



# PROCLAIMER

Christ Lutheran Church

March 2025

## Worship

Sunday Morning  
Holy Communion  
8:30 am and 10:30 am

Livestream  
10:30 am

Christian Education  
for all ages  
9:30 am

## Office

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## From the Pastor

### *God Bless You . . .*

Did somebody just sneeze? That's what we say, especially during the Mountain Cedar/Flu season, when someone lets go with an audible sneeze in public. We hear it often in February and March when winds may blow from the north, sending cedar pollen and all manner of allergens up our noses.

Historians of language speculate that ancient languages often had the same word for *wind*, *spirit*, and *breath*. Since sneezing involves the strongest expulsion of *breath* in human experience, it might just involve also the expulsion of one's *spirit*, or even the *Holy Spirit*, rendering one vulnerable to demons and threats from without. It was thought to be a safeguard to the sneezer's health and well-being to wish them God's blessing. Perhaps that's why in German-speaking cultures, one simply says *gesundheit*, or "health" to the one who expels all manner of (whatever) into shared breathing space. It may be meant for all!

"Blessing" means many things. "Bless her heart . . ." can be a prelude to a diss. "The Lord bless you and keep you . . ." can be the divine, sincere intent for all as worshipers depart a Sunday morning worship service. Matthew and Luke quote Jesus using the word quite deliberately in his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5) and the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6). Jesus says:

*Blessed are you who are poor . . .*

*Blessed are you who are hungry . . .*

*Blessed are you who weep now . . .*

*Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you, revile you.* (Luke 6:20-22)

Such talk seems contradictory, or double-talk on human experience. No one seeks these things: poverty, hunger, sadness, or hate from others. Yet we reflected in our Faith University studies here at CLC in February on the work of Dr. Timothy Thorstenson, quoting St. John of the Cross from the late 1500s, that it can be in such times, dark times, even suffering times, that "we experience the potential for a deeper connection with God, with 'the divine space,' (resulting) in soul-transforming recognition of true transcendence."

This has been my experience in ministry. When times were the most austere and threatening in military life, when conditions were dark, that's when the most important work was done. When we "live into" the wounds life may impose on us, we can emerge toward greater intimacy and care for others when they become wounded. We learn at such times that we are "in this together."

Listen further to Jesus' words from Luke:

*Woe to you who are rich . . .*

*Woe to you who are full now . . .*

*Woe to you who are laughing now . . .*

*Woe to you when all speak well of you . . .*

Again, it sounds contradictory, for aren't these the things after which we all strive? I believe the "woes" are warnings, spiritual caution signs against imagining that the temporal illusions of wealth and power endure. Following Jesus means following a *different* path. He comes to us empty of worldly power and the promise of worldly "success" and bids us to follow him.

With political and even military dangers all around, it's the perfect time to remember that we follow Jesus. He came to "bless" and bring hope to those who had every earthly reason to be hopeless. As his church, we now have opportunity to be a "little Christ" to our neighbor. Jesus' commitment to "preach good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind . . . release to the captive" may not make you wealthy or fill your belly. "Living into" the challenges of our time may not bring laughter or make others always speak well of you. Hear instead Jesus' promise: *Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy!*

So if bad news is all you're hearing these days, hear also the good news: blessed are *you!* Holy are *you!* For Jesus has called you to *this* time and *this* place, to be his witnesses, to the ends of the earth.

God bless you!

Pastor H

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## Global Refuge Condemns False Accusations

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*As you've likely heard from the news, as well as from Pastor Leslie's sermon on February 9, Global Refuge and Lutheran Social Services have been targeted by the new administration, and falsely accused of "money laundering." Here we share with you the official response from Global Refuge:*

Global Refuge condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the false accusations lodged against our humanitarian work. As a faith-based nonprofit, we have faithfully walked alongside legally admitted refugees and immigrants for more than 85 years. This includes Afghan allies who risked their lives to protect U.S. troops, as well as persecuted Christians, all of whom have been extensively vetted and approved by multiple U.S. government agencies before traveling to our country.

We also remain committed to caring for unaccompanied children forced to flee unimaginable circumstances in their home countries to seek safety in the United States. Across Democratic and Republican administrations, we have partnered with the U.S. government to protect vulnerable children, safeguard them against human trafficking, and safely reunify them with their parent(s) or guardian.

Rooted in our proud Lutheran heritage, Global Refuge and our dedicated network of providers stand ready to assist the new administration in welcoming families who need to resettle in our country, helping ensure they learn our language, secure jobs that help our economy grow, and quickly become vital contributors to communities. To do otherwise would run contrary to the spirit of our Christian faith, America's identity as a nation of immigrants, and our role as a global humanitarian leader.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)*

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## CLC Property Update

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Thanks to all of you who provided valuable feedback during our Congregational Forum in December and for those who participated in our campus tours. It is clear that our congregation has a passion for ensuring that our facilities continue to positively reflect our greater church mission. While the Council deliberates on the longer-term vision of our facilities and the Campaign Advance Team meets with folks one-on-one about their desire to support that long-term vision, the Property Committee will use its resources to address immediate concerns as we are able. Many of you may have noticed the new striping and lighting repairs in our parking lots. Within the next few months, you will notice changes in our CrossWay, kitchen, and Primrose House.

Joe Diana, Property Committee Chair

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

## Faith University in March, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

- **March 2** – Pastor H’s class on Dr. Timothy A. Thorstenson’s work as a pastoral care provider and teacher continues from February.

Our Lenten theme is “Hearts of Mercy” and many in our congregation have been wondering about ways we can share mercy and compassion during these challenging times. Faith University in March will feature various special guests representing agencies and organizations we can connect with and support as we practice having “Hearts of Mercy.”

- **March 9** – Rev. Keats Miles-Wallace and Executive Director Bee Moorhead join us from Texas Impact, the interfaith nonprofit responsible for mobilizing people of faith and advocating for faithful values in the Texas legislature. Texas Impact is also the office designated by the ELCA as our Lutheran public policy office in Texas and works tightly on LGBTQ+ issues with Technicolor Ministries. Bee and Pastor Keats will bring us news from the Texas Legislature and be available for any Texas Impact and Technicolor Ministries questions.
- **March 16** – No Faith University; education for all ages takes a week off for Spring Break.
- **March 23 & 30 – Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services) & Upbring (formerly Lutheran Social Services)** - Come and learn more about these Lutheran agencies which represent us and need our support. Learn how they were founded, how they are funded, and more about the work that they do locally, nationally, and around the globe to offer mercy to those who are hurting and in need.
  - **March 23** - We will welcome Julie Thornton, Global Refuge San Antonio Manager for Field Operations.
  - **March 30** - We will welcome Katie Evans the Manager of Church Relations at Upbring.
- **April 6 & 13 – Stories of Mercy** – What do King David, the woman at the well, the Lost Sheep, Hagar, the Prodigal Son, and the Ninevites all have in common? . . . They were in desperate need of grace and mercy . . . a gift they received from our everlasting God. As part of our Lenten journey “Hearts of Mercy,” we will spend two sessions of adult education visiting various stories of mercy found in our holy scriptures. We will reflect upon what these stories teach us, both about how to receive mercy and how to offer mercy.

## Preschool & Elementary Sunday School

### Preschool (Godly Play)

Sunday, March 2: Godly Play Lesson  
Sunday, March 9: Meet on the Playground  
Sunday, March 16: No Sunday School: Spring Break  
Sunday, March 23: Godly Play Lesson  
Sunday, March 30: Godly Play Lesson

### Elementary (The Spark)

Sunday, March 2: Bible in a Year Lesson  
Sunday, March 9: Meet on the Playground  
Sunday, March 16: No Sunday School: Spring Break  
Sunday, March 23: Bible in a Year Lesson  
Sunday, March 30: Bible in a Year Lesson

## Lenten Theme - Hearts of Mercy

This Lenten season our lectionary readings appointed for Sunday mornings often lift up the gift of mercy. We hear the story of the Prodigal Son and the story of the woman who anointed Jesus' feet before his betrayal, amongst others. When we are on the receiving end of mercy, we understand how powerfully it can change our lives for the better, which enables us then to be merciful with others. Join us on Sundays and Wednesdays as we practice receiving and offering mercy.

**Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Ash Wednesday, March 5, Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

- Communion & Imposition of Ashes at both Services
- Livestream at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesdays in Lent:**

- **Noon (March 12, 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9)**
  - \* 12:00 p.m. – Worship in Columbarium (30 minutes)
  - \* 12:30 p.m. – Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- **Evening (March 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9):**
  - \* 6:00 p.m. – Family Worship in Fellowship Hall
  - \* 6:15 p.m. – Dinner in Fellowship Hall
  - \* **NOTE: No worship & dinner Wednesday EVENING March 12, due to Spring Break**

Noon worship throughout the Wednesdays of Lent will be solemn reflection, prayer time, stories of mercy from scripture, moments to find hope, and hymn singing.

Evening worship throughout the Wednesdays of Lent will focus on families acting out stories of mercy found in scripture with prayers and singing to round out the services. Children will have the opportunity to learn the meaning of mercy and practice it throughout the week.

All worship participants will have a chance to share acts of mercy offered and received as we contribute to a collective work of paper hearts throughout the season.



# LENT

## Lenten Offering - Global Refuge

### **Needed: Your Hearts of Mercy to Support Global Refuge**

Our Lenten theme appeals to “Hearts of Mercy,” as we reach out in compassion to address the desperate needs of imperiled ministries during these tumultuous times. Our Hearts of Mercy are particularly needed today for our friends at Global Refuge who are battling misinformation, false accusations, and lost federal funding, yet remain determined to help the refugees who rely on them for resettlement assistance.

As the designated recipient of our Lenten worship funds this year, we have selected Global Refuge, formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), a nonprofit ministry serving newcomers who are seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. For 85 years, they have welcomed refugees from many countries in turmoil, upholding a legacy of compassion and grace for people in crisis.

They walk alongside individuals, families, and children as they embark on new lives in the United States. Their work in refugee resettlement includes welcome and respite services for asylum seekers, economic empowerment and employment, and family unification for unaccompanied children. To date, they have served over 800,000 people from around the globe.

Two years ago, Global Refuge opened a San Antonio office to better serve refugees coming through Texas. To date, this local affiliate has helped launch over 200 individuals, and at present, they are accompanying 74 refugees who are counting on outreach and assistance.

What do they need to continue their work after federal funds were suddenly halted? They need everything. Money. Prayers. Volunteers. Advocacy. Due to the slashed funding, they have had to do the heartbreaking act of letting staff go because they cannot pay them.

Andrew Steele, Global Refuge Chief Development and Mobilization Officer, says, “We are committed to keeping our San Antonio office open. We need more connections to local funders, to churches, and to Lutherans in particular. There is no other Lutheran resettlement operation in Texas. The mission is critical, and the needs are enormous.”

They are assisting families with rent and food and helping them find jobs and complete the paperwork needed to gain asylum status. They are reuniting families. In 2023, 125,000 unaccompanied children came to the Southern border alone. Andrew says, “Reunification keeps families from enduring the horrors of human trafficking.” He notes that Congress appropriated the funds for their operations last fall, yet the sudden stoppage has left them without reimbursement for work already completed, and insufficient funds to pay staff or help refugees.

Global Refuge is in crisis. It requires Hearts of Mercy. Our congregation has a 93-year history of sharing its merciful hearts with those in need, as Jesus would have us do. These words from Matthew 25:35-40 are our guidepost in Lent, and in everyday life. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

## Wednesday Night Dinners - All Are Welcome 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday nights are more fun at Christ Lutheran! Join us for dinner and casual fellowship at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to join us for a simple weekly meal and an evening of spending time together.

Want to help make Wednesday nights happen? We love trying everyone's favorite easy meals. Sign up to bring an item at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45ACAD2AA0F4C25-54504181-wednesday> OR just come and join us. Free will offerings to support the meals are appreciated and can be made by cash, check or Venmo at @clcah09.

### FAQ About Wednesday Night Dinners

Our church family has begun hosting Wednesday night dinners in the Fellowship Hall. This program began because our children's choirs' families enjoyed spending time together after singing, and it continues to grow and expand to create connections across the church.

We're sharing some of the most common questions we've received about Wednesday night dinners, and we hope you'll come out soon to join us for a fun evening of fellowship!

#### What are we doing?

We are gathering for dinner and fellowship - as simple as that! During certain times of the year, there may be additional programming on campus (for example, Lenten services coming up soon!). However, currently we are just enjoying the time to be together and get to know one another.

#### What are we eating?

Dinners are provided and prepared by the church community. Each month, we maintain a SignUpGenius and work together to prepare simple, kid-friendly meals - soup, pasta, tacos, etc.

#### How much does it cost?

We are keeping costs down for the program by asking church members to provide a main course, a side, a dessert, etc. When we have many church community members providing the meals, we are able to make funds stretch farther (a very loaves-and-fishes mindset!).

#### Who is invited?

Everyone! We initially began meeting because our children's choirs' families enjoyed having dinner together at nearby restaurants on Wednesday nights. However, as this activity gained popularity, our group quickly outgrew the space at some of our favorite restaurants (imagine EZ's packed with Christ Lutheran kids!).

We really would enjoy seeing more people from across the church join us so we can continue getting to know each other and enjoy one another's company. You are also welcome to invite friends and family outside of Christ Lutheran to connect them with our community (food is great for bringing people together!).

#### How can I help?

The number one way you can help is just to be there! We really want to see more people from across the church and community joining together on Wednesday nights. It could be a great time for small group gatherings, catching up with friends, meeting new friends, etc.

Other ways to help include:

- Providing a main course, side or dessert for the evening (see the monthly SignUpGenius above)
- Helping to prepare food in the kitchen (from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.)
- Helping to clean up following dinner (usually from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- Planning a children's craft or activity for the evening
- Providing a freewill donation to help support the program

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! If you have any questions about this program and how to be part of it, please contact Natalie Stone [nataliestonetate@gmail.com](mailto:nataliestonetate@gmail.com) or Pastor Leslie.



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

Our children's choirs sang beautifully in worship throughout the month of February, and they are excited to be singing in worship in March at 10:30 a.m. worship as well. Angelicus Choir will sing on Sunday, March 2, and we will hear from Gloria Choir on Sunday, March 23. Come 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:

- 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:

- March 23
- April 6
- May 4



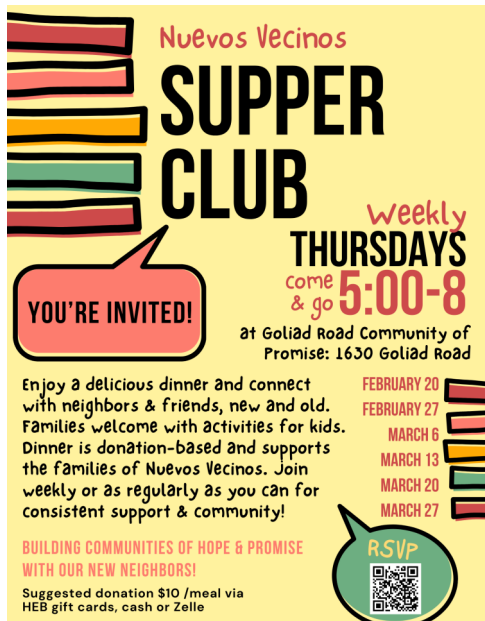
## CLC STAFFING UPDATE

### Search Committee for a New Director of Faith Formation

Adam Braaten, Patti Lynch, Scott Merkord, Amanda Peterson, Natalie Stone (chair), Jeff Timm, Jennifer von Durckheim, and Pastor Leslie have agreed to serve on our Search Committee to hire our next Director of Faith Formation. They are all engaged members who have served in various ministry roles within our church community over the years. They represent parents with children of varying ages, some of them have preschoolers, others, elementary students, and others, teenagers. One of them is a dedicated Sunday School teacher among many other ministry duties at CLC. All of them are eager to hear your thoughts on our Director of Faith Formation position as well as feedback about our ministries to children, youth, and families as we face this time of transition. Please don't hesitate to pull them aside on a Sunday morning or call the church office for their individual contact information. Their first task will be to review and revise the Director of Faith Formation position description so that we can post it and begin our search. We thank these dedicated individuals for their service.

# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## Mission and Outreach



**Nuevos Vecinos**  
**SUPPER CLUB**  
Weekly THURSDAYS  
come & go 5:00-8  
at Goliad Road Community of Promise: 1630 Goliad Road

YOU'RE INVITED!

Enjoy a delicious dinner and connect with neighbors & friends, new and old. Families welcome with activities for kids. Dinner is donation-based and supports the families of Nuevos Vecinos. Join weekly or as regularly as you can for consistent support & community!

BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE & PROMISE WITH OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!  
Suggested donation \$10 /meal via HEB gift cards, cash or Zelle

RSVP

FEBRUARY 20  
FEBRUARY 27  
MARCH 6  
MARCH 13  
MARCH 20  
MARCH 27

**Nuevos Vecinos**, a ministry of Roca de Refugio, is organizing weekly “hospitality suppers” for the immigrant families they serve, which include activities for the kids. Anyone who would like can attend these gatherings which support the families and are offered on Thursday evenings from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. during March. The CLC Mission and Outreach Team will be collaborating with other synod churches to host the hospitality supper on **Thursday, March 20, from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.** There will be two volunteer shifts. Adults as well as children are invited to volunteer and/or attend the event from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The hospitality suppers are held at the Goliad Road Community of Promise, 1630 Goliad Road.

Please contact Deacon Lisa at [lisa@clcah.org](mailto:lisa@clcah.org) if you are interested in supporting this opportunity.

Thank you!

Deacon Lisa Diana

## Mission and Outreach Team's Valentine's Bake Sale Fundraiser Results

**Thank you** for all the donations made to the Valentine's Bake Sale on Sunday, February 2. **We raised almost \$1,000!** Thanks to all those who brought baked goods for donations, and all who purchased goodies. We raised the money to support a Venezuelan family that has been seeking asylum in San Antonio.

Deacon Lisa has been journeying alongside the family, and Christ Lutheran began helping the family nine months ago. Andreina, Osmar, and their three children: Ashley (18), Andrea (16), and Dilan (5) left Venezuela because of the corrupt and unlivable conditions. They hoped for better opportunities for themselves and their family and made the long journey here. They have faced many challenges since arriving here in the fall of 2023, but they also have made much progress. They have received permission to apply for asylum, get work permits, and enroll their children in school. These are all big steps. They are very motivated. We have agreed to help with part of their rent and bills for the next several months while they are trying to find work. If you are able to help Andreina with any job opportunities, please contact Deacon Lisa Diana. One of Andreina's goals is to learn English. She brought some items for our bake sale on Sunday and sat for a little while in the service, afterward telling us how much she wants to learn.

Thank you again for your support. This is such a hard time for refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S., and we're so glad CLC is welcoming them. When we do this, we are also welcoming Christ into our church.

## Souper Bowl of Caring - Thank You from the Youth

Thank you to our congregation for supporting our youth in collecting funds for the Souper Bowl of Caring last month. Because of your amazing generosity, we raised almost \$1,200. Our donation was given to CAM at their Council Meeting that we hosted here at Christ Lutheran on Thursday, February 13. The funds will go toward sack lunches that are handed out daily at CAM.



# SMALL GROUP CORNER

## **CLC Book Club, Tuesday, March 4, 6:45 p.m., Primrose House**

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Readers! Know you'll be warmly welcomed by this group for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:45 p.m. in the Primrose House. We'll be discussing Nowhere for Very Long by Brianna Madia. Celia Crotteau will lead the discussion.

## **The Gathering, Thursday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., Bird Bakery**

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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, March 16, Parlor**

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The Lucies will meet on Sunday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the CLC Parlor to discuss the final section of Anne Lamott's book on prayer, Help Thanks Wow. We invite you to join us for a thoughtful discussion, fellowship, and, very likely, healthy laughter. We'll also share ideas on how we can use our skills and resources to help ministries that have been undermined by the sudden cessation of federal funding.

## **Lunch Bunch, Thursday, March 20, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

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

## **Men's Divorce Survival Small Group**

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Are you or someone you care about experiencing the heartache and heartbreak of divorce?

As a boy, I was taught that men are strong and tough, i.e. "A real man never asks for help because a real man never needs any help from anyone." Then my wife served me with divorce papers, and it broke me. I wasn't strong enough or tough enough. I needed help, but I didn't know who or how to ask for the help I needed.

I'm Steven, and CLC is offering the opportunity for a Men's Only Divorce Survival Small Group. We can help each other, and together we can find hope beyond heartbreak. Let's talk.

-Steven Lunning [sclunning@gmail.com](mailto:sclunning@gmail.com)

*(Note: Steven Lunning is a retired ELCA pastor and new member of our congregation, and we are so grateful that he is offering to spearhead this new small group ministry at CLC. This will be a helpful and comforting group for men who could use support following a divorce.)*

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

## Goodwill Fundraiser Collection Day for High School Mission Week Sunday, March 23, Primrose Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Start your spring cleaning now to help raise funds to support the High School Mission Week in July (hosted in San Antonio). We are making it super easy for you. Load up your car or truck, come to the big parking lot at CLC and the youth will grab everything from your vehicle. Donations accepted are clothing, shoes, books, purses, home décor, kitchen items, and toys. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Carrie at [carrie.jowers@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.jowers@gmail.com). Please note donations can be dropped off ahead of time starting on March 2 in Ms. Carrie's office.



**GOODWILL**  
High School Mission Week Fundraiser  
March 23 | 9:00 a.m. to noon | Primrose Parking Lot.

Help our youth raise funds for the High School Mission Week in San Antonio this summer.

Bring your donated clothes, kitchen items, toys, home décor, and books. Our youth will gather your donations and place them in the Goodwill bins.

## Elementary Night Out at CLC (Ages: Kinder - 5th Grade)



**ELEMENTARY Night Out**  
Saturday, March 29  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Drop off your children aged Kinder - 5th grade and help support our High School Mission Trip.

**Activities**

- Pizza
- Games
- Hide & Seek
- Inflatables

**\$40 PER CHILD OR \$60 FOR TWO OR MORE**

Contact Ms. Carrie for more information or to sign up.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

## Confirmation Ministry (6th - 8th grades) Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Our next Wednesday evening Confirmation Class is April 9 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Education Wing. There will be pizza at the start if you want an easy dinner while we learn and grow in our faith together. We will be studying the Lord's Prayer. Reminder to Confirmands: Don't forget to be working on your Worship Notes and Service Hours.

## VBS at CLC June 23 - 26: Registration is Open

Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking travelers on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous pup named Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip!

Road trips are a great way to build strong relationships and create indelible memories. Registration forms can be picked up in the CrossWay or online at [www.dcah.org](http://www.dcah.org). Please contact Ms. Carrie for more information.



## Teen and Adult Volunteers Needed for VBS!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we need **YOU** to help make it an unforgettable experience for our kids! Whether you love teaching, crafting, playing games, or simply lending a helping hand, there's a place for everyone.

Join us as we share God's love through fun lessons, music, and activities. No experience needed—just a willing heart and a joyful spirit!

**Dates:** June 23 - 26 (9:00 a.m. - noon)

**Location:** Christ Lutheran Church

**Ways to Help:** Teaching, crafts, snacks, games, decorating, and more!

Sign up today or learn more by contacting Ms. Carrie at [carrie.jowers@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.jowers@gmail.com). Let's make this VBS the best one yet!



# SUMMER EVENTS

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

**March 2 will be Beach Camp Sunday in Worship!** Look for several folks who attended beach camp last summer to be present and share their stories of building faith through fun together.

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. 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).



## High School Mission Week: July 7 - 11

### High School Mission Week July 7 - 11

Youth entering 8th grade through completing 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 Councilmember, 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.



# CHRIST LUTHERAN DAY SCHOOL

## Day School Update

Dear Christ Lutheran Families,

Christ Lutheran Day School is truly blessed to be a vital mission of Christ Lutheran Church. Each year, we have the privilege of serving over 100 students from our local community and beyond. This is made possible by our dedicated staff of 20 experienced educators, whose expertise in early childhood education ensures the best possible learning experiences for our students. Through play-based learning, the children engage in meaningful activities that prepare them for the educational journey ahead. We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support from Christ Lutheran Church, which is essential in making this mission a reality.

Additionally in joint partnership with the church, through our Day School Scholarship Fund, we are honored to offer scholarships to eight students, giving them the opportunity to attend our school. Along with the families we serve, we sincerely appreciate your continued commitment to helping us provide invaluable opportunities for our students.

We had such a fun month of February here at CLDS! Our explorations of space, colors, bears, and more have been met with so much enthusiasm from the children. It's been wonderful to see how much they enjoyed some unusually warm weather, especially as they spent time exploring the playground. The new mulch we added to the playground this month has been wonderful for our little explorers. We've also been excited to witness all the creativity and learning happening across the classrooms—there's been so much beautiful art and discovery! Please be sure to take time to look at the art in the hallways. We celebrated Valentine's Day with treats and family fellowship. Our PreK 4/5s class had a special Donuts with Dads (and special guests) event. We loved seeing the smiles as the children enjoyed this sweet time with their loved ones.

Enrollment for the 2025 - 2026 school year is ongoing, and we still have openings available. If you know of anyone looking for a wonderful early childhood experience for their child, please send them our way. We love to welcome church families into our school community. Thank you for being a part of this special journey with us.

We look forward to all the fun and learning ahead!

Dana Ferraro, Christ Lutheran Day School Director

## Christ Lutheran Day School Administrative Assistant Job Announcement

CLDS Administrative Assistant is responsible for:

- Creating and maintaining all student files to meet the standards of Texas State Licensing, NAEYC and the CLDS Board.
- Maintaining and updating all paperwork to maintain standing with licensing.
- Completing and maintaining all monthly billing.
- Managing payroll for CLDS staff.
- Communicating with teachers, families and students. Must be friendly and able to go above and beyond to serve our families and staff.
- Collaborating with families and staff to create schoolwide events.
- Creating weekly and monthly newsletters.
- Knowledge of Excel, Google, Word, and more.

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- Must be able to collaborate with the director.
- Must be able to keep influx of information confidential at all times.
- Perform various tasks around the property as needed.
- Able to multi-task

**Qualifications and Education Requirements**

Bachelor's degree preferred

**Additional Notes**

Knowledge of child development a plus

Job Types: Part-time, Full-time

Pay: \$18 - \$20 per hour

Schedule: Monday – Friday, 30 - 40 hours/week

Anyone interested in applying for the position may send their application to the Day School email, [christlutherandayschool@yahoo.com](mailto:christlutherandayschool@yahoo.com). If you have any questions about the position, do not hesitate to reach out to the Day School office at (210) 822-7671.



## MEMBER NEWS

Our Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Dora Esquivel, sister of John Esquivel, who died on January 31, 2025.
- The family and friends Vivien Mathsen, mother of Paul Mathsen, who died on February 16, 2025.
- The family and friends of Rev. Stephen Youngdahl, father of John Youngdahl, who died on February 17, 2025.
- The family and friends of our faithful member Muoi Hicks who died on February 18, 2025.

## PRAISES TO:

- Our Sunday School Students who received their Third Grade Reader Bibles to continue growing in their knowledge of God's word.
- Bishop Sue Briner for visiting our church and sharing God's word with us.
- Our youth for fighting hunger in San Antonio by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring.
- Those who donated and purchased baked goods to support our partner family from Venezuela.
- Those who donated shoes for Soles4Souls.
- All who contributed clothing, household goods, and other necessities for Nuevos Vecinos.

## STAFF

**The Rev. Leslie Price**  
Senior Pastor

**The Rev. Howard Stendahl**  
Pastor

**Carrie Jowers**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Dana Ferraro**  
Director of Day School

**Ainslee Ford**  
Office Manager & Accountant

**Deacon Lisa Diana**  
Minister of Mission & Outreach

**Lori Harris**  
Communications Coordinator

**Dr. Dan Long**  
Director of Music Ministry

**Jeff Hammack**  
Organist

**Mary Patino**  
Youth Choir Director

**Sharon Wiedemann**  
Youth Choir Accompanist

**Sam Tenorio & Justin Martin**  
Custodians

**Jesus Garcia**  
A/V Tech

**Carolyn Dufelmeier**  
Event Coordinator

**Clara Tenorio**  
Nursery Attendant

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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## Christ Lutheran Church

GROWING TOGETHER

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### Ash Wednesday

March 5, Services at Noon & 7 pm (livestream)  
Communion & Imposition of Ashes at both services



### Wednesdays in Lent

**Noon - March 12, 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9**

12:00 p.m. - Worship in Columbarium

12:30 p.m. - Lunch in Fellowship Hall

**Evening - March 19, 26 and April 2 & 9**

6:00 p.m. - Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. - Dinner in Fellowship Hall