

Name of Ministry: Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church and Christus Academy
Rev. Carol Book, Pastor of Christus Church and Director of Christus Academy

Description of Ministry: Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church is a 127 year old multicultural ministry located in Camden, New Jersey. History supports multicultural Lutheran ministry in our neighborhood as Christus' founders, themselves immigrants, recognized the need for worship in German and English. German worship gave way to worship in Spanish and English in the 80's, and today Christus' proud cultural diversity is one of its many gifts to the wider church. Our mission is to welcome all people as we live in and hope to share the love of Jesus Christ while serving our neighbor.



Particular gifts of the congregation include faith, commitment to welcome, shared leadership, teaching, ministry to children and youth, a sense of mission, care for the homeless and seniors, women's WELCA ministry and creative worship. In partnership with New Visions Day Shelter, and Bridge of Peace Lutheran, we offer monthly worship at the shelter. We share our gifts of teaching daily at Christus Academy in a ministry that partners with Hopeworks of Camden, the New Jersey Synod and many of its congregations. We invest our all in summer Vacation Bible School and other opportunities to involve children in biblical drama and song. In last years, we've taken our VBS on the road assisting Messiah Lutheran in Ocean View and Faith Lutheran in Franklin, West Virginia to host VBS.



Christus Academy is an outreach ministry of Christus Lutheran Church that seeks to offer a space for grace for Camden youth to earn a diploma while preparing for post secondary education. Christus Academy offers exciting opportunities for suburban congregations or individuals to engage in urban ministry as volunteer teachers or presenters, as board members, or as providers of resources for education, such as, textbooks, pens or paper. Christus Academy students learn to live in Christian community and also to serve their neighborhood and church in ways like working in the afterschool or helping to lead worship at New Visions.

Prayer: Gracious and Loving God, pour out your grace and Holy Spirit on the faithful at Christus, our partners in mission in the synod and on all who serve you - that we may serve you boldly. Help us to see Jesus among us as we witness to Christ's peace, provide a safe

space for education, lift up a child, support families, and minister to the homeless. Make us bold to tell your good news of forgiveness to those trapped in shame and guilt, freedom for those in bondage, and justice for all God's children.

Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Christus Academy (school)

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