

Christ
Lutheran
Church

Proclaimer

Worship

Sunday Morning
Holy Communion at
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
through May 19

One summer service at
9:30 a.m. beginning
Memorial Day Weekend,
May 26 through Labor
Day weekend,
September 1

Livestream at
10:30 a.m.
clcah.org through
May 19,
9:30 a.m. beginning
May 26

Christian Education for
all ages begins at
9:30 a.m. through
May 19

Office

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

May 2024

From the Senior Pastor...longing for peace...

When I hear the word "peace" these days, my heart lurches, and my throat closes; tears even start to form in my eyes. Like so many of you, I find myself yearning for peace in Gaza, peace in Israel, peace in Iran, peace in Ukraine, peace in Russia, peace in the United States. From politics at home to politics abroad, everyone seems to be at war. Images of innocent people affected by the fighting horrify us, and we know that this isn't what God wants for our life together.

In the harried days of being a mom to twin five-year-olds and senior pastor to a congregation, I feel my life moving fast, the days flying by, the to-do lists never complete, and I wonder what, if anything, I can do to work toward peace. I comfort myself with the reminder that every loving act is a step toward peace, but I also feel it isn't enough.

I know that I am not the only one carrying a heavy heart. I know that I am not the only one looking for ways to help. I know there is more I could be doing, that we could be doing. As your pastor, I want to model sitting with that truth and not shying away from it. I see it as the first important step to discerning what God might be calling us to, as individuals and as a congregation. I invite you in the days and weeks ahead to contemplate this with me and to get creative. What are bold ways we might call for peace and work toward peace as the community of faith, Christ Lutheran Church? Email me, call me, or pull me aside on a Sunday morning and share your discoveries and your ideas with me. "Jesus began to speak and taught them saying: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'"

(Matthew 5:9)

- Pastor Leslie

Faith University, Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

May 5 – Rev. Tom Robison will lead a conversation around life together as the community of faith at Christ Lutheran.

May 12 & 19 – Pastor H will welcome interested participants to a discussion of the rising trend of Christian Nationalism. This alliance of strong political nationalism and certain Christian faith communities challenges traditional views of the separation of church and state. Implications of this rising trend are significant in this increasingly polarized period of American and Western European history. All are welcome to this conversation.

Synod Assembly, May 3-5

Synod Assembly will be held May 3-5 this year in Corpus Christi. The theme of the Assembly is *Called and Sent*, speaking to our discipleship as followers of Jesus. The assembly offering this year will be for Lutheran Disaster Response. This ministry plays a key role in our being sent into the world and responding to all kinds of needs. In addition to monetary offerings, assembly participants will be making various kinds of disaster preparedness and response kits. Voting members, both clergy and lay, will gather from across our synod to represent their congregations in making decisions about the issues facing the larger church, including electing a bishop to serve our synod. We are very grateful to James Ehler, Paul Pfeifer, and Carrie Jowers for agreeing to serve as our lay voting members. Thanks to Parker Jowers, who will serve as our youth lay voting member. Pastor Leslie, Pastor H and Rev. David Schulte (member at CLC) will be there as well. Many thanks to Rev. Tom Robison who will be preaching and teaching while our pastors are at Assembly. If you would like to learn more about what issues will be discussed and voted on at Synod Assembly, please visit the Synod's website at www.swtsynod.org.

Congregation Council Nominations

Our Nominating Committee consists of two members of the Congregation Council plus three members of the congregation. The Congregation Council approved Robb Decker (chair), Adam Melius, and Karen Waller and Council Members, Adam Braaten and Rhonda Barsalou, to serve on the Nominating Committee along with Pastor Leslie to nominate candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. Dr. Michael Fisher is completing his first term as President, Bryan Woods is completing his first term as Vice-President, Edna Robbins is completing her first term as At-Large Voting Member #1, and James Ehler is completing his first term as At-Large Voting Member #2 on Council and all are willing to stand for re-election to a second term at this year's Annual Meeting. Adam Braaten is finishing his second term as Treasurer and concluding his time on Council. We thank him for his service and will honor him this summer. The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions of candidates from any member of our church. Suggestions for all Congregation Council positions must be submitted in writing to the church office by May 30, and include the signature of the potential nominee, the position they are being suggested for, and information on his or her history and experience serving at Christ Lutheran. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 30 after worship.

Upcoming Stepping Stones

First Communion Sunday May 12, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Layla Timm, Georgia Ann Leigh, Archie Leigh, Rowan Nieto, and Hadley Braaten attended the First Communion Class with Pastor Leslie and Ms. Carrie in April. They painted their own chalice (cup) and paten (plate) and made Communion bread to be used in worship on May 12 as they celebrate their First Communion. They also learned about the biblical context for the sacrament and its theological underpinnings and purpose. We are excited to celebrate with these First Communicants and their families during the late worship service on May 12. We will host a reception in their honor following the service as well.

Confirmation Sunday May 19, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Worship

Please join us to celebrate this special Stepping Stone for our 8th-grade youth and congratulate them as they confirm their faith. This year's confirmands are Maximilian von Durckheim, Silas Tenorio, and Madison Castaneda. They will share their faith statements/projects at each service and affirm their baptisms at the 10:30 a.m. service. After the late worship service, our congregation is invited to attend a reception in the CrossWay to celebrate this milestone for these young people.

For 8th Graders: Our Confirmation Sunday Workshop (to prepare for Confirmation Sunday) will be held Wednesday, May 1, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. During this time, the youth will plan and create the worship service for Confirmation Sunday, as well as begin work on their Faith Statements/Projects.

Graduation Sunday May 26, 9:30 a.m. Worship

Wow, how time flies! It's time to celebrate our CLC high school graduates of 2024: Avi Escudero and Joshua Murguia. This special blessing will be held on Sunday, May 26, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service with a reception in the CrossWay. Graduates will have tables set up in the CrossWay, and you're invited to stop by to visit and hear about their future.

Member News

Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Roberta Lechnitz who died on April 7.

Congratulations to:

- Eliceo & Melissa Matapi who were married on April 8.

Annual Meeting - Save the Date - Sunday, June 30, Following Worship

Save the Dates - Second Friday Swim Nights this Summer

On second Fridays this summer, we will gather at the Alamo Heights Pool from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and fun. You don't need to be a member of the pool to join us! All ages are welcome. The AH pool boasts ample space with tables and loungers, an Olympic-sized pool, and a playground. In addition, they have a poolside grill that offers a full menu of food and beverages. The second Friday dates this summer are June 14, July 12 and August 9.

CLC is heading to Family Camp at the BEACH in August!

On August 1-4, we invite you to spend a long weekend on the beach for Family Camp at the Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center. We use the term "family" loosely as singles and couples without children also are invited. It's about gathering with our church "family." Everyone stays in a beautifully furnished room with a private deck and bathroom and a view of the Gulf of Mexico. The program begins on a Thursday afternoon/evening and continues through Sunday lunch. 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. Online registration is now open. Folks are encouraged to make their reservations soon as space fills up quickly. Pricing: 1 person - \$460, 2 people - \$620, 3 people - \$800, 4 people - \$990. Children under 2 are free. To register: <https://www.dwtx.org/events/mustang-island-family-camp-session-10-2024>

CLC Book Club Tuesday, May 7, 6:45 p.m., Primrose House

Readers! Please join the CLC Book Club at its monthly meeting on May 7, in the Primrose House at 6:45 p.m. to discuss The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. Linda Cornwell will lead the discussion. Our June book will be The Frozen River by Ariel Lawson, led by Edna Robbins.

Read Through the Bible in a Year Tuesdays, May 7 and 21, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

This group regularly meets every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The class is led by Pastor H. Anyone can join, even if you haven't read along with us yet or may be behind. Join in for good conversation and company. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872>.

The Gathering - A Group for Moms Wednesday, May 8, 9:30 a.m., Olmos Perk Coffee

This will be our last meeting until September. We will meet at Olmos Perk Coffee located in Olmos Park at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8. This group for moms with children ages birth through college meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Gathering is a place where moms of children can chat about anything and everything. It's a group to give advice when asked, to listen, laugh, and just take a little time to make and grow friendships. For more information, contact Joan Woods or Carrie Jowers.

Healing Prayer Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m., Rode Chapel

Christ Lutheran Church invites persons who desire prayer for any type of healing to attend a special service of Healing Prayer held the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Rode Chapel at CLC. Pastor H leads a service of biblical reflection and prayer, anointing of the sick, and Holy Communion for all who attend.

Third Thursday Lunch Bunch Thursday, May 16, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join in for our last Lunch Bunch (a group of sensational Seniors) before summer break. We meet for food and fellowship on May 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Carolyn Dufelmeier.

Lucy Circle, Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m., Parlor

All CLC women who seek to grow in consciousness, compassion, life skills, learning, and fellowship are invited to join this group that meets on third Sundays in the CLC Parlor during the Sunday school hour. This month, we'll meet on Sunday, May 19, for a discussion on the "Unknown Costs" of addiction. Forty-three million Americans need substance addiction treatment, but only a tiny fraction receive it. The article by Wilson M. Sims elaborates. Edna Robbins will lead the discussion. If you'd like a copy of the article, please let me know. (Note: this was originally planned as our April discussion, but we gave Edna a break to recover from surgery on April 15.)

- Jan Norris

Praises To:

- All who volunteered to help with our annual Fiesta celebration. We had an incredible turnout!
- All who helped with Holy Week services.
- Those who served with Snack Pak 4 Kids.
- Sarah Borrell, Paul Pfeifer, Ainslee Ford, and Clarice Ford for beautifying our grounds with flowers, plants, and landscaping.

Angelicus (Pre-K) & Gloria (K-5th) Choirs

It's May, and our school year of experiencing the joy of singing together is rapidly coming to an end. We give thanks to our youngest choristers and their parents for the commitment they made throughout this year to grow in faith and song and enhance our worship life together.

Parents please note: Rehearsals end on May 8, the last Wednesday before Mother's Day, and we will have our combined choirs, end-of-year pool party the following Wednesday, May 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Boeck Family home (address will be delivered via email). Many thanks to the Boeck family for hosting!

Thanks, as well, to the congregation for all their support of our children's music program. We look forward to a summer break and returning energetically in the fall.

Gloria Choir will sing in Worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on:

- May 5

Angelicus Choir will sing in Worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on:

- May 12 (Mother's Day)
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Sunday School in May

Preschool (Godly Play)

Sunday, May 5: Godly Play Lesson

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day Brunch (Courtyard and CrossWay)

Sunday, May 19: Last Day of Sunday School Celebration (Children's Chapel)

Summer Break: Sunday, May 26 to Sunday, September 1

Elementary (The Spark)

Sunday, May 5: Lesson on the Gospel Reading

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day Brunch (Courtyard and CrossWay)

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FX3 Schedule (6-12th Grades)

FX3 will meet on Monday, June 3, for a movie, lunch, and boba tea. Times will be given closer to the date. For more information contact Carrie Jowers.

Save the Date: Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 12, 9:30 a.m., Courtyard and CrossWay

During the Sunday school hour on May 12, the children have planned a special brunch with their moms, grandmothers, aunts, or any special mom figure in their lives. We will gather in the courtyard and CrossWay for fellowship and a yummy brunch with the help of CLC dads. We hope everyone can join us for this special celebration.

Honoring Our Amazing Sunday School Teachers Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us to thank our faithful Sunday School teachers for a wonderful year of learning about God! They have given their time to teaching, preparing lessons, and loving on our youngest members. We will thank them during Children's Time on Sunday, May 19, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Thank you to our teachers: Lisa Diana, Troy Hall, Jennifer von Durckheim, Patti Lynch, Ava Carnahan, and Violet Seiders!

Youth Service Opportunity: Serve at CAM Wednesday, June 12, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Youth (finishing 5th through 12th grade) are invited to spend the morning working at CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry). Afterward, we will head over to the Make Ready Market downtown for lunch. Please reach out to Ms. Carrie if your youth would like to attend.

VBS Camp Firelight June 24-27 Registration is Open!

VBS Campers will join camp counselor Sammy as he faces his fears as a first-time camp counselor. Each day, VBS Campers will witness Sammy take on new challenges. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sammy and our VBS Campers will explore timeless Bible stories to face their fears and learn to lean on God for help.

Registration forms can be found online at www.clcah.org, or in the Church CrossWay. For questions and additional information, please email Ms. Carrie.

Summer Breakfast Sign-Up

Each Sunday beginning with Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 26, through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 1, we will hold just one service with Holy Communion beginning at 9:30 a.m. On each of these Summer Sundays, you're invited for a light breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the CrossWay. If you would like to participate in providing breakfast foods for the fellowship time, please let us know by using the sign-up sheet in the CrossWay or calling the church office. You may sign up for one or all the food offerings – fruit, juice, and pastries. We ask that food be set up by 9:00 a.m. and that you stay to help with clean-up after worship. Thanks in advance!

Staff

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CLC Benevolence Partners Corner **Northeast Senior Assistance (NESA)**

Our CLC Benevolence gifts are not of the magnitude of influential funding entities such as the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, San Antonio Area Foundation, or Methodist Healthcare Ministries. But they are impactful and important to our benevolence partners. Several members of CLC serve on the St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries (SLLHM) Board of Directors. One of the questions we ask of grant applicants is, "Who are your top contributors for the past three years?" Recently, Northeast Senior Assistance (NESA) requested a grant from SLLHM, and I was delighted to see that Christ Lutheran of Alamo Heights was listed as one of its top contributors when they cited our \$5,000 annual gift.

NESA's volunteer-run program, which was featured in the October 2023 Proclaimer, allows seniors to remain in their own homes for as long as safely possible by providing free transportation to medical providers and grocery stores. Many of NESA's senior clients have outlived their spouse or friends, are alone and have become isolated in their own homes, which can be detrimental to their health. NESA volunteers provide critical transportation along with priceless companionship.

To access NESA services, seniors must be age 60+, live within the NESA service area, and no longer drive or no longer drive on the highway. NESA sends an Outreach Nurse to assess applicants' health/mobility/fall risk. They currently have 392 senior clients and are always looking for volunteer drivers to support demand and expand services. They are located at 2903 Nacogdoches Road on the MacArthur Park Lutheran Church campus. If you would like to befriend a lonely senior and be a hero, visit neseniorassistance.org, or call 210-967-6372. Volunteers are reimbursed for gas mileage.

(NESA is one of more than 25 local, Lutheran, and international charitable organizations that share 20% of Christ Lutheran's weekly worship offerings. Your gifts are changing lives. Please watch this space in future Proclaimers for information on other CLC Benevolence Partners.)

- Jan Norris

Lenten Offering Update

Thank you to everyone for your Lenten offerings this year. We were able to send \$9,797.83 to Inner City Development.

New Members Who Joined in April 2024





Elizabeth & Stephen Wright



Gretchen & Tommy Spalten

New Members Who Joined in September 2023



Jennifer, Leopold, Maximilian, & Wolf von Durckheim



Noah, Rachel, Lucas, Bandino & Nathan Krueger

Please also help extend a warm welcome to those not pictured:

- Eric, Amanda, Grant, and Remi Peterson
- Christin & Tom Robbins



Pop, Rock, and Recollection

Spring 2024 Handbell Concert Series

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:00pm

**Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights
6720 Broadway**



**Concerts are free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.
River City Ringers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.**

**SUMMER
EVENTS**

- **YOUTH SERVICE DAY: JUNE 12**
- **VBS CAMP FIRELIGHT: JUNE 24 - 27**
- **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING TRIP: JULY 6 - 20**
- **FAMILY BEACH CAMP: AUGUST 1 - 4**

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A vibrant graphic for 'Summer Sundays' featuring a central yellow circle on a pink background, surrounded by colorful tropical leaves in shades of blue, red, green, and yellow. The text 'Summer SUNDAYS' is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts.

Summer
SUNDAYS

one service @ 9:30 a.m.
beginning
Sunday, May 26