



SMALL GROUP *ministries*

Fall 2023

plus

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES
WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER
CARING, OUTREACH & SERVING OPPS



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About This Booklet

Church is about community, and that can take various forms. We have community when we worship together on Sunday or when we have a meal together on Wednesdays. We have community when we build a Habitat House together or serve on a committee. But nowhere is that community more deeply connected, nurtured and celebrated than in a small group.

In this booklet, you will find various small groups and classes that reach out to different ages, interests and meeting times. This small group will be a new community for you to grow together in your faith, give you a call when you are sick, and celebrate with you when your family reaches milestones.

We want to encourage you to get connected in a small group, class, or service group at Christ Lutheran. Reach out to a group leader via their contact information, or explore all the groups we have to offer in REALM. Just go to onrealm.org (or the Connect app) and navigate to Groups>Find groups (realm login required).

You can also find links to REALM and more information on adult education, small groups and our Caring Ministry at christelca.org/ministry/providence-adult-ministry or by contacting Mary Parker directly at mparker@christelca.org.



Small Groups

for adults

THE FLOWER MINISTRY

meets on Saturday mornings • Christ Providence

This group meets at Christ Providence and arranges flowers for the Sanctuary, Christ Chapel, Lower Commons (and Christ Concord Sanctuary) every Saturday morning. Occasionally we do arrangements for receptions, special events, and the wedding of a church member. We are also responsible for the Christmas season decorations, Thanksgiving cornucopia, and Easter flowers. We would love to have more members help just once a month and for special events. No floral experience is necessary, lots of on the job training available! A flower arranging workshop is planned for this fall for new members.

Leaders: Barbara Handschin (hand9241@carolina.rr.com) and Alice McRorie (alicermcrorie@gmail.com)

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**meets 2nd Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. • Sunflour Coffee in Ballantyne
-and- 4th Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. • Summit Coffee in Southpark**

We will get to know each other and have casual conversation about what we've been learning through sermons, podcasts and books for spiritual growth. We meet twice per month on 2nd & 4th Thursdays in Ballantyne & Southpark.

Leader: Laura Tang (Lttang@earthlink.net)

CHICK FLICKS

meets 4th Tuesday of each month • various local restaurants

We gather on the 4th Tuesday of every month for lunch at various restaurants and then attend a movie. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather for Christian fellowship, meet new friends or get to enhance current relationships in a more casual atmosphere. At the same time, you can enjoy a lunch and/or a movie with our sisters in Christ. *Leaders: Diane Boney (diane_boney@carolina.rr.com) and Sharon English (Sharon.english@hotmail.com)*

SMALL GROUPS *for adults*



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

will meet every two weeks • day and time TBD

Living the Good News is a bi-monthly Bible Study. We will enjoy fellowship as we dive into a study together. Sweet and savory snacks will be provided! We will plan to meet every two weeks in a home on Thursday or Friday evenings. We will determine as a group which day and at what time to meet.

Leaders: Renato and Linda Moresi (swiss047@gmail.com)

OUT OF TOWNERS

Out of Towners is a group that will gather to enjoy various activities together! If you live south of New Town Rd and drive 30 minutes or more to Christ Providence for church, you will want to join the OUT OF TOWNERS. The opportunities are endless regarding what we can do and enjoy together. As a group we will decide how to plan our afternoons together. Join us for fun and fellowship! The day and time will be determined by the group.

Leaders: Bonnie Roth (cubfan47@bellsouth.net) and Marcia Pfeiffer (marciapfeiffer45@gmail.com)

CORNERSTONE BOOK CLUB

**meets 2nd Mondays of every other month from Sept. - May
10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Providence (Worship Parlor)**

We meet every other month on the 2nd Monday from September through May. Each member chooses a book and is the leader for their book. Come and join us!

Leader: Kate Shepard (ckshepard@gmail.com)

PSALM 8: ECO-FRIENDLY

meets 4th Monday of each month • 7 p.m. at Christ Providence

This small group cares for and loves God's creation. They will take field trips to conservation sites, learn more about the biblical teaching of creation, and four times a year get their hands dirty to clean up the trash along Providence Road around the church (NCDOT Adopt-a-Highway). Join us for fellowship, conservation and caring for this gift of creation.

Leader: Gordon Miller (gmliller9535@aol.com)



SOUTH CHARLOTTE BROTHERS

meets weekly on Fridays • 7-8 a.m. at Le Peep Restaurant (Arboretum)

Join other men each week for Bible study, fellowship and coffee. This study group is not built for Bible study warriors but rather to demonstrate that God's Word is readily approachable and relevant for all men. Brothers will read a short passage of scripture in advance of our meeting so we can jointly consider its purpose, meaning and application to our lives through lively and fun exchange. Those interested are encouraged to bring their curiosity, sense of humor and willingness to share their perspectives and experiences.

Leader: Ed Locke (emlocke1@gmail.com)

BINGE JESUS

meets 2nd Tuesdays • 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

Binge Jesus is a small group for women in their 30s & 40s who love binge-watching Netflix and diving deeper into the Word! We'll start by meeting once a month on Zoom to discuss shows we all enjoy, plus a good bible study!

Leaders: Alexis Williams (awilliams@christelca.org) and Ashley Head (ashleyehead@gmail.com)

McKNIGHT GROUP

meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 11:30 a.m. at Jonathan's restaurant (Matthews)

The Men's McKnight Group meets with the purpose of getting to know our CLC Staff on a more personal basis. Wanting to know them as more than just a name on the CLC staff list, we invite a different member of the staff to each gathering where they share about their work responsibilities, family, etc. The McKnight Group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Jonathan's restaurant (10630 Independence Pointe Pkwy, Matthews).

Leader: Terry Legvold (tvlegvold@gmail.com)

SMALL GROUPS *for adults*



NOT CHOIR

meets last Thursdays • 11:45 a.m. at Christ Providence (coffee area)

There's choir, and then there's Not Choir. Not Choir is a monthly gathering of anyone (musician or not) who appreciates listening to and learning more about the music we sing in worship. Bring your lunch.

Leader: Mark Johanson (mjohanson@christelca.org)

FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Fairway to Heaven is a fellowship for all who enjoy golfing in a non-competitive, social setting. Golf events are held at various local courses once per month. Any person, regardless of handicap, is invited to join.

Leader: Joel Barber (joel.barber@gmail.com)

SANDRA CAUGHMAN WELCA CIRCLE

meets 2nd Tuesday of each month

This Women of the ELCA circle group meets once a month in a member's home or at a local restaurant. We do service projects together. This group supports Operation Christmas Child and A Child's Place.

Leaders: Cathey Wigington (ccwigington@aol.com) and

Kim Sensenbrenner (kim.sensenbrenner@gmail.com)

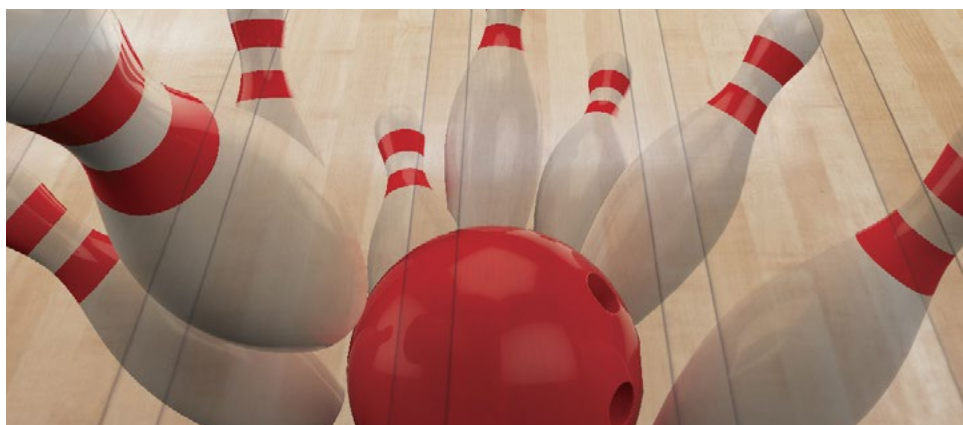
CLARA SULLIVAN WELCA CIRCLE

meets 1st Wednesdays • 10 a.m. at Christ Providence (Forum A&B)

This Women of the ELCA circle group meets once a month from September through June for a Bible Study and fellowship. We support Quilters for Christ and other service projects.

Leaders: Sandy Herberg (sherberg@carolina.rr.com) and Kay Gustafson

(kaygustafson@hotmail.com)



CLC BOWLING CLUB

We're starting up a small group for people who love bowling but don't have time to join a league. You don't have to be an expert – families & novices are welcome! Once we get enough interest, we will pick some dates (probably quarterly) & reserve lanes. For more info or to join the list, email Mark Johanson (mjohanson@christelca.org).

BROTHERS IN FAITH

Welcome to our new men's discipleship group, Brothers in Faith, where we come together to delve deeply into our spiritual lives and connect on a profound level. We have found a proven men's discipleship model that has paved the way for many men to experience genuine personal growth, meaningful relationships, and a stronger connection with our God. This will be done by establishing groups of 10 or less individuals that come together as a group with no defined end date. In this way, your group will go through a process to get to know one another, challenge one another all while supporting one another. We will meet off campus, date and time to be determined.
Leader: David Dietart (dietert0103@gmail.com)

ADULT CLASSES *Sundays*

EFFECTIVE DATES: SEPTEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 17, 2023

FAITH FELLOWSHIP: THE BIBLE & BEYOND

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

The fall semester we will have three different studies: Relying On The Holy Spirit – Discover Who He Is And How He Works (9/17 – 10/22); Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts – Use Your Strength To Serve Others (10/29 – 11/19); and Because Of Bethlehem – Love Is Born; Hope Is Here (Advent, 11/26 – 12/17).

Led by Barbara Burton, Milt Martin, Miriam Morrison, John Stensrud and Christine Berling

THE CREW

10:00-10:45 a.m. in W150 -or- Christ Online (Zoom)

The Crew will continue to study the New Testament. Come join the discussion. All are welcome! *Led by David Deeds.*

CLC BOOK CLUB

10-10:45 a.m. in Lackey Parlor -or- Christ Online (Zoom)

The Adult 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.*

EMERGE

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

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

This women's group is dedicated to the study of God's Word in a relaxed and caring atmosphere of love for one another. This fall we again delve into His Word to enrich our faith and seek answers for living in today's world. Using the Augsburg Fortress Bible Study program, we focus on the theme of "God's Law is Love" based on scripture largely from the New Testament, guiding us in how to live our lives celebrating God. Come join the women of CLC as we explore deeper into God's word in an atmosphere of friendship and love.

Led by Jewel Barber and Joyce Brigman.

STUDIES OF SCRIPTURE

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

This class studies and discusses lectionary lessons from the Lutheran Book of Worship. Find out what the Bible has to say by journeying through the lectionary with others. The lectionary is a collection of appointed Scripture Readings for each Sunday and for other occasions. The lectionary readings for each Sunday

typically include an Old Testament reading, a New Testament reading, and a passage from one of the four Gospels. Many Protestant and Catholic churches use the lectionary readings on a weekly basis. *Led by Hans Teich.*

ALL YEAR (schedule subject to change)

Other Weekly Classes & Bible Studies

MOMS IN PRAYER

Mothers of children of any age are invited to this virtual-only group with the goal of praying for your own children and those of others in the group. Support one another as we depend on God for guidance & help and find weekly encouragement on this journey of motherhood. Meeting date and time TBD.
Led by Tiffany Seigler (tiffanyseigler@gmail.com).

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Wednesdays • 9 a.m. at Christ Providence (W150) -or- Christ Online (Zoom)
Join with a pastor of Christ Lutheran each week to continue the discussion of our current book and how it relates to our Christian lives today. Open to all.

FAMILIES IN FAITH

Sundays • 4 p.m. at Christ Concord
Families in Faith is a meeting of families, friends and members of Christ Concord. We walk through different books of the bible paying attention to themes, historical context, and modern application. Bring the whole family, childcare is provided.
Led by Rose Hartman and Gregg Twait.

DIGGING DEEPER

Wednesdays • 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Concord
We meet every Wednesday morning to dig deeper into the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee (or your favorite morning beverage) and join in the fun as we get to know each other better and discover the application of the scriptural texts to our lives today.

BIBLE STUDY WITH CLC PASTORS (starts Sept. 26th)
Tuesdays • 6:15-7:15 p.m. at McClintock Middle School



Wednesdays *together*

Adult Classes & Activities

at Christ Providence • 6:00-7:30 p.m. (except as noted)

Women Making Connections

Worship Parlor

-led by Lara Barnett and Brooke Schell-

Join this spirited group of ladies to discuss the seasonal Bible study selection.

Pastor Scott's Class: The Holy Land Then & Now

Forum A&B -or- Christ Online (Zoom)

While geared towards those traveling with Pastors Scott and Tenny to the Holy Land in November, this class is open to anyone who wants to explore the geography, history, politics and biblical significance of various places in Israel. In addition to understanding the world in which Jesus lived, we will also invite outside speakers to increase our awareness of current events between Israel, Palestine and the rest of the world today.

Life in Christ with Kids

Adult Library

-led by Pastor Ryan & Ashley Ritzmann-

While kids are attending their music/tech/drama activities, parents are invited to join us for fellowship with other parents. What does being a parent look like when you're following Christ? How can you have faith and children at the same time with busy schedules, sports, school and everything else? Come join the conversation.

Pastor Adrienne's Bible Study: Elijah

W150 A&B

Join us for a study to go along with our sermon series on the prophet Elijah! It will touch on many sermon themes and help us to deepen our understanding of this prophet and his walk with God. We will explore his backstory, his call, and his boldness of faith. Pastor Adrienne will lead the study using Priscilla Shirer's book *Elijah: Faith and Fire*. You can purchase the book on Amazon.

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Luther Ringers

6:00-7:15 p.m. in M245 (high school & adults)

Christ Choir

7:15-8:45 p.m. in M248 (high school & adults)

EFFECTIVE DATES: SEPTEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 13, 2023

Children & Youth Activities

PRE-K (AGES 3-5)

Music

5:30-6:00 p.m. in rm. M237-238

KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADERS

Open Gym

5:30-6:00 p.m. in Spirit Hall

Grace & Faith Choirs

6:00-6:45 p.m. in rm. M245

(Grace is K-2nd • Faith is 3rd-5th)

Grace & Faith Dance or Open Gym

6:45-7:30 p.m. in C301 or Spirit Hall

6TH – 8TH GRADERS

Open Gym

5:30-6:15 p.m. in Spirit Hall

Middle School Dance

6:00-6:45 p.m. in C301

Middle School Music

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

Seek2Serve

7:00-7:30 p.m. in M241-242

9TH – 12TH GRADERS

Pit Unplugged *NEW!*

5:30-7:15 p.m. in the Pit

Luther Ringers

6:00-7:15 p.m. in M245 (high school & adults)

Christ Choir

7:15-8:45 p.m. in M248 (high school & adults)

DINNER

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Christ Providence
(Kitchen/Fellowship Hall)

Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 children (ages 2-10).
RSVP required by each Monday prior.

FOR MENUS & RSVP LINKS: [**christelca.org/menu**](http://christelca.org/menu)

CARING MINISTRIES



volunteer opportunities

Bereavement Teams

Bereavement Teams rotate off a schedule and offer receptions to a family after the funeral of a loved one. Light refreshments are served. We have three teams that rotate for each funeral: Team Emmans, Team Reid, and Team Stensrud. If you are interested in joining any of these teams, please email Mary Parker (mparker@christelca.org).

Care Team

The Care Team provides meals to a member of the congregation and their family after a surgery or hospitalization and can provide rides when necessary to a church member. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Mary Parker (mparker@christelca.org).

Gathered in Prayer

meets Wednesdays from 8-8:50 a.m. • Christ Providence (Adult Library)

This group meets weekly and prays over the needs of the church and the world. If you are interested in joining this group, please email D'Linda Highum (dlindahighum2@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. We practice Centering Prayer, a silent form of Christian prayer. Centering Prayer is a way to deepen your experience with God. Open to all, whether you are familiar with Centering Prayer or not. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Ellen Ruppert (ellenmarie40@gmail.com).

Noah's Helpers

This group is made up of volunteers who reach out to our senior members (75 and older) to offer prayer, encouragement and support. We will be available to offer listening support and will do our best to assist with other personal needs such as those involving food, supplies and other needs as appropriate. Please email Samantha Walker-Holt (swalker@christelca.org) if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

The Food Stork

Assist in meal preparation and delivery for new moms and their families. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email Kate Milheim, (katemilheim@hotmail.com).

Stephen Ministry

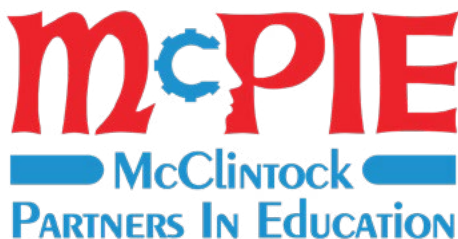
Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour. Stephen Minister training is an engaging, energizing experience that features a mixture of presentation, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities. Please email Julia Edelson (julia.edelson@gmail.com) or Tenny Shifley (tcshifley@carolina.rr.com) to find out more about this ministry.

OUTREACH & SERVING *opportunities*

McPIE Daytime Teams

Tutors Work with a particular teacher or a particular student once a week or more at your convenience.

Contact: Celia Owen
(cwowen92@gmail.com)



Teacher Partners Support a teacher with monthly encouragements.

Contact: Betsy Brunner (betsybrun@bellsouth.net)

Teacher Appreciation Luncheons Help provide and/or serve lunch to teachers on Early Release days about 4-6 times a year.

Contact: Alice McRorie (alicermcroe@gmail.com)

Family Support Team Help provide, pack, hand out, or deliver grocery bags and fresh produce in season to identified families.

Contact: Lisa Heirigs (lheirigs@christelca.org)

Copy Service Copy Crew is a good way to volunteer an hour or two of your time each week (or every other week if we have enough volunteers). This helps out the amazing teachers by saving them time because we make their copies for them. Don't worry if you don't know how to make copies, training will be provided!

Contact: Sharonda Morgan (smorgan@christelca.org)

McPIE Family Night Teams

For ten Tuesdays in the fall (and another series in spring) we provide dinner, relationship and activities for McClintock Middle School (MMS) students and their families. There are many ways to be involved:

Transportation 15-passenger vans are used to transport several clubs to nearby venues on Tuesday afternoons (3:45-5:30 p.m.) and evenings (6-7 p.m.); and then possibly to take some families home after Family Night activities (7:15 p.m.). CDL drivers could use the church's 22-passenger bus as well. Drivers and navigators used in each van/bus.

Contact: Sharhonda Morgan (smorgan@christelca.org)

Meals Set up and serve meals that Mike Wallace prepares; and clean up (5-6:30p)

School Store Hand out free school supplies during dinner (5:15-6:15p).

Registration Greet and sign in students and families before dinner (5:15-6:00p).

Younger Siblings Provide care and activities for preschool and elementary school siblings (6:15-7:15p).

Middle School Clubs Help with an array of clubs for MMS students (6:15-7:15p).

Adult Offerings Help with ESL, Getting Ahead, Woman's Journey, and other parent options.

Floater Fill in wherever needed on any particular Tuesday, when available.

Contact: Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)

Other Outreach & Serving Opportunities

Growing to Give Community Gardens

Work with gardeners at the South Land and Christ Concord community gardens to grow and harvest fresh produce for our neighbors.

Contact: Walt Roth (wroth1@bellsouth.net)

Crisis Assistance Ministry Clothing Drive

Bring new or gently used clothing to donate to our neighbors in need! Drop off clothing Monday-Friday at the Outreach Office. On Sunday, the blue bins will be outside the Outreach Office doors. Join a team to help deliver clothing donations to Crisis Assistance Ministries on Spratt Street.

Contact: Neal Mann (nealmann@bellsouth.net)

Knitters for Christ

meets 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. • Christ Providence (coffee area)

We meet once a month to make prayer shawls, prayer squares, etc. to bless several organizations. Crocheters welcome as well; we will teach if you can't knit or crochet but want to learn. All supplies are donated.

Contact: Sandy Harris (704-364-8652 or coolmom@bellsouth.net)

Quilters for Christ

meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. • Christ Providence (Center Six)

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug during a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to those in need throughout the world, not wrapping them in your arms, but wrapping them in the work of your hands. If you can not make the Wednesday mornings, you can still be part of this ministry by cutting out or sewing squares at home. No experience necessary.

Contact: Lois Witham (lowitham@carolina.rr.com)

Soup Kitchen - A Roof Above

Group prepares and serves a meal on the 3rd Sunday of every month at A Roof Above. Contact: Celeste Lupo-Hack (celestelupohack@aol.com)

Afghan Refugee Assistance

Assist in helping Afghan families assimilate into our culture by providing or assisting in areas like: obtaining a drivers license, transporting to drs. appts, helping teens with college applications, offering budget and tax advice to men, showing them how to work appliances, helping with English language, etc.

Contact: Chris Youse (christopheryouse@gmail.com)

Thanksgiving Meals

Contact: Sharonda Morgan (smorgan@christelca.org)

Christmas Shopping Event

Contact: Angela Davis (adavis@christelca.org)

Blood Drives

Quarterly drives take place at each campus through One Blood and American Red Cross. You can help host and/or plan to give blood 4x each year.

Contact: Dave Deeds (ddeeds@bellsouth.net) and Dawn Weisenberger (dhw1965@att.net)

Room In The Inn - A Roof Above

During the winter months, typically December through March, Christ Providence hosts our neighbors one night a week through A Roof Above. Stay tuned to weekly E-News for updates on dates and signup information.

Contact: Randy Satterfield (rpsatterfield@carolina.rr.com)

Kairos Prison Ministry

This group supports two weekend retreats each year at a NC Correctional facility. Participants receive training from Kairos and join a team that shares the love of Christ with the incarcerated in obedience to Jesus' words "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25). Open to all adult men.

Contact: Ed Eddleman (ed.eddleman@edata-charlotte.com)

Thrivent Action Teams

If you are a Thrivent member, you can host one or two Thrivent Action Teams each year. Thrivent will provide up to \$250 seed money for your project. We are willing to help you find and decide on a project that interests you. Even without having financial accounts with Thrivent, you can become an associate member for a few dollars and host an event. Thrivent members also have the option of Choice Dollars and can direct those dollars to our Benevolence Team.

Contact: Dee Dee Petronis (dpetronis@christelca.org)

Charlotte Rescue Mission Meal Provider

Would you like to choose one or more meals each month to provide and serve at Mission (for men) or Dove Nest (for women)? We need a core group to organize. Contact: Melinda Dale (melinda28226@hotmail.com) or Libby Jackson (Libby.jackson@outlook.com)

Faith Ministry

We hope to send a volunteer team to Mexico with this fabulous organization twice a year (March and July).

Contact: Tenny Shifley (tcshifley@carolina.rr.com)

Circle of Welcome

Help welcome refugee families.

Contact: Elizabeth Marquardt (marquardt.elizabeth@gmail.com)

CROP Walk

Annual community-based walk & fundraising event to support local hunger fighting efforts. Save the date for this year's Walk to End Hunger on October 22.

Contact: Amy Daniels (adaniels@christelca.org)



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