



GROWING

SMALL GROUPS

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Christ Lutheran Church
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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 And Christian Education

Faith University

9:30 a.m., Sundays, Fellowship Hall

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

Contact: Pastor Leslie

Read through the Bible in a Year

7:00 p.m., every other Tuesday, Zoom

Pastor Howard Stendahl will lead a small group assembled to read through the 365 Day Bible, originally published by Biblica. This format provides three daily readings, one from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one selection from Psalms or Proverbs, taking the reader through the entire 66 books of the Bible in 365 days. The year runs from January to December, but participants are welcome to join anytime.

Contact: Pastor H

Sunday School Teachers

9:30 a.m., Sundays, CLC Education Building

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

Primrose Corner

9:30 a.m., Sundays, Primrose House

This is a cozy and welcoming space and time for informal adult education. Adults gather to check in with one another, providing support & fellowship. They also discuss the scripture passage for that Sunday and how it relates to their lives.

Contact: Jeff Jowers & Adam Melius

Women's Groups

Lydia Circle

100 p.m., Third Thursdays, 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: Hollye Schwartz

Soul Sisters

7:00 p.m., Second Thursdays, Julian's in Sunset Ridge

We are a welcoming group of 20-40 something women 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: Caitlyn Zwang



Wonder Women

Third Sundays after the late service, The Quarry Restaurant

Join this inviting group of amazing women for lunch and fellowship following worship. We gather at The Quarry Restaurant, located at the Quarry Golf Course, where we can enjoy the view and even sit outside if the weather is nice enough. All women are welcome!

Contact: Willie Hagan

Lucy Circle

9:30 a.m., Third Sundays, CLC Parlor

This group of women meets once a month during the Sunday School hour for fellowship and discussion of assigned readings on a variety of compelling topics. All CLC women and guests are welcome to these friendly gatherings.

Contact: Jan Norris & Edna Robbins



The Gathering

10:30 a.m., First Fridays of each month, Various Locations

The Gathering is a place where moms of children of all ages can come to chat about anything and everything. We will gather for brunch each month at a member's home or a local restaurant to support one another, share stories, and most importantly build friendships. We hope you will join us for our first meeting on Friday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Joan Woods.

Contact: Joan Woods or Carrie Jowers

Men's Groups

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: Joe Diana & 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: Frank Pennington & Michael Harris



Mulligans

6:30 p.m., First Thursdays, Various Locations

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. Please consider making Mulligans your time for friendship and faith.

Contact: Casey Passant & Chad Burkhardt

Fellowship for All

Dinner Groups

Various Dates/Times/Venues



The successes our dinner groups have experienced drawing the church community together reward us with lifelong friends. This year we are offering designer connections. The group you choose can be designed to fit your style. Some like sit down dinners, some like happy hour gatherings, there are the families with young children or teens. Join in and build your relationships with those who share a similar style and interest. The success of any group is

making the time to be together on a regular basis, sharing your lives through fellowship. If you would like to join the dinner group fellowship but are unable to host, there is a place for you on our guest lists!

Contact: Patti Lynch

Family Dinner Group

Join us for kid-friendly fellowship! Once a month on a Friday evening, we will meet at restaurants, in homes, or at church to slow down, make new friends or re-connect with existing friends. Bring your kids, your whole family or come alone-everyone is welcome!

Contact: Rhonda Barsalou

Seniors



Third Thursday Lunch Bunch

Noon, Third Thursdays, Fellowship Hall

This welcoming group invites seniors to fellowship and lunch. Join the pleasant conversation and enjoy a delicious meal.

Contact: Pastor Leslie & Carolyn Dufelmeier

Interest Groups

The Book Club

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; we practice grace!

Contact: Edna Robbins & Carolyn Dufelmeier



Conversational Spanish

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, Parlor

Want a space to speak Spanish and grow in your conversational skills? Join this Spanish Beginners Conversation class for fun, language advancement, cultural activities in San Antonio, and fellowship.

Contact: Elizabeth Aguilar de Chavers



Youth & Children

Sunday School

9:30 a.m., Sundays, CLC

We encourage our children to participate in our Sunday School program. Our 3-year-olds through 1st grade will have Godly Play. The lower and upper elementary will use the Bible Story Basics curriculum that provides the basic tools for reading and learning the Bible.

Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF

Confirmation - 6th - 8th Graders

Usually First Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., and select Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Our confirmation program meets during the school year for instruction on first Wednesdays for deeper conversation. Youth learn the basics of faith and most importantly the love and grace of God. Students must register for this opportunity with Pastor Leslie.

Contact: Pastor Leslie

FX3: Jr. and Senior High Youth Group

5:00-6:30 p.m. First and Third Sunday of the month, Various Locations

FX3 is for Jr. and Senior High youth. The youth will have a Bible study, eat dinner, play games, and have time for fellowship. Bring a friend!

Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF

Faith Stepping Stones

In faithfulness to the promises made in baptism, Christ Lutheran seeks to teach classes on faith milestones such as My Church, Learn to Worship, Bible Navigation, Being Good Stewards, and First Communion. Please be on the lookout for these special milestones throughout the year.

Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF & Pastor Leslie



Retreats & Mini-Retreats

Men's Retreat to Camp Chrysalis

The Men of CLC gather at Camp Chrysalis for fellowship and fun under the stars. This retreat is also about giving back, and the men work on a service project for camp while enjoying one another's company. **Contact: Bob Lynch**

Jr. & Sr. High Retreat

TBD at Camp Chrysalis

Jr. & Sr. High youth are invited to come to camp to grow in their faith and friendships. Camp fun and interactive, faith-filled learning are all a part of the experience.

Contact: Carrie Jowers, DFF

The Journeymen

Fall 2023 Dates and Location: TBD

This small group is designed to create opportunities for the men of CLC to travel, share in fellowship, and help others. Each year we will plan to take at least one trip to a different destination. It could be Big Bend, Los Maples, Port Aransas, or something else. Each trip will include plenty of opportunities for fellowship, charitable work, and various recreational activities (golf, fishing, hiking, etc).

Contact: Joe Diana

Women's Retreat

March 24-26, 2023 at the Mustang Island Retreat Center

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to gather at the beach in Port Aransas for fellowship, relaxation, and learning. Cost is \$300 with double occupancy rooms and most meals are covered.

Contact: Pastor Leslie & Jennifer Dunn

Family Beach Camp

Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center, Summer 2024 Dates TBD

Families, singles and couples without children are all invited! Enjoy swimming, singing, surfing, arts & crafts, delicious meals, beach games, fishing, resting under a beach umbrella, a campfire, worship with great music, biblically based teaching, and more.

Contact: Pastor Leslie



Music Ministries

Sanctuary Choir

7:05 p.m., First Wednesdays & Every Sunday Morning, 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. Selected Wednesdays & 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

5:30-6:15 p.m., Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Children's Chapel

This choir is for Preschool children, ages 2-Pre-K. They sing once a month in worship and have lots of fun making noise!

Contact: Pastor Leslie

Gloria Choir

5:30-6:15 p.m., Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

This choir is for kindergarten through fifth grade. They 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: Mary Patino & Sharon Weidemann

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 & Jeff Hammack

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.

Worship & Church

Seasonal Liturgical Planning Team

Various Dates/Times/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

Worship Assistants

Sunday Mornings, 8:30 or 10:30 a.m., 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, 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: *Alfreda Pennington*

Ushers

Sunday Mornings, 8:30 or 10:30 a.m., 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, Parlor



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: *Ainslee Ford*



Service Outreach Opportunities

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, but if you're interested in joining us, please talk to David Aubrey.

Contact: Paul Pfeifer

Companionate Ministry

Various Dates/Times/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 provide help to this family with encouragement, prayers, resources, emergency aid, and back-to-school essentials for the four children.

Contact: Jan Norris

CLC Fixer Uppers

Various Dates/Times/Venues

Are you handy? Do you like to fix stuff? Come join this dedicated small group in fixing and repairing minor items around the church campus. Snacks, drinks, or meals provided by the church.

Contact: Michael Harris

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*

Mission & Outreach Team

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

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: *Deacon Lisa Diana & Paul Pfeifer*

Habitat for Humanity

November 11, 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 13904 Judge Piaz Lane

Every year our congregation participates in Habitat for Humanity.

We work together with other Lutheran churches in San Antonio called our Lutheran Habitat Cluster, each taking one Saturday to provide volunteers in building a house. Our day of service is Landscaping Day so children and youth ages 5 to 17 can participate, but they must attend with and be supervised by their parents.

Contact: *Paul Mathsen*



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!

Other Groups

*Christ Lutheran Church has groups that
members are either elected or appointed*

Congregation Council

FMAC (Financial Management and Advise Committee)

MAST (Ministry Advise and Support Team)

Day School Board

Day School Scholarship Committee



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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