

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 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.

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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.

December 2018

From the Congregation Council

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving took some time to reflect on all the blessings you have enjoyed for the past year. This year has seen quite a few changes and celebrations which have had a direct impact on our parish lives. As we near the end of the year, I am reflecting on all that has happened in our congregation and what's still to come.

The first change that comes to mind involves Pastor Leslie and Jayme. They discovered Pastor Leslie was pregnant... with twins! The council had already realized that adding a part time pastor was likely a necessity this year and when we found out about the twins, God intervened and presented us with Pastor H. Pastor H. has been a true blessing, working in conjunction with Pastor Leslie and during her maternity leave.

We have also seen our educational program leadership change this year with Marina Huffman coming onto our staff. Marina has been adding to our youth program with new ideas and events, and it will be exciting to see what the future will bring with that programming.

It has been interesting to get input from Pastor H about how our church runs, in particular how well our congregation steps up to support our church programs. Any discussion about how well our church runs would be incomplete without giving major thanks to Linda and Becky who truly make everything operate smoothly. We are beyond blessed by both of them. I also thank everyone who graciously serves on the many committees and those who lead our programming. Without you, we could not be the church that we are, and my job as the head of the Congregation Council would be far less ceremonial and more hands on.

On the physical side, we have been making updates throughout the church property. We finished the parlor and the kitchen area in the CrossWay. Both areas look great and are more functional as well. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to hear the organ since we

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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.

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completed some major repairs and upgrades which were made possible through a generous gift from the John & Ingrid Murray Estate. It will be a true blessing to the music of advent season. The property committee, in conjunction with the Council, is about to embark on a development plan for other parts of the property as well. In particular, we are looking at refreshing the sanctuary, which likely will include changing the floors, potentially modifying and repairing areas approaching the altar, and refinishing the pews. This type of major update is going to involve some disruption to the ordinary worship process, but hopefully in as minimal way as possible. We also are looking at ways to update and increase the quality and functionality of Fellowship Hall. The updates already done and those in the future plans are being carefully considered with input from multiple sources. If you have property issues you think need to be addressed, let us know.

I am excited for the new year and the promises and hopes that every new year brings to us all. It is an exciting time at Christ Lutheran Church. We await the return of Pastor Leslie, the building of our programs, the continuation of our benevolence work, and with the updating our property, an increase in the quality of our church experience.

Merry Christmas to everyone and I wish you and safe and Happy New Year.

- Rob Decker, President, Congregation Council

Lessons & Carols 2018

Lessons and Carols has been a time-honored service in the Christian Church for centuries. It has also been a tradition at CLCAH for the past ten years, combining the gifts of our music ministry. Come join us on Sunday, **December 9, at either the 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. service** for this musically and spiritually compelling event.

- Dan Long

Receive to Give - Global Relief

\$27K of your benevolence gifts supports the **Southwestern Texas Synod**, which covers critical ministries of the **ELCA**, including **Disaster Response, World Hunger, Young Adults in Global Mission, and the International Women Leaders Initiative**. Your dollars promote peace, justice, faith and comfort around the world. Bless you for your stewardship.

Hanging of the Greens: December 2, 11:30 a.m.

Pre-K through elementary-age children are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall to have lunch and make ornaments for our Sanctuary Christmas Tree! Confirmation & high school youth through adults will decorate the Sanctuary, CrossWay, and outside doors. After the decorating is complete, we'll celebrate with chili and tamales in the CrossWay. Please join us. The more hands, the faster we can get to the chili!

Faith University in December

On December 2 and 9 at 9:15, Pastor H will present an overview of Biblical literature in two parts. These Faith University presentations will introduce those considering participation in the "Read Through the Bible in a Year" small group project in the coming year to the types of literature in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. All are welcome to these Faith University opportunities, especially those desiring to participate in the small group.

Advent Wednesdays

Our Advent Wednesday worship services will be held December 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this beautiful, calming worship based on Holden Evening Prayer. The lovely music of this vespers service sets the tone for the season reminding us to bring hope, send peace, share joy and wrap others in God's love.

Member News

Baptisms

- Henry Edward & Diana Kay Brown on November 25. Parents are Pastor Leslie Price & Jayme Brown.

Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Bill Pfennig who died on November 1.
- Lynnell Burkett, her family and friends on the death of David Burkett on November 4.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Join us for the fourth annual Cookie Exchange on December 16, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring three-dozen festive home-baked cookies to exchange with other CLC bakers. We will enjoy mulled wine and other treats during adult fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be in the Crossway, and you can contact Edna Robbins, Rhonda Vasbinder, or Laurie Huhndorf for more information.

Angel Tree

Thank you so much to those who chose an angel from the Family Service Association Angel Tree and purchased items to make Christmas brighter for those in need in our community! **Please bring wrapped gifts to the CrossWay no later than Wednesday, December 5. Be sure to attach the tag and keep all the gifts together in a bag.** If you did not get an angel and would still like to help, gifts of non-perishable foods and new or gently used household items, linens, and furnishings are also needed by these families. For more information, talk to Linda or Larry Sulser, or call the church office.

Soul Sisters and Mulligans Combined Meeting December 6

In December, our young men's and women's groups will meet together to do a service project and to celebrate with Christmas cheer. We get to play the part of Santa, checking off his Christmas list, as we will take an inventory of all the toys donated through the Adopt-a-Family program on our Angel Tree. We will check to be sure all gifts are ready for pick-up and delivery. In addition, we will bask in the joy of the season, sharing food and drink, Christmas memories, and more. We will gather Thursday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the CrossWay. Please bring an appetizer or other food item to share. We will provide the beer and wine for the festivities. Childcare will be available in the nursery upon request.

CLC Book Club

In November, we had another successful meeting. We've had great turnouts and wonderful discussions. You can't ask for more than that. Many thanks to Celia for leading the discussion. The December book is [Born A Crime](#) by Trevor Noah. In January, we switch gears and go for a murder mystery. The title is, [The 71/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle](#) by Stuart Tuton. Natalie will be leading the discussion. One review said the book has a good plot, plenty of clues, and a satisfying ending. Sounds good!

Sunday School on Christmas Break

There will be **no** Sunday School on Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30 during the Christmas break. We will resume Sunday School for all ages on Sunday, January 6 with our Epiphany party during the Sunday School hour.

Advent Festival for All Ages: December 9, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, December 9, we will celebrate Advent with a church wide Advent Festival to get ready for the new church year! Photo ops, picture frame making, cookie decorating, as well as making Advent wreaths and Christmas ornaments will be here for all! Please contact Marina Huffman, Director of Faith Formation, in the church office if you can help set up.

Christmas Pageant

This holiday season is full of gifts, cookies, candy, lights, evergreen trees, and ornaments, but have you ever wondered why we have all this “stuff”? Is there a reason behind everything we do for Christmas? On **December 16 at 9:15 a.m.**, the talented and wise children of this congregation will answer these questions and teach us the **12 Symbols of Christmas!** Pageant rehearsals have begun and will continue every Sunday until the morning of the pageant. A reception of cookies and hot chocolate will be in the CrossWay following the pageant.

FX3 and The Light

The Light and FX3 will meet together this month at the church on Sunday, December 9 when we will hold our annual Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall. The youth are encouraged to wear a favorite Christmas sweater and bring a White Elephant gift to exchange (\$10 limit). We will have dinner and play fun games. This event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, December 2: Psalms
Sunday, December 9: Wisdom Literature
Sunday, December 16: Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 23: No Sunday School (Christmas Break)
Sunday, December 30: No Sunday School (New Year's Break)
Sunday, January 7: Help with Epiphany Party (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, January 13: Overview of Old Testament
Sunday, January 20: Breakfast Fellowship
Sunday, January 27: Pentecost



Middle school and High School Youth: Christmas Service Opportunity!

**Shop for toys for Inner City Development's
Christmas Toy Sale!**

**Saturday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.
Meet at CLC and then hit the stores!**

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Julian's

**A great service opportunity
loaded with Christmas cheer!**

Contact Marina Huffman for all the fun details!

Great Big Thank You!!

I am still struck by all of your commitment towards helping and supporting Agape and how uplifted I was when I walked out of that committee meeting a month ago! I was blown away by the outpouring of support even beyond planning the festival as you all brainstormed ways to help Agape and our mission! The festival event was awesome! We brought home \$989 from the proceeds of the dunk tank and raffle! It will be put in our "Healing Fund" which is earmarked to help families with things like prescriptions they can't afford, etc. Thank you all for all your work and effort in bringing such nice items! Who would have thought there would be autographed Spurs stuff there!? One of the highlights was seeing Pastor John going underwater with a superman outfit on and I can truly say I could relate about 50 times later! Everybody at Agape is buzzing about what a great event it was and talking about the generosity and support of three amazing churches! Your support in so many ways and beyond the festival has been a real "shot in the arm" for Agape! Food drives, bagging rice and beans, making up lunch sacks previously, t-shirts, volunteer recruitment, volunteering husbands to do pick-ups :-), and more means so much! We thank God for you all! You are living examples of Hebrews 10:24 - "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."

- Vince Vita, on behalf of The Agape Ministry

Praises To

- The Choir and Brass Ensemble for their beautiful musical offerings to our All Saint's Sunday worship services.
- Chuck DeFrest for repairing the hall tree that holds the children's worship bags.
- The Sunday School children and their parents for their time spent practicing the songs and script for the Christmas pageant!
- Marina Huffman for stepping in to lead the children's choirs rehearsals! Under her capable direction, the talented choirs are sure to be ready for worship on December 2 and for the Christmas Pageant on December 16.
- Those who helped serve Thanksgiving lunch to the appreciative folks at SA Clubhouse.
- All who chose an angel from our Angel Tree to bring joy to someone in need at Christmas.
- All who continue to support our friends Brenda and her family, and NdehMoma, through your prayers and gifts to the Companionate Ministry Team fund.
- Everyone in this congregation for your stewardship; 20% of your gifts support important ministries in our community and around the world.

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Join us this Advent and Christmas Season

Adopt An Angel
Sunday, Nov. 18 to
Wednesday, Dec. 5
Tree in CrossWay

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, Dec. 2
Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.

Advent Sundays
December 2, 9, 16
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 9 Lessons and Carols
Dec. 23 9:30 a.m.

Inner City Development
Christmas Store
Saturday, Dec. 8
1300 Chihuahua
10:00 a.m.

Advent Festival
Sunday, Dec. 9
Fellowship Hall
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant
Sunday, Dec. 16 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

Worship

River City Ringers
Concert
Friday, Dec. 14
Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.

Cookie Exchange
Sunday, Dec. 16
Fellowship Hall
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Advent Wednesdays
Dec. 5, 12, 19
Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve Services
4:00 p.m. *Child-friendly*, 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. *Traditional*
All Services with Communion
Nursery at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.