



GROWING

SMALL GROUPS

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Christ Lutheran Church
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Small Group Ministry

Christ Lutheran offers a plethora of wonderful and unique small groups! All of our small groups seek to implement the values, “Care, Pray, Engage, and Serve” as a way to help us all grow together spiritually to create a dwelling place for God! Please join us!



Bible Study and Christian Education:

Faith University

9:30 a.m., Sundays, Fellowship Hall

Classes are usually a combination of lecture and discussion with subjects ranging from Bible Study to Christian history, theology, musicology, and other timely topics. All adults welcome!

Contact: Pastor Leslie

Read through the Bible in a Year

Dates and Time TBD, beginning January 2026

Pastor Howard Stendahl will lead a small group assembled to read through the 365 Day Bible, originally published by Biblica. This format provides three daily readings, one from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one selection from Psalms or Proverbs, taking the reader through the entire 66 books of the Bible in 365 days. The year runs from January to December, but participants are welcome to join anytime.

Contact: Pastor H

Sunday School Teachers

9:30 a.m., Sundays, CLC Education Building

This dedicated group of volunteers works tirelessly to share our faith with the next generation. They make friends, hang out, teach our kids, and they'd love to have you join them.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, Director of Faith Formation

Primrose Corner

9:30 a.m., Sundays, Primrose House

This is a cozy and welcoming space and time for informal adult education. Adults gather to check in with one another, providing support & fellowship. They also discuss the scripture passage for that Sunday and how it relates to their lives.

Contact: Jeff Jowers & Adam Melius

Women's Groups:

Lydia Circle

1:00 p.m., Third Thursdays, Primrose House or Member Homes

This group of women meets once a month in the Primrose House or homes of its members. Join this friendly group for thoughtful Bible Study and enjoyable fellowship.

Contact: *Hollye Schwartz*

Wonder Women

Third Sundays after the late service, The Quarry Restaurant

Join this inviting group of amazing, single women for lunch and fellowship following worship. We gather at The Quarry Restaurant, located at the Quarry Golf Course, where we can enjoy the view and even sit outside if the weather is nice enough.

Contact: *Willie Hagen*

Lucy Circle

9:30 a.m., Third Sundays, CLC Parlor

This group of women meets once a month during the Sunday School hour for fellowship and discussion of assigned readings on a variety of compelling topics. All CLC women and guests are welcome to these friendly gatherings.

Contact: *Jan Norris & Edna Robbins*



The Gathering

9:30 a.m., Second Thursdays, Bird Bakery (located at 5912 Broadway Street)

The Gathering is a place where moms of children of all ages can come to chat about anything and everything. We will gather each month to support one another, share stories, and most importantly build friendships. We hope you will join us for our first meeting on Thursday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: *Joan Woods & Carrie Jowers*

Men's Groups:

Joseph's Sons

6:30 p.m., First Mondays at Longhorn Café on Rittiman Rd.

Men of all ages meet for fellowship, study, and spiritual growth. This group is also available to work on service projects for members who need assistance.

Contact: Joe Diana & Bob Lynch

Men's Breakfast

7:00 a.m., Second Tuesdays at Bill Miller BBQ on Nacogdoches Rd.

Join a great group of guys for breakfast, fellowship, gospel reading, and centering.

Contact: Frank Pennington & Michael Harris



Fellowship with the Fellas

6:30 p.m., Third Mondays, Wild Barley, 8403 Broadway

This is a welcoming group of 20-40 somethings who are singles or married men with or without children. This group of young and young-ish men invites other guys to the group for great conversation to find a deeper meaning of your faith, yourself, and your family. Please consider making this your time for friendship and faith.

Contact: Jayme Brown

Fellowship for All:

Dinner Groups

Various Dates/Times/Venues

The successes our dinner groups have experienced drawing the church community together reward us with lifelong friends. This year we are offering designer connections. The group you choose can be designed to fit your style. Some like sit down dinners, some like happy hour gatherings, there are the families with young children or teens. Join in and build your relationships with those who share a similar style and interest. The success of any group is making the time to be together on a regular basis, sharing your lives through fellowship. If you would like to join the dinner group fellowship but are unable to host, there is a place for you on our guest lists!

Contact: Patti Lynch

Families in Fellowship

Join us for kid-friendly fellowship! Once a month, we will meet at restaurants, in homes, or at church to slow down, make new friends, or re-connect with existing friends. Bring your kids, your whole family, or come alone-everyone is welcome!

Contact: Rhonda Barsalou & Natalie Stone



Seniors:



Third Thursday Lunch Bunch

Noon, Third Thursdays, Fellowship Hall

This welcoming group invites seniors to fellowship and lunch. Join the pleasant conversation and enjoy a delicious meal.

Contact: Carolyn Dufelmeier

Interest Groups:

The Book Club

6:45 p.m., First Tuesdays, Various Venues

Join our group as we read and discuss fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, and other fascinating books over wine and cheese. We read a book a month and meet most often at the Primrose House. Didn't read this month? Come anyway; we practice grace!

Contact: Edna Robbins & Carolyn Dufelmeier



Conversational Spanish

6:00 p.m., Wednesdays, Parlor

Want a space to speak Spanish and grow in your conversational skills? Join this Spanish Intermediate Conversation class for fun, language advancement, cultural activities in San Antonio, and fellowship.

Contact: Elizabeth Aguilar de Chavers

Youth & Children:

Sunday School

9:30 a.m., Sundays, CLC

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, Deacon Lisa Diana, and Beth Whitten will be the lead Sunday school teachers for this class.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

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.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

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.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

Faith Stepping Stones

In faithfulness to the promises made in baptism, Christ Lutheran seeks to teach classes on faith milestones such as My Church, Learn to Worship, Bible Navigation, Being Good Stewards, and First Communion. Please be on the lookout for these special milestones throughout the year.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

Confirmation (6th - 8th Grades)

6:15 p.m., Wednesdays, September 10, October 8, January 7, February 11, April 8, and optionally on Sunday mornings (9:30 a.m.) and Wednesdays (5:30 p.m.)

Youth learn the basics of faith and most importantly the love and grace of God. Students must register for this opportunity with Pastor Leslie or Blythe Boeck.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF & Pastor Leslie

FX3 (6th - 12th Grades)

5:00 p.m., September 21, October 5, 12, November 2, 16, 30, December 14

FX3 is a place for middle and high school students to connect, grow, and have fun together! On select Sundays we gather for games, service projects, Bible study, and special events that help us build strong friendships and deepen our faith. From silly challenges and group outings to meaningful discussions and opportunities to serve, there's something for everyone. Come as you are, bring a friend, and join us as we grow in fellowship together! Spring dates: TBD Check the youth bulletin board for more details!

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

Prayer & Care:

Prayer Chain Ministry

We are a “not-so-small” group of 90 members who are available to say a prayer after being notified by phone or email. There are many varied types of prayer requests: simple petitions asking God for help, prayers of thanksgiving and praise, and prayer updates for prayers that span a length of time. We pray for members of the congregation, for family and friends of members, and for world situations, especially tragedies. We don’t have meetings, only notifications, asking you to pray.

Contact: Sarah Borrell

Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors

Various Dates/Times/Venues

Bring Holy Communion and/or a friendly visit to our homebound members to provide a connection to our community, especially to those who may feel disconnected.

Contact: Carolyn Dufelmeier & Pastor H



Welcome Team

Various Dates/Times/Venues

Everyone at Christ Lutheran is vital to our Welcome Team’s success as we all strive together to create a welcoming space for anyone and everyone who enters here! But we also have a specific group of friendly people who practice hospitality even more intentionally through hosting visitor coffees and receptions as a way to get to know the new faces who grace our community.

Contact: Mary Lynn Logan

Stewardship Team

Each year a group of thoughtful disciples gather to discern how to share with our congregation the important faith practice of stewardship. Serving on this team is by invitation only, but if you're interested in joining us, please talk to Pastor Leslie.

Contact: Pastor Leslie

Devotional Prayer Group

The focus of this group will be to study/meditate on devotional texts on spirituality and listening for the purpose of developing inner spirituality and prayer life, utilizing devotions such as those by Thomas Kelly, a Quaker writer, Elizabeth Canham, an Episcopal retreat leader, scriptures, and other writings tbd. We will meet on a weekly basis at an agreed upon time.

Contact: Deacon Lisa Diana

Retreats:

Jr. & Sr. High Retreats

TBD Summer 2026

Students in grades 6th-12th are invited to come for an unforgettable adventure! This summer, our Junior and Senior High youth will head out together for a weekend filled with faith, fun, and friendship. We'll spend time growing closer to God through worship and devotion, serve others through meaningful mission projects, and enjoy plenty of outdoor activities, games, and laughter. Location and dates TBD.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

Summer Camp

Camp Chrysalis, Summer 2026 TBD

Students are invited to come to camp to grow in their faith and friendships. Camp fun and interactive, faith-filled learning are all a part of the experience.

Contact: Blythe Boeck, DFF

Camp Chrysalis Men's Retreat

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.

Contact: Joe Diana

Family Beach Camp

Mustang Island Episcopal Retreat Center, Summer 2026 Dates TBD

Families, singles, and couples without children are all invited! 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.

Contact: Pastor Leslie

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.

Contact: Tessa Baden



Music Ministry:

Sanctuary Choir

7:05 p.m., Selected Wednesdays & Every Sunday Morning, CLC

Our sanctuary choir provides beautiful music each week in worship and you're invited to bring your voice in praise. This choir is open to high school students through adults.

Contact: Dr. Dan Long

Handbell Choir

6:15 p.m., Selected Wednesdays & Sunday Mornings, Bell Room

The Handbell Choir is a delightful addition to our music ministry. They offer beautiful music once a month in our worship services, you won't want to miss this joyful ringing!

Contact: Dr. Dan Long

Angelicus Choir

5:30 p.m., Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Children's Chapel

This choir is for Preschool & Kindergarten children. They sing once a month in worship and have lots of fun making noise!

Contact: Pastor Leslie & Becky Richard

Gloria Choir

5:30 p.m., Wednesdays & Selected Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

This choir is for first through fifth grade. They sing once a month in worship. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older children to continue nurturing the love of music in their lives.

Contact: Mary Patino & Sharon Wiedemann

Calling All Instrumentalists

Various Times/Dates

Do you play an instrument? Are you interested in sharing your talent in worship at Christ Lutheran? We are always looking for opportunities to feature the abilities of our own congregation members!

Contact: Jeff Hammack

The Arts at CLCAH

One of our commitments at Christ Lutheran is to lift up the arts by hosting various artists and ensembles for musical concerts. Please be on the lookout for more about these musical concert opportunities.

Worship & Church:

Liturgical Planning Team

Various Dates/Times/Venues

This is a group that comes together to plan themes for the big seasons of the church year, including Advent and Lent. Join this brainstorming session to help shape the season for our community.

Contact: Pastor Leslie

Worship Assistants

8:30 or 10:30 a.m., Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

Are you interested in becoming an assisting minister, lector, or communion assistant? Consider becoming a member of the worship assistant team and take part in leading worship in a meaningful way!

Contact: Ainslee Ford



Altar Guild

Saturday and Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

These wonderful volunteers prepare the altar, set up for Holy Communion, and check linens, robes, candles, the eternal light, and candle lighters. They also change paraments according to the season and help clean up after communion on Sundays. This is a wonderful way to be spiritually engaged in the hospitality of our communion table. Join us!

Contact: Alfreda Pennington

Ushers

8:30 or 10:30 a.m., Sunday Mornings, Sanctuary

Ushers are an invaluable ministry. These volunteers are committed to the care, comfort, and safety of our congregation. They do ministry by making everyone feel welcome, recognizing the importance of first impressions when you come to worship.

Contact: Larry Sulser

Money Counters

9:00 a.m., Mondays, Parlor



Each Monday a rotating group of dedicated volunteers meets to count and give thanks for the generosity of our community's stewardship! A big thanks to this group which helps us stay on top of our church's financial health.

Contact: Ainslee Ford



Service Outreach Opportunities:

Benevolence Team

Various Dates/Times/Church Parlor

Christ Lutheran, as a community of faith, is committed to strong benevolence. We give back 20% of all regular offerings to those in need outside of our walls. Through our benevolence or "outreach" dollars we help support over 20 organizations in our community, in our region, and even around the world. The Benevolence Team assesses which organizations are most in need of support and which are using these dollars most effectively thereby maximizing our impact and our ability to help others. Serving on this team is by invitation, but if you're interested in joining us, please talk to Paul Pfeifer.

Contact: Paul Pfeifer

Mission & Outreach Team

Various Dates/Times/Church Parlor & Service in the World!

This group of people will oversee all of our outreach ministries (service projects, advocacy projects, Companionate Ministry, etc.), which help us to meet the needs of those most vulnerable in our community and our world. If you have a heart for justice or compassion, this is the team for you. We promise not to meet too often, but just enough to make sure we are focusing our outreach efforts in order to best use the talents, time, and service of our congregation.

Contact: Deacon Lisa Diana & Paul Pfeifer

Habitat for Humanity

7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., November 15

Every year our congregation participates in Habitat for Humanity. We work together with other Lutheran churches in San Antonio called our Lutheran Habitat Cluster, each taking one Saturday to provide volunteers in building a house. Our day of service is Landscaping Day so children and youth ages 5 to 17 can participate, but they must attend with and be supervised by their parents.

Contact: Paul Mathsen & Deacon Lisa Diana



Quilting

9:00 a.m., Tuesdays, The Primrose House



The quilters gather weekly in the Primrose House to sew, tie, and create beautiful quilts! The quilts are shipped each year to LWR and Wounded Warriors to offer warmth and to share the love of our community. To raise money for materials they also have an ongoing hand-quilting project.

Contact: Charleen Richardson, Grace Carbajal, & Gloria Meyer

CLC Fixer Uppers

Various Dates/Times/Venues

Are you handy? Do you like to fix stuff? Come join this dedicated small group in fixing and repairing minor items around the church campus. Snacks, drinks, or meals provided by the church.

Contact: Michael Harris

Living in Interesting Times

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 7, Fellowship Hall

Are you concerned about what is happening in your community, state, nation, and world? Would you like to pray and work with other people of faith toward similar goals? The members of this small group will set their own agendas and frequency of getting together. Possibilities include being a support group for each other, reading certain books, going on field trips, and engaging in advocacy. We will follow a process to determine our goals at the first meeting.

Contact: Rev. Dr. Paul Ziese

Other Opportunities to Serve

We are a community which "learns to serve," as our vision statement says, which is why we are always looking for ways that we can reach out in service to our neighbors. Look for congregational service projects or check out our website "Get Involved-Find a Place to Serve" to learn about some of our partner organizations which are in need of volunteers!

Other Groups at Christ Lutheran to which members are either elected or appointed:

Congregation Council

FMAC (Financial Management and Advise Committee)

MAST (Ministry Advise and Support Team)

Property Committee

Day School Board

Day School Scholarship Committee



Get Involved at CLC!

*Our hope is that all people at Christ Lutheran
might know a sense of belonging
while engaging their faith
through our small group ministries.*

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