

## Worship

Sunday Morning  
Holy Communion  
At 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
except on Sunday,  
September 2 when we  
will have one service at  
9:30 a.m. with breakfast  
fellowship beginning at  
9:00 a.m.

## Education

Sunday Mornings  
beginning September 9  
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  
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Through God's Grace  
All are welcome as we joyfully,  
Receive...to Give  
Learn...to Serve  
and Worship...to Grow.

September 2018

## From the Pastor . . . Rally Day Sunday, September 9

It's hard to believe that summer has come to an end already! But the start of a new school year brings promise and excitement. Our fall schedule at Christ Lutheran is full of things to get excited about, too. From Sunday School for our youngsters and parents... to special events for All Saints Sunday and Reformation Sunday ... to Blessings of Bibles and more, we have a meaningful fall that invites us to focus on growing in our relationship with God and with one another. You can read all about them in this issue and upcoming issues of the *Proclaimer*. For my main article this month, I would like to highlight our kick-off event!

We invite you to join us for a special Rally Day Sunday, September 9, complete with Sunday School kick-off for all ages and a church picnic with delicious food for everyone, hosted by Mary Overstreet. *We will be back to our schedule of two Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.* We'll have activities for the children at the picnic (around noon) that remind us all of good old-fashioned fun! Please bring a friend to join in the festivities. Volunteers are needed! If you'd like to assist with set-up the day before or prep or clean-up on the day, we are always appreciative of the help. If you haven't picked a large event to volunteer for yet, perhaps this is the one! Contact the church office if you can volunteer.

Another important event to get on your calendar, particularly for our children, youth, and their families, is our Pizza and Popsicle Meet & Greet, on Thursday, September 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., giving the entire church the chance to meet and get to know our new Director of Faith Formation, Marina Huffman (page 4). Other important events include our Habitat for Humanity service days, September 14 & 15 (page 7), and our Small Group Ministry Sunday on September 16 (page 10). We hope you will join us for all these and more as we return to our school year schedule, full of opportunities for ministry and fellowship with one another.

- Pastor Leslie Price

## 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  
7:05 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.clcch.org](http://www.clcch.org).

# Faith University – September 2018 – Bernstein at 100: His Sacred Music Works

2018 marks the centennial birth year of the great American composer and conductor, Leonard Bernstein. Former student of Bernstein, our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Daniel Long, will guide Faith University through some of Bernstein's works based on Judaic and Christian faith. Join us on Sundays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30 in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for this unique and compelling musical and spiritual journey.

Looking ahead to Faith University throughout the fall semester. Look for Rev. Lisa Tice to guest teach in October. Pastor H will lead us in November and December with two, 2-part courses: the first on "Peace in God's World" and the second on "Walking through the Bible in a Year."

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## Lucy Circle ... a New Semester Begins!

Welcome back to Lucy Circle, a monthly gathering of CLC women members and visitors! We gather in the Parlor on the third Sunday to discuss various essays and connect them to our lives, our families, and our faith. Please grab a cup of coffee or tea in the CrossWay and join us on Sunday, September 16 at 9:15 a.m. for good conversation and fellowship. This month, we're reading a beautifully written, perfectly crafted essay that is tragic, poignant, and lends itself to thoughtful conversation. It is longer than our usual assignments, but we think you'll find it worth every minute of reading. The essay appeared in The New Yorker at this link: <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1996/06/24/the-fourth-state-of-matter>.

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## CLC Book Club

Peggy Enax led us in a great discussion of Hillbilly Elegy at our August meeting. It is a wonderful book with a lot to continue to think about! Mary Lynn Logan will lead our September discussion of Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark T. Sullivan. Join us on Tuesday, September 4, at 6:45 p.m. in Primrose House. Our October selection is Ruby Fruit Jungle. All are welcome! Call the church office or Edna Robbins for more information.

# From the Congregation Council...

So here we go again: the end of another summer and the start of the new school year. I hope you were able to see some people over the summer you do not see as often when we return to our two services. It was exciting to see how full the church was all summer. We also had many events towards the end of the summer right after service that were well attended and full of congregational life. It is an exciting time at CLC, and we have more exciting things coming up.

We continue to be blessed and so thankful for the ministry leadership of Pastor Stendahl (Pastor H is his preference if you had not heard that yet from him). I know that his time and efforts from the pulpit and his outreach ministry have been well received, and we are very blessed to have him as part of our pastoral leadership. We also are excited to have Marina Huffman joining us this fall as our Director of Faith Formation. We thank Carrie for all the work she has done with our programming over the past several years, and now we look forward to the paths ahead of us. Marina has a lot of exciting new ideas to help keep our youth and educational programs fresh, moving forward, and growing. Please take some time to introduce yourself to her and let her convince you to help out with our programming!

As you may have noticed, our organ is still undergoing needed repairs, funded by a generous gift from the John & Ingrid Murray Estate. With an instrument of its age and distinctive build, the repair work is intricate and takes time. We are still on schedule to have it ready at or before the Advent season, so keep your fingers crossed and your prayers coming. As the year progresses, the Council and the property committee are looking to start some other long needed upgrades on our property. Nothing has been decided, but keep an eye out for possible upgrades and changes. In particular, we are looking at the sanctuary flooring and a comprehensive look at and planning for the future on the church property.

I want to thank everyone in our church who gives so much of their time and talents, making Christ Lutheran the vibrant community it is. I am appreciative of the members of the Congregation Council and church staff who make my life easy in my capacity as President. Our church is very blessed with Becky and Linda, who are great at keeping things running smoothly, and also with all the others who give of themselves to continue to make Christ Lutheran the place to come and worship.

- Robb Decker, Congregation Council President

## Member News

### Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Betty Roiz, who died on September 14.

# Come meet Marina!

Marina here! I am so excited to join in the faith journey with you and would really love to meet all of the youth and parents before the year gets started. I am 22 years old and just graduated from Texas Lutheran University (Go Dogs!) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and a minor in music. I love to sing everywhere I go, especially in worship. I'm from the small town of Angleton, TX, where my church was really tiny, but it was a super close community. I grew up going to church camp and even spent four summers working at camp. That is where my passion for God and teaching others about God grew into what it is today.

Now that you know a little bit about me, a meet and greet has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall so I can get to know you! There will be pizza, popsicles, and pretty great fellowship. I hope to see you all there!

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## Sunday School starts September 9

Preschool and elementary will start their mornings every Sunday in their classrooms at 9:15 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. We will listen, pray and read from the Bible each Sunday and learn how the Bible relates to our everyday lives. Sunday School classrooms for preschool and elementary are located on the 2nd floor. Classes will be divided into two different age groups: 3-year-old through kinder and 1st through 5th grade.

### **Sunday School Schedule for 3 years old through 5th grade:**

9:15 a.m. Children arrive to their Sunday School rooms

10:15 a.m. Parents pick up children from Sunday School rooms

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## Stepping Stone for our 3-Year-Old Children Entering Sunday School Sunday, September 9

At Christ Lutheran, we welcome 3-year-old children to begin a new stage of their faith development by beginning Sunday School. To honor this big step in their lives, we will welcome these children and their families to come forward for a special blessing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 9 (Rally Day). At this time, each child will be given a Spark Story Bible as a way to enter their faith journey at church and at home with their families.

# Confirmation Class (6th - 8th grade)

Through our confirmation program, we seek to encourage, inspire, and nurture students as they experience God's baptismal promises, grow in their faith and understanding, and discover what it means to be God's people in the world today. We tackle the stuff that defines our Lutheran religion, such as the Bible, theology, and the Small Catechism. Most importantly, we learn about the grace and love of God.

On four select Wednesday evenings (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) throughout the year, we will spend time in a large group, hearing interactive presentations by Pastor Leslie and Pastor H that cover the upcoming topics for the next several weeks in Sunday school. On Sunday mornings (9:15 to 10:15 a.m.), students will gather with their Sunday school teachers to talk in-depth about the topics covered in large group and how they might apply this learning to their lives.

**Our first Wednesday large group of the year will take place in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 5. We invite all parents and students (6th - 8th grades) to come at 5:30 p.m. to Fellowship Hall for an orientation. Following the orientation, our large group class will take place, and we will end at 8:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided for all at 5:30 p.m.**

Sunday Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 9 (Rally Day) upstairs in the Youth Fellowship Room. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

## Important Dates for Children & Youth (Parents, please cut this out and stick it on the fridge)

Wednesday, September 5 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Orientation, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
 Thursday, September 6 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Meet our new Director of Faith Formation, Marina Huffman  
 Sunday, September 9 - Rally Day and Sunday School kicks off at 9:15 a.m. (All Church Picnic at noon)  
 Sunday, September 9 - Stepping Stone (3-year-old children receive Bibles at the 10:30 a.m. worship service)  
 Wednesday, September 12 - Wednesday Night Choirs begin at 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 16 - The Light and FX3 High School and Jr. High Bible studies begin at 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 24 - Confirmation Large Group at 6:00 p.m. (Pizza at 5:30 p.m.)  
 Tuesday, October 30 - Trunk or Treat 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 31 - No Children's Choirs, Happy Halloween!  
 Sunday, November 4 - All Saints Sunday (All Congregation Event at 9:15 a.m.)  
 Sunday, November 11 - Pageant Rehearsals begin during Sunday School (3 years old through 5th grade)  
 Sunday, November 25 - No Sunday School - Happy Thanksgiving!  
 Sunday, December 9 - Advent Festival, Fellowship Hall, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 16 - Christmas Pageant at 9:15 a.m. in Sanctuary  
 Sunday, December 23 - No Sunday School  
 Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m.

# FX3 and The Light

Our middle and high school youth are invited the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month to have a special time of faith and fellowship with friends. This time will consist of Bible study, prayer, and dinner. We will explore scripture in an open conversation to link worship, the Word of God, and the way we live every day. Our faith is always growing, so let's grow together! **Our first meeting for the year will be September 16.** We will meet in the youth room, located upstairs in the educational building, **from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

# Gloria and Angelicus Choirs

It's time to kick off another great year of singing. Angelicus and Gloria Choirs meet in the Sanctuary under the direction of Ariana Acosta. Sharon Wiedemann is our faithful accompanist, and the children adore her and Ariana. Together they lead our youngest members in creating beautiful sound for our worship. The children and youth learn introits, hymns, anthems, and benedictions. Rehearsals are fast-paced and energetic. The children look forward to assisting in worship once a month, and they form friendships and memories that can last a lifetime.

We are making a few changes to our children's choirs this fall. As far as the schedule, we will have the two choirs overlap their rehearsal time to give them a few minutes to rehearse as a full group. See the schedule below. We are also shifting the age groupings. Now Angelicus Choir will consist of kindergartners through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade while Gloria Choir will consist of 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Regular Wednesday Night Choir Schedule:

5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.: Angelicus Choirs (kinder through 3rd)

6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.: Gloria Choirs (4th grade through 8th)

Wednesday Choir Dates for this Fall:

September 12: Gloria & Angelicus Choirs Begin

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17: Regular Schedule

October 24: Angelicus Choir ONLY

October 31: NO CHOIRS – Happy Halloween!

November 7, 14: Regular Schedule

November 21: NO CHOIRS – Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28: Regular Schedule

December 5 & 12: Combined Choir Rehearsal from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. (last rehearsals for the fall)

Singing in Worship at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please arrive at the choir risers by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 14, Sunday, November 11, and Sunday, December 2

# Habitat for Humanity

Christ Lutheran Church continues to work with Habitat for Humanity in building affordable homes in our community. Every year since 1999, Christ Lutheran has helped sponsor and build a home as a member of the South Texas Lutheran Cluster. This fall the Lutheran Cluster will sponsor a house at 227 South Acme Road in the Lenwood Heights neighborhood. Christ Lutheran volunteers will partner with MacArthur Park volunteers on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15. Christ Lutheran is looking for 10-12 volunteers for both days. Sign-In begins at 7:45 a.m. and the safety briefing begins at 8:00 a.m. Because of the type of work being performed, the age requirement for workers is 16 years and up. No building experience is needed, and all tools will be provided on site. Each house is assigned a building supervisor, and that person will provide all the necessary guidance. Christ Lutheran is also looking for volunteers to provide lunch for 30 volunteers on Friday, September 14. Lunch is served at 11:00 a.m. on site, however, they ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to set up. MacArthur Park will provide lunch on Saturday, September 15.

The San Antonio Habitat for Humanity office was the first affiliate in the nation to be formed, and since 1976 it has helped organize and build well over 900 homes in the San Antonio area.

The membership of Christ Lutheran Church has always been very supportive of the Habitat for Humanity program financially and through volunteerism. Year after year CLC volunteers contribute their time, labor, and prayers to assist a selected family build a structure they will call home. This is another opportunity for CLC members to become involved in improving the quality of life for a family in our community.

A sign-up roster will be posted in the area where breakfast is served between services. There will also be a map providing the directions to Lenwood Heights.

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## Thank You!

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran,  
Thank you so much for the incredible outpouring of love at the Babies Shower on Sunday, August 19. Jayme and I felt so blessed by your excitement for us. The food was delicious! Thank you for your generous donations to Help Us Adopt, as well as for the kind gifts you gave us. Most special were the blessings and wisdom you left for us on our Blessing Tree . . . thank you! A special thanks to all who worked so hard to put the shower together for us: Don Kurtti, Carol & Casey Passant, Stephanie & Chad Burkhardt, Blossom & Bobby Stobb, Laurie & Ed Stiteler, Rhonda Barsalou & Kim Addis, Jeanette Wahl, Mariel & Matt Michel, and of course, to Laurie Huhndorf who coordinated it all. Thank you again for all your love and support!

Pastor Leslie and Jayme

# Small Group Ministry Sunday!

## September 16

It's time for another year of wonderful fellowship and ministry in the form of all the amazing small groups we have at Christ Lutheran! On Sunday, September 16, we will celebrate the small groups within our faith community – all of which seek to care, pray, engage, and serve for the sake of growing together spiritually to become a dwelling place for God.

Our NEW small group ministry brochure will be unveiled on Sunday, September 16, and all members of Christ Lutheran will be encouraged to consider where they might want to be involved. Our small groups range in focus, including: Bible studies, service, worship-oriented, fellowship, and special interests. The brochure also highlights our many wonderful music ministries in which members are invited to participate.

We currently have almost 50 groups, but if there is something you're interested in that you can't find, please chat with Pastor Leslie about starting up a new group. To get in the 2018-2019 Small Group Ministries brochure, please talk to Pastor Leslie by Sunday, September 2.

Also, for small group leaders: please consider signing up to have a "booth" (part of a table) in the CrossWay throughout the morning of Sunday, September 16, to introduce yourself to potential new members and tell them more about your group. To sign up for booth space, e-mail or call the church office by Tuesday, September 4.

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## YOU ARE the CLC Companionate Ministry Team!

For about five years, a fluctuating group of CLC folks have served on the Companionate Ministry Team (formerly the Haven for Hope Ministry). We've walked alongside Brenda and her children and seen them grow and conquer obstacles and find peace and stability. This summer, we asked our CLC friends to help Brenda's kids get ready for Back-to-School in style – with colorful new backpacks, cool athletic shoes, and big bags of school supplies. You jumped all over that opportunity, and when I dropped by church a week before deadline to see if we had everything, I nearly cried at your kindness and generosity. What a beautiful array of shiny new things. Brenda and her kiddos are thrilled! We delivered the mountain of goodies to her in time for school and wish you could have been there to witness the joy and gratitude. Thank you all!

- Jan Norris

# Praises to:

- All who donated food to the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash for Gertrude Krueger and to the baby shower for Leslie and Jayme.
- The Liturgical Planning Team for a very productive meeting and great ideas!
- The Eucharistic Ministry Team for your time and dedication.
- All who donated items for the backpacks for Interfaith Welcome Coalition, and to those who helped fill the backpacks.
- Lisa Diana for making all the arrangements for the backpack service project.
- Pastor Stendahl, Jeff Buchanan, and Ulf Balldin for their presentations during the August Lecture series.
- Youth, parents, and Carrie Jowers for the lunch and presentation during the Stockholders Banquet.
- Our worship helpers who are always ready to serve in worship with very short notice!
- Every kind and generous person who purchased school supplies and back-to-school shoes for Brenda's four children. We hope you know how deeply Brenda appreciates your continuing support.
- All who have signed up (and continue to sign up) to give our friend Ndeh Moma a ride from St. Mary's University to Christ Lutheran on Sunday mornings so he can attend worship with us. Your friendship and support are precious to Moma. We are his extended family in San Antonio. You can sign up on the care calendar at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fa8a82ca4f85-rides>.

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# Backpacks for IWC

Thanks to all who donated items for the backpacks and those who helped to assemble them. We were able to fill 32 backpacks for Interfaith Welcome Coalition to be delivered to families being released from detention centers and traveling to meet sponsors or family members. Thanks also to those who generously donated for the prayer flags displayed in the CrossWay that were created by a group of ladies from University Presbyterian Church. If you would like to learn more about making these flags, this group meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and welcomes others to join them. Or, if you would like to learn more about how to help these families through Interfaith Welcome Coalition, please contact Lisa Diana at [lisa@clcah.org](mailto:lisa@clcah.org).

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A colorful poster for a church event. The top half features a string of multi-colored triangular bunting flags and several large, shiny balloons in various colors (red, yellow, green, blue, purple, orange). The text is centered and reads: "Rally Day" in a large, teal, cursive font; "and" in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font; "churchpicnic" in a large, teal, sans-serif font with "picnic" in a smaller, orange, cursive font; "Sunday, September 9" in a large, orange, bold, sans-serif font; and a list of activities in purple, sans-serif font: "8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m. Worship", "9:15 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages", "10:30 a.m. Bible Stepping Stone for 3 year-old Children", and "11:45 a.m. All Church Picnic in Fellowship Hall". The entire poster is enclosed in a thin pink border.

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