

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

Children's 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.

October 2018

Pastor's Article

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be

These poetic words, sung to a Shaker melody composed in the 19th century, calm me in a time when the rancorous words common in our current political climate dominate the daily news. The poetry reminds me that there is beautiful simplicity in the Gospel we celebrate at Christ Lutheran Church.

We confess that simple Gospel at every worship together, when we say *We believe in God... Creator of heaven and earth*. Our flawed human community at times inflicts great harm on itself, yet this is still "My Father's World," and we are blessed every day to speak an alternative voice amidst the rancor, that care for the earth and its inhabitants is our opportunity. If others speak in harsh, judgmental tones, let our voices not be among them. Let our words and ways of life celebrate the simple, profound truth that this is God's world, and we are stewards of it.

We confess the simple faith that *we believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord*. When name-calling becomes the norm, when even national leaders identify others in terms we would not permit from the littlest ones in our families, remember instead the name of Jesus and his self-emptying love which empowers us toward reconciliation, greater and more lasting than any weapon or threat.

We confess simple trust when we announce together that *We believe in the Holy Spirit*. In so doing we recognize that we cannot by our own understanding or effort make these confessions of faith or live according to God's will, but God's presence with us, the Holy Spirit, calls and gathers us, returning us to the eternal promise of our Baptism. The hope of the resurrection sends us back into God's world, not to make everyone "just like us," but giving witness to God's grace in lives devoted to respect and faithfulness.

As we have begun a new programmatic year with Rally Day Sunday in September, there is new life evident in our community of faith. There are new lives, fresh from the Creator's hand. We see familiar friends, and a community eager to move forward. It's the simple Gospel that unites and frees us, bringing the gift to "come down where we ought to be."

It's an honor to walk together with you. - Pastor H

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. – TBD

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.

"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, October 14

Sunday, October 14, is "God's Work. Our Hands." service Sunday at Christ Lutheran Church. We will be offering two different service projects. First, we will assemble Thanksgiving meal packages for CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry) to give to families in need. Second, we will write holiday cards and put together snack packages for our military personnel deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. These will be all-age activities during our regular Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:15. Check the bulletin and the CrossWay for the items we need if you would like to help. Look forward to seeing you then!

God's Peace, Lisa Diana, lisa@clcah.org.

Faith University in October: Minor Prophets

Like the Epistles, the minor prophets spoke to a specific people at a specific time, but their words still resonate with us today. Speaking to the people of Israel at a dark time in their history, these prophets called out the excesses of the times and shared a word of hope for the future. Each week, we will explore three of these prophets, where amid the sorrow of the people of Israel we find God's great grace and unconditional love for God's people. Join Rev. Lisa Tice in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Lucy Circle: October 21

All CLC women (members, guests, and visitors) are invited to join Lucy Circle for good conversation and fellowship on Sunday, October 21. We meet in the Parlor at 9:15 a.m. during the Sunday school hour. Edna has selected an essay from The New Yorker that, she says, "made Anthony Bourdain famous." Reading this may make you rethink restaurant dining. It shamelessly bares the soul of the restaurateur with Bourdain's trademark candor and irreverence. I've put it into a Word doc; if you'd like a copy, let me know. You can also find it on The New Yorker archives. Title is "Don't Eat Before Reading This" by Anthony Bourdain from April 19, 1999.

- Jan Norris

New Member Sunday

Join us on Sunday, October 21, in the CrossWay after the 10:30 a.m. service for a reception honoring the new members of our CLC family! Call the church office if you are interesting in joining ... all are welcome here!

Soul Sisters

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 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. We meet on first Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Julian's in Sunset Ridge. Next meeting is October 4. Please contact the church office if you will need child care.

- Casey Passant & Caitlyn Zwang

Mulligans

Mulligans 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. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on second Tuesdays. Location is TBD. Next meeting is October 9. Call Casey, Chad, or the church office for the location.

- Casey Passant & Chad Burkhardt

Member News

Births

- Congratulations to Pastor Leslie & Jayme on the birth of Diana Kay and Henry Edward on September 10.
- Congratulations to Tim & Natalie Brown and big sister Emery on the birth of Travis Parker on September 13. Grandparents are John & Claudia Malitz.

Praises To

- Marina Huffman and all Sunday School leaders for a smooth beginning to Sunday School for children and youth.
- Mary Overstreet and her crew for a tasty and fun Rally Day picnic!
- Paul Mathsen for his dedication to our Habitat work.
- All who worked on Friday, September 15, on the Habitat Build before the rains came!
- Small Group leaders for "manning a booth" on Small Group Sunday.

Important Dates for Children & Youth

Parents, please save this and put it on the fridge.

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.

Trunk or Treat

Please join us for a fun and safe evening of games and Trick or Treat goodies in the Christ Lutheran Primrose parking lot on Tuesday, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. All ages are invited to join us in Halloween fellowship. We are also in need of participants to bring their cars – decorated if possible – with goodies to hand out to the kids. Please contact Marina Huffman if you would like to participate.

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 was postponed due to weather, but we will meet on October 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Dinner will be provided. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Upcoming Confirmation Event

Corn Maze Outing: On Saturday, October 27, we will head to Hondo for fellowship, games, and trivia to get through the corn maze. We will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and head to Hondo. We are looking for chaperones for this super fun event; so if you can help, please let Marina Huffman know. **Look out for any changes due to weather as the event date gets closer.**

Gloria and Angelicus Choirs

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 intros, 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.

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 3rd grade while Gloria Choir will consist of 4th through 8th 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:

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)

When we sing in worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 14, Sunday, November 11, and Sunday, December 2., please arrive at the choir risers by 10:00 a.m.

Bulldog Youth Retreat

High school and middle school youth are invited to join TLU's Campus Ministries' Team **October 20 through the 21** for an overnight experience of growing in discipleship! Youth and their leaders will engage in creative worship, explore meaningful small group Bible study, and build lasting friendships around a campfire. Registration is \$35 per person. The deadline for payment is October 15. Please contact Marina Huffman to sign up.

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 confirmation large group was a huge success and we cannot wait for our second Wednesday large group of the year that will take place in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 24. We invite all parents and students (6th - 8th grades) to come at 5:30 p.m. to Fellowship Hall for our pizza feast. Following the meal, our large group class will take place, and we will end at 8:00 p.m.

Fundraiser for Agape Ministry

As a joint venture of Christ Lutheran, Sunset Ridge Church of Christ, and Heights Community Church, a special event is being planned as a fall festival event and fundraiser for Agape Ministry. On Sunday, October 28, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the parking lot of Sunset Ridge Church of Christ, all are invited to an afternoon of fall fun and fellowship! There will be a Trunk or Treat, Chili Cook-off, dunking booth, games for children, raffle for great prizes, snow cone truck and lots more! The proceeds from the raffle and dunking booth will go to Agape Ministry, one of our benevolence gift recipients! Please watch for more information coming soon!

Sunday School for Parents

Our Sunday School program for parents meets in the Primrose House on Sunday mornings. We typically start around 9:30 after parents have had a chance to drop off their kids at Sunday School and get a cup of coffee. This gathering offers parents the opportunity to relax and share the joys and challenges of parenthood with other parents. We will also rotate leaders for short discussions on the gospel of the day and how it relates to our role as parents. It is fun and relaxing. I hope you will join us.

- Joe Diana

All Saint's Sunday

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 4. 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 name 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.

Grief in the Holidays Workshop

Offered through Porter Loring Family Care Services

The holidays are an especially hard time when grieving the loss of a loved one. The season renews memories, family ties, and traditions. We become painfully aware that our special loved one is no longer present. This is often difficult for families. The pain of the loss is confused with the spirit of the season. Grief and the Holidays is a workshop designed to help those who are grieving and their families to better understand the grief process, how it affects us during the holiday, and how we can use this special time to continue to heal.

Please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:30-8:00 p.m. CLC Parlor

Presenter: Darwin Huartson, M.Div., BCC

Contact: Linda at 210-822-3394

From the Day School

Dear Friends and Family of CLDS,

On November 1, 2018, Christ Lutheran Day School will hold its annual fundraiser, Fall Fest 2018. "I love CLDS: A Night in the Big Apple," is for students and families, faculty, and the surrounding community. The parents of Christ Lutheran Day School request your support for Fall Fest 2018.

Christ Lutheran Day School was founded in 1955 and has become a well-known, accredited preschool program. The school provides a safe, nurturing, and educational environment for approximately 100 preschool aged children. We rely on the generosity of merchants, companies, and friends of the school to make our largest fundraiser of the year successful. Donors are acknowledged the night of the event and in all printed materials distributed to the students' families, faculty, and staff.

We hope we can count on your contribution and support to make this year one of the most successful events thus far. Each donation makes a difference in our children's lives. Fundraising proceeds from Fall Fest 2018 will be used to replace the carpet in our classrooms with new laminate flooring that is easy to clean, safe, and will help CLDS maintain the standards for NAEYC accreditation. Additional funds raised will be applied to new Creative Curriculum® resources that will help our new teachers enrich their lesson plans and implement developmentally appropriate and content-rich programs.

The proceeds from Fall Fest 2017 enabled the Day School to renovate and update the Music and Movement room and purchase and install new office doors with an added security key card component. We want to extend another thank you to our generous supporters in 2017!

\$2000 donation provides new laminate flooring for one classroom (there are currently five classrooms to renovate).

\$1000+ donation helps the school reach its goal to remove carpet and replace the classroom floors.

\$500 donation contributes to the flooring renovations.

\$250 donation provides materials that enrich our curriculum.

On behalf of the children of Christ Lutheran Day School, we thank you in advance for your contribution to Fall Fest. Your generosity is truly appreciated and will enhance funding for valuable programs and projects.

Sincerely,
Margaret Pape
2018 Fall Fest Chair
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Elaine Vornsand
2018 Fall Fest Co-Chair
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CLC Book Club

A big thanks to Mary Lynn Logan for leading the September meeting. Everyone enjoyed the book, Beneath a Scarlet Sky, and the conversation. Great choice! We have some interesting books in the months ahead and hope you'll join us. Yeah, you!

October Rubyfruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown
November Educated by Tara Westover
December Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

For more information, contact Edna Robbins.

Companionate Ministry

Many thanks to Lucy Circle for bringing in several bags of non-perishable foods, paper products, and a cash contribution in September to help Brenda and her family through her unemployment hump. She is actively looking for work and would appreciate your help. She would like to find part-time work as an in-home caregiver and/or housekeeper. If you'd like to know more, you can call Brenda. The church office will give you her number. Her children are all attending the same elementary school and doing well. Brenda, Bobby, and the children can use our support and our prayers. And if we're able, she'd like for us to employ her!

Moma, our Cameroonian refugee, has embarked on his final semester of law school at St. Mary's, is working part-time at HEB, and maintaining a 3.3 GPA. He studies very hard and is hoping to find work as an immigration attorney once he completes school in December and passes the Bar. Many thanks to those of you who have befriended him, given him rides to worship, and offered other means of support. If you'd like to sign up to pick him up at STMU and drive him to worship on a Sunday morning (and take him back to school), you will find his company and his story most compelling. You may sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044fa8a82ca4f85-rides>.

- Jan Norris

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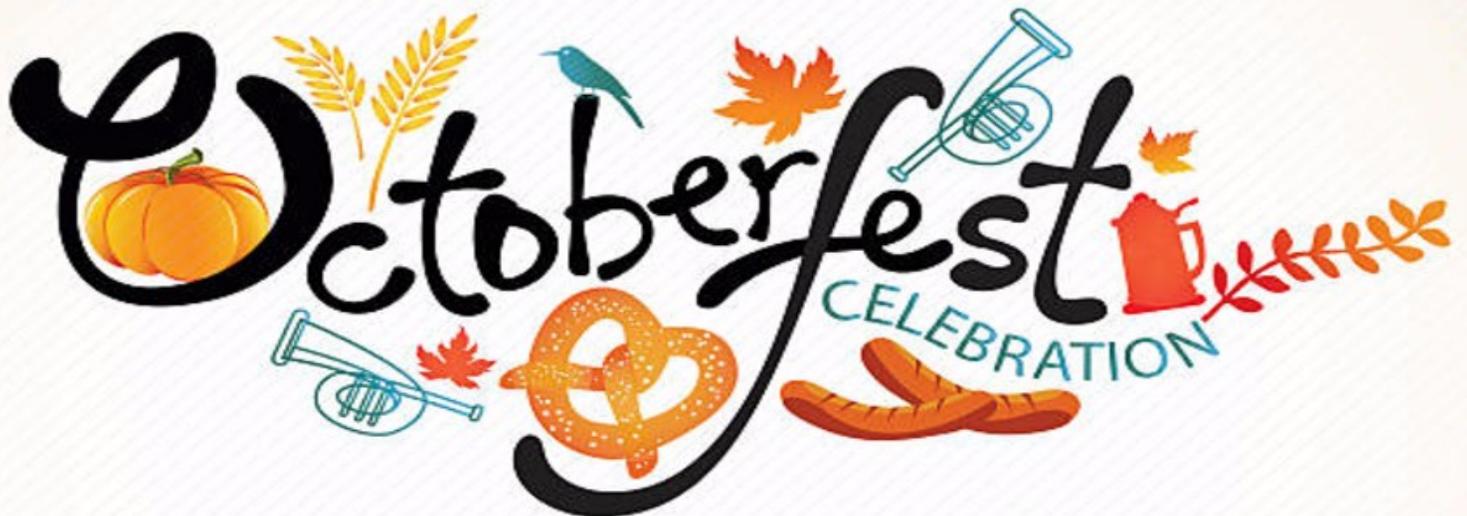
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