

Christ
Lutheran
Church

Proclaimer

Worship

Sunday Morning
Holy Communion at
9:30 a.m. through Labor
Day Weekend,
September 1

Livestream at
9:30 a.m.
clcah.org

No Education Hour
during the summer

Office

Monday - Thursday from
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 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.

July - August 2024

New Staff Position: Minister of Mission and Outreach

More than 20 years ago, Christ Lutheran Church committed to serving our San Antonio community and beyond by sending 20% of all our offerings to non-profit benevolence ministries outside our walls. We have maintained that commitment through all the challenges of recent decades, including the worldwide pandemic. Lives have been changed with those dollars as unhoused persons and families, teen mothers, immigrants, refugees, and impoverished persons in need of hospice ministries have found shelter and care.

Two generous designated gifts will help us build on our 20% benevolence tradition, completely funding the first year of a new part-time Minister for Mission and Outreach. Elward Reiss offered a gift in memory of her beloved husband, Bernie Reiss, and another generous donor, who prefers to remain anonymous, covered the remainder. Their generosity provides initial support toward realizing our dream of having a staff person dedicated to connecting us more fully to those in need outside our congregation.

CLC's clergy and Congregation Council stand exuberantly and unanimously behind creation of this new position, fully committed to funding the Minister of Mission and Outreach for the long term. Though the budgetary impact may be modest, the harvest will far outweigh the dollars spent. This ministry will connect us to recipients/benevolence partners in concrete, measurable ways, enhancing reporting and accountability in serving those most vulnerable. For a position description and information on how to apply, please see page 2.

- From your Pastors and Congregation Council

Minister of Mission & Outreach, Position Description

We are seeking an effective leader to guide the congregation to spread the gospel message of God's love through witness and service in our community. This position is 10-15 hours per week and reports to the Senior Pastor. For the full job description and complete information, please email the church office at office@clcah.org. To apply, please send résumé and references to Pastor Leslie Price at leslie@clcah.org by Monday, July 15.

Responsibilities of the Position:

- Coordinate the planning and implementation of a comprehensive ministry for involving the congregation in mission, advocacy, and outreach.
- Develop a year-round program of outreach education for all ages, so the congregation will be better informed and strongly committed to supporting the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.
- Link with organizations, people, and resources in and beyond the congregation that are concerned with mission, outreach, and advocacy, especially our benevolence partners.
- Guide the congregation in worship and fellowship that highlight mission, outreach, and advocacy.

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Three years' experience in ministry, whether in a volunteer or paid position, is preferred.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Possess one or more of these spiritual gifts: servanthood, exhortation (encouragement), leadership, compassion, faith, administration, helping, and evangelism.
- Demonstrate evidence of passion for active service and helping others engage in ministry in the world.
- Display passion for responding to the hurts and needs of people in the congregation, community, and the world.
- Ability to listen to and communicate with people of all ages.
- Genuine interest in mission and outreach in the community and the world.
- Openness to new views and different people.
- Creativity in developing ways to interpret and support mission.
- Ability to work with volunteers of various skill levels.

Small Group Leaders' Open House Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We are amazingly blessed by almost 50 small group ministries at Christ Lutheran. From learning a new language to Bible Study to dinner groups to book reading to faith exploration to sharing talents in worship to meeting with other faithful men and women, our small group ministries are thriving. Of course, behind each of these small groups is a fearless and dedicated leader who organizes the calendar, plans content, and motivates members. We are grateful for our small group leaders. On Tuesday, July 23, all small group leaders are invited to an Open House in the CrossWay from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to share in fellowship with one another and to check-in with Pastor Leslie on how their ministry is going and what might be helpful for further support. RSVP to Pastor Leslie by email or phone to let her know you are coming.

Summer Breakfast Sign-Up

Each Sunday from 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 using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA8A72EA7FF2-50122409-summer>.

You may sign up for one or all of 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! And we give a huge thanks to all those who have brought breakfast already this summer!

Second Friday Swim Nights

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 remaining second Friday dates this summer are July 12 and August 9.

CLC Book Club Tuesday, July 2, 6:45 p.m., Primrose House

Readers! Please join us on Tuesday, July 2, at 6:45 p.m. in the Primrose House to discuss The Dreamers by Karen Thompson Walker, and on Tuesday, August 6, at 6:45 p.m. in the Primrose House to discuss What the Owl Knew by Jennifer Ackerman.

Praises to:

- All volunteers who helped with VBS and those who donated items to help make it a success.
- Mary Overstreet for her beautiful and engaging new series of liturgical banners.
- All who have brought summer breakfast items.
- All gardeners who have stepped forward to help with watering, weeding, and deadheading.
- All volunteers who represented CLC at the PRIDE Festival.

Staff

The Rev. Leslie Price
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Howard Stendahl
Pastor

Dana Ferraro
Director of Day School

Ainslee Ford
Office Manager & Accountant

Lori Harris
Office Administrator & A/V Tech

Dr. Dan Long
Director of Music Ministry

Jeff Hammack
Organist

Mary Patino
Youth Choir Director

Sharon Wiedemann
Youth Choir Accompanist

Carrie Jowers
Director of Faith Formation

Sam Tenorio and Justin Martin
Custodian

Jesus Garcia
A/V Tech

Carolyn Dufelmeier
Event Coordinator

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Secretary

Rhonda Barsalou,
At-Large Member

James Ehler
At-Large Member

Edna Robbins
At-Large Member

Pastor Leslie Price
Pastor Howard Stendahl

Faith Formation Corner

Member News

Baptisms:

- Samuel Almquist, son of Michael and Katelyn Almquist, on June 2.
- Aislinn Passant, daughter of Casey and Carol Passant, on June 9.

Youth Service Project at CAM Wednesday, July 10, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Youth (finishing 5th through 12th grade) are invited to spend the morning working at CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry). Afterwards, we will head over to The Oasis (next to CAM) for lunch. Please reach out to Ms. Carrie if your youth would like to participate.

ELCA Youth Gathering Blessing Sunday, July 14

Thirteen youth and four chaperones are heading to New Orleans on July 16 to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering! We're so excited! During the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 14, we will pray for all those attending. Please stop by the CrossWay to fill out a blessing card that we will read during our devotion time on the trip. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 11

All students are invited to the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 11, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. All students will come forward with their backpacks for a special blessing as we begin the school year.

ELCA Youth Gathering Brunch: Sunday, August 25, 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Save the date to come and hear the youth speak about the transformative week they had at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! The youth will feed us brunch and share their experiences from the Gathering. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

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. 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>





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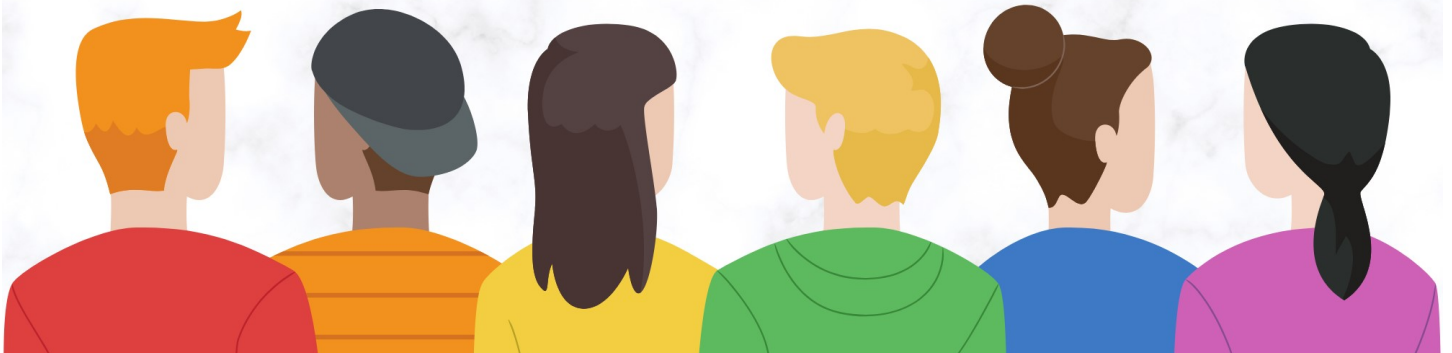
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YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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JULY 10 | 9 A.M. TO NOON

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Lunch at The Oasis (next to CAM).

R.S.V.P. to Ms. Carrie.



BLESSING OF THE *Backpacks*

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9:30 A.M. • SANCTUARY**

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ELCA Youth Gathering **BRUNCH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Come hear the youth speak about their
amazing week at the ELCA Gathering
in New Orleans.

RSVP TO MS. CARRIE



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SECOND FRIDAY SWIM *Nights*

ALAMO HEIGHTS POOL

5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

JUNE 14, JULY 12, & AUGUST 9

**MEMBERSHIP
NOT REQUIRED**

**OLYMPIC
SIZE POOL**

**ALL AGES
WELCOMED**

PLAYGROUND

**TABLES &
LOUNGERS**

**POOLSIDE
GRILL**