



# PROCLAIMER

Christ Lutheran Church

February 2026

## 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

Monday - Thursday  
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## From the Pastor . . . The Good News is . . .

There have been many sobering headlines lately. The daily onslaught of challenging news stories keeps coming. It's the kind of news that stays with us . . . the kind that riles our brain, the kind that hurts our heart, the kind that makes our whole bodies weary. The world shifts underneath our feet and before our eyes, and we fail to make sense of any of it.

One common response to our inability to control the growing chaos, violence, and injustice, is to turn inward upon ourselves. To berate ourselves for not doing enough, to feel as though it's our fault. We think . . . if I were a better disciple of Jesus, I wouldn't be so afraid to speak up about what I see taking place . . . or if I were better engaged in practicing my faith, I would know what to do in this moment and I would do it . . . or if I were a better Christian, I would be doing more. As I wrote above, this is a common response. You are not alone. I'm hoping, in fact, that most of us are wondering what more we could be doing, because from the obvious depth of these problems, it's going to take all of us working together to bring change.

But at the same time, I don't want you to berate yourselves. You are rightly perplexed, distraught, and afraid. You are indeed experiencing growing violence and hatred and vitriol and division. You are hearing opposing voices silenced. You are seeing compassion and empathy cast aside.

In the midst of this, our church calendar trudges ahead. Unaware of these current events and complexities, the season of Lent arrives, proclaiming a lasting word which supersedes every time and place . . . the *Good News*. Lent and Holy Week walk us through our most sacred stories; they tell of Jesus, his teachings, his ministry, his witness, his life, his suffering, his death, and ultimately his resurrection beyond the sinful powers of this world. Ash Wednesday, and each Sunday in Lent and Holy Week, we will hear about this *Good News of Jesus*, that the *Good News* is:

- All are invited.
- So good it catches us by surprise.
- Great love for God and neighbor.
- Together, the impossible is possible.
- Protection and care for the vulnerable.
- Rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness.
- Inspiring us to act.
- Alive in the world.

As we journey throughout this Lenten season together, looking toward our Lord's passion, we will be regularly reminded that discipleship is not perfection. Discipleship does not mean the absence of fear. Discipleship does not mean we have it all under control or figured out. At the same time, discipleship does require that we stay *engaged* with the world in which we live, however troubled it may be. It requires that we remember there are things which we can do, however small or inadequate they may seem to us. It requires that even when we are overwhelmed or feel insufficient, we not give in to despair, but instead consider what is possible within the real limitations we face. It requires us to continue to care for our neighbors who are hurting, in need, and vulnerable.

So, if you need someone to tell you something good right now, come to church this Lent. Jesus knows just what to say, he will ground us in the *Good News* so that we might go out and spread that hopeful word.

- Pastor Leslie

# LENT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

## Ash Wednesday, February 18, 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 (February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25)

- \* 12:00 p.m. – Lunch & Learn in Fellowship Hall – We will dive deeper into our Lenten theme, *The Good News is . . .* using poetry, art, song, scripture, and more!

### • Evening (February 25 and March 4, 18, 25):

- \* 6:00 p.m. – Child-Led Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- \* 6:15 p.m. – Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

## NOTE: No worship & dinner Wednesday EVENING March 11, due to Spring Break

Evening worship throughout the Wednesdays of Lent will focus on families acting out stories of the Good News found in scripture with prayers and singing to round out the services.

## Lenten Worship Recipient: Clarity Child Guidance Center

*The Good News is ...* your Lenten worship funds will give hope and help to children with mental health issues.

Christ Lutheran's 2026 Lenten theme, "*The Good News is ...*" is inspiring us to reach out to children with mental health issues. We have selected Clarity Child Guidance Center as the designated recipient of our Lenten worship funds. Each Wednesday during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 100% of your Lenten Wednesday offerings will be given to Clarity to support their critical work.

A statewide study on mental health in 2022 determined that 140,000 people in Bexar County were living with serious mental illness in need of treatment. The Center for Healthcare Services, which provides integrated care to children and adults with mental health, has the capacity to serve only 38,000. What happens to the other 100,000+ who are suffering?

*The Good News* for children and families is that we have, in our city, the only nonprofit mental health treatment center for kids ages 3 to 17 in all South Texas. Clarity Child Guidance stemmed from an 1886 initiative formed by 13 women who launched the predecessor of Clarity – the Protestant Home for Destitute Children. That start led to several iterations over the decades, and is now known as Clarity Child Guidance Center.

Why is this important? And why has Christ Lutheran chosen Clarity to be the recipient of our Lenten worship offerings? Mental illness has risen to the forefront of health concerns in America following the Covid pandemic. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) cites this statistic: 50% of mental illness begins by age 14; 75% by age 24.

Clarity is reaching children in their formative years, using proven practices and treatments to ensure children get the help they need to fend off serious crises. Clarity Child Guidance Center provides crisis services, inpatient treatment, partial hospitalization, and outpatient treatment. This not-for-profit center treats all kids regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomics or their ability to pay.

Their mission is to support children and families in their pursuit of mental wellness.

Children want to overcome their problems, but many don't know how. Clarity's goal is to work with kids and families to discover obstacles and remove roadblocks. Their diverse programs equip children with the tools they need to become healthy, happy, and successful in life.

*The Good News is* our dollars can make a difference in the life of a child and family dealing with the distress and heartbreak of serious mental illness.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

- **February 1, 8, 15, & 22 - Discover the Bible Like Never Before with Rev. David Schulte**

Join us on a journey through Scripture with a captivating series of short, animated videos that explore the Bible in fresh and meaningful ways. Together, we'll dive into:

- What the Bible is and where it came from
- Its overarching story and central themes
- The rich variety of literary styles it contains
- And most importantly, why engaging with the Bible daily is essential for us as the people of God

Spoiler alert: The Bible transforms lives.

These beautifully crafted, artistic videos are produced by The Bible Project, a team of creatives from diverse Christian traditions united by a shared mission—to make the Bible accessible and compelling for today's world. Whether you're new to Scripture or looking to deepen your understanding, this series is designed for you. Come ready to be inspired, challenged, and changed.

- **March 1 - Eric Cooper, President & CEO of the San Antonio Food Bank**

Eric will give us an update on the work of feeding those in need in our communities.

- **March 8, 22, & 29 - Entering the Passion of Jesus**

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Pastor Leslie will lead us in conversation around this work, utilizing the book and a series of videos Dr. Levine produces to accompany it. Feel free to purchase and read the book if you would like, but it isn't necessary for the class.

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

Confirmants 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](mailto:blythe@clcah.org).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

## Confirmation Class: (6th through 8th Grade) Wednesday, February 11, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Education Wing

Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday, February 11, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the education wing with Ms. Blythe. We will have pizza to make the evening easier to manage. We will be studying Jesus' Teaching and Ministry.

## Angelicus (pre-K) and Gloria (K - 5th grade) Choirs February Information and 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 1, and we will hear from Gloria Choir on February 8. Join us for worship and listen to their songs as we support our youngest members who are growing in their faith and service.

Rehearsals run every Wednesday through May 13, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m., except for the following Wednesdays:

- February 18 – Ash Wednesday
- March 11 – Spring Break
- April 1 – Holy Week

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

- February 1
- March 15
- April 12
- May 10 (Mother's Day)

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

- February 8
- March 22
- April 26
- May 10 (Mother's Day)

## Wednesday Night Dinners - All are Welcome - 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

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! There will be no dinner on February 18 due to Ash Wednesday.

If you would like, you're invited to sign up to help with the February dinners using the QR code. 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 planning for simple meals. The dinners are provided on a free will basis, and you can bring cash or Venmo the church @clcah09.

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



## SMALL GROUP CORNER

### **Read Through the Bible in a Year, Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Zoom**

Christ Lutheran Church invites all interested persons to Read Through the Bible in a Year with Pastor H. Classes meet via zoom every other Monday, February 2 and 16, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the church office for the full list of daily readings. All are welcome in this read through, regardless of membership at CLC or any community of faith. Here is the Zoom link to access the class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872>

### **Joseph's Sons, Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., Wild Barley**

Please join us for a meal at Wild Barley Kitchen and Brewery, 8403 Broadway, for fellowship and discussion on topics impacting men today.

### **CLC Book Club, Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m., Parlor**

Join friends for a discussion of The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters on Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. If you'd like to read ahead, the book for March 4 is The Correspondent by Virginia Evans.

### **Living in Interesting Times, Thursdays in February, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Living in Interesting Times will meet February 5, 12, 19, and 26 in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to participate but are not free on Thursday evenings, please get word to me of a better day. My contact information is available through the church office.

The group has decided to invite guest resource persons once or twice a month. Because of early newsletter deadlines, a full schedule cannot be published far in advance, so please check your Sunday bulletins for guest speakers or other upcoming special plans. Because of safety and security concerns, not all plans will be published in advance.

Meetings are open to everyone. Individuals cannot be quoted outside the group. Nothing is to be shared which could hurt someone else.

We look forward to welcoming new people into Living in Interesting Times. We meet from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Please park in the Primrose lot and enter through the south doors to the Fellowship Hall.

- Rev. Dr. Paul Ziese

### **Lucy Circle, Sunday, February 15, 9:30 a.m., Parlor**

All CLC women are invited to join the Lucies for our monthly meeting in the CLC Parlor. Our next meeting falls on Sunday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss an article from the NY Times' "Modern Love" series by Adele Uddo, titled "Healing My Heart for 20 Dollars a Month." It's about AI, and it's a little disturbing as are many facets of the AI world. Let's read and chat. Let me know if you need a copy of the article.

- Jan Schubert Norris

### **Lunch Bunch, Thursday, February 19, Noon, Fellowship Hall**

Lunch Bunch invites seniors to gather for lunch on the third Thursday of the month. We will meet on February 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship. Many thanks to Carolyn Dufelmeier for continuing to host these lovely get-togethers.



# MISSION AND OUTREACH

## Mission and Outreach Update

Greetings friends! Because of the recent food shortage experienced by the San Antonio Food Bank, in November, when the Mission and Outreach Team met, we decided to support the Food Bank by holding a food drive during the month of January. Kelly King, Interfaith Engagement Manager for the Food Bank, invited us for a tour of the facility, and 11 of us were able to join from CLC. We learned about all their programs and services. Amazingly, \$1 donated to this non-profit is enough to cover seven meals, and they feed 105,000 persons per week. Food is distributed to local pantries, mobile pop-ups, and directly from the Food Bank mobile market. They also collect pet food for their Daisy Care's program. They participate in the Ready to Work program, which provides six to ten weeks of vocational training, and they offer case management to seniors and veterans through their neighborly services program. They also have 30 acres of rural farmland and a Community Kitchen for Pre-K for SA. During the summer weeks, 55,000 meals were served by their summer feeding program.

Thank you for bringing in your donations during January!

We will have a chance to volunteer as a group packing boxes at the Food Bank on Saturday, February 14, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. There are limited slots, so be sure to register each person at the following link: <https://safoodbank.tfaforms.net/35?ReservationId=a1EUO000002XTYL>.

If you are passionate about Mission and Outreach and learning about ways to love your neighbor, please join us for our next quarterly meeting, on Monday, February 9, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the church parlor or on Zoom (please request a link for Zoom). It's a fun group, and we even manage to get some planning done. For more information or to suggest ideas, please contact Lisa Diana at [lisa@clcah.org](mailto:lisa@clcah.org) or Paul Pfeifer at 2015mofo@gmail.com.



# MISSION AND OUTREACH

## Care Kits for Our Homeless Neighbors

Many of us are uncomfortable in the presence of extreme suffering. Homelessness qualifies as extreme suffering. When we stop at an intersection and see a homeless person asking for help, we often turn away, not knowing what to do. It's awkward and leaves us feeling uneasy and perhaps ashamed.

Several members of our congregation are involved in The Congregational Collective, an outreach ministry hosted by the H.E. Butt Foundation with a mission to help people with mental health challenges to find community and support from local faith communities without stigma.

After attending several sessions and meeting with congregational leaders of all faiths, Christ Lutheran is launching its first initiative – distributing care kits to our homeless neighbors.

We hope to make this a congregation-wide activity, involving all interested members, including our Sunday School children, as well as our Day School children. This month and next, we'll be collecting items (listed below) to fill the care kits, and on Sunday, March 15, all ages will meet in the Fellowship Hall to fill the bags. We are asking that members who wish to participate take one or two of the care kits and keep them in their cars to hand out when they see a homeless person or someone who appears to be suffering. In addition to the items listed here, we will include a list of available resources and a handmade card from our congregation's and Day School's children, reminding folks that "Jesus loves you, and so do we."

We hope you'll report back to us. How did it feel to engage with a stranger in this manner? How did the recipient respond? What more can we do? If you'll share your stories with us, we'll share them with the Congregational Collective and our own parish members. Please share your stories with Jan Schubert Norris, [janschubert@satx.rr.com](mailto:janschubert@satx.rr.com).

### Care Kit Items

We hope you'll help this ministry by shopping for the following items and bringing them to the CrossWay throughout February, labeling them, "Care Kits."

- 8-12-oz. bottled water
- Travel size toothpaste and toothbrush
- Healthy, non-perishable snacks (granola bars, peanuts, crackers, jerky, dried fruit)
- Small packets of tissues
- 2- to 4-ounce containers of hand lotion
- 2- to 4-ounce containers of hand sanitizer
- \$5 H-E-B or Wal-Mart gift cards

## Mental Health Matters

The Congregational Collective's quarterly meeting for the Tapestry of Care mental health initiative will be hosted by Christ Lutheran on Saturday, February 21, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We'll be joined by United Way and SACRD (San Antonio Community Resource Directory) to learn about their resources. RSVP to Deacon Lisa at [lisa@clcah.org](mailto:lisa@clcah.org) if you would like to join us for the day. All are welcome to attend!

## UPCOMING RETREATS & CAMPS

### Men's Work Retreat at Camp Chrysalis February 20 - 22



## MEN'S WORK RETREAT

**CAMP CHRYSALIS  
FEBRUARY 20-22**

Calling all CLC men! Join us for a service and fellowship opportunity in the great outdoors of the Texas Hill Country.

We will gather Friday evening for dinner and fellowship, work on Saturday, followed by more fellowship, and depart on Sunday after breakfast.

Cost for meals and lodging is \$100, due January 16.

Contact Joe Diana, [jnldiana@att.net](mailto:jnldiana@att.net), 210-607-9839, for more information.

### Women's Retreat at Mustang Island Retreat Center February 27 - March 1

## CLC Women's Retreat: A Breath of Life February 27-March 1, 2026 Mustang Island Retreat Center

Visit <https://bit.ly/clcahwomens>  
or use QR Code to register  
Registration is due February 6



**Questions? email [baden.tessa@gmail.com](mailto:baden.tessa@gmail.com)**

Cost for the Retreat is \$300 per person and includes double occupancy lodging and all meals.  
Speak to Pastor Leslie for scholarship information.



# UPCOMING RETREATS & CAMPS

## Summer Beach Camp, July 30 - August 2

In late July/early August, 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. Last year we had almost 70 people attend from Christ Lutheran, and we all had such a wonderful time! 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>

## Camp Chrysalis, July 12-17

Calling all 1st–5th graders interested in attending Camp Chrysalis!

To reserve your child's spot, a \$175 deposit per camper is due no later than February 23. The total cost is \$635 per camper, with the remaining balance due by May 1.

Registration will be completed during the week of February 23 to secure spots. Late registration may be available but is not guaranteed, as spots tend to fill quickly.

If your child is interested, please contact Ms. Blythe as soon as possible.



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH CORNER

## An Update from Ms. Blythe

The youth of Christ Lutheran have had a wonderful start to the year!

We had a great time at our all-ages Epiphany Party. The trivia game tested everyone's Epiphany knowledge; there was Rosca de Reyes to share, and crafts to keep hands busy. It was a fun way to celebrate Epiphany.

Sunday School returned with a great turnout, and I'm excited to get back into it. It's a space for kids to connect, learn, and grow together, and I'm looking forward to kicking off a new term continuing our study of the stories of the Old Testament. Many thanks to all the Sunday School teachers who volunteer and make this fun ministry happen!

Our FX3 event at Airtopia was full of energy and fun. The kids bounced their hearts out on the trampolines, played many rounds of basketball and dodgeball, and jumped into an action-packed gel blaster battle. It was loud, active, and full of smiles.

### Upcoming Events:

- February 11 – Confirmation at 6:15 p.m.
- February 20 – FX3 Lock-in (Volunteers Needed!!!)

Lots of good things are ahead, and I'm excited for what's next!

- Blythe Boeck

## SAVE THE DATES



## CLC YOUTH AND FAMILIES SUMMER 2026

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON



## **SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS FOR:**

- Patty Stendahl and her family as they grieve the loss of her father, John Ricci, who died on January 21, 2026.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- Sunny and Lucia Hernandez on the birth of their daughter, Sofia Armandina Hernandez, on January 15, 2026.

## **PRAISES TO:**

- Our Welcome Team for hosting a love Wine & Cheese event for our New Members and Visitors
- All who have brought donations for the Food Bank and who toured the Food Bank in January
- Our Liturgical Planning Team for gathering to plan Lent/ Holy Week
- Everyone who contributed to our Wednesday Night Dinners

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