

ORIENTATION AGENDA - SESSION 1

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OUR BELIEFS

OUR COMMON CHRISTIAN FAITH

In many ways, we at Christ Lutheran are the same as all faithful Christians. We confess Jesus Christ and the faith of the Apostles as recorded in God's Word, the Bible, and as summarized in The Apostle's Creed. We fully and completely accept the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, as God's own inspired Word for all people. Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, is at the center of all we do.

OUR DISTINCTIVE APPROACH TO CHRISTIAN FAITH

Christ Lutheran is part of a fellowship of churches known as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The name "Lutheran" refers to our appreciation for and commitment to the Biblical gospel that was articulated and reclaimed under the leadership of Martin Luther during the period of church renewal known as the Protestant Reformation. The word "synod" refers to congregations "walking together, sharing ministry in common."

Following is a summary of the foundational tenets of our faith.

WORD - GRACE - FAITH

Grace is God's unearned, undeserved gift to you. We are passionately committed to the biblical Word Alone that salvation is by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone. We see each person's entrance into God's family as God's gift to us - by His initiative, His calling, and His choosing. In love, God acts first. Then we respond. It is God's loving action that brings us into His family...not our being "good enough," or deserving His love, or figuring out the Christian faith, or even choosing to follow Him. God saves us by grace. Salvation is a totally free gift!

SACRAMENTS

We have a distinctive view of Baptism and Communion. We believe that by grace, God is actively at work whenever we celebrate these sacraments.

BAPTISM

Baptism is the sprinkling of water in God's name and in response to His powerful Word. In baptism, we believe God is acting to embrace and adopt us as members of His family. Since we see baptism as God's act and not ours...and since Jesus invited the little children to come to Him and spoke of "these little ones who believe in me," we baptize infants as well as older children, teens, and adults who seek to receive this gracious gift of God.

COMMUNION

Communion is a part of Christian worship in which believers eat bread and drink wine. In communion, we believe God is acting in and through Jesus Christ to extend forgiveness for sins and to empower His people to live fully for Him. It is important to us that those who receive Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) affirm with us the following:

- I have been baptized, and I believe Jesus Christ gave His life so that I might be forgiven and live forever.
- I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is actually present here. In this meal, I receive bread and wine and His body and blood.
- I desire this gift of Holy Communion because I need forgiveness and power to live as a fully devoted follower of Christ.

As a church, we instruct our fifth grade youth at their level of understanding about the meaning of the Lord's Supper so they can participate in this meal of God's grace. Young children and those not yet instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing.



OUR BELIEFS (CONT'D)

FOLLOWING JESUS

We believe the life of the Christian is to be lived as a response to the love God has shown us in His Son, Jesus. The balanced life is lived in three dimensions; as we relate personally to God, to fellow believers, and to those who don't yet know Jesus.

Micah 6:6 & 8 says:

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?...He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

In acknowledgement of God's undeserved grace, we humbly devote our lives to His sovereign authority, guidance, and comfort. In community with fellow believers, we learn to love mercy. And we reach out in love to act justly toward those who walk in darkness outside of God's saving grace.

PUTTING BELIEF INTO ACTION

In response to God's great work in our lives, we as a faith family lift up the following standards for those who join in membership at Christ Lutheran.

- To worship faithfully and regularly at Christ Lutheran Church and to come to God in daily prayer.
- To serve God and others by using my talents, abilities and spiritual gifts in service to the congregation, the community, and the world.
- To grow in faith by personal study of the Word and by participating in a small group.
- To generously give a proportionate tithe of my income to the work of God's kingdom through the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY

OVERLAND PARK, KS

In the fall of 1980, the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod acted upon an earlier decision to plant a church in Johnson County that would have its roots in Lenexa. In May, Pastor Ken Sype and his family had arrived in Lenexa to begin planting the seeds for this new mission. By September 7th, the first stages of growth had taken place and a worshipping community of 20 families gathered at the Lenexa Holiday Inn for weekly worship services.



On Super Bowl Sunday, January 25, 1981, Christ Lutheran Church was chartered with 118 pioneers signing the original charter documents. By November, Pastor Sype guided a one-blade plow pulled by the congregation, through the Kansas soil at 103rd and Quivira as the ground was broken for our first church building. The tone was set: Everyone must pull TOGETHER under the power of the Holy Spirit to make this mission a success.

The decade of the 1980's was a time of steady growth. As the membership grew in numbers, it was also a time for additional staff, new and expanding ministries and the need for additional facilities to try to keep pace with the growth God was providing. In 1987, Arlyn Sprecher was called as the congregation's first DCE. The mission of being "Together in Christ That Others May Know Christ" was firmly implanted into the DNA of the congregation and ministry decisions revolved around how an action would help others to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. A second phase of construction served as a temporary fix but the congregation was also quick to step out into the community to use three other rented or donated meeting spaces. In 1988, Christ Lutheran Early Education Center opened with 25 children enrolled in the first year.

In the 1990's, the growth was addressed by further expansion but we were constantly outgrowing available space. In 1993, a Long Range Plan was adopted by the congregation that called for relocation to a larger site so that reaching others for Christ could continue to be realized in both the short term and the long term future of the ministry. In 1998, the next step in the plan was set in motion as we purchased thirty acres, blessed the ground for God to use and then sold our buildings at 103rd Street. 1999 was a year without a permanent home as we used rented facilities for worship, early education center, discipleship classes, meetings and staff offices. One of the significant discoveries during this phase was that the church is not bricks and mortar but the "church is the people connected to Christ."

On March 5, 2000, God opened the doors on a new phase of ministry at our current facilities at 117th and Nieman Road in Overland Park. This decade saw the birthing of our elementary school in 2001; the expansion of all phases of ministry with children, youth and adults; the increase of our missions outreach within the metro area and to specific areas of the global community – especially to widow and orphans. Our care ministry speaks volumes through simple acts of concern and kindness. Families are continually strengthened, equipped and affirmed. Friendships in Christ develop into biblical community through our growing small group ministry. Dynamic and relevant worship is at the heart of our fellowship.

In mid-2006, Pastor Sype and his wife, Jane, retired from their ministry roles here at Christ. During this time of transitions, God significantly blessed us beyond imagination as every area of ministry grew and new people joined our congregation and our dynamic ministry leadership team.



In 2008, we launched the "Treasure Him" emphasis that focused on prayer, study and stewardship. With Christ as our cornerstone we view buildings as part of the tools that will enhance our ministry efforts. Phase III construction of five classrooms was completed in April 2010 and is now in use. Future phases will include multi-purpose & gym areas, parking, additional ministry classrooms/youth areas, offices, kitchen and worship area.

Pastor Jeffrey Kunze eagerly stepped into the servant leader role as Senior Pastor here at Christ Lutheran Church in December of 2008. Pastor Jeff Meyers continues to lead in the areas of Care and Family Ministries.

2011 saw us focused on being Together in Word, Worship and Outreach through several significant events. In April, a dedicated Bible study hour for all ages on Sunday mornings between two worship services was reestablished. August saw the launch for our “REACH: Together We Make a Difference” ministry that strives to connect us more fully with our neighbors and community in mission to others.

In September, Brent Howard was installed as Director of Children & Youth Ministry to oversee this expansive area of faith formation that impacts generations both now and in the future. 2011 also kicked off Phase IV of our capital campaign of prayer, ministry, facilities and further reduction of current debt.



Steve Vandemark was installed as the new Principal of Christ Lutheran School in September of 2012 building the mission of “Equipping the future generation of Christian leaders.”

With mission firmly in place, our values and Biblical foundation give us steady guidance for the day to day decision and direction of ministry. We remain passionate that the church is here to equip people as disciples of Christ, who will do whatever it takes to impact the world by sharing Jesus as Savior.

SOLA DEI GLORIA – GLORY TO GOD ALONE



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & EDUCATION CENTER

MISSION

Together in Christ, that others may know Christ

VISION

Christ Lutheran Church and Education Center is a mission strong Christian community where God transforms lives through Word and Sacrament, growing His kingdom. We engage people in loving God and others through worship, prayer, study, service and care. We will remain committed to our mission so that those served within our walls take the Gospel of Jesus Christ outside the walls to family, friends, and neighbors, with special concern for the lost, the least and the lonely of this world.

CORE VALUES

COMMITMENT TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

We walk together in the Lutheran (LCMS) understanding of Word and Sacraments that is centered in Jesus Christ. We endeavor to make lifelong and fully equipped followers of Jesus Christ through preaching and teaching His Word. We faithfully administer The Sacraments as signs of God's presence among us and clear marks of our identity.

COMMITMENT TO PRAYER

Prayer is our vital and constant connection to our Father whereby we seek His direction in our ministries and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every decision we make. We also trust in prayer when bringing Him the needs of His people, for the lost and lonely, and for the pain and struggle in everyone's life.

COMMITMENT TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

Recognizing that His Church is made up of many individual parts, we strive to connect individuals together as a collaborative network to act as one body, to be in fellowship with each other, and edify one another, all to glorify God.

COMMITMENT TO CARE AND SERVICE

As we are connected within our walls, we are committed to those beyond our walls, both locally and internationally. We are called to reach out to people who do not know Christ, to be a servant to those in need, and to support ministries that share our passion. We hold steadfast the ideal of caring for others, from conception to natural death, as we communicate God's presence to each precious soul.

COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLESHIP

We endeavor to educate and equip each member of this congregation, affirming our faith and trust in Christ, so all are able to share God's Word within the church and in the community. We encourage everyone in our faith family to know their spiritual gifts and use them for the sake of the body of Christ.

COMMITMENT TO THE STRENGTH OF THE FAMILY

We are committed to nurturing healthy families of various types with solid marriage preparation, activities to build strong families, care and recovery programs. We value our youth and children by providing a safe environment, quality educational programming and the spiritual development of the whole family that leads to making disciples of Jesus Christ.

COMMITMENT TO EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Christ Lutheran Church always seeks to evaluate its programs and ministries to assure we are teaching and training our congregation in the most effective way. Exploring exciting, innovative ways to spread God's word while maintaining biblical integrity is our hallmark.



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	Kim Burdett	Accounting Assistant
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	Vacant	High/Middle School Youth Director, DCE
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	Rashmi DePaepe	Next Generation Music Coordinator
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CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND EARLY EDUCATION CENTER STAFF

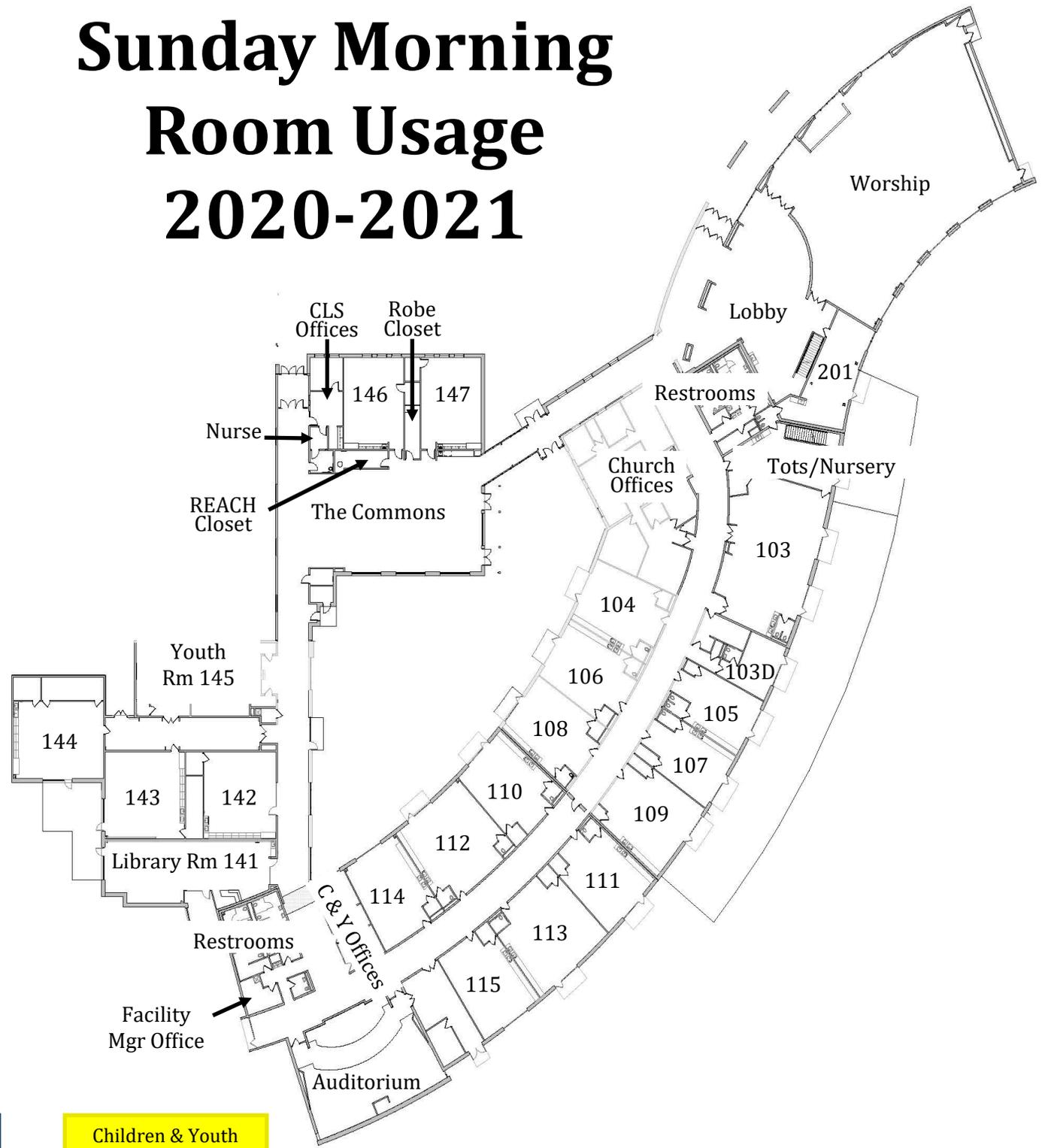
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Location	Sunday Morning
Lobby	Gathering Area
Worship Area	Praise Band
The Commons	
Room 201	
Room 103A	
Room 103	
Room 103D	Workroom
Room 104	
Room 105	
Room 106	
Room 107	
Room 108	
Room 109	Roots Jr
Room 110	4th Grade
Room 111	
Room 112	2nd & 3rd Grade
Room 113	Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Room 114	
Room 115	LEAP
Auditorium	Music
Room 141 (Library)	Adult Min - Bruns Small Group
Room 142	Confirmation
Room 143	CLYM
Room 144	CLYM
Room 145	CLYM
Room 146	CLYM
Room 147	CLYM
Hallway *	Meeting Space

Sunday Morning Room Usage 2020-2021



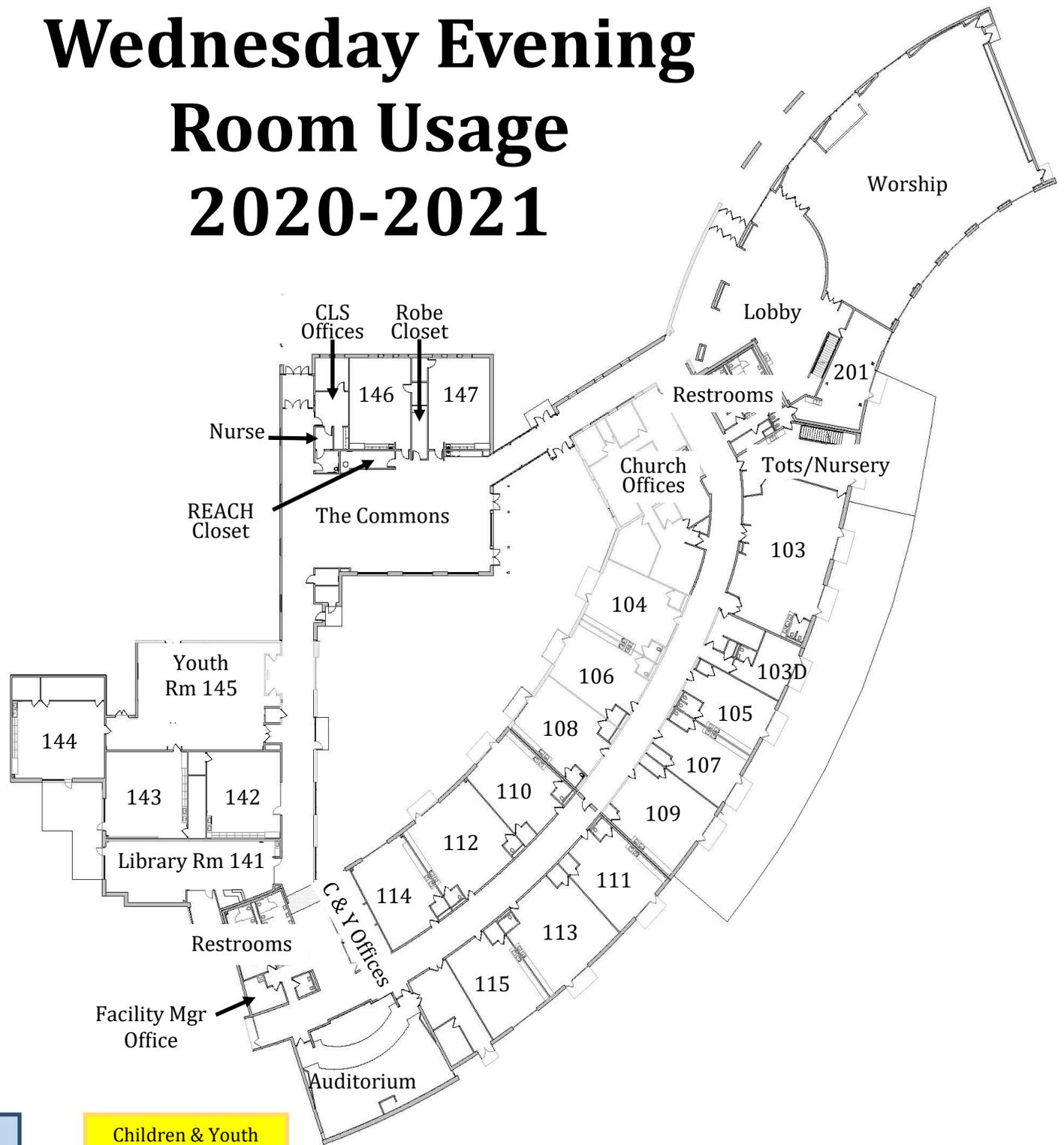
Adult Ministry

Care Ministry

Children & Youth

Location	Wednesday Evening
Lobby	Quiet Zone
Worship Area	Care Ministry - re engage 6-6:30
The Commons	
Room 201	Care Ministry - re engage
Room 103A	
Room 103	Roots
Room 104	
Room 105	
Room 106	
Room 107	
Room 108	
Room 109	Roots Jr
Room 110	
Room 111	
Room 112	
Room 113	
Room 114	LEAP
Room 115	
Auditorium	Music
Room 141 (Library)	
Room 142	Confirmation Mentor / CLYM
Room 143	Care Ministry - re engage
Room 144	Care Ministry - Divorce Care
Room 145 (Youth Rm)	Confirmation Mentor / CLYM
Room 146	Care Ministry - re engage
Room 147	Care Ministry - re engage
Hallway *	

Wednesday Evening Room Usage 2020-2021



Adult Discipleship

Care Ministry

Children & Youth

ORIENTATION AGENDA – SESSION 2

History as a Church/Master's Plan

Governance, Vision and Main Areas of
Ministry

Sound Money Management

Spending Plan vs. Budget

Ministry Commercials:

Worship

Care/Family

Education Center - CLS & CLEEC

Youth/Children

Outreach/Discipleship

Small Groups and Community

Stewardship and Serving

Housekeeping/Q&A

