

Worship

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

Livestream at
10:30 a.m. every Sunday

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

Office

Monday - Thursday from
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 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.

February 2025

From the Senior Pastor

Staffing Changes

January brought with it a new year and new changes with staffing at Christ Lutheran. Lori Harris, our dedicated and hard-working Office Administrator and A/V Tech will be shifting her role with us. She will transition to working on a part-time basis from home, continuing to produce and edit the bulletins, Constant Contact emails, graphic designs, and web content. This means we will need to cover her roles of answering the phones and door and being first to assist visitors to the office and other in-person office duties as well as her role on Sunday mornings of running the livestream and sound. We are grateful that we will be able to cover these responsibilities with our capable current staff. Ainslee Ford, our Office Manager, will take over Lori's in-office duties, and Jesus Garcia will take on being our primary A/V Tech on Sunday mornings. Our office hours will shift from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (still Monday-Thursday) to accommodate this change. We are grateful to Lori for her years of full-time service as our Office Administrator, and we are even more grateful that she will stay on staff ably performing her remaining duties from home on a schedule more conducive to caring for and supporting her aging parents.

Additionally, Carrie Jowers, our long-time Director of Faith Formation, shared with me her decision to retire from ministry at the end of July. For a decade, Carrie has diligently and passionately shepherded our children and youth in growing their faith and their relationships with God, mentors, and peers. We are so thankful for her many years of ministry with us, for all the love and joy she has created and shared, for the memories we will cherish forever. I know she will be greatly missed in her role, and we will have a chance to celebrate her and thank her at a retirement event for her this summer. We are so happy that Carrie, Jeff, Sophia, and Parker will remain members of Christ Lutheran Church, but as Carrie retires at the end of July, we ask the congregation to maintain good boundaries and allow her to become a regular member, worshiping among us like any other. Soon we will form a search committee for a new Director of Faith Formation that will include a cross-section of parents of children of all ages to provide input and wisdom as we select a new person to fill this roll. Look for the position posting to appear by our March Proclaimer.

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So, indeed, it has been a new year full of new changes. As I reflect on all that's been and what is yet to come, I cannot help but be grateful for the staff members we have been blessed by over the years. Through God's grace and goodness, we have had wonderful, dedicated, talented staff who have served with full hearts and a sense of God's call and Christ Lutheran's important mission. While I am sad at times of transition, I celebrate with joy the gifts that both Lori and Carrie have been to us and will continue to be to us.

- Pastor Leslie

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Dinners – All are Welcome 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Join us for fellowship and good food every Wednesday evening. We had a lively group of all ages gathering on Wednesdays throughout January and look forward to seeing you in February at our volunteer-led dinners! If you would like to help, you can sign up to help with February dinners here: <http://bit.ly/4fl4kDQ>. Don't be intimidated, you can be in charge of the main course or bring a side item or stay to help with clean-up. We will be happy with whatever you can contribute!

Once we have a team signed up for each week, we will reach out to coordinate meal planning for simple meals. Meals are provided on a free will basis, and you can bring cash or Venmo the church @ChristLutheran-Church-3.

Please join us and be part of the community we are creating on Wednesday nights! If you have any questions, please reach out to Natalie Stone.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

6:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall



All are invited for fun and fellowship and to help prepare meals for all to enjoy.

Sign up at <http://bit.ly/4fl4kDQ> or scan the QR code to bring the main course, a side dish, fruit, dessert, or to clean up.



CLC is heading to Family Camp at the BEACH this Summer!

On July 31 - August 3, 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 (usually it's full around mid-March). 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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Christian Education Corner

Faith University In February, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

February 2, 9 – Briefly, Perfectly Human Book Discussion

Briefly Perfectly Human is a memoir by Alua Arthur, a leading death doula in the United States, that explores how embracing death can lead to a more fulfilling life. Arthur's memoir weaves together her own life experiences with the stories of people she has helped as a death doula. She argues that thinking about death can help people find new potential in their lives and live more authentically. Reviewers have called the book "a poetic, inspiring book," "a beautiful, raw, light-bringing experience," and "a deeply urgent, divinely-inspired memoir." Pastor Leslie will lead us in conversation: part teaching, part discussion, part exploration over this four-week study as we learn how to embrace death so that we may fully live.

February 16, 23 – Spiritual Partners

Dr. Timothy A. Thorstenson, an ELCA pastor and clinical pastoral educator for 40 years, has written a book entitled Beyond Belief, sharing from his experience as a pastoral care provider and teacher. His life's work centers in care for persons through their life transitions, often involving life-changing illness. His wisdom and gentle guidance inspire readers to appreciate and respect the person in their transition and their spirituality, rather than imposing one's own.

This model provides a great approach to living in any community of faith, particularly if one engages in visitation ministries with those who may be ill or aging. Pastor H and Deacon Lisa Diana, along with others who have participated in visitation ministries here at CLC, invite all congregants to a discussion of Dr. Thorstenson's work and how it applies to our life together. We will gather on 16 and 23 February during our Faith University hour (9:30-10:15). Copies of Beyond Belief will be available in February and participants are invited to read this fascinating book prior to gathering on the 16th. All are invited!

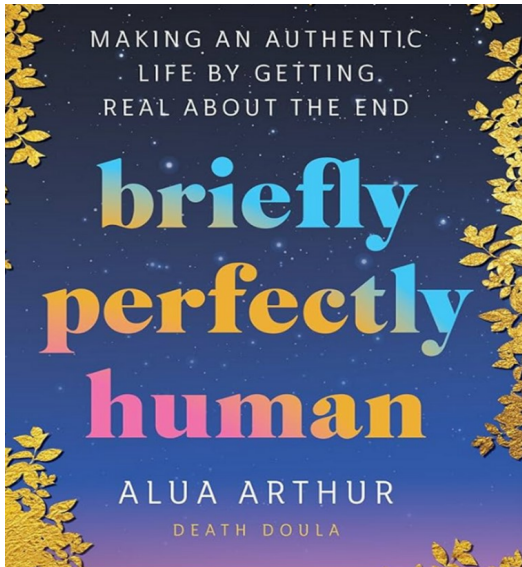
Preschool & Elementary Sunday School

Preschool (Godly Play)

Sunday, February 2: Soles 4 Souls Lesson
Sunday, February 9: Godly Play Lesson
Sunday, February 16: Make Alleluia Banners
Sunday, February 23: Rodeo Breakfast/ Special Lesson

Elementary (The Spark)

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Sunday, February 9: Bible in A Year Lesson
Sunday, February 16: Make Alleluia Banners
Sunday, February 23: Rodeo Breakfast/Special Lesson

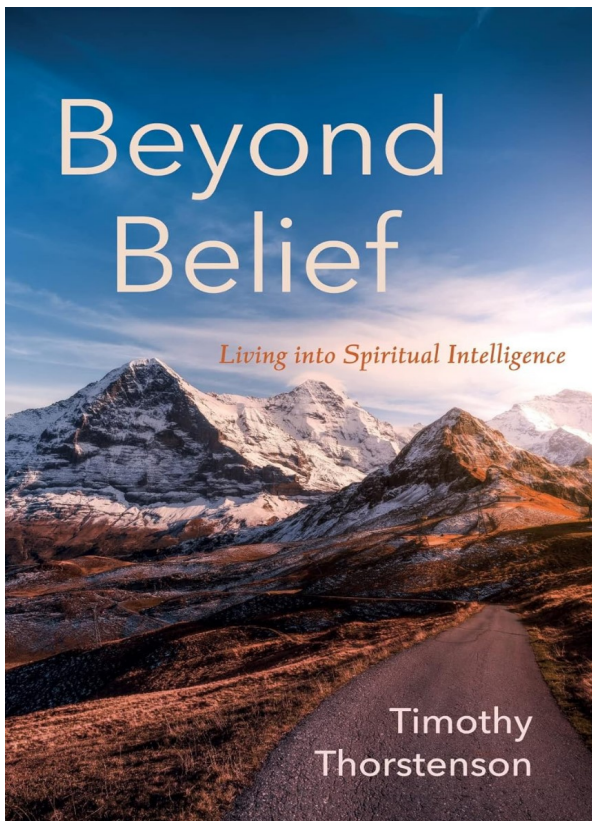


Faith University

Sundays
Fellowship Hall
February 2 & 9

A deeply transformative memoir that reframes how we think about death and how it can help us lead better, more fulfilling and authentic lives, from America's most visible death doula.

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Outreach Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Nuevos Vecinos

Thanks to all who attended the Adult Education class on January 12 where special guest Pastor Dianne Garcia of Roca de Refugio church told us about their non-profit ministry, Nuevos Vecinos. This organization on San Antonio's southside ministers to immigrants who are settling here. Pastor Dianne's presentation was eye-opening as we heard of the many hardships families often face in coming to the U.S. from another country. Pastor Dianne offered us a hopeful perspective on how working together with our new neighbors, in a co-creating model of relationship rather than a hierarchical one, can benefit all parties. We can learn from one another.

Some of the ways you can help Nuevos Vecinos:

- Financial gift
- Material donation
- Get to know an immigrant family and share their story of hope and promise
- Join the San Antonio Immigrant Support Coalition working groups

For more information, visit their website at www.nuevosvecinossatx.org or contact Deacon Lisa Diana at lisa@clcah.org.

Donation Collection for Nuevos Vecinos

We are extending our donation collection for Nuevos Vecinos through the end of February. These are the items we invite you to bring to the church to share with these immigrants who arrive in this country with little more than the clothing on their backs.

- Gently used clothes, shoes, toys, kitchen items, sheets, towels, curtains, phones, computers, and new toiletries
- Larger items like beds, mattresses, furniture, and bicycles

We also need help delivering larger items. Please contact Deacon Lisa at lisa@clcah.org if you have access to a truck and are willing to help transport large items.

Valentine's Bake Sale, Sunday, February 2! Bake and eat goodies for a worthy cause!

On Sunday, February 2, between worship services, the Mission and Outreach team will host a Valentine's Day Bake sale with all proceeds supporting the Venezuelan family CLC has been assisting with their assimilation into our country. We are looking for folks willing to donate pies, cakes, cupcakes, and cookies ... and for hungry buyers to purchase these delights. Please drop off your items at the church on Saturday afternoon, February 1, between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the Castano side of the church, and someone will be there to receive them. What a sweet way to show love to our new neighbors!

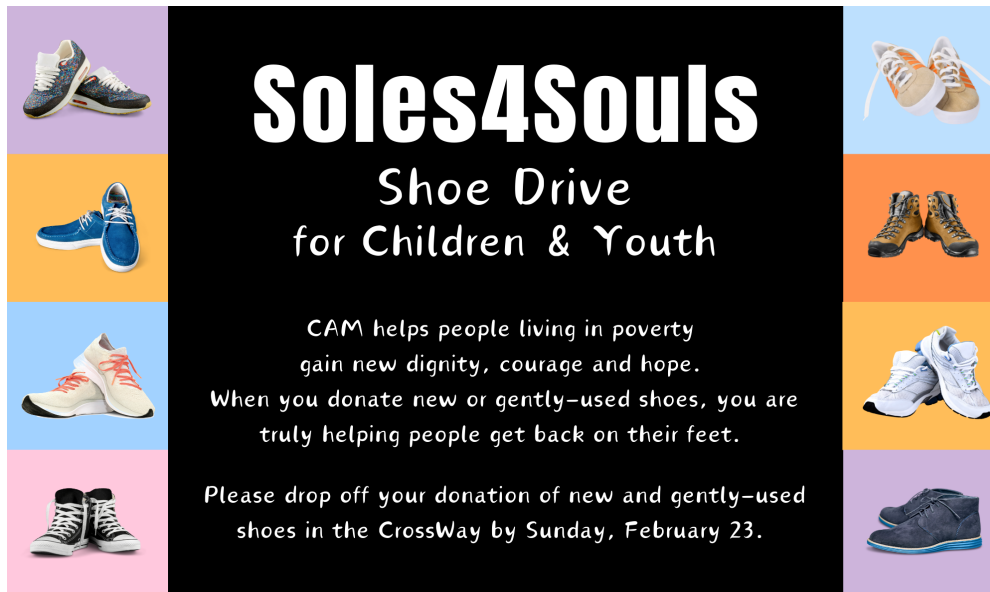
Soles 4 Souls Collection Sunday, February 2 - 23

Children and youth will collect brand new and gently used shoe donations for CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry). Your donated shoes provide new opportunities in your hometown for folks in desperate need. Did you know there are 46.5 million people living in poverty right here in the United States? Did you know that 16.1 million of these are children? CAM helps people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope. When you donate new or gently used shoes, you are helping people get back on their feet. Please bring your donations during February and leave them in the box in the CrossWay marked, "Soles 4 Souls." Contact Carrie Jowers for more information.

Member News

Our Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Polly Diggs who died on January 7, 2025.



Soles4Souls
Shoe Drive
for Children & Youth

CAM helps people living in poverty gain new dignity, courage and hope. When you donate new or gently-used shoes, you are truly helping people get back on their feet.

Please drop off your donation of new and gently-used shoes in the CrossWay by Sunday, February 23.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 9

The junior and high school students will collect monetary donations for CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry) to fight against hunger in our community after both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. During both services the youth will offer up a creative skit to encourage the congregation to participate alongside them to fight hunger here in San Antonio! Don't forget to bring some cash to drop in the donation baskets!

Small Group Corner

CLC Book Club, Tuesday, February 4, 6:45 p.m., Primrose House

Readers! The CLC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:45 p.m. in the Primrose House to discuss [The Personal Librarian](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Linda Cornwell will lead the discussion. Please join us!

The Gathering, Thursday, February 13, 9:30 a.m., Bird Bakery

A group for moms whose children range from birth to college age. The Gathering is a place where moms can chat about anything and everything. It's a group to give advice when asked, to listen, laugh and just enjoy making and growing friendships. For more information, contact Joan Woods or Carrie Jowers.

Lucy Circle, Sunday, February 16, Parlor

The Lucies are reading and discussing Anne Lamott's sweet booklet: [Help Thanks Wow – The Three Essential Prayers](#). We had a lively discussion of the first section, "Help" at our first meeting in January. On Sunday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the CLC Parlor, we'll discuss "Thanks," the second section of her book. You can find the book on Amazon or in a bookstore. If you're lucky, the SA Public Library may have copies available. All are welcome to join our friendly group.

- Jan Norris

Lunch Bunch, Thursday, February 20, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Lunch Bunch invites seniors to gather for lunch on the third Thursday of the month. We will meet on February 20 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. Many thanks to Carolyn Dufelmeier for continuing to host these lovely get-togethers.

Small Group Ministry Opportunities

So many fun things to do!

Christ Lutheran annually publishes an updated Small Group Ministries booklet to keep everyone apprised of the diverse opportunities our congregation offers to families and individuals – men, women, and children. Opportunities abound for learning, fellowship, service, recreation, music, and more. One category, Interest Groups, includes the CLC Book Club, Conversational Spanish, and Board Games. We hope you'll join us for one or more of these opportunities to get together with church friends on a regular basis for reading, learning Spanish, and old-fashioned fun!

Children and Youth Corner

Sunday, February 2, Faith Stepping Stone (3rd Grade Students Receive Their Bibles)

Our 3rd graders will be gifted the Spark Bible to acknowledge their new reading skills and maturity development in this Faith Stepping Stone from the picture Bible. The Spark Bible is the NRSV translation, which is the same translation we most often use at church. The Spark Bible is also full of age-appropriate introductions and details to help your child enter the Bible more deeply.

On Sunday, February 2, 3rd graders are invited to celebrate and receive the Spark Bible from our congregation, thus marking a new stage in their faith development. During the worship service, the children and their parents will be invited forward for a special blessing and to receive their Bible. To make sure we have enough Bibles, RSVP carrie.jowers@gmail.com that you can attend.

Third graders and at least one parent are encouraged to attend a Bible Navigation class during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.) on Sunday, February 2. Our class will focus on helping children learn how their Bible is organized, how to look up passages, and how the children on their own, and together with their families, can use the Bible for faith formation.

Angelicus (pre-K) & Gloria (K-5th) Choirs February Info & Spring Schedule!

Our children's choirs are excited to be singing in worship this February at the 10:30 a.m. service. Angelicus Choir will sing on February 9, and we will hear from Gloria Choir on February 16. Join us for worship and listen to their songs as we support our youngest members who are growing in their faith and service.

Rehearsals are every Wednesday through May 7, except for the following Wednesdays:

- March 5 – Ash Wednesday
- March 12 – Spring Break
- April 16 – Holy Week

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

- February 9 (Rodeo Sunday)
- March 2
- April 13 (Palm Sunday)
- May 11 (Mother's Day)

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

- February 16
- March 23
- April 6
- May 4

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Confirmation Ministry (6th-8th grades)

Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday, February 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the education wing with Pastor Leslie and Ms. Carrie. We will have pizza to make the evening easier to manage. We will be studying the Apostles' Creed & the Lord's Prayer.

High School Mission Week: July 7 - 11

Youth entering 8th grade through 12th grade may attend this year's mission week that will take place right here in San Antonio. The week will be filled with meeting a city councilman, exploring the heritage and needs of our city, preparing meals for the homeless, and working at the warehouse at CAM. Please reach out to Ms. Carrie for more information.

Save the Date!

Stepping Stone 3rd Grade Bibles: February 2

FX3: February 2 at CLC 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (work on Souper Bowl of Caring Skit)

Souper Bowl of Caring: Sunday, February 9

Goodwill Fundraiser: March 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Camp Chrysalis: June 8 - 13

VBS: June 23 - 26

High School Mission Trip: July 7 - 11

Family Beach Camp: July 31 - August 3

Praises to:

- All who brought food for or helped with Wednesday Night Dinners.
- Our First Communicants and their parents for attending the First Communion workshop, baking bread for the sacrament, and learning together.
- Our Welcome Team for hosting a lovely Wine & Cheese event for our New Members and Visitors.
- All who have brought donations for Nuevos Vecinos Ministry.
- Our Liturgical Planning Team for gathering to plan Lent/Holy Week.
- Patti Lynch and Mary Overstreet for helping the children create beautiful banners to adorn our Sanctuary.

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Nuevos Vecinos, the ministry organization of Roca de Refugio, is committed to building communities of hope and promise with our new neighbors in San Antonio.

NuevosVecinosSATX.org
Instagram (@nuevos_vecinos)

Donation Drive



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