

Christ
Lutheran
Church

Proclaimer



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

Worship

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

Livestream at
10:30 a.m.

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

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October 2024

From the Pastor . . . an invitation . . .

We had a wonderful Rally Day kick-off as we returned to our schedule of two worship services each Sunday with all-ages education in between. Worship was full, and we were happy to host around 120 people at our church picnic! Many thanks to the folks who attended and a special thanks to those who volunteered. Our halls and spaces have been lively with people engaging in teaching, worship, and fellowship. We are also walking through a fall where we are focused on various virtues as we reflect together on how we can choose kindness more intentionally in our everyday lives. So far, we have looked at hope, faith, and humility with more to come.

One of the ways Christ Lutheran chooses kindness is in our commitment to those outside our walls. We have long given 20% of our offerings to outside ministries which support those most vulnerable in our community and our world. This year we are adding a new position, Minister of Mission & Outreach, to help us better connect to those ministries and to challenge us to further engage as disciples with those in need. We have called Deacon Lisa Diana to serve in this new role.

One important way we can support Deacon Lisa is to attend her installation on October 20 at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is the time when Deacon Lisa officially accepts the duties of serving our congregation as a minister of Word and Service. As she promises to walk alongside us in ministry, we promise to do the same for her. You won't want to miss this meaningful service. Additionally, I hope that every member of our congregation will make an extra effort to get in touch with Deacon Lisa about how you might participate in service or advocacy as part of our congregational mission and outreach. Share your gifts, strengths, ideas, and interests with her so that together we might build upon and revitalize our ministry in this area. I am excited to see the ways in which our congregation will be challenged and grow through Deacon Lisa's ministry. She brings passion, intelligence, and wisdom to this new role, and she already has lots of ideas on how to enhance our current ministries and to develop new opportunities for growth and outreach.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 20, to help me officially welcome Deacon Lisa to our ministry staff.

-Pastor Leslie

Christian Education Corner

Faith University, Fellowship Hall, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

October 6: Bible Based

Pastor Leslie continues her class on scriptural interpretation and reclaiming the Word of God. We will consider and apply what we have already learned about hermeneutics and look at some of the key issues of our day from a biblical perspective, including marriage, gender roles, and divorce. We will acknowledge differing points of view and interpretation, gaining broader respect for ourselves and others within these conversations. In the process, we will discover what it means to be Bible based.

October 13 & 20: "The Politics of Jesus"

Pastor H invites members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church to two Sunday morning Faith University reflections on the 13th and 20th of October, on the topic, "The Politics of Jesus." As we approach a controversial election season, we will examine Biblical teachings from Jesus that were considered radical during his earthly ministry . . . that would likely receive the same response today. "Treat the people's needs as holy" and "expose the workings of oppression" sound like political statements as Jesus challenged the established order of his time.

The writings of Obery Hendricks, John Howard Yoder, Warren Quanbeck and others inform Pastor H's presentations. All are welcome!

October 27: All Congregation Service Project, see page 4.

Sunday School - Children and Youth

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. upstairs in the designated classrooms.

Preschool (3 years old – kindergarten):

We will jump into the wonder of learning the Bible stories through the Godly Play curriculum. Patti Lynch and Deacon Lisa Diana will be the lead Sunday school teachers for this class.

1st - 7th Grade:

The children will be digging into The Bible in One Year, which will take them on a whirlwind journey from Genesis to Revelation. Students will experience a relationship with God through the eyes of ordinary people in the Bible.

Elementary classes are divided up this year as follows:

1st - 3rd Grade Teachers: Ms. Carrie, Silas Tenorio and Brylee Brock

4th - 7th Grade Teachers: Rhonda Barsalou and Natalie Tate

On Sunday, October 27, children (3 years old -- 7th grade) will be invited for a service project with the adults in The Fellowship Hall for Plaza de Paz. Children will help the adults put meal kits together.

Small Group Corner

CLC Book Club, Primrose House, Tuesday, October 1, 6:45 p.m.

Readers! You are welcome to join this monthly group that reads and discusses a wide variety of literature – novels and non-fiction. This month, Greg Meyer will lead the conversation on The False White Gospel by Jim Wallis at the Primrose House on Tuesday, October 1, at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

The Gathering, Bird Bakery Thursday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.

The Gathering is a group for moms with children from birth through college age. This group meets on the second Thursday of each month. It's a place where moms can chat about anything and everything, where they can feel comfortable to give advice when asked, to listen, laugh and just enjoy making and growing friendships. Please contact Joan Woods for more information at Joanwoods2@yahoo.com or Carrie Jowers in the church office.

Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall Thursday, October 17, 12:00 p.m.

Our social group for seniors, Lunch Bunch, will gather on October 17 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for Halloween fun, conversation, fellowship, and of course, a meal. Many thanks to Carolyn Dufelmeier for cooking and hosting this meal for us each month. We look forward to a spooky, fun time this October.

Lucy Circle, CLC Parlor Sunday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.

Ladies, you're invited to join the Lucies on Sunday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the CLC Parlor to discuss "The Amen Effect" by Rabbi Sharon Brous – an essay that looks at the difficult conversations that can heal our broken hearts. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. This is a friendly, welcoming small group that is always open to new members. If you'd like a copy of the essay, please let me know.

- Jan Norris

Member News

Congratulations to:

- Lucia Hough and Sunny Hernandez who married on September 28.

Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Elward Reiss who passed away on July 14.
- The family and friends of Edith Delaney who passed away on July 29.

Service Opportunities

Youth Service Day, Alamo Heights Community Gardens, Saturday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Middle and high school students are invited to come out on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. until noon to help with the Alamo Heights Community Gardens. The gardens are located at the corner of Ogden and Acacia. This is a fun way to get service hours and to be in fellowship as we help the community of Alamo Heights. Please tell Ms. Carrie if we can count on you!

Help Pack Meal Kits for Plaza de Paz, Sunday, October 27, 9:30 a.m.

The Plaza de Paz Respite Center for migrants is in desperate need of shelf-stable, individually wrapped meal kits. These kits are useful as a backup when fresh food resources are unavailable. Even better, they are easy to pack for travel. The Center needs around 300 kits a month, so Christ Lutheran is undertaking the challenge to provide a month's worth of kits this fall. In September and the first part of October, we will be collecting items for the kits. You can stop by the CrossWay and visit our donation display. There you will find notes you can take, detailing a group of items we will need for the kit. Don't forget to sign the registration sheet so we can track who is giving what and make certain all items are covered. On Sunday, October 27, during education hour, we will have an all-congregation service project to pack these kits in Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun and faith-filled intergenerational service opportunity, where we can be witnesses of compassion and grace. Please join us!

Trunk or Treat Volunteers Needed!

We need trunks for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We are asking for volunteers to host a trunk at our annual Trunk or Treat. We ask that each trunk host a game and give out candy or small toys to the children. If you can help, please contact Ms. Carrie at carrie.jowers@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Landscape Day November 16 - 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CLC has helped sponsor and build a home every year since 1999 – 25 years! We work with other Lutheran churches in San Antonio in what is known as the Lutheran Habitat Cluster, each church taking one Saturday to provide volunteers in building a house. We are looking for 15 volunteers, ages five and up, to help with landscaping on November 16. All children and youth must be accompanied by an adult. No experience is needed and all tools are provided. You don't have to stay the whole day—we can use any time you can spare! Sign-up to help with the build are in the CrossWay or online via this link: <https://app.initlive.com/web-admin/app#/join-party?k=g5ewmg2eqo2wbo>

Upcoming Events

Families in Fellowship Lunch, Biff Buzby's, Sunday, October 6, 12:00 p.m.

Join us for family fun and lunch at Biff Buzby's, 2769 Nacogdoches Road. RSVP to Ms. Carrie at carrie.jowers@gmail.com.

Council Member Installation, Thank You, & Reception, Sunday, October 27, 10:30 a.m.

Join us during 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 27, as we install our new Council Treasurer, Jeff Timm. At the same time we welcome Jeff, we will also offer our gratitude to Adam Braaten for his four years of service on Council as Treasurer. Adam has been faithful, diligent, and wise in his leadership, and our church has grown under his leadership. After the late service, we will have a reception to welcome Jeff and to thank Adam. All are welcome.

Trunk or Treat, Primrose Parking Lot Sunday, October 27, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we trick or treat at CLC in the large church parking lot on Primrose. We will have games, prizes, "trunks" decorated with fun themes, and most of all a safe and fun environment for your children to trick or treat. We hope you can join us!

All Generations Dia de los Muertos/Remembering our Beloveds, Sunday, November 3

The traditions of All Saints and *Dia de los Muertos* are beloved at Christ Lutheran. They allow us to gather and remember, grieve, celebrate, and find solace and hope. During worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. you will find our All Saints Altar at the front of the church, surrounding the font, reminding us of our baptismal promises that no matter what, even in death, we are forever held in love by God. You are invited to bring pictures and mementos of loved ones to place on the altar throughout the morning. There you will also see candles strewn across the table that will be lighted during worship in remembrance of the saints who have gone before us. A special bell will toll in memory of all those members and friends of our community of faith who have died since our last All Saints remembrance, as we lift their names in prayer. If you would like to submit a name of someone you love who has died in the past year, please contact the church office.

In between worship services, during our education hour, we will continue our remembering by sharing stories of the saints and creating projects in their memory. Again, please bring pictures and mementos of your beloveds to share and to place on our *Dia de los Muertos* Altar. We will close our time together with a brief service of remembrance.

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For a little background on this colorful, meaningful celebration:

El Día de los Muertos is a unique cultural tradition that remembers those loved ones who have gone before us. It is an annual three-day Mexican festival where family and friends remember departed loved ones. It is a vibrant celebration of life that gives artistic expression to mourning through music, color, dance, food, art, flowers, and more. The dead are celebrated literally as though still alive and *ofrendas* or "offerings" are made in memory of them and their favorite sports, foods, drinks, and pastimes. *Calaveras literarias* are poems written for the dead, to celebrate their life and remember them. Mexico's *Día de los Muertos* inspires us to enrich our own tradition of remembering the saints who have gone before us.

Congregational Forum – Sunday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.

The Congregation Council, Property Team, and a newly formed Capital Advance Team invite you to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 10, at 9:30 a.m. for a congregation-wide conversation about our aging Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. A quick tour of these spaces (including the upstairs of the Education Wing) reveals the obvious – that these buildings are no longer simply dated but in need of significant repair . . . lighting, HVAC, electrical, windows, cosmetic, and other structural and modernization upgrades.

Both spaces have sustained significant water damage during severe rains, and the Fellowship Hall additionally suffers from a deteriorating foundation. While we have made repairs as needed, the buildings reflect their age. Years of vibrant ministry, education, celebrations, and memories in these spaces have taken their toll. The Council, Property Team, and Campaign Advance Team, as dedicated and faithful leaders of our church, have considered several potential pathways to address these facility issues. Before making any firm decisions on which pathway to take moving forward, they would very much like an opportunity to hear from each of you.

These leaders recognize that we are a strong and thriving congregation, approaching 100 years in ministry together! Their vision is to prepare us for another 100 years of ministry in this place. They know that each member and visitor at Christ Lutheran has a unique voice and perspective to share, and they invite each of you to contribute to our vision for Christ Lutheran's future.

Please join us on November 10, when we will present a brief overview of some of our options to address these property concerns. At this meeting, we will be grateful to hear your thoughts so that we may make wise, prudent decisions as we move forward, working together as a church family.

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts but are unable to be at the Forum on November 10, please reach out to a Campaign Advance Team Member, Property Team Member, or Council Member (all listed below) to share your perspective. If you need contact information for any of these individuals, please call the church office.

Congregation Council

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Save the Date! — Advent Retreat, December 6 - 8, Mustang Island Conference Center

Join us in Port Aransas at the Mustang Island Conference Center December 6 - 8 before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Take time to pause with your children, partner, or your grandchildren to set the tone for the season of Advent. Step away from the busyness and enjoy s'mores, hot chocolate, and Christmas crafts. We will also tell stories and sing Christmas songs by the campfire. On Sunday, we will worship together before heading back to San Antonio. Individuals and families of all shapes and sizes are welcome. Arrival time is anytime after 3:00 p.m. on Friday (dinner is on your own on Friday night). Cost includes all three meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, housing, and craft supplies. Each room has its own private bathroom and many feature balconies with a view of the ocean.

Family of 1	\$305.00
Family of 2	\$410.00
Family of 3	\$530.00
Family of 4	\$660.00
Family of 5	\$785.00
Family of 6	\$910.00

Please contact Ms. Carrie for more information. Registration forms are in the CrossWay.

Praises to:

- All who helped with Rally Day.
- New and returning Sunday School teachers.
- Small Group Leaders and all who signed up for Small Group Ministry.
- Dr. Debbie Cottrell, President of Texas Lutheran University, for visiting Christ Lutheran.

Children and Youth Corner

Gloria & Angelicus Choirs, Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Angelicus Choir (pre-K - Kinder) and Gloria Choir (1st - 5th grade)

The Gloria and Angelicus Choirs are off to a great start! We are so excited to have the joyful voices of our children gracing the halls of our church once again. Parents, thanks so much for your support and please mark your calendars with the important dates listed below. Your children's lives will be enriched with music and fellowship, and our worship will be enriched by their sweet voices in praise. Choir rehearsals will run each Wednesday through December 11 (please note no rehearsal on October 9 for Howdy Night and November 27 for Thanksgiving break). Pastor Leslie and Ms. Becky will lead our choristers ages two through Kindergarten in the Children's Chapel. Ms. Mary and Ms. Sharon will lead our 1st through 5th grade students in the Sanctuary. We hope no one will miss this musical fun!

Angelicus Choir Singing in 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship:

- October 20
- November 10
- December 15

Gloria Choir Singing in 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: (Dates TBD)



Confirmation Class: (6th - 8th grade)

Through our confirmation program, we seek to encourage, inspire, and nurture students as they experience God's baptismal promises, grow in their faith and understanding, and discover what it means to be God's people in the world today. We tackle the stuff that defines our Lutheran religion, such as the Bible, theology, and the Small Catechism. Most importantly, we learn about the grace and love of God.

Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday, October 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the education wing with Pastor Leslie. We will have pizza to make the evening easier to manage. We are currently studying the 10 Commandments and uncovering how to apply them to our lives today.

FX3 Is Back! (6th - 12th grades)

What is FX3? FX3 stands for Faith, Fellowship & Friends! This group meets twice a month for devotion time, fellowship, and a whole lot of fun! Please mark your calendars with the following dates. All students in 6th - 12th grade are encouraged to come and bring a friend or two.

Sunday, October 6: Dinner at Julian's Pizza and dessert at Baskin Robbins

Sunday, October 20: Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 27: Trunk or Treat (host the face painting and food booth)

Saturday, November 2: Hondo Corn Maize (4:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

Sunday, November 17: Friendsgiving Party at CLC (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 1: No FX3 (youth encouraged to stay for the Hanging of the Greens)

Sunday, December 15: Christmas party at CLC (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.) White Elephant Gift Exchange

Save the Date for These Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 2: FX3 Hondo Corn Maze

Sunday, November 3: All Saints Sunday (Sunday School hour)

Sunday, November 15: Family Fellowship Pumpkin Carving at CLC (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Sunday, November 17: FX3 Friendsgiving (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 1: No Sunday school/Kids can decorate an ornaments after church.

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All are invited to the
Installation Service
of
Deacon Lisa Diana
as Minister of Mission & Outreach

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SUNDAY **OCTOBER** **10:30 A.M.**
2024

Reception in the CrossWay immediately
following the late service



FAMILY LUNCH!

OCTOBER 6
12:00 P.M.

Biff Buzby's
BURGERS



2769 Nacogdoches Road



All Congregation
Service Project
Plaza de Paz Meal Kits

Sunday, October 27, 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

This will be a fun and faith-filled intergenerational service opportunity, where we can be witnesses of compassion and grace. Please join us as we pack these kits.

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CLC COURTYARD & FELLOWSHIP HALL

5-7 P.M.