

Fall 2024



🔏 🖹 Central Lutheran Church

VIII 1000 Easton Rd. Dallas, Texas 75218 | 214-327-2222 FI CA central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com I centrallutheran.org God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all.

Who is Central Lutheran Church?

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Holy Communion every Sunday

In person or on Facebook

Central Lutheran is a 100-year-old congregation located in East Dallas. We are part of the ELCA. We welcome all of God's children, regardless of race, citizenship, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, ability, sexuality, or gender identity. See the back cover to learn more about who we are and what we believe.



Sunday School Starts on September 15

Sunday School:

Third Sunday at Noon

Together we will learn about Jesus's teachings, using the book "Jesus Said What" by Christopher M. Kennedy, as well as listening to various guest speakers.

<u>Blessing of the</u> Animals:

October 5 at 11:00 am

Bring your pets for a blessing in our labyrinth. Pets of any kind are welcome as long as they are wellbehaved and on a leash or in a carrier.

Words From Our Leaders

"What are you excited about?"



I'm excited to host community office hours at local coffee shops! It's a great chance to connect, chat, ask questions, or share a prayer in a more relaxed setting. If visiting the office isn't your style, come see me at a nearby café. Keep an eye on our social media and email newsletter for details. The community office hours are available for everyone- you do not have to be a church member or practicing christian to participate. All are welcome. -**Pastor Veronika Czutor**

Lydia is Study. Lydia is Support. Lydia is Service.

This is the mission statement of Lydia Circle. Over the next few months, members are planning a lake house retreat in September, a Cookie Exchange in November, an Advent Supper and an ornament exchange in December. Every 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm please join us as we study a new book, "Fascinating Bible Studies on Every Parable". All women are welcome! -Lisa Barse, Lydia Circle Member





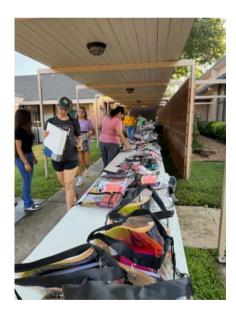
As a member of the visitation team, I usually visit four residents of three different senior living facilities. Further, monthly I serve communion to 8-12 residents at a senior facility as part of a Sunday devotional hosted by two lay leaders from different churches. On a personal level, participation in the visitation team really took me out of my comfort zone, which to me seemed a good thing to do. Of the four people I regularly visit, I had previously only met one of them. What I quickly learned was the value of the visits. Residents really enjoy the interaction with people outside of their residences. This was verified by staff members who reiterated how important the outside contact was. To me, this is the strongest recommendation for others to participate in this ministry, providing that contact. If you find committing to the team to be daunting, consider just going and visiting a friend. **- Ed Wolfgang, Visitation Team Member**

Summer at Central:

A Look Back at Last Season $1. \ SCUBA'd \ \text{into friendship with God during Vacation Bible School}$ in the last week of June. We had dozens of kids participate and have fun. Thank you to all our adult and youth volunteers who helped make this week a success!



- 2.Learned from and about each other through Community Chats- our experiment with the Congregations Lead Initiative (a national ELCA program). We had ten chats about five topics: happiness, global cultures, technology, LGBTQ+ acceptance, and "Daring Greatly". Thank you to our CLI team (Jan Moody, Jeff Lowry, Rachel Brown and Pastor Veronika) for all your hard work!
- 3. Collected school supplies for students in grades PreK-12 returning to school. Due to the generosity of our community, we were able to hand out over 300 backpacks worth of school supplies to youth in the neighborhood! A big thank you to everyone who donated supplies, helped stuff backpacks, and those who handed them out the day of the bash on August 3rd.



4. Grilled out brats, hot dogs, burgers, and veggies during our Family Cookout on June 29th. It was amazing to see all the faces- old and new- gathering in front of the church building and connecting with each other. Thank you to all the grill masters and to Alesia Pearson and Carrie Enocksen for organizing the bouncy house and Kona Ice.

Want to Help?

"And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." - Phililppians 4:19

I. Meet Material Needs

During this season, we are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief's Personal care and Baby Care kits. All baby items should be for **ages 6-24 months**. Our last day of collection will be on **October 20.** We are collecting the following:

Baby Care Kits:

- Cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- Sleepers/ gowns (without feet)
- Receiving blanket
- Cloth diapers (flat fold)
- Diapers pins/ large safety pins
- Jacket with a hood
- Hand towel (dark color)
- Socks

Personal Care Kits:

- Light weight bath or hand towel (dark color)
- 8 or 9oz bars of soap (individually wrapped)
- Adult toothbrush (individually wrapped)
- Sturdy comb
- Metal Nail Clippers

II. Donate Your Time

There are many ways to help at Central Lutheran. A key one is by using your time and talents to help our community. Some ways you can help are:

- **Pray for people** on our prayer list. We care for each other (see page 7).
- Build connection during Sunday School and Bible Study.
- Meet our neighbors by volunteering with the Reformation Fair.

III. Give Electronically

We appreciate your generous monetary offerings which support Central Lutheran and our missions here in East Dallas. If you don't wish to write a check or pay cash, we accept offerings online through Givelify, Vanco, or PayPal. Just search for Central Lutheran Church Dallas.

IV. Join Our Mailing List

Scan this QR code (or visit linktr.ee/CentralLutheranChurch) to connect with us, sign up for our mailing list or make your offering online.





These events are at the same time every month.

Hooked on Love:

What: crochet and knitting ministry

Who: those interested in fiber arts (regardless of skill level)

When: First Saturday 1-4 pm

Where: Knit Dallas (6434 Mockingbird Ln)

Bible Study:

What: Bible study (this fall studying the book of Daniel)

Who: Adults

When: Every Tuesday (beginning Sept. 24) from 10 am - Noon

Where: Conference Room (115)

Caring & Sharing:

What: Sending cards to those celebrating birthdays or in need of words of encouragement

Who: Everyone

When: Last Sunday of the month at 9:00 am

Where: Parish Hall

Lydia Circle:

What: Bible study & service projects

Who: Adult women

When: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm

Where: Conference Room (115)

Dining Around:

What: Food and fellowship

Who: Everyone

When: Various Saturdays of oddnumbered months at 5:30 pm

Where: Various restaurants (join our mailing list for update)

Sunday School:

What: Bible study & lunch. This fall we are studying Jesus's teachings as well as having various guest speakers.

Who: Everyone of all ages

When: Third Sunday of the month at Noon

Where: Parish Hall



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DINING AROUND 5:30 PM LAKE HOUSE BAR & GRILL

JOIN US FOR A MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP. ALL ARE WELCOME!

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS 9:30-11:30 AM AT WHITE ROCK COFFEE (NW HWY)

GRAB A BEVERAGE WITH PASTOR VERONIKA FOR A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT, SEEK GUIDANCE, AND FIND SUPPORT ON YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS.

SENIOR FALL-PREVENTION TALK 5:30 PM AT LOCHWOOD LIBRARY

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ALESIA PEARSON WILL DISCUSS HOW TO PRVENT FALLS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. LOCHWOOD LIBRARY IS LOCATED AT 11221 LOCHWOOD BLVD, DALLAS, 75218

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 11:00 AM IN OUR LABYRINTH

WELL-BEHAVED ANIMALS ON LEASHES ARE INVITED TO COME RECEIVE A BLESSING.

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND DINNER 6:00 PM AT ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN SUPPORT OF OUR SYNOD'S MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND (MEF). THE MEF GIVES GRANTS TO VARIOUS MINISTRIES IN OUR SYNOD. ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH IS LOCATED AT 3232 S. COOPER ST. ARLINGTON, TX 76015



REFORMATION FAIR NOON IN THE PARISH HALL

LEARN ABOUT THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION AND LIFE IN 16TH CENTURY GERMANY. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH A RECREATION OF THE CHURCH DOOR LUTHER NAILED THE THESES TO.

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As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing – whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart – we want to join you in prayer.

Please communicate your prayer requests to the church office via Central.Lutheran.Dallas@gmail.com or 214-327-2222

<u>Please continue to pray for the following</u>

For healing

<u>Relationship</u>

Frank S.
Linda G.
Irisz G.
Archie & Rebecca H.
Byron M.
Maribeth K.
Lisa Y.
Johnathan P.
Robin F.
Shaun L.
Darlene L.

Friend of Harold K. Sister of Julie A. Friend of Pr. Veronika . Friends of Janis F. Father of Alesia P. Friend of Myke R. Cousin of Anne M. Friend of Jan M. Friend of Mary G. Father of Lydia L. Mother of Jeff L.

<u>Members</u>

Don S., Mario M., Kris M., Yuvonne M., Lydia L, Mary S., Nancy N., Carol P., Suzanne S., Judy C., Paul C.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE:

Our church is part of the ELCA.



ELCA stands for Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States with 3.3 million members across all 50 states. We are part of the Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod (NT-NL). A synod is a community of congregations in an area that are led by a Bishop and team who serve as regional support, and guide pastoral and other staff candidates.

Our church shares the beliefs of the ELCA.

By being a part of the ELCA we are saying we agree with their doctrine. All of that doctrine can be found on their website (elca.org). Here is a small piece of those beliefs:

> "Jesus lived among us and demonstrated the good news in all he was and did. The good news is the promise that God loves us and saves us by grace alone. This promise was realized when Jesus was crucified. He died on the cross but was raised again in the body and in a new wholeness. As a result, through the gift of grace received by faith, all people can be made whole in Christ and set free to love and serve all people, particularly the vulnerable, just as God loves us.

Christ has freed us from sin and death, even from ourselves, so that we can live as ministers of reconciliation in loving and generous service of our neighbors (2 Corinthians 5:17-18). In Jesus Christ, all of life – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

(from elca.org/ about)

Our church welcomes <u>all</u>.



As the ELCA says, "We are called to be a church that embraces each person and confronts racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, age, gender, familial, sexual orientation, physical, personal and class barriers that often manifest themselves in unjust treatment, inequalities, exclusion and violence."