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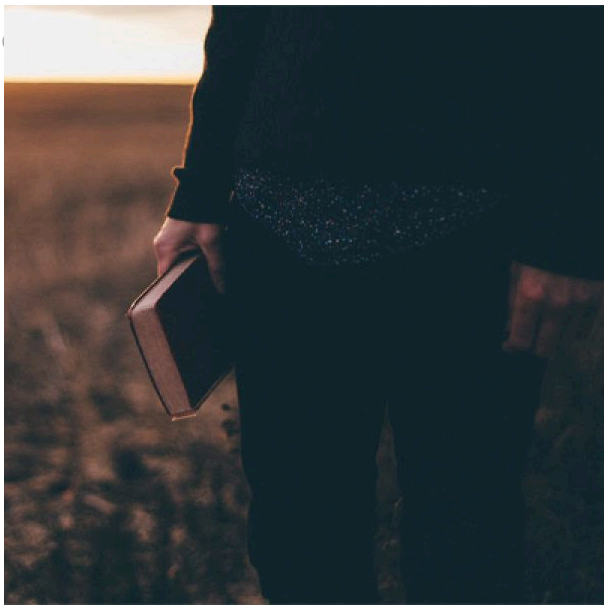
Find Hope • Make a Difference • You Matter!



This Sunday is the final segment in a 3-week sermon series on the Olivet Discourse.

Come worship with us this Sunday, 9:30 am

What is the Olivet Discourse? You can still



Our Service Schedule

Sundays 9:30 am

If you cannot join us in person, we offer a live broadcast of our service every Sunday starting at 9:20 AM on Facebook and on YouTube.

Watch on Facebook

Watch on YouTube



Church Office Hours

The week of November 23rd the church office will be open Tues., Nov. 24 and Wed., Nov. 25, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call 972-727-3191 if you have any questions. Calls will be returned as soon as possible during office hours.



Sunday School News:

No Sunday School this Sunday!
Sunday School will resume on Sunday November 29 after the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Church News



Order Envelopes for Poinsettias

are now available from the ushers and in the church narthex. Please fill out the front of the envelope and return with your payment enclosed by Sunday, December 6.



Greening of the Church
Sat., Nov. 21
9:30 am

Please help prepare the church for Advent! There are tasks for all - the more, the merrier!



Advent is Almost Here!
Mark your Calendars!
Sat., Nov. 28, 9:30 am
Setup for Greeening of the Church
Sun., Nov. 29, 9:30 am
First Sunday of Advent - Hope
Greening of the church
Sun., Dec. 6, 9:30 am
Second Sunday of Advent - Peace
Wed., Dec. 9, 7:00 pm
Jazzy Vespers
Sun., Dec. 13, 9:30 am
Third Sunday of Advent - Joy
Sun., Dec. 20, 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love
The Nativity Story
Mon., Dec. 21, 7:00 pm
Longest Night Service
Thurs., Dec. 24, 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Christmas Nativity, LIVE!

Sunday, December 20th during the 9:30 Service, we will be presenting for the first time, the Nativity Story during the worship service. We will be presenting live characters and singing Christmas hymns.
What do we need from the congregation?

We need volunteers to sign up for character roles. Randy Lewandowski has created a sign-up form, and it is on a clip board in the Narthex on the round table. He will be there to answer any questions you may have.

- There are no speaking parts. You don't have to worry about memorizing lines or speaking in front of a large crowd. All speaking will be done by a narrator.
- Costumes are minimal and will be provided.
- **THERE IS A REHEARSAL**. Originally, we thought we did not need a rehearsal however, we want everyone to have their costume ready to go and to also feel comfortable with what they will be doing. We will still have people to the side to help make sure everyone enters and exits at the correct time. Everyone, including children, should attend this rehearsal.
- **REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 6PM**-8PM at the latest.
- PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE REHEARSAL
- Here is a Signup Genius URL for the Nativity story that we are planning. https://tinyurl.com/Nativity-Event
- **Calling all Sunday School kids!!** You are needed also! You will get to be Angels and Sheep. You will also get to lead the congregation in "Away in the Manger." All practicing for you will be done during Sunday School time.



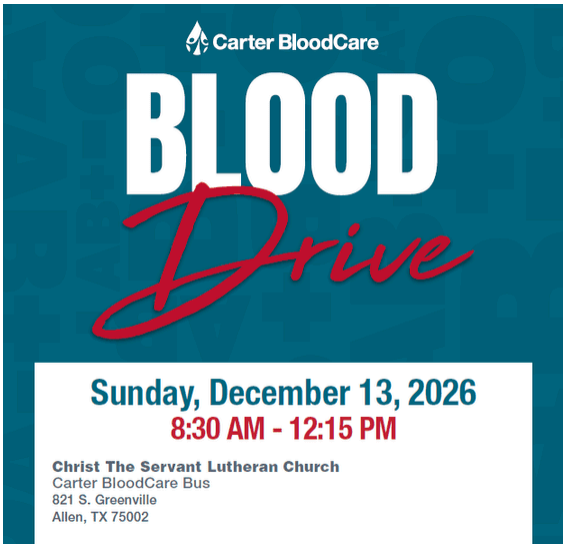
The Longest Night Service is an increasingly common Winter Solstice service designed as a quiet, candlelit respite from the commercialism of Christmas. It offers a safe space for worship, grief, loneliness, and depression, reminding those who feel lost that God is present even in the darkness. There is good news in proclaiming that other experiences are possible to those who feel lost in the night. God is not absent in these times.



Grief Work

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Our church family will host a weekly Grief Support small group Thursday evenings through Nov. 19 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church library. This 8-week gathering will provide a safe, confidential space where your stories are honored, your tears are welcome, and your faith is anchored—TOGETHER, we will look to God's promises for comfort in community…plan to join us.



Schedule an appointment

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or use the link directly to register to donate!



Church Worship Song Suggestions

As we celebrate Christ the Servant's 45th Anniversary this year, we would love to hear music from our history and music for our future. This is where you come in! Please share a favorite tune we can weave into a worship service this fall by using the link below:
Church Worship Song Suggestions



Mental Health FIRST AID
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID *For Faith Communities*

A 1-Day Course Presented by Texas Health Community Hope

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches you to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. Just as CPR empowers you to help someone experiencing a physical emergency, Mental Health First Aid equips you to offer calm, compassionate support to someone facing an emotional or mental health challenge. Grounded in empathy, connection and best practices, this training helps those serving in faith settings provide timely support, guide individuals toward appropriate help, and strengthen the overall well being of their congregations and the community they serve.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

The program is designed for adults who want to learn how to help people who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. No prior training or experience is required. Mental Health First Aid is a particularly valuable tool for clergy, medical personnel, first responders, educators and counselors.

WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

There is no cost to participate in Mental Health First Aid training. Training is provided in two ways:

Online: Sessions are conducted online via ZOOM or Teams. Participants must complete 2 hours of self-paced online prework in advance of the course. The online instructor-led portion of the course lasts approximately 5.5 hours, including all breaks.

In-person: Depending on instructor availability and training location within North Texas, you may have the option to receive training during a 6.5-hour in-person session.

TO INQUIRE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

If you are interested in a curated Mental Health First Aid training session for those in your congregation, submit a request by scanning the QR code or visiting **qrco.de/MHFAInquiry.** Someone will contact you to schedule a consultation. A minimum of 5 participants is required to schedule a session; maximum capacity is 30 participants per session. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

*If you are interested in Mental Health First Aid training as an individual, please visit **qrco.de/behMNt** for more information about our public sessions. For any additional questions, email **CommunityHope@TexasHealth.org***

Texas Health Community Hope

Would you be interested in attending this class? Please contact Dr Cheryl at drcheryl2@yahoo.com'

Fun & Fellowship



Lunch at Jason's Deli
Thurs., Dec. 3
12 noon

Meet at the Jason's Deli in Allen for food, laughter and fellowship. All are invited!



Crafters' Coalition
Sat., Dec. 5
12 noon - 3 pm

Bring your lunch and your craft and enjoy fellowship while working on your project.



Game Night!
Sun., Dec. 6
6 - 8:30 pm

Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. We love playing games!



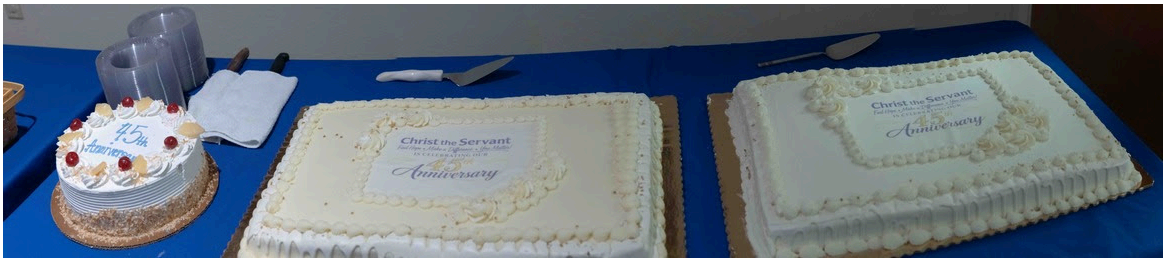
Coming in January!
Used Book Sale

Save your used books. Watch for an announcement on when to bring them in.

In Case You Missed It

On Sunday, November 15, CtS and Joyful Church came together as we welcomed members from the past to celebrate the **45th Anniversary of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church**.

Here are some images of the event captured by our resident photographer, Gary Johnson.







The combined service with Joyful Church was led by Pastor Cheryl Herreid and Pastor Seeyeon Kim.





Charter members that were still members of the church were recognized: Cheryl Lindberg, Mona Spears and Kathy Smith.





The opening and closing songs were led by Joyful Praise. HEB catered the lunch. Everything was wonderfully coordinated by Pat Howard with assistance from many members of CtS.

Thank you all for a beautiful celebration!

Book/Bible Studies

Online Daily Devotional Group

Join your friends at CtS for a daily devotional using the online YouVersion Bible App. Use the QR code on the right to download the application and contact Steve Secora to get added to the group!



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday meets in the library after worship service (around 10:45-11:00). The current topic is the series "That the World May Know", by Ray Vander Laan.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Zoom Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00. Join us this month for the Bible Study series - *Great Prayers of the Bible.* For more information, please contact Ginny Grundei at ggrundei51@gmail.com.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study
meets in the church library 7-8 pm. All are welcome! For information, please contact Tina Lewandowski or the church office.



WoW - Women of the Word
meets in the church library Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
For more information, contact Paula Edwards at ped129@yahoo.com.



Da Guys' Book/Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8:30-10 am.
Next meeting, Nov. 28th

To participate, contact Steve Secora or Lennie Gunderson. You may also contact the church office for information.

Other Ways to Serve



Assisting Ministers

Nov 22 Larry Lutz
Nov 29 Julia Whannell
Dec 6 Kathryn McCord
Dec 13 Linda Federle
Dec 20 Bill Henke
Dec 24 Cheryl Lindberg - 7 pm
Dec 27 Larry Lutz
Jan 3 Kathryn McCord



Rehearsals:

Lutherings Bell Choir
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm



Mini Parish Schedule 2026

November G2 - Sunday Servants
December G3 - Spirit Seekers
January G2 - Sunday Servants

Leaders:

One Way	K. Miller/K. Smith
Sun. Servants	Sedlacek/Whannell
Spirit Seekers	Wang-Jones/Wilson

The entire schedule for 2026 is posted on the kiosk in the narthex. The schedule is also posted through January 2027 on the website under
Resources > Worship Leaders
For questions, call Ceci Gunderson in the office 972-727-3191 during office hours.

Prayer List



John Albright
Baby Harper
Brody
Josh Callan
DeNamur family
Pam Dewald
Joanne
Justin Lee
Mary Nickson
Dick Sprague
Will
Abe
Brittany
Frankie
Kennedy

Maddie
Sarah

Continuing Prayers for:
Tom Anderson, Chrissy Andrews, Ellen Andrews, John Andrews, Betty, Mary Blitt, Kent Bode, Macey Boland, Jerry Cardenes, Alec Chavez, Chuck, Clouse family, Patricia Collis, Mazie Conarty, Bishop Yehiel Curry, Brenda Daily-Brooks, Doug, Glenn & Caroline, Alex Gonzalez, Rob Harris, Linda James, Jessica, Karrell Johnson, Kimberly Judy, Julie, Kelly, JR Lawson, Leischski family, Bill Linam, Chad Lindberg, Sue Long, Lucy Markovich, Richard Marquez, Chris McCullom, Bob Morgan, Jane Morgan, Weston Offield, Deloris Olson, Ginger Pickett, Doris Schmidt, Ken Schmidt, Jack Terry, Karen Whannell, David Wilson, Ashleigh Wright, Mac Wright

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Scroll through the account to stay updated with our upcoming events!
Repost!
Click on the triangle under post and click “add to story” to share with your followers.

Important Notice to All
Our pastor and staff will never email or text asking for gift cards, money, or urgent help. If you receive a message like this, do not respond—instead we encourage you to call the church directly to verify.

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