

Adult Sunday School Classes START JANUARY 4TH!!

CLC Book Club 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

in Lackey Parlor

The CLC Book Club is open to anyone. We read and discuss books of all kinds, but primarily books on faith, our relationship with God, human nature, scripture, or biographies of faith leaders. Our discussions can be lively and frank. We do not shy away from controversial topics. We thrive on competing opinions, but we expect civility and respect for one another. Even if you have not read the assigned chapter, we encourage everyone to attend. We'll catch you up and let you talk anyway! Sometimes there are donuts (when we meet in person). All are welcome.

—Led by Dan Hansen and Carl Edgren

Faith Fellowship: The Bible & Beyond

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. *in Forum A&B*
-or- *Christ Online (Zoom)*

(Jan. 4 - Feb. 8) *Life Lessons from James: Practical Wisdom* by Max Lucado. James, Jesus' half-brother, knew that a life of faith was all about actions that revealed a difference in a person's life. As do Christians today, he believed that "works" did not save the Christian, but that they marked the Christian. His message encourages, challenges and confronts, offering constructive words and admonitions to live out our faith. Pastor and author Max Lucado's 6-session series brings the Bible to life with intriguing questions, inspirational stories and poignant reflections to take us deeper into God's Word. Each session includes an opening reflection, background information, an excerpt of the Biblical text, exploration questions, inspirational thoughts from Pastor Lucado, and a closing takeaway for further reflection.

(Feb. 15 - March 29) *The Seven Greatest Words of Love* by Rick Warren. In the final hours of Jesus' life on earth, He made 7 statements as He was dying on the Cross. Through His final words, we learn God is holy, sin is ugly and salvation costly. Yet, out of love, Jesus paid the price for our sins. Pastor Warren has chosen a single word defining each of the statements to express its profound meaning to participants—forgiveness, assurance, love, substitution, humanity, victory and trust.

(April 12 - May 17) *Nurturing You Faith Series: Prayer*. Pastor Max Lucado will open our 6-session study of prayer with a compelling sermon titled "We Do Not Know How to Pray." Following will be a 4-session video series produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries and narrated by Rev. Don Everts exploring 4 different types of prayer in the believer's life. Prayers of Intercession, Gratitude, Confession and Praise are considered in various scriptural settings by highlighting a particular prayer's context, who offered it, why, and how God worked through it on behalf of His people. He speaks of how the primacy of prayer in the life of God's people is central in Scripture beginning in Genesis around the time of Adam and Eve's son, Seth, and ending in Revelation with the apostle John's petition to Jesus: "Amen. Come Lord

Jesus." Complimentary to our study is Dr. Charles Stanley's book *Deepening Your Prayer Life*. He emphasizes how we should communicate with God, freely and conversationally, first by speaking and then listening to what He has to say in return. He reveals that our prayers go beyond mere human interaction in that it gives us access into the very throne room of God because of our position in Christ, a privilege of our salvation. Therefore, we can be bold in believing God will accomplish what He promised He would do in our lives.

—Led by Barbara Burton, Milt Marin, Miriam Morrison, and Barbara Anderson

The Crew 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

in Room W150 -or- Christ Online (Zoom)

We'll be taking a slow and steady walk through Scripture in Colossians — continuing from Colossians 2:11 on Jan. 4, 2026. The pace will be unhurried, giving space to chew on the content, ask questions, and let God's Word sink deeply. Each week we'll also spend intentional time praying within the group, supporting one another, and seeking the Spirit's leading together.

—Led by David Deeds

Emerge: Digging Deeper 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

in the Music Room

All are welcome in Emerge Sunday School as we dive into The Word and discuss how it relates to our busy lives.

—Led by Rob and Kristen Stark

Faith in Action Women's Bible Study

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. *in Forum C*

The Faith in Action women's class seeks to enrich our faith through scripture study and readings for living in today's world. We are currently reading Chad Bird's *Limping with God: Jacob and the Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship*. We use this book to examine not just Jacob's story but our own story. As children of God we are chosen as His own no matter our flaws and weaknesses. As Chad Bird says in *Limping with God*, "Following Jesus... we discover, ironically, that the longer we follow him, the weaker we become and the more we lean on our Lord. Finally, at our most mature, our eyes are opened to realize that we've never run or walked or even limped a single day of our lives. We've been on Christ's shoulders the entire time." We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings!

—Led by Joyce Brigman and Linda Murdock

Studies of Scripture

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. *in the Adult Library*

This is a Bible study involving 4 different scriptures each week. We look for the common thread between a Psalm, Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel lesson. We study each scripture with Biblical history and how it reflects in our lives today.

—Led by John Sensenbrenner and B Crigler

For hybrid classes, find Zoom links on
Christ Online's Virtual Schedule:
christelca.org/online

WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)
To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

STARTS JANUARY 7!!

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:
christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze

ADULT CLASSES

Pastor Scott's Class: Experiencing God

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Forum A&B -or- Christ Online (Zoom)
How do you know the will of God for your life? This 13-week course will walk participants through the seven steps to consider as you submit your will to God's. Please order your workbook on Amazon.com.

—Led by Pastor Scott Suskovic and Leigh Ann Harris

Life in Christ

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Cornerstone Cafe area

Welcome to Life in Christ! Our focus here is on living the way Jesus intended for us. Together, we will explore how to build a strong relationship with Jesus and nurture our faith to share with others. Discovering God's plan for us, fostering relationships, and spreading love to our loved ones are all part of Life in Christ. Let's embark on this journey together!

—Led by Pastor Ryan and Ashley Ritzmann

Gospel Fit Class (starts Jan. 14th)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Center Six

Come on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm to praise God through dance and movement! Mixxed Fit is a unique fitness program paired with cardio hip hop music. It combines explosive dance moves with toning exercises. It's designed to be fun and accessible, with repetitive, easy-to-follow moves set to popular music. With instructor Tracy Reynolds, we will be dancing and exercising to praise and Gospel music and will conclude with prayer. Class will be every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month. Cost \$5 per class.

—Led by Tracy Reynolds

GriefShare (starts Jan. 14th)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Church Office Great Room

GriefShare is a 13-week long, Christ-centered grief support group open to members and nonmembers. GriefShare uses three components - a DVD lesson, small group discussion and a workbook to help those who have lost loved ones find healing and hope. Books are available for purchase for \$20.

—Led by Chris and Kimberly Mengel

CHILDREN & YOUTH

WEDNESDAY MUSIC & ACTIVITIES

INFANTS - 36 MONTHS

Nursery Care Available

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Rm. M230-231

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ELEMENTARY

PreK - 1st Grade

Devotion, Music & Activities

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in Rm. M237-238

2nd - 5th Grade

Devotion, Music & Activities

6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in Rm. M239-240

Elementary students who need to wait for parents or older siblings to finish Wednesdays Ablaze activities are welcome to enjoy supervised Open Gym from 6:45 - 7:30 in Spirit Hall.

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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

6th - 8th Grade

Open Gym, Worship, Music & Activities

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. starting in Spirit Hall

9th - 12th Grade

Fellowship, Worship, Music & Activities

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. starting in the Pit

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DANCE ELECTIVE

Middle & High School

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Rm. C301

Elementary

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Rm. C301

Locations/times/classes are subject to change.
See christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze for latest schedule.

ADULT MUSIC

Luther Ringers

6:00-7:15 p.m. in Rm. M245

Christ Choir

7:15-8:45 p.m. in Rm. M248
high schoolers & adults welcome

