



Blessing of the Backpacks and Preschool Open House

Please join us for a worship service dedicated to the new school year! On **Sunday, August 23** at our 11:00 worship, we will honor our Christ Lutheran Preschool teachers and staff. Also, we will have the Blessing of our Children and their Backpacks. We are asking that **all students come with a backpack or other kind of school bag.**

Student and educators are invited to participate and receive our recognition and prayers. Every parent wants his or her child to have all of the advantages possible for a good education. This year, that includes a blessing!

After the service, I invite you to visit our preschool's **Open House from 12:15 to 2 p.m.** in the school. You can chat with the teachers, learn what's going on in the classrooms and meet some of our preschool families. This event is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this important ministry and continue strengthening the bond between our church and preschool. As of this fall, we will have seven CLC families with children attending our preschool. What a blessing to have such a well-regarded school as one of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church.

Christ's Blessings,
Pastor Heidi

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God's work. Our hands.

Save the Date for Outreach Sunday!

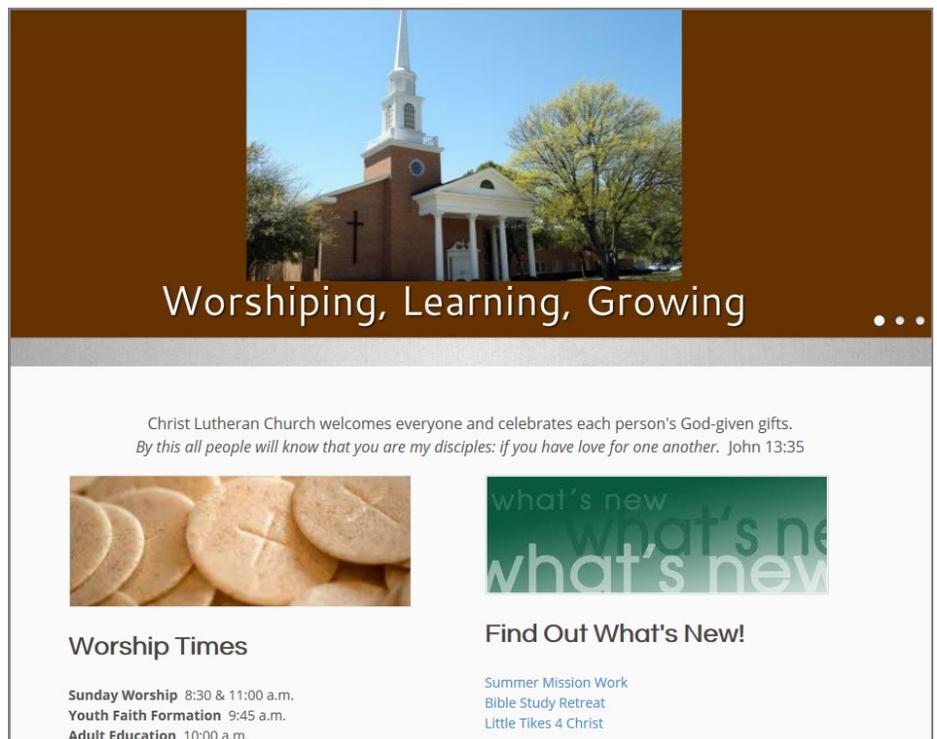
Join us on **Sunday, October 4** as we do God's work with our hands on Outreach Sunday. We'll have **one worship service at 9:30 a.m.** and then depart to engage in service projects in the community. You won't want to miss this special day of ministry and mission with CLC family!

New CLC Website Online Soon!

The Communications Ministry Team is excited to announce that a newly designed Christ Lutheran website will be up and running as of **Sunday, August 23**. The URL will be the same: www.clcdallas.org. With a new platform and layout, the site is easy to update and user-friendly.

Each page of the site will feature a "submit prayer request" button and include the church location and contact information. The site has pages dedicated to each of our ministry groups, from children to adults to the German community, and for our outreach efforts both near and far.

We hope the new website will be visually appealing and useful to CLC members, visitors and potential guests. So please check out the site on August 23!



Worshipping, Learning, Growing

Christ Lutheran Church welcomes everyone and celebrates each person's God-given gifts.
By this all people will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another. John 13:35

Worship Times

- Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Faith Formation 9:45 a.m.
- Adult Education 10:00 a.m.

Find Out What's New!

- Summer Mission Work
- Bible Study Retreat
- Little Tikes 4 Christ

A Community of Faith Reaching Out to Change Lives!



This hardworking crew of CLC disciples (plus photographer Linda Kruger) put together and handed out 250 sack lunches and 500 ice pops to those in need for the **Mt. Olive Food Pantry's 5th Wednesday lunch.**

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is **August 2**, and the **items that are particularly needed include** canned meats, vegetables and fruits; 2-lb. bags of sugar; cooking oil; powdered lemonade; Jell-O; boxed macaroni and cheese; hot cereal, oatmeal and grits; ketchup & mustard; and canned Chef Boyardee mac & cheese or ravioli.

Mt. Olive also needs someone from CLC to take the collected food and other items from our church to the food pantry. The person who previously picked up the food is unable to continue. If you can help with this once-a-month task, please contact Linda Kruger.



Understanding the Upbring Logo

In the process of transforming in identity from LSS to Upbring, it was necessary to develop a new logo to represent the new organization. But what does this logo mean?

- The shield represents Upbring's stance as a strong protector of the children of Texas.
- The three diagonal stripes represent Christian faith in the Trinity.
- The heart and the color red come from the Luther Rose, the most recognizable emblem of Lutheranism.

The Upbring logo reflects the agency's mission—to break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families & communities—as well as its origin in the Lutheran faith.



Texas Winds Flutists Perform at Mosaic

On July 10, a trio of flutists from Texas Winds Musical Outreach gave a concert at Mosaic. The Mosaic clients enjoyed the music and fellowship. Texas Winds Musical Outreach brings live music to people who have little opportunity to experience it, performing more than 1,300 free concerts each year. CLC member Cathy Barr is Executive Director of Texas Winds.

Briarwood Invitational
Golf Outing
 October 9, 2015
Bridlewood Golf Club

Registration opens at 7:00 am followed by breakfast before our 8:30 am Start

The Cost is \$130 per golfer and includes breakfast, lunch, cart, range balls and 2 drink & 1 Raffle Ticket

Register at bidpal.net/briarwoodgolf. If you would like to be part of a CLC team for the outing, please contact the church office.

Call and We'll Be There! If you are ill or hospitalized, or if you know of someone in the congregation who is in the hospital or otherwise needs pastoral care, please contact the church office. One of the pastoral staff or the CLC Care Ministry Team will be notified and will follow up with you. We strive to meet everyone's ministry needs, and the best way to do so is to be aware of what's going on, so please keep us posted!



Christ Lutheran T-Shirts! We're excited to announce that we are ordering Christ Lutheran T-shirts for everyone to purchase. Check the upcoming bulletins for info on ordering shirts. We'll wear our new CLC shirts for the first time on Outreach Sunday—October 4.

Nurturing One Another in Faith & Fellowship



Summer Lunch Schedule!

If you haven't joined us for Sunday summer lunch yet, now is the time! We meet after 11:00 worship. Here are our August outings:

Date	Location	Hosts
8/2	Rusty Taco	Jen Christiansen & Debbie Lewis
8/9	Sweet Tomatoes	Peter & Cheryl Kowalczyk
8/16	Digg's Tacos	Randy & Ginger Hagens



Summer Sunday Education

In August, we will continue to offer informal video series for youth and adults during the Sunday school hour. Our youth will gather to watch episodes of the classic TV show *Davey and Goliath*. Adults are invited to watch a video series on Islam titled *Inside Mecca*.

Men's Bible Study will meet at 7:30 a.m. on **Thursday, August 6**. Chester Haschke will lead our study, and John McConnell will provide food. All men are welcome!

The **CLC Bridge Group** will meet on **Thursday, August 6** at noon in Room 220 at the church. Dot Splawn and Rocky Ford will be our hosts.



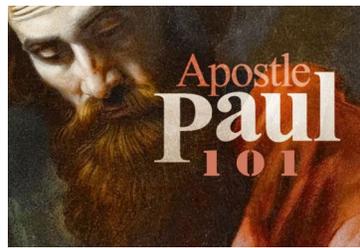
The **Communications Ministry Team** will meet on **Tuesday, August 4** at 6 p.m. at CLC.



Mosaic Birthday Party at CLC!

Please join us for the Mosaic Birthday Celebration on **Saturday, August 8** from 1-3 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Once a year, Christ Lutheran hosts a birthday party for our friends at Mosaic and celebrates the people who have a birthday that month. This year's party will feature craft projects, snacks and photo mementos. If you would like to donate items for the party or help with the celebration, please contact Cissy Palomares or Virginia Worley.

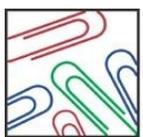


Bible Study Retreat

Have you ever been in a Bible study and thought: "I really wish we had more time to discuss this or that?" Well, your wish has come true! Later this summer, **August 14-15**, Vicars Michael & Katharina Behrens will lead a Bible Study Retreat at CLC on the topic of "The Apostle Paul 101."

Paul brought the Good News to so many people in so many different ways. He also was the first to systemize the Christian faith and beliefs. He did this in such a way that 1400 years later, Martin Luther came to realize how God's love and grace are working for us because of Paul's letters. At the retreat, we will learn more about what Paul thought about justification, the new Christian life and the afterlife, and of course we'll (try to) answer any questions that arise! We hope you will join us for a wonderful retreat! Please RSVP to Michael Behrens or sign up on the sheet in the narthex by **August 10**. The dates are:

Friday, August 14 8-9 p.m.
Saturday, August 15 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 (includes lunch; \$5 fee)



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE Please take note!

If you have not filled out End of Life Planning forms for the church, please do so. Forms are available on the kiosk in the narthex and may be returned to the church office via mail or in person.

Bibles & Brew... We are interested in starting a casual group that meets monthly at a local pub for Bible study and faith discussion. If you would consider serving on a team of leaders for this ministry, please contact Pastor Heidi.



Nurturing One Another in Faith & Fellowship

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German Group Keeps Busy this Summer

On June 28, we had our third monthly German Sunday Activity (GSA): “A Stroll in the Park.” We went to the Dallas Zoo and marveled at the animals. We heard a poem written by German Pastor Christina Brudereck about creation right next to the koala bears. They did not comment, though. Later, we stopped at the penguin enclosure and listened to the words of Psalm 104, which state that God is appreciated through his mighty and awesome creation. After that, everyone had some free time to explore the zoo on his or her own. At 5 p.m., we met at the gate and headed to the Bishop Arts District for coffee and cake. All in all it really was a great day, which you can see in the pictures, and we look forward for the next Stroll.



Nothing beats ice cream on a hot day!



Smiling faces at the Stroll!



Vicar Michael wore the perfect zoo hat.



Our next GSA will be a “**Tatort-Gottesdienst**” again. We were very pleased with all the people joining us for a wonderful service and the screening afterwards. This time we will not only have some snacks and cold drinks but have a **hot supper** too. We will meet at Christ Lutheran on **August 30 at 5 p.m.**, and everybody is invited (although the episodes are rated PG-13).

GSA Schedule for 2015

- Aug 30** 5 p.m. Tatort-Gottesdienst
- Sep 27** Stroll with coffee and cake
- Oct 25** 5 p.m. *Reformation Service at First United Lutheran; beer & brats afterward*
- Nov 29** Stroll with coffee and cake
- Dec 19** 5 p.m. German Advent service

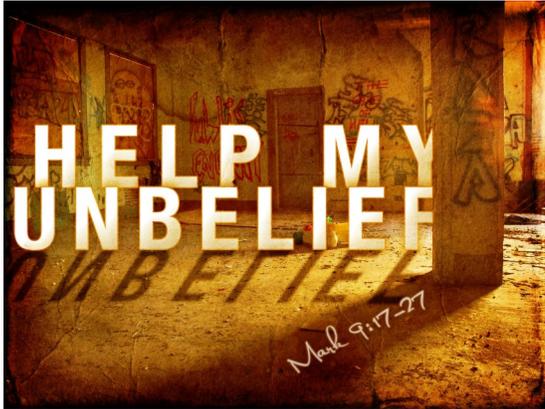
Blessings,
Michael Behrens



A Prayer Request

Our current German Vicars, Michael and Katharina, will return to Germany sometime in the next six months. We ask that you pray for their well-being and discernment as they prepare for a new chapter in their lives. We also seek prayers for our new German vicar, who has yet to be ascertained but will, like Michael & Katharina, face challenges in receiving his U.S. visa.

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Jesus and Peter's Half Faith...A Devotional by Pastor Noel Ilagan

As a young person nurtured by Sunday school and youth Bible studies in the Lutheran church, I always heard that I am saved through my faith, and not by my good behavior. When friends would tell me that it is faith plus good works that saves, I would ask them how they could be sure that they had done enough “good works” to merit going to heaven; of course they could not tell. But as I faced difficult situations myself and had to practice my faith, I realized how “small” my faith was; sometimes I would wonder if my faith was “big” enough to be acceptable to God.

In Matthew 14:22-33, we read that, seeing Jesus walking on the water, Simon Peter asked Jesus to command him to come to Jesus on the water.

Jesus said “Come!” and Peter got out of the disciples’ boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus.

Although as a fisherman he was familiar with the sea, it still must have taken a lot of faith for Simon Peter to step out of the boat. As he walked on the water with his eyes focused on Jesus, he was doing great; but the strong wind put him off balance; he got distracted, took his eyes off Jesus, became frightened and began to sink. He realized he might actually drown and die. Searching for and again focusing on Jesus, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Jesus did not save Peter because he had a “great” faith; Jesus saved Peter in spite of his “half” faith. Jesus knew Simon Peter – his bold statements, his impulsiveness, his shepherd’s heart. Jesus knew that when He was arrested by the Jewish authorities, Peter would deny knowing Him. But Peter would be filled with deep sorrow and seek forgiveness and Jesus would forgive him and reinstate him to his status as a faithful disciple.

Ultimately the “size” of faith is a non-issue. What is important is the object of our faith, i.e., Jesus who loved us and gave Himself for us. It is on Jesus that we focus, rather than our ability to “have” faith; because faith is a gift. Like the man in Mark 9:24 whose son Jesus released from spiritual bondage, we can ask for the Holy Spirit’s help and declare, “Lord I believe; help my unbelief!”

Faith doesn't necessarily know where it's going, but it does know Who's leading.

Kent Crockett's Sermon Illustrations, www.kentcrockett.com



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NT-NL News

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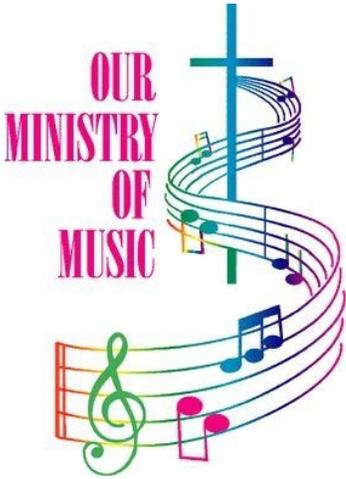
August is Malaria Month

The people of the NT-NL Mission Area have raised \$152,046 of our \$160,000 commitment to the ELCA’s Malaria Initiative goal of \$15 million (of which \$14.5 million has been given so far). Let’s help make malaria history! Designate a Sunday in August to be Malaria Day. Share information about the disease and raise funds to help meet and exceed our goals!

Save the Date for these Key Fall Events!

October 9	Briarwood Golf Fundraiser, at Bridlewood Golf Club in Flower Mound
October 17	Mission Endowment Fund “Seeds that Change” Fundraiser, at Iglesia Luterana Santa María, Irving
October 26-28	Bishop’s Convocation with special guest Presiding Bishop Eaton, at Briarwood
November 13	Lutheran Campus Ministries Trivia Challenge, at Briarwood

Music Ministry at CLC



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. —James 1:17

It's a true gift to hear how quickly everybody at CLC has become familiar with the new liturgy (Setting 8). It's not an easy liturgy to sing, and I'm very impressed how good you sound. God gets the glory! Thank you all for your inspiring singing and worship leading!

I just got back from this year's Alleluia Conference in Waco. It was wonderful to meet so many brothers and sisters in Christ, both new and those I met last year. Much of the Baylor University campus was filled with the soothing sounds of Christian music. It was a very productive time there. I attended many new music reading sessions, which always are a great way to become familiar with new releases in Christian choir music. John Bell from Scotland was also there, and meeting him was an interesting experience. He is a Church of Scotland minister and a member of the Iona Community. He works throughout the world, lecturing in theological colleges in the UK, Canada and the United States, but primarily is concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass-roots level. I attended a worship service that he led, and I enjoyed how he used different music in the service.

On Thursday between conference sessions, I suddenly heard a familiar voice behind me. I turned around and there was Nancy Krause, Director of the St. Paul Bronze Ringers, who visited CLC on February 22. What a wonderful surprise! *On the right is a picture of Nancy and me at the conference.*

In the end of June, I was in Estonia for few weeks. It was great to see my family and friends. Many greetings from my parents to all of you. During the time in Estonia, I worked on some new music and was invited to talk about my new CD in one of the biggest summer talk shows at the main classical music radio station of Estonia.

More travel-related news: CLC's hand bells recently traveled to Oklahoma to get refreshed for the upcoming year. The bells have needed servicing for some time, and thanks to our wonderful Cheryl Kowalczyk, we were able to find a place to get them tuned and refreshed. Silver Woodbury is working on the bells at this very moment and we'll have brand-new sounding bells back at CLC by the beginning of the new ringing year. I look forward to hearing the new sounding bells rang by our Hand Bell Ensemble in the fall.

Many thanks to Paul, Randy, Kurt, Fred, Linda, Keith, Brad, Gwen and Mary Ellen for their beautiful music in worship services over the last month! Special congratulations to Lee on his debut with leading worship as a solo singer at CLC on July 26!

Musically,
Hando Nahkur



Save the Date: 'Luther & Bach' Music Lecture

On Sunday, October 11 at 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran (6121 Lovers Ln, Dallas) will host a lecture titled *Luther and Bach: A Music Marriage Made in Heaven*. The presentation will shed light on Luther's hymn *Christ Lag in Todesbanden* and the cantata on which Bach based the hymn.

The presenters will be Steven Lund, a Lutheran educator, and Sam Eatherton, Music Minister at Zion Lutheran. **RSVP to Sandra Bauer, 972-241-3545, by Oct. 1.**

Presented by the American Luther Research Center, this event is one in a series of events that illustrate Luther's impact on the world, leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

Caring For Our Children & Youth



Vacation Bible School 2015 at Mt. Olive Lutheran—A Special Time of Fellowship and Learning

With youth and adult volunteers from CLC plus wonderful children and adults from Mt. Olive and the surrounding neighborhood, our **third annual** Mt. Olive Outreach VBS was a fun and uplifting event. We treasure our ministry partnership with Mt. Olive Lutheran, and their pastor, the Rev. Marie Barnett, shared that the members of Mt. Olive feel the same. In a recent letter, she shared the following:

When Jesus sent his disciples two by two, it was for the purpose of counsel, companionship and support. It felt like that this week for Mt. Olive Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Church to have such cordial companionship. The strong supported the weak, and together, we were able to accomplish so much. The children were not the only beneficiaries; we the adults enjoyed it too. On behalf of my congregation, I want to thank Pastor Heidi, Scot Redman and all of the volunteers who gave us their time and talents. May God richly bless you! —Rev. Marie Barnett

Many thanks to all who helped make the week a success! As you can see from the photos, we had a great time!



Our first **Little Tikes 4 Christ** event was a splashing success! About 25 children and parents gathered at the University Park pool for swimming and snacks.

Our next event is an ice cream social, taking place from **3:30 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 8** at CLC. We ask that everyone bring a sundae topping; ice cream will be provided. Children can play in the gym, or on the playground.

Little Tikes 4 Christ is a fellowship group for families of young children (ages 0-10). To learn more, contact Jen Christiansen.

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Jr. High Summer Trip...August 1-10, our Jr. High youth, along with Youth Minister Scot Redman and family, will be on a high adventure trip at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado. Please keep them in your prayers as they engage in physical activities, Bible study and devotions, and fellowship at the camp.



Confirmation Kickoff Meeting
We will kick off the 2015-16 Confirmation year with a Parents' Meeting on **Sunday, August 30 at 12:15 p.m.** in Room 220 upstairs. At the meeting, you'll learn the ins and outs of this year's Confirmation program and receive a Confirmation schedule, meet our mentors, and fill out a consent form for activities.

If you would like to help with Confirmation events, you will need to undergo a background check. For the August 30 meeting, please bring your medical insurance card to be photocopied; this will ensure speedy care for your child in the unlikely event of an accident.

Confirmation class takes place on **Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Confirmation parents will be asked to bring dinner for the class and teachers; we'll have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. **Classes begin on September 16.**

Summer Faith Formation Continues!

All children are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. upstairs in the Education building for a special video series—*Davey & Goliath*—as well as popcorn and fellowship. Our Fall Faith Formation for children and youth will begin in September.



Shepherds Needed for College Students! As our college students either return to school or start their freshman year this fall, we are seeking CLC members who can correspond with them throughout the year, sending notes on their birthdays and other occasions and maybe a care package during finals. If you would like to participate, please contact Sarah Ilagan, our council representative for Youth & Family Ministry, at sarah.ilagan@gmail.com.



ELCA National Youth Gathering Recap

What an incredible youth gathering! Christ Lutheran had a group of 15 attend this year's event. We heard inspirational speakers who made us think and awesome music that made us dance. We also participated in a massive service project in which, over the course of three days, 30,000 youth cleaned up hundreds of neighborhood blocks in Detroit. Most importantly, our group grew closer throughout the gathering. Oh, and we saw Niagara Falls (not bad)! Now the Jr. High group is off to Colorado. Join us for Youth Sunday in September to hear all the amazing stories from this summer's trips!

