Rd.

Men of all ages meet for fellowship, study and spiritual growth. This group is also available to work on service projects for members who need assistance. **Contact:** *Bob Lynch*

### Men's Breakfast

7:00 a.m., Second Tuesdays at Bill Miller BBQ on Nacogdoches Rd.

Join a great group of guys for breakfast, fellowship, gospel reading, and centering. **Contact:** *Lewis Westerman*

### Sunday School for Parents

9:15 a.m., Sundays, Primrose House

This is a cozy and welcoming space and time for parents. After taking your children to Sunday School, parents are encouraged to engage their own faith through conversation and discussion led by a rotating group of parents. **Contact:** *Pastor Leslie*

## 20/30/40 Somethings:

### Mulligans

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

This is a welcoming group of 20-40 somethings who are dads, singles, or 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

We are 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 conversation 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. **Contact:** *Sarah Loyd, Carrie Jowers, and Pastor Leslie*

## Fellowship for All:

### Dinner Groups

Ever wish you could spend more time outside of Sunday mornings getting to know others and share stories? Sometimes we just want those key conversations to continue. Dinner groups provide a setting to casually and comfortably get to know one another on a deeper level. Some meet for dinner in homes, some go out for dinner, some meet for appetizers or dessert, some for brunch. The dates and details are arranged by each group, and groups are formed and coordinated by Pastor Leslie and Patti Lynch. **Contact: Leslie Price and Patti Lynch**

## Youth & Children:

### Sunday School

9:15 a.m., Sundays, CLC

We encourage our children to participate in our Sunday School program. Our 3 year olds through Kinder will be using the “Godly Play” curriculum. The 1st through 5th graders will use the Spark’s “Holy Moly” classroom-based curriculum which seeks to create a biblical imagination that lasts a lifetime!

**Contact: Carrie Jowers, Director of Faith Formation**



### Confirmation – 6th through 8th Graders

Wednesdays & Sundays, CLC

Our confirmation program meets during the school year for instruction on four Wednesdays and most Sundays for deeper conversation. Youth learn the basics of faith and most importantly the love and grace of God.

**Contact: Pastor Leslie**



### Sr. High Youth Group: The Light

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Youth Room

The youth will have a Bible study, eat dinner, play games, and have time for fellowship. First meeting is Sunday, September 17. Bring a friend!

**Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF**

### Jr. High Youth Group: Faith, Fellowship, & Friends (FX3)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Youth Room

The youth will have a Bible study, eat dinner, play games, and have time for fellowship. First meeting is Sunday, September 17. Bring a friend!

**Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF**

*See choir descriptions for children and youth under Music Ministries.*

## Prayer & Care:

### Prayer Chain Ministry

We are a “not-so-small” group of 80 members who are available to say a prayer after being notified by phone or email, whenever I receive a prayer request and send it out. There are many varied types of prayer requests: simple petitions asking God for help, prayers of thanksgiving and praise, and prayer updates for prayers that span a length of time. We pray for members of the congregation, for family and friends of members, and for world situations, especially tragedies. We don’t have meetings, only notifications, asking you to pray. **Contact: Terry Westerman and CLC Office**

### Healing Prayer

10:00 a.m., Tuesdays, Rode Prayer Chapel

A small group of members gather for about half an hour to hear a short spiritual reading, receive Holy Communion and Anointing, and offer and receive “soaking prayer” (silent prayer for a few minutes while music is played). We silently pray for each person present.

**Contact: Terry Westerman and CLC Office**

### Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement Lessons

9:00 a.m., Tuesdays starting October 17, Library

Awareness Through Movement Lessons are gentle movements which we will do sitting in a chair that will improve flexibility and balance while decreasing pain and providing relaxation. The good thing about the lessons is that you move slowly and only do the movements that are comfortable. This is one time when doing less is more!! The lessons last about 45 minutes. Anyone who has pain or limited mobility can benefit from these sessions. Any questions email me at [cyndimanes@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndimanes@yahoo.com). More information about the Feldenkrais Method can be found at [Feldenkrais.com](http://Feldenkrais.com). **Contact: Cyndi Manes**

### Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors

Various Dates/Times/Venues

Bring Holy Communion and/or a friendly visit to our homebound members to provide a connection to our community, especially to those who may feel disconnected. **Contact: Carolyn Dufelmeier**



## Music Ministries:

### Sanctuary Choir

7:05 p.m. Wednesdays & Sunday Mornings, CLC

Our sanctuary choir provides beautiful music each week in worship and you're invited to bring your voice in praise. This choir is open to high school students through adults. **Contact: Dr. Dan Long**

### Handbell Choir

6:15 p.m. Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Bell Room

The Handbell Choir is a delightful addition to our music ministry. They offer beautiful music once a month in our worship services, you won't want to miss this joyful ringing! **Contact: Dr. Dan Long**

### Angelicus Choir

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

This choir is for children kindergarten through fourth grade. They sing once a month in worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster relationships and enrich children's love and knowledge of music.

**Contact: Ariana Reyna**

### Gloria Choir

6:15 p.m. Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

This choir is for youth fifth grade through eighth grade. They also sing once a month in worship. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older children to continue nurturing the love of music in their lives.

**Contact: Ariana Reyna**

### Calling All Instrumentalists

Various Times/Dates

Do you play an instrument? Are you interested in sharing your talent in worship at Christ Lutheran? We are always looking for opportunities to feature the abilities of our own congregation members!

**Contact: Dr. Dan Long and Pastor Leslie**

### The Arts at CLCAH

One of our commitments at Christ Lutheran is to lift up the arts by hosting various artists and ensembles for musical concerts. Please be on the lookout for more about these musical concert opportunities.

## Faith Stepping Stones

In faithfulness to the promises made in baptism, Christ Lutheran seeks to teach classes on faith milestones such as My Church, Learning to Pray, Learn to Worship, Bible Navigation, and First Communion. Please be on the lookout for when these will be scheduled! **Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF**

## Worship & Church:

### Worship Assistants

Sunday Mornings, CLC Sanctuary

Are you interested in becoming an assisting minister, lector or communion assistant? Consider becoming a member of the worship assistant team and take part in leading worship in a meaningful way!

**Contact: Church Office**



### Altar Guild

Saturday and Sunday Mornings, CLC Sanctuary

These wonderful volunteers prepare the altar, set up for Holy Communion, and check linens, robes, candles, the eternal light, and candle lighters. They also change paraments according to the season and help clean up after communion on Sundays. This is a wonderful way to be spiritually engaged in the hospitality of our communion table. Join us!

**Contact: Kay Dahle**

### Ushers

Sunday Mornings, CLC Sanctuary

Ushers are an invaluable ministry. These volunteers are committed to the care, comfort, and safety of our congregation. They do ministry by making everyone feel welcome, recognizing the importance of first impressions when you come to worship. **Contact: Larry Sulser**

### Money Counters

9:-00 a.m., Mondays, Library

Each Monday a rotating group of dedicated volunteers meets to count and give thanks for the generosity of our community's stewardship! A big thanks to this group which helps us stay on top of our church's financial health. **Contact: Dale Anderson**

# Welcome

## Welcome Team

Various Times/Dates/Venues

Everyone at Christ Lutheran is vital to our Welcome Team's success as we all strive together to create a welcoming space for anyone and everyone who enters here! But we also have a specific group of friendly people who practice hospitality even more intentionally through hosting visitor coffees and receptions as a way to get to know the new faces which grace our community. **Contact: Natalie Morgan**

## Stewardship Team

Meetings leading up to Stewardship Sunday in the spring of 2018

Do you like thinking about how we can use our gifts and resources as a community? Would you like to think about that with an intentional group? Each year a group of thoughtful disciples gather to discern how to share with our congregation the important faith practice of stewardship. Serving on this team is by invitation only, but if you're interested in joining us, please talk to Pastor Leslie or Joe Diana. **Contact: Pastor Leslie and Joe Diana**

## Seasonal Liturgical Planning Team

Various Times/Dates/Venues

This is a group that comes together to plan themes for the big seasons of the church year, including Advent and Lent. Join this brainstorming session to help shape the season for our community.

**Contact: Pastor Leslie**

## Retreats & Mini-Retreats:

### Men's Retreats

The Men of CLC have two great opportunities to get out into God's creation with the guys! Give back through service projects at Camp Chrysalis or hike through the beauty of Big Bend while enjoying the company of other men from CLC.

\*Work Retreat at Camp Chrysalis: 2018 Dates

TBD **Contact: Bob Lynch**

\*Big Bend Lenten Retreat: February 15-18, 2018

**Contact: Lewis Westerman**



### Women's Retreat

**Friday, April 6 – Sunday, April 8**

This year the women of Christ Lutheran are invited to gather at the beach in Port Aransas! The theme is TBA. This year the retreat will be led by Jennifer Dunn & Heather Rosenquist. Cost is \$250 with double occupancy rooms and most meals are covered. **Contact: Pastor Leslie**

## Couples Night Out: Mini-Retreats

6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Fridays, September 29 & Spring 2018 date TBA, Fellowship Hall

Come for an evening of fun fellowship over dinner with other couples of all ages. We will have entertainment and conversation aimed at offering couple care and support. September will focus on food pairings and couple pairings! **Contact: Joe Diana**

## Middle School Gathering Retreat

**Friday, October 20 – Sunday, October 22**

The theme for the weekend is "God's work of forming & reforming is ongoing - not just a one time event.." Registration material will be coming soon! **Contact: Carrie Jowers**

## High School Retreat

**Friday, February 9 – Sunday, February 11**

The theme for the weekend is TBA. Registration material will be coming soon! **Contact: Carrie Jowers**

## Interest Groups:

### The Universe Group

Meets monthly, CLC Parlor, Dates/Times TBD

Are you curious about God's creation beyond our own pale blue dot we call home? This interest group is for wide-ranging discussion of astronomy, cosmology, the relationship between science and religion, and related topics. It is open to ages from middle school through adult.

**Contact: David Hough, CLC member & astrophysicist at Trinity University**

### The Book Club (TBC)

6:45 p.m., First Tuesdays, Various Venues

Join our group as we read and discuss fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and other fascinating books over wine and cheese. We read a book a month and meet most often at the Primrose House. Didn't read this month? Come anyway; our group practices grace!

**Contact: Edna Robbins**

### Dominoes & 1st Thursday Lunch Bunch

9:30 a.m. – Noon, First Thursdays, CLC Fellowship Hall

This welcoming group invites seniors to come play dominoes and then stay for fellowship and lunch. Join the pleasant conversation and enjoy Clara's home-cooking. **Contact: Church Office**