



PROCLAIMER

Christ Lutheran Church

June 2025

Worship

Sunday Morning Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. through Labor
Day weekend, August 31

Livestream

9:30 a.m.

No Education Hour
during the summer

Office

Summer Hours
through August 10
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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From the Pastor

In times of crisis, I often find myself retreating to nature. Taking a walk, sitting beneath the expansive shade of a live oak, or viewing a vivid sunset revives my soul and reconnects me to God. Journeying a bit further when I can, I love a mountain hike, using my muscles to reach a summit with its glorious vista or heading to the ocean for a day of fun at the beach with my family: burying one another in the sand, searching for seashells, watching the birds dive for fish and fly off with their booty, catching sight of a turtle. These moments of connection with God's creation and with those whom I love, whom God also created, remind me of what it means to truly live. They remind me where our values reside, what we should never forget to treasure, and that we should continue to advocate for others. They remind me that God created each human in God's image and called all of creation good. They remind me that God holds us fast through good days and bad. They remind me to give thanks to God for all that's been given. They remind me we have work to do, to care for our Mother Earth, and to care for all our brothers and sisters, divinely created in the image of God.

While it's tough to bring the beach inside our sanctuary or view a sunset from inside its walls, we will seek to remember the many gifts of creation in worship this summer at Christ Lutheran, beginning a new worship series on Sunday, June 15. We will focus on a unique aspect of creation each Sunday. Throughout the summer, we will consider ways in which we can care for the Earth and our neighbors. We will receive your food donations for our neighbors at CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry) at the altar at the front of the sanctuary, and together we will watch our generosity grow. Our summer banner series by Mary Overstreet artfully depicts the beauty of creation, and we are inviting our children to create art for our bulletin covers this summer as well. Read more about this opportunity on page 8.

In remembering our connectedness to the Earth and to one another we will find life and find it abundantly.

-Pastor Leslie

CHURCH BUSINESS

Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 29

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. In that meeting, we will hear reports on our ministries, elect Congregation Council members, and adopt the budget for next year. All members are encouraged to participate and to lend their voice and vote.

Director of Faith Formation Announcement

We are thrilled to announce that a member of our own congregation, Blythe Boeck, will be our new Director of Faith Formation!

Our dedicated Faith Formation Search Committee enthusiastically recommended Blythe to Congregation Council who then approved the decision to extend the position to her, and we were delighted when she accepted immediately. She will begin this new role in mid-July to help us prepare for the upcoming programmatic year.

Blythe Boeck is a San Antonio native and a devoted, lifelong member of Christ Lutheran Church. Her participation in CLC's children's ministry as a child and youth guided her spirituality and solidified her roots within our congregation. Seeing her parents volunteer with our youth made a lasting impression on her, and she was inspired to follow their example. After graduating high school, she remained involved in youth ministries by volunteering for Vacation Bible School. Later, after having children of her own, she has often participated in their Sunday morning education.

Blythe has a passion for educating children and helping to nurture young people to be happy, centered, equipped, compassionate, and self-confident. She has worked for over 17 years in education, holding various positions from classroom teacher to curriculum design in public and private schools. She believes that creating a safe, welcoming environment where children can express themselves, ask questions, and be engaged is key to helping them learn.

Blythe received her Bachelor of Science in Applied Learning and Development from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Science in Library Sciences from the University of North Texas. Blythe is excited to bring her credentials and experience into the world of faith building and spiritual formation for our children and youth. She is passionate about sharing the message of God's unconditional love and creating a welcoming, thoughtful environment where young people can explore their faith and deepen their relationship with God. This includes involving children of all abilities and family make-ups at church. With experience as a general education and special education teacher in both low-income and affluent schools, Blythe brings a unique ability to connect with and support a diverse range of learners and their families.

She and her husband, Kevin, are the proud parents of Addie, a fourth grader, and Henry, a first grader, both alumni of Christ Lutheran Day School and active participants in CLC children's ministry programming, singing in the choir and attending Sunday School and worship. In her free time, you will find Blythe traveling, volunteering with the PTA, and spending time with her family.

Our Faith Formation Search Committee found Blythe to be funny, engaging, organized, passionate, articulate, and prepared to jump into this new role bringing a wealth of experience and education. A huge thank you to our diligent Search Committee: Adam Braaten, Patti Lynch, Scott Merkord, Amanda Peterson, Jeff Timm, Jennifer von Durckheim, Pastor Leslie, and Chair, Natalie Stone.

Please join us in welcoming Blythe into this new role, supporting her as she begins her ministry among us, and praying for Christ Lutheran and all of its ministers and staff during this time of transition.

— Pastor Leslie and the Faith Formation Search Committee

CHURCH BUSINESS

Celebrating Carrie Jowers

Carrie Jowers has served our congregation for over a decade as Director of Faith Formation. In that time, she has reached out to children, youth, college students, parents, and families – transforming their lives with the good news of Jesus Christ via Sunday School, VBS, summer camps, retreats, FX3, Family Nights, children's sermons, and so much more. At the end of July, she will retire from ministry work and her role on staff. We plan to thank and celebrate Carrie at a brunch reception in her honor on Sunday, July 27, following worship. We are putting together a group of people to work on that reception to thank Carrie for her time and ministry with us. Heather Rosenquist has agreed to serve as chair of that team. If you would be willing to serve, please reach out to Heather or Pastor Leslie. We give thanks for Carrie and her ministry among us.

Stewardship Sunday

Thank you to all those who returned your Stewardship Cards. We received 65 cards. Your planning and support make all the difference in allowing us to build a budget for the upcoming year which reflects our mission priorities and benevolence commitments. We are excited to see what this next year holds as we continue to grow together in faith, and we continue to BE the difference.

Reflections from Synod Assembly

I was happy to represent CLC, as well as Synod Council, this year at the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly. While we attended to the business of the church, including elections to Synod Council and voting to approve the budget, it was also a time of sharing and learning. Our theme for this year was "More Than Enough," taken from "the feeding of the 5,000," and we heard about some of the ways that churches and our synod are living out God's mission in different ways.

Good Shepherd Lutheran, in partnership with Good Acres, is using church property for mission; Fresh Expressions is exploring how to do church in a variety of settings outside the church walls; and Sembrando en los Márgenes is welcoming our new neighbors in partnership with other synods. The values in which we live out our faith include love, justice, mercy, and dignity for all people. And we were reminded that even something small can make a big difference.

We heard from partners in the African-American Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church; the Episcopal Church; SUMUD (accompaniment and advocacy for justice in Israel and Palestine); and the church in Costa Rica about how we are working together in community towards greater peace and reconciliation. We learned about Tres Hilos Community Garden, on the property of MacArthur Park Lutheran Church, which provides nutritional food for the neighborhood, and we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Cross Trails, our outdoor camping and retreat ministry.

The ELCA Senior Director of Young Adult Communities, Daniel Kirshbaum, spoke about a variety of topics, including Gather ministry for young adults, and Lutheran Disaster Aid Response, and he preached on the assembly's theme, "More than Enough," noting that it is in the empty tomb that we find great abundance, and all we need are the gifts that God has already given us. Finally, a More than Enough Fund is being raised to offer opportunities for churches to engage in feeding ministries. It is inspiring to know that we belong to a synod that is growing leaders and reaching out beyond our walls to serve others in the community and world. Learn more at this link: <https://www.swtsynod.org/assembly>

— Deacon Lisa Diana

MISSION AND OUTREACH CORNER

Summer Food Offering for Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)

We will collect food donations for CAM during our summer worship services. CAM serves families in crisis with essentials that include food, clothing, and utility assistance. Items we will be collecting are:

- 1 lb bags of rice
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly



- Tomato Sauce
- Tomato Paste
- Instant Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk

You will have an opportunity to bring your donation to the altar during the offering time.

Donations for Global Refuge

Global Refugee, which assists refugees in the San Antonio area, needs the following:

- Gift Cards
HEB
Walmart
Uber
- Bus passes
- Paper products



- Toiletry items
- Cleaning products
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products

We will collect these items on an ongoing basis in the CrossWay.

Bike Drive



In August, we are planning to hold a bicycle drive to donate bikes primarily to provide transportation to adult refugees. We also will collect bikes for refugee children. We ask that you please bring used bikes that you no longer need to the Fellowship Hall during the month of August. We will conclude with a wrench-a-thon to clean and repair the bikes to be donated. We'll need your mechanical expertise to bring the donated bikes up to readiness.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a variety of ways to serve those in need in our community. Our benevolence partners are doing amazing, selfless work, and beyond sharing our benevolence offerings with them, there are ways we can volunteer in various capacities. If you're looking for a way to make a difference, please consider giving of your time and talents to these non-profits: Haven for Hope, Agape, Northeast Senior Services, Global Refuge, and Upbring. If you have an interest in volunteering with one of these ministry partners or would like to have more information on what opportunities are available, please contact Deacon Lisa Diana at lisa@clcah.org.

Our next Mission and Outreach Team Meeting will be Monday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor or on Zoom, and you are welcome to join us.

MISSION AND OUTREACH CORNER

Global Refuge Update

Andrew Steele, Chief Development and Mobilization Officer for Global Refuge, tells us of the potential impact the announcement from the Department of Homeland Security brings regarding the removing of protection from Afghan nationals who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS). These refugees are under threat to be returned to Afghanistan beginning July 12, 2025. The U.S. government now claims it is safe for them to return, stating, “requiring the return of Afghan nationals to Afghanistan does not pose a threat to their personal safety.”

Andrew says this decision puts thousands of lives in danger. And it means Global Refuge’s new Immigration Legal Services team will be busier than ever. Global Refuge is already helping Afghan families like Amir and Aisha. Their mother risked her life working with the U.S. military in Afghanistan and was promised protection by our government. But just a week before their family could reach the U.S., she and her husband were killed by the Taliban, leaving Amir and Aisha vulnerable with no clear path to safety.

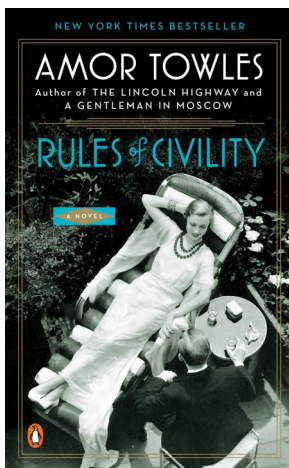
Andrew asks for our support of Afghan families by helping Global Refuge provide legal services. Amir and Aisha are safe now and receiving the help they need to build new lives in the U.S. But they are only one family. Many others need access to legal services or they risk deportation, detention, danger, or even death. Any amount you can give - \$10 to \$1,000 - will directly assist families whose lives are on the line and legal support is their only defense.

Checks may be made out to Christ Lutheran, with the notation “Global Refuge” in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your compassion.

Please mark your gifts “Global Refuge” and/or “Nuevos Vecinos” and leave them in the CrossWay and the Mission and Outreach Team will see that they are delivered to distribute to refugee clients. They will be deeply grateful for your help.

SMALL GROUP CORNER

CLC Book Club, Tuesday, June 3, 6:45 p.m., Primrose House



Readers! You’re invited to join the CLC Book Club on Tuesday, June 3, at 6:45 p.m. in the Primrose House for a discussion of Amor Towles’ book, “*Rules of Civility*.”

Set in New York City in 1938, *Rules of Civility* tells the story of a watershed year in the life of an uncompromising twenty-five-year-old named Katey Kontent. Armed with little more than a formidable intellect, a bracing wit, and her own brand of cool nerve, Katey embarks on a journey from a Wall Street secretarial pool through the upper echelons of New York society in search of a brighter future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Friday Swim Nights this Summer



**SECOND FRIDAY
SWIM**
Nights

ALAMO HEIGHTS POOL
5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
JUNE 13, JULY 11, AND AUGUST 8

MEMBERSHIP
NOT REQUIRED

OLYMPIC
SIZE POOL ALL AGES
WELCOMED PLAYGROUND TABLES &
LOUNGERS POOLSIDE
GRILL

Snow Cone Sunday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.



Join us after the 9:30 a.m. worship service where we will gather in the Plaza (between the Sanctuary and Primrose House) to enjoy ice cold snow cones to beat the summer heat. Thank you to AO Sports for hosting this fun event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

A poster for CLC Family Camp with a beach theme. The background is a light-colored sand texture. In the top left corner, there are three orange starfish. In the top right corner, there is a piece of driftwood and several seashells. The title "CLC Family Camp" is written in a large, orange, cursive font. Below the title, the dates "July 31 - August 3" and the location "Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center" are written in a black, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text describes the activities: "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." Below this, the pricing is listed: "Pricing: 1 person - \$460, 2 people - \$620, 3 people - \$800, 4 people - \$990. Children under 2 are free." At the bottom, a URL is provided: "[https://www.dwtx.org/events/mustang-island-family-camp-session-10-2024](\"https://www.dwtx.org/events/mustang-island-family-camp-session-10-2024\")".

CLC Family Camp

July 31 - August 3
Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center

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.

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We currently have 18 families, couples or singles headed to Family Camp at the BEACH this Summer! Join us!

From July 31 to August 3, we invite you to spend a long weekend at the beach for Family Camp at the Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center! We use the term "family" to include singles and couples without children. You're ALL 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 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 already full by now, but as of this writing, there are a few places left).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

Children's Art on Bulletin Covers this Summer

Do you have a budding young artist or a child who simply loves to color and draw? We would love to have them contribute their creative talents to our worship at CLC. This summer we will feature bulletin covers by our youngest members. Our theme for the summer focuses on God's grand creation of the Earth, the animals, and of course, us! Anything creation, animals, Earth, humans, or Christian focused is welcome subject matter. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Leslie or Mary Overstreet. You may submit your child's art by emailing a high-quality image of the art to office@clcah.org

Stepping Stone for High School Graduates, June 1, 9:30 a.m.

Wow, how time flies! It's time to celebrate our CLC high school graduates of 2025. This special blessing will be held on Sunday, June 1, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service with a reception afterwards 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 plans.

This year's graduates are Claire Boynton, Victoria Dunn, Caroline Hebert, Mara Mellen, and Isabella Suther.

Camp Chrysalis, June 8 - 12



The week of June 8 -12, 10 of our elementary school students and chaperones will head to Kerrville for a week at Camp Chrysalis. During worship on Sunday, June 8, we will offer a special blessing to send our campers off to grow in their faith as they play, explore and discover a deeper personal faith while forming meaningful friendships.

Preparing for Camp Chrysalis

Parents, please visit this link: www.CrossTrails.org to help your child prepare for camp. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Carrie.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

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.clcah.org. Please contact Ms. Carrie for more information.

VBS Afternoon Programming Available June 23 - 26

This year, in association with our exciting VBS adventure, AO Sports will offer a fun sports camp from noon until 4:00 p.m. at CLC immediately following VBS.

Children are invited to attend VBS and the AO Sports Camp for lunch and a lively afternoon of sports and games. This is a faith-based program and materials from VBS will be used throughout the afternoon. Please register using the link below. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Carrie. You'll find more details at this link. Registration: [Christ Lutheran Church | AO Sports](#)

VBS Wish List

We are busy planning VBS 2025 here at CLC. We currently have 35 children signed up and 24 volunteers!

We have an exciting week planned with snacks, crafts, games, science, drama, and more! To help us make VBS a success we could use a little help. We have prepared a wish list with items we could use throughout the week. Here is the link for our Amazon Wish List for anyone who would like to donate items. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3OYW4TKM8OEYI/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

High School Mission Week 2025: Be the Light, July 7 - 11



High School Students, it's time to roll up your sleeves and make a difference! Join us for a week of powerful service, worship, and community impact. We'll spend our days serving local organizations, helping those in need, and growing deeper in our faith together. Each evening, we'll gather for food, worship, and conversation. We will gather daily at Christ Lutheran.

Come ready to serve, grow, and shine God's light in our community. Bring your hands, your heart, and your passion. This is more than a mission week . . . it's a movement. *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* – Matthew 5:16

SUMMER BREAKFAST

Summer Breakfast Sign Up

Each Sunday through Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, August 31, we will hold 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 sign up on the sign-up sheet in the CrossWay or using the link below.

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 the clean-up after worship.

You can also sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FA8A82CA4F85-56494254-summer>

MEMBER NEWS

Our Sympathy to:

- The family and friends of Evelyn Tessman, Mike Tessman's mother, who died on May 16, 2025.
- The family and friends of Lorraine Lancaster, who died on May 26, 2025.

PRAISES TO:

- Deacon Lisa and Joe Diana for attending Synod Assembly
- All who helped with our CLC Fiesta! It was a HUGE success with around 150 people in attendance. Thanks for all your efforts!
- Casey Passant and our Stewardship Team for a meaningful stewardship campaign
- The Boeck/Stobb Family for hosting our end-of-year Children's Choir Party
- All of our ushers who dutifully welcome visitors and members and enhance their worship experience
- Our Confirmands, Sean Tenorio & Thomas Hebert, for all their hard work in studying the faith
- Our Sunday School Teachers for engaging our youngest members to grow in their faith
- All our youth and college students that volunteer in the community

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Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 29
Following the 9:30 a.m. service

Ministry Reports
Elect Congregation Council Members
Adopt the Budget

