

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 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.

January 2019

From the Pastor

For years I wondered why the military gyms were so crowded when we returned from holiday vacation. We could not get near the machines or weights we desired due to the unusual number of others apparently seeking greater fitness. Going to the gym as a chaplain in early January resembled Christmas and Easter in the chapel – it made one wonder where all these people have been during other times of the year! It took one of the trainers to teach me: it was all about New Year's resolutions, and that I would see the numbers of people at the gym return to "normal" within a few weeks, or even days. The trainer was right.

St Paul taught the Romans that one can "will" what is right, but one cannot always do it (7:18). All of us can identify times when, left to our ourselves, we know darn well what we need to do, but we can feel powerless. I remain amused by a poster in the Pentagon gym that read "...if God wanted me to touch my toes, God would have put them on my knees." Physical fitness is a great discipline and it will enhance one's wellness and enjoyment of life, but it doesn't save one's soul. As an older guy, I have learned to lighten up and enjoy life in moderation, much as I hate moderation; and those weights were heavy. I put them down and I think I had a glass of wine. I once heard a physician say a glass of red wine each night was healthy. Maybe it was one of my sons who said that.

I'm going out on a limb here and urging you all to forego making New Year's resolutions. You want to go to the gym and get fit? Great! Do that, and get someone to go with you and someone to guide you. Just don't make a resolution. It's a curse, like a tattoo of your lover's name on a sensitive part of your body. Want to be more prayerful this year? Wonderful. Be part of a community of faith, our community of faith, and let it grow into your way of life. Want to advocate for those needing a home or visit those unable to come to church? Identify yourself to those in our community of faith who DO those ministries. It becomes a part of you, and we grow together.

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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

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.

Pastor . . . (Continued from page 1)

What an honor it has been for me this past year and what healing it brings to be a part of Christ Lutheran Church. I will make no “resolutions” this New Year, except the daily remembrance of my baptism, God’s resolution that promises life beyond life, regardless of my accomplishments. I will come to the Lord’s Table, not because I’m worthy, but because I’m welcome, and together we all receive “the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”

All are welcome here. All year. Every year.

- Pastor “H”

Faith University

January 13, 20, 27

Parament, purificator, corporal, ciborium . . . what do these things have in common? Answer: they are all involved in our regular weekly worship at CLC. This strange language designated for articles used in worship is only one of the veils that falls mysteriously over our worship life as Christians. Why does blue go with Advent and purple with Lent? Why does the church calendar follow along as it does? Why do we repeat the same sets of readings every three years in the lectionary cycle? What in the world is Epiphany and the season that follows it, and how do they bear importance for our lives in 2019? Join Pastor Leslie for Faith University on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in January as she answers these and other questions. Find your worship life enhanced as together we reveal some of the mysteries of our faith and its practice.

Lucy Circle: Reading, Talking, Fellowship

All CLC women and visitors are invited to join Lucy Circle on Sunday, January 20, 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 very short essay, "Be a Lady" by Camille Rainville. We hope you'll join us. I have the essay as a Word doc and can send it to anyone who requests.

- Jan Norris

Read Through the Bible in a Year – Small Group

Small group participants started reading on January 1.

Our first gathering as a group will be during the Faith University hour on Sunday, January 6, but by then we will have been reading since New Year's Day. Participants can pick up their NRSV Bibles with the reading plan here at the church at any time. Cost is \$18 for the Bible. Any Bible version will do, but if we share the same publication we will be able to refer to page numbers and commentary to which all will have access.

If you will be away from the congregation for an extended period this year, this does not disqualify you from participation – just keep up your reading plan wherever you go and when you return, welcome back!

“H”

Member News

Baptisms

- Travis Parker Brown, son of Tim & Natalie Brown, brother of Emery and grandson of John & Claudia Malitz on December 23.

Sympathy to:

- Guadalupe & Sue Garcia, Greg Garcia, and Edith Delaney on the death of their daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Jenny Garcia on December 28.

Reaching Out to Others: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

Dear Christ Lutheran Family,

What a privilege serving you as Minister of Mission & Outreach, working alongside so many people with such giving hearts. During the months of October, November, and December, we held two different collections. First, we collected Thanksgiving items for CAM. We were able to put together over forty bags to give to those in need. Second, we collected goodies to fill over forty stockings for our soldiers and veterans through Soldier's Angels. We also offered service opportunities to benefit those in need. Linda Sulser coordinated a group to serve a Thanksgiving meal to the clients at San Antonio Clubhouse, which helps individuals with mental illness. Sarah and Ryan Loyd organized a group to pack Thanksgiving boxes for the homeless through Operation Turkey. Our youth group, led by Marina, shopped for Christmas presents for Inner City Development. And, of course, we also participated in our Angel Tree for Family Service Association. All the angels were taken by the first Sunday, and our Young Women's and Men's Groups helped to sort and prepare these gifts for delivery to families in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Looking ahead, we will be holding a food drive for the San Antonio Food Bank in January: These are the 12 most needed items at the Food Bank:

Peanut butter	Rice	Canned Soups
Cereal	Mac n cheese	Canned Luncheon Meats
Tuna	Chili	Full Meals Can/Box
Beans	Canned Stews	Pop Top Food Items

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:

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. As always, feel free to contact me with ideas for loving and serving our neighbors.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

- Lisa Diana, Minister of Mission & Outreach

"Unhanging" the Greens

Help! We need lots of willing folks to join in the "un-decorating" project following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **January 6**. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, but now those decorations need to come down, get packed up, and be put away until next year. Please stick around after worship to ease the burden for all participants. This can be a quick process if we have lots of help. Thanks!

New Member Sunday: January 27

Join us on Sunday, January 27, 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 interested in joining ... all are welcome here!

Thank You from the Staff

The staff thanks you, the congregation, for your generous Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are overwhelming. We very much appreciate your ongoing gifts of support and love. You make Christ Lutheran a great place to serve!

- Pastor Leslie, Pastor H, Marina, Becky, Linda, Clara, Dan, Matthew, Jesus, Sam, Lisa, Brandon, and Sharon

Save the Date! Women's Retreat March 29 - 31

Ladies! Please mark your calendars for the weekend of March 29 - 31 for the 2019 Women's Retreat at the Episcopal Retreat Center in Port Aransas. This year's theme will be Grace. More information is coming in January. Please feel free to share the date with other women you'd like to include in this amazing weekend!

- Jenn Dunn

Confirmation Large Group

Confirmation Large Group will take place on Wednesday, January 9, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have our Pizza Feast starting at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Leslie will teach from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please have your Bibles, a pen, and your Confirmation binder with you for class.

Confirmation

January 6 – Epiphany party (help with games and activities for younger kids)

January 13 – Overview of the New Testament – REQUIRED

January 20 – Breakfast Fellowship

January 27 – Pentecost – REQUIRED

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school begins again with our Epiphany party January 6 during the Sunday school hour. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall. More information about this party will be sent via email. If you have any questions, please contact Marina at marina@clcah.org. Our curriculum continues with *Spark: Active Faith* for all ages. If you would like to volunteer to teach on a particular Sunday morning, please contact Marina.

Camp Chrysalis

This year, our youth will be attending summer camp at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis July 28 – August 2. Registration is open and spots are filling up fast! To register your camper, please call Marina at the church office or email marina@clcah.org.

FX3 and The Light

Our first Bible study of the year is Sunday, January 6, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. following the second service. Pizza will be provided. Don't forget to bring a friend! Our meetings will continue to be held every first Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Men's Work Retreat

All Christ Lutheran men are invited to a work retreat at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis (close to Kerrville) on the weekend of February 15 – 17. On Saturday the 16th, we will work on a project to maintain and improve the facilities at the camp. Arrival is flexible to suit your schedule – we hope you can 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 sufficient meals and lodging. Contact Bob Lynch (830) 438-3389, Larry Sulser (210) 822-6797, or Bobby Stobb (210) 213-2634 for further information and reservations.

Martin Luther King Day Special Events

Citywide Interfaith Worship Service

4:00 p.m. • Second Baptist Church • 3310 E. Commerce Street

The Annual Citywide Interfaith Worship Service, presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will feature several invited guest speakers who will present on various topics of faith and the legacy of Dr. King. Free and open to the public.

Martin Luther King, Jr. March

10:00 a.m. • Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy • 3501 Martin Luther King Drive

The annual march, organized and presented by the San Antonio MLK Jr. Commission and the City of San Antonio, begins at the MLK, Jr. Academy and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa. Free and open to the public. For route information or VIA Park & Ride details, visit sanantonio.gov/mlk.

Trinity University Lecture Series

We invite the congregation to attend this lecture as a group. Please call the office for carpool information and to let us know you are coming. If time permits, we will share in a brief conversation, as a community of faith, after the lecture.

7:30 p.m. • Trinity University - Laurie Auditorium • One Trinity Place

Trinity is proud to present Seattle-based writer, speaker, and Internet Yeller, Ijeoma Oluo as the 2019 **keynote speaker**. Oluo will be signing copies of her renowned debut book, [So You Want to Talk About Race](#). In this New York Times bestseller, Oluo explores the complex reality of today's racial landscape--from white privilege and police brutality to systemic discrimination and the Black Lives Matter movement. This event is free and open to the public with first come, first served seating.

Praises to:

- All who participated in the Family Services Angel Tree Project. Family Services and the families they help are very appreciative of your generosity!
- Soul Sisters young women's group and the Mulligans young men's group for sorting the gifts for the Angel Tree Project.
- All who helped with the Advent Festival—especially Troy Hall for helping all day!
- Sunday School children and their parents for their time invested in rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant and for the children's fine performance.
- Marina Huffman for directing the children's choir and leading the Sunday School children in the wonderful Christmas Pageant.
- John Malitz for all the help he provides on repairs around the church.
- Dr. Dan Long, Matthew Goodson, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Bell Choir for all the beautiful music throughout Advent and the Christmas season.
- Terence MumaNdeh for his perseverance and hard work to earn his law degree, and all in the congregation who continue to befriend and support him.
- Paul Pfeifer and Lisa Diana for their help with the San Antonio Sponsoring Committee and the Immigration Small Group.
- Bobby Stobb and Larry Sulser for stringing new lights on the Plaza.
- The youth who participated in purchasing toys for the Inner City Development Christmas Store.
- Jan Norris who reviews and edits the *Proclaimer* each month.
- Jeanette Wahl who faithfully straightens the pew racks each week.

Receive to Give ... Support for College Students

Your offerings fund scholarships at **Texas Lutheran** and provide a safe place for students to be fed in body and spirit at **Christ Chapel/Texas State University** and **St. Philip's College** – a total of \$13,500 this year. At a pivotal point in their young lives, your gifts encourage, sustain, and love. Bless you for your stewardship.

Companionate Ministry

Thanks to all who joined us for the reception on Sunday, December 16, to celebrate our friend Terence MumaNdeh's graduation from St. Mary's University School of Law. He earned a Master of Laws degree after a long, harrowing journey from his native Cameroon. He has been a political prisoner in Cameroon, held for months in a U.S. border detention camp, and now this. His story is a beautiful example of what can happen when a compassionate judge grants a young man asylum in our country. Muma is now studying for the Bar Exam in February, and he cannot wait to work in immigration law and help others as he has been helped. We are very proud of his achievements, and grateful we can continue to walk this journey with him. Anyone who would like to help him may give a gift through the church. If you make your checks out to Christ Lutheran and in the memo line, indicate Terence MumaNdeh, you will get a tax deduction for your generosity.

Thank you also for your gifts to Brenda's children via the Angel Tree. When I picked up all the bags of toys and clothing, festively wrapped and filled with joy and love, I nearly cried. And one of you lovely folks gave Brenda laundry detergent and a bag of quarters ... so thoughtful! Brenda and the children were thrilled and grateful.

- Jan Schubert Norris

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Remembering
M. L. King, 2019



CLC invites the congregation to a lecture in honor of M. L. King Day. We would like to attend as a group so please call the office for more information on carpooling and if you plan to come.

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7:30 p.m.

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