



PROCLAIMER

Christ Lutheran Church

October 2025

Worship

**Sunday Morning
Holy Communion**

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Livestream

10:30 a.m.

Christian Education

for all ages
9:30 a.m.

Office

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From the Pastor

On Religious Tolerance

I've never cared much for this term – “religious tolerance.” Tolerance sounds to me more like a medical term, related to something unpleasant, but necessary. Think chemotherapy, or more commonly, a colonoscopy, or time spent with an endodontist performing a root canal. These are very important, even life-preserving procedures, but often the best thing care providers can say thereafter is that a patient “tolerated” the procedure well.

Regarding spiritual matters and faith, tolerance implies that one merely endures or suffers through time with others who may see spiritual things differently. Time has taught me that life is vastly more joyful and expansive when we see different faith traditions as potential opportunities to view God and the world from a new perspective.

I am a life-long Lutheran, baptized, confirmed, married in the church, educated and ordained into a ministry that now stretches past 50 years. I treasure all that my tradition has taught me. Our confessional emphasis on “salvation by grace through faith” is a Biblical verity that saturates our worship and life together. Experience has also taught me that hearing other points of view, including those beyond the Christian tradition, bears no resemblance to an under-anesthetized colonoscopy. Listening to a neighbor’s faith, while restraining myself from my own judgments of orthodoxy, has lengthened my spiritual depth of field. The Lutheran church I treasure does not lay claim to all truth under heaven.

Working in an inter-faith setting for most of my adult life has taught me that respect is more spiritually edifying and community-building than tolerance. Learning to listen to another can bring people together. People are more likely to honor my faith and spiritual tradition if I first honor theirs. Sincerely held beliefs that also recognize the broad varieties of religious experience can bring healing to our fractured nation and world.

In this season of my life, and in the renewal of our programmatic ministries at Christ Lutheran Church, I will certainly celebrate our Lutheran heritage. May we also venture beyond tolerance toward respecting and celebrating the spiritual traditions of others, perceiving God’s creative and healing hand at work beyond our walls.

-Pastor H

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

- October 5, 19 - Join Pastor Leslie this October as we conclude a class on the Book of Psalms. You do not need to have attended previous sessions to join us; each session stands as an independent unit. Discover what timeless wisdom and insight the Psalms provide to encourage, nurture, and sustain us in discipleship for our day and age. To enhance our understanding, we will draw upon the work of Christian singer/songwriter, Sarah McCracken, who has developed a series on the Psalms where she shares her reflections as well as her original songs, bringing the Psalms to life.
- October 12 - Many are concerned about the apparently growing authoritarianism in the United States and elsewhere. How is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and partner denominations responding? Rev. Dr. Paul Ziese will lead the Bible study and discussion of current events.
- October 26 - All-Ages Service Project, packing kits for Upbring - See page 4 for details.

Children and Youth Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

We encourage our children to participate in our Sunday School programs here at CLC. All ages will meet in the children's chapel for a daily message and song followed by breakout groups by age. Sunday School is led by our faithful and amazing church members along with the Director of Faith Formation, Blythe Boeck.

Preschool (3 years old - Kindergarten)

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

Elementary (1st - 5th Grades)

This year, students will be exploring the great stories of the Bible through storytelling and art. Rhonda Barsalou and Natalie Stone will lead storytelling through the Old Testament, focusing on a different story each week and Suz Braaten, Scott Merkord, and Elizabeth Yust will lead the art component.

Confirmation (6th - 8th Grades)

Confirmands will meet with Ms. Blythe to dive further into the information discussed within each confirmation unit. They will have group discussions on topics covered and explore more about their faith.

If you have any questions about Sunday School or are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Blythe at blythe@clcah.org.

Confirmation Class: (6th through 8th Grade) Wednesday, October 8, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Class with Pastor Leslie will meet on Wednesday, October 8, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will grab pizza in the Fellowship Hall and then head upstairs to the Sunday School rooms for class time. Students are also encouraged to attend Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with Ms. Blythe to work through the Confirmation Talksheets that cover and reinforce the material presented in Pastor Leslie's classes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

Children's 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 and our Sanctuary once again. All are welcome to a community supper following Wednesday evening rehearsals in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. Parents, thanks so much for your support and please mark your calendars with the important dates listed below. We know the congregation will enjoy hearing our younger members singing in worship this fall.

Choir rehearsals will run each Wednesday through December 17 (please note no rehearsal on October 15 for Howdy Night and November 26 for Thanksgiving break). Pastor Leslie and Ms. Becky will lead our choristers ages three 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 5
November 9
December 7

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

October 19
November 16
December 14

Community Dinners, Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall



Looking for a midweek pick-me-up? Join us every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Family Dinner Night! It's a time to relax, enjoy a meal, and connect with friends of all ages. To make these dinners possible, we rely on volunteers to bring main dishes, sides, and desserts, as well as activities for the kids and clean-up. Your participation helps these dinners run smoothly and creates a welcoming space for everyone. Please use our [Sign Up Genius link](#) to choose a date and volunteer role. Together, we can keep Wednesday nights welcoming, delicious, and full of fellowship!



MISSION AND OUTREACH

457 Haven for Hope Meals Served!



Thank you to all those who volunteered to help serve a meal at Haven for Hope Kitchen on Sunday, September 14th. We had a great turnout! We partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank and Haven for Hope, who provide holistic support to those experiencing homelessness, including housing, casework, and employment services. Our team of volunteers **served 457 meals** on Sunday evening. We look forward to the next time there is an opportunity to volunteer in this capacity since we know that others were interested in helping as well. One of the clients we served through the meal line offered this important word: "I may not have it all together, but together we have it all."

Thank you for helping our neighbors!

Our community partners reaped the rewards of your generosity this summer when we delivered the bikes and the groceries that we collected to them. Christ Lutheran donated 19 adult bikes and 2 kid bikes to those in need at Nuevos Vecinos and a carload of non-perishable foods to Christian Assistance Ministry. Knowing that we were able to help our neighbors in these tangible ways is inspiring. Thank you so much to all who contributed generously to these projects.



October All-Ages Service Project Sunday, October 26, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

We need your help! We will be collecting Care Kit items for **Upbring's** Health for Friends Clinic, which provides free quality healthcare services to those who can't afford health insurance. **Please sign up using the QR code** to the right or you may take one of the butterflies in the crossway and sign your name next to what you are bringing on the sign up sheet. Drop off your items in the Crossway **before Thursday, October 23**. On **Sunday, October 26**, we will all gather together to assemble the kits and ready them for shipment to Upbring **during an all-ages Sunday School**. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Deacon Lisa Diana at lisa@clcah.org.



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Mission and Outreach Team Meeting Monday, November 3, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Parlor

A Zoom link will be sent to those who aren't able to be there in person.

Habitat for Humanity Lutheran Cluster Build Saturday, November 15th, 8:00 a.m., 13905 Watson Road, Von Army

Christ Lutheran is scheduled for the final day of the build! All members 12 and over are invited to sign up to volunteer for Landscaping Day by using the following link: <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/JE/g5ewmg2eqo2wbo>. Scroll down and click on the Christ Lutheran slot titled "Construction Volunteer." No worries about that title as all the construction will be completed by this last Saturday; only landscaping is scheduled for this day. If you would like to participate other Saturdays as well, you are welcome to sign up if there are slots open. All ages are invited to come and celebrate at the dedication ceremony for the families.



Thanksgiving Bake Sale Fundraiser Sunday, November 23, CrossWay



We are hosting a bake sale to support our Mission and Outreach Ministries, and we are looking for donated baked goods. Please bring them to the church the week prior or you can purchase the baked goods on Sunday, November 23rd, between and after worship services. Thank you for your support of our outreach program!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Solidarity Sunday October 5, 5:00 p.m., University Presbyterian Church



Solidarity Sunday, established in 1995, is an anti-violence project of Dignity USA, an LGBTQIA Catholic Organization. The project is based on a four-point pledge to end violence against all people, including LGBTQIA persons, and is held each year in October. Dignity San Antonio hosts this interfaith service, inviting members of diverse faiths, cultures, and ways of life to come together to share our common values of peace, solidarity, compassion, and nonviolence.

Clergy and lay people are invited to attend. This year's theme is **Unifying in Challenging Times**, and the event will take place on October 5 at University Presbyterian Church, 300 Bushnell Avenue, at 5:00 p.m., to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Solidarity Sunday and the 30th year that Dignity San Antonio has hosted Solidarity Sunday gatherings. A community potluck will follow. All are welcome. See the flyer in the CrossWay and Narthex for details.

Oktoberfest - Peace, Love, Pretzels Sunday, October 19, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., CLC Courtyard & Fellowship Hall

Peace, love, pretzels! Good food and a community of kindness await you at this year's annual tradition of Oktoberfest. Look for sign-up links to help with the meal in the weekly bulletins and emails. Besides traditional German fare, we will also have a baking competition. We are calling on bakers of all ages to show off your skills! Join us for a sweet celebration of German desserts from traditional Black Forest cakes to delicate strudels. Your culinary creations could win prizes in a variety of categories: **Best Presentation, Most Authentic, Most Creative, and People's Choice**. Bring your family, friends, and your favorite recipes for a deliciously fun competition that everyone can enjoy!



Tapestry of Care Project: A New Model of Mental Health Collaboration

Christ Lutheran Church has been invited to participate in a Congregational Collective in partnership with mental health providers to learn how we can take part in responding to the mental health needs in our community. One of the goals would be to implement our own ministry project. If you are interested in this opportunity to help those experiencing mental health issues and can attend the trainings, please contact Deacon Lisa Diana at lisa@clcah.org. Training dates are Friday, **October 24**, 8:30 to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, **November 6**, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, **November 7**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Spooky Walk Volunteers Needed! Sunday, October 26, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

This year we will be presenting our Trunk or Treat a little differently! Instead of a traditional trunk or treat in the parking lot, we're moving inside to a spooky walk through the church and ending with an escape room, games, and more! We are looking for volunteers to sponsor tables that will be set up throughout the "walk," similar to sponsoring a trunk. If you can help, please contact Ms. Blythe at blythe@clcah.org.



All Saints Sunday & Dia de los Muertos Remembrance Sunday, November 2, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary



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 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 the name of someone you love who has died in the past year, please contact the church office.

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

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 the dearly departed. 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 are dear to us.



DAY SCHOOL

Day School Sunday and Honoring Gloria Meyer Sunday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service



Our wonderful Christ Lutheran Day School has launched thousands of children on their faith and learning journey over the 70 years they have served our community. We celebrate Day School Sunday every year, and this year we also celebrate Gloria Meyer. Gloria, a longtime choir participant and active member of our congregation, is one of the longest-term teachers/directors/volunteers who has made a loving impact on the kiddos. We are honoring Gloria for her many years of dedicated service that began in 1978 when she taught her first class. Over the years, as she accompanied her husband Greg on his US Army assignments and his post-retirement work as a contractor with the USAF, she has left San Antonio and the Day School several times. But each time the Meyers returned to

San Antonio, she gravitated back to the Day School that she loves. During those times, she served as a teacher, and for three years, she was the Director. When she returned to San Antonio in 2005, she began lending her talents as a pianist to the daily chapel services – a 20-year volunteer commitment that has helped little ones learn songs that tell the story of God’s faithful love. With that longevity, she has inspired generations of students and, often, the children of former students.

On October 5, we will honor Gloria at the 10:30 a.m. worship service to thank her for nearly five decades of ministry, and we’ll host a reception in her honor following the service. Day School Director, Dana Ferraro, and Assistant Director, Kelsey Shaw, will also be with us to help recognize Gloria. They will share with us an update on the school and invite us after worship on a tour of the school’s classrooms, where we can see the love of God in action in service to these sweet little souls.

Save the Date: Fall Fest, Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.



TICKET INFORMATION WILL BE OUT SOON

SMALL GROUP CORNER

CLC Book Club, Tuesday, October 7, 6:45 p.m., Primrose House

You are invited to join this enthusiastic group of readers who savor the joy of books and of spending a couple of hours with others who are similarly moved by the written word. On Tuesday, October 7 at 6:45 p.m., join us in the Primrose House to discuss A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell.

Lunch Bunch, Thursday, October 16, Noon, Fellowship Hall

Our social group for seniors, Lunch Bunch, will gather on October 16 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.

Fellowship with the Fellas, Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m., Wild Barley

Jayne Brown will lead a new group for men at Christ Lutheran. This will be a casual time for fellowship and faith-filled conversation. The guys will gather at Wild Barley (8403 Broadway) on selected Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Their first get-together for the year will be October 16.

Lucy Circle, Sunday, October 19, 9:30 a.m., Parlor

The Lucies will meet on Sunday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the CLC Parlor to discuss "Angels & Strangers" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. It's a sweet, thought-provoking essay about love, and how a stranger's love can be so beautiful it just might transform our life. Please join us. Grab a cup of coffee and be prepared to be moved by these women who read, think, and care so much. If you'd like a copy of the essay, let me know.

- Jan Schubert Norris

SAVE THE DATE

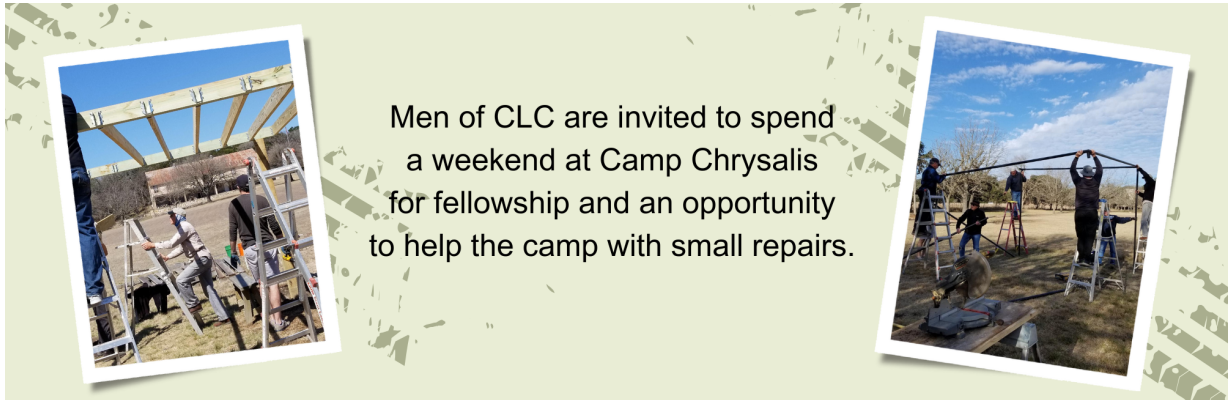
Inner City Development - Christmas Toy Sale

CLC's benevolence partner, Inner City Development, brings Christmas cheer to its neighbors in one of San Antonio's lowest income neighborhoods. Inner City asks friends to help them set up a Christmas store at their community center at 1300 Chihuahua Street in 78207. This year, Inner City Development will be our Christmas community outreach project – giving needy families a boost so they can afford to buy shiny new gifts for their kiddos.

They're asking for new toys, dolls, balls, arts and crafts, puzzles, baby toys, books, games, bikes, and athletic equipment that they will then "sell" to neighbors from their festive pop-up store at the Inner City community center. Shoppers pay at a 90% discount . . . or whatever they can afford. It brings dignity and joy to families who want to give their children a Merry Christmas but cannot otherwise afford to do so. (Note: They ask that we please not supply any toys or games that promote violence.) Last year, over 700 children benefitted from the Christmas sale, and the funds raised are used to provide emergency services for the families served by Inner City.

Toys should not be gift-wrapped. We will deliver them to Inner City on Saturday, December 13, and ask that you bring your contributions to the church by Sunday, December 7, and mark them "Inner City Development." Thank you for caring, sharing, and generously bringing Christmas joy to struggling families in our community.

Men's Work Retreat Camp Chrysalis, February 20 - 22, 2026



Men of CLC are invited to spend a weekend at Camp Chrysalis for fellowship and an opportunity to help the camp with small repairs.

Women's Retreat February 27 - March 1, 2026

Escape to the peaceful shores of Mustang Island Conference Center for a rejuvenating women's retreat. Leave the noise behind and immerse yourself in a weekend of light worship, quality discussion, and rest. Nestled between Corpus Christi Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, this seaside retreat provides a sacred space for rest, reflection, and renewal. Enjoy the tranquility of the beach, connect with other women, and reconnect with yourself and your faith. It's an opportunity to unplug, recharge, and be present in God's glorious creation.



PRAISES TO:

- All who brought a dish to share at our Rally Day picnic
- All who volunteered at Haven for Hope serving a meal
- All of our Small Group Leaders who lead these important ministries
- Our choir and music ministry staff for the beauty they bring to our worship
- Those who brought food or craft items for our Wednesday night dinners
- Our Welcome Team and its chair, Mary Lynn Logan, for welcoming in visitors and new members
- Our Sunday School teachers as they begin a new year

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OCTOBERFEST

PEACE - LOVE - PRETZEL

Sunday, October 19

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

CLC Courtyard

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