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AUGUST 2018

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

I'm very happy to share that Women's Ministry is alive and active even during the summer!

In May we enjoyed our Friendship Luncheon which included good food and a fun sing-a-long lead by our own talented choir director John Krueger! Thank you John!

July our pool party took place where a cool dip in the pool, fellowship, dancing and music made for a great evening.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Painting with a Twist

10001 Westheimer Road

Suite 1110

Friday, August 17th, 7:30 PM

This was such a hit last time that we decided to do it all over again! We painted, snacked and danced to the oldies but goodies and had a blast! Each person took their creation home and I must say we were all quite proud of our masterpieces.

The fee is \$35 per person and sign-up sheet is in narthex. We have reserved an artist to instruct us so it's important to sign up only if you're certain you can attend! Thank you!

Tour of Newman's Bakery and Castle, Bellville, Texas

Saturday, September 8th

Meet at church 8:45 AM sharp!

We will tour this Texas treasure which is an actual castle including a drawbridge!

Sign-up sheet will be in Narthex!!!!



YOU ARE WONDERFULLY MADE

Women's Ministry Annual Retreat

October 26, 27, 28th

This year's retreat we will have the pleasure of welcoming Jan Bethancourt, who is a well-known motivational speaker, author and artist! She's a woman who loves and trusts God and will share with us her faith story and her insights.

As usual, our retreat will be a wonderful opportunity as sisters in Christ to come together. It's always an action packed, inspirational weekend full of learning about God and His word, fellowship with each other and enjoying the beauty of Camp Lone Star in La Grange!

Early sign up is recommended and sign-up sheet is in Narthex! Tuition for the entire weekend is \$150 and limited scholarships are available on a first come first serve basis.

QUESTIONS or CONCERNS:

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FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

Monthly Finances

Income for June 2018: \$ 46,080.00

Expenses for June 2018: \$ 66,182.00

Difference: -\$ 20,102.00

Year-to-Date Finances

Total Income: \$ 351,422.00

Total Expenses: \$ 395,058.00

Difference: -\$ 43,634.00

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

June 2018

Treasurer Susan Collins advised that Leading Edge Claims is the adjusting firm assigned to CTS's building damage claim by the insurer, Church Mutual. Paperwork for the Lutheran Fund Southwest (LFSW) was completed following the meeting and will be forwarded to Liz Johnson of LFSW.

Financial Secretary Samantha Clark provided a written report, a copy of which is included with the Minutes contained in the binder located in the Narthex.

Director of Music John Krueger told us that Dale Olson will cover for him during his mid-July trip to Valparaiso University (Indiana). The process of recording sermons at CTS is proceeding well. John will work with J.T. to be sure that the sermons will upload correctly.

Pastor Jim reported that attendance has been very good at the Sunday School Class he leads that is studying the seven churches in Revelation. Pastor Jim and Pastor David Roshke dined together at Damian's to celebrate Pastor Jim's 43rd anniversary of his ordination. Pastor Jim was asked by Council for his favorite aspect of ordained ministry and he replied that "...number one by far is the people. God's people touch my life."

As respects unfinished/upcoming business Susan Collins reported that preliminary plans are underway to offer a Breakfast information session later this year regarding the Lutheran Fund Southwest and legacy bequeaths for those who have expressed an interest.

Pastor Jim said that going forward, weddings for Non-CTS Members will be at the sole discretion of Pastor Jim and Betsy. Non-CTS Members weddings will not be allowed at CTS unless Pastor Jim and Betsy know the pastor who will be officiating. There have been incidents at Non-CTS Member weddings where the participants became angry when not allowed to use the CTS sound system. Sadly, cleaning up has sometimes also become a nightmarish situation.

July 2018

Sonya Scott and Mercedes Santos-Gray of WHAM attended the meeting to provide an update on WHAM's activities:

- A mental health counselor (Certified Psychologist) who provided post Harvey services is now working M & W pro bono to continue the services while a grant currently in process will allow her to be available four days a week.
- Trailer Grace, a new program to WHAM, is provided by a husband and wife team which provides showers and haircuts twice a month.
- A GED program will be held at CTS July 17 – Au-

gust 23 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- WHAM has been blessed with some new volunteers and Client Services are now seeing up to 60 clients per day. In addition, Client Services now keep Saturday hours so as to serve the working poor (clients provide a check stub).
- A Benefit Luncheon for WHAM honoring Janet Clelland as a Penrod Volunteer Award Winner and H-E-B as a Community Builder Award winner will take place September 20, 2018 at the Briar Club in Houston, Texas. The Keynote Speaker will be City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. (Sponsor Response Forms are available in the Narthex).
- Men's clothes are needed for a clothing give away.

Treasurer Susan Collins advised that CTS' enrollment in the Lutheran Fund Southwest (LFSW) is now complete and a report on its progress will follow at the end of the third quarter. An informational Breakfast program is tentatively scheduled for September 2, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. This program has nothing to do with CTS, it is an informational session for anyone who would like more information, and any decisions are strictly between the individual/s and the LFSW.

Susan said that the insurance adjuster visited CTS, though their findings have not yet been received.

Financial Secretary Samantha Clark provided a written report, a copy of which is in the Minutes Binder located in the Narthex. Discussion was held in general about increasing CTS' footprint in the neighborhoods around it.

Chandler Wilhelm reported that following renewed contact with Harvey impacted members the Disaster Relief Fund has now been fully dispersed. A copy of his report is included in the Minutes Binder.

Director of Music John Krueger provided a written report which is in the Minutes Binder. John advised that CTS needs to purchase two replacement lapel microphones for the wireless sets, and obtained a quote for \$115 each plus free shipping.

Youth and Family Director J.T. reported that all went well at the Service Learning Days that made up part of The Gathering. CTS youth went to an apartment complex on Hwy 6 South where an entire apartment had been given over to a Kid's Club. CTS youth and adult participants took twelve boxes of books over to host a Book Fair called "Blast Off for Books". CTS participants also enjoyed an interactive learning day at NRG Center. A gathering was held each night at NRG which featured TED style talks, and testimonials from attendees of all ages, children and adults.

Ken Smith, Council Secretary

SMART PLANNING SEMINAR AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Only 30% of all Americans have a Will or Estate Plan in place. Even fewer have plans that will achieve the goals they have in mind. We spend a life-time accumulating assets through long careers and multiple jobs, but relatively little time thinking through how best to distribute those resources. Few seek professional help that is focused on value-driven planning. If neglected, this planning can cause decades of hurt and disappointment among family members who were not prepared for what is left or not left behind. Communication with family members and those you love are an important aspect of planning. This session with our Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Gift Planner, Lizbeth Johnson, will provide the basics in what you need to know in moving forward with plans for family, friends, and possibly church ministry as the legacy you leave behind.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 2, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room as we learn more about ways to make our resources work for us with maximum efficiency even after we are longer on earth! Legacy Plans are a way to think through the use of the resources God has provided in this life based on our values. The seminar will give you ideas to think about you may not have thought possible for you or your family.

The Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest offers services to our church such as endowment investments. Liz Johnson, the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Gift Planner, is also available to individual congregation members at no charge or obligation for individual congregation members through a private and confidential consultation on preplanning for legacy stewardship. She can help prepare charitable legal trusts, gift annuities, donor advised funds and other financial vehicles. Plan to join us for this informative opportunity



OPPORTUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

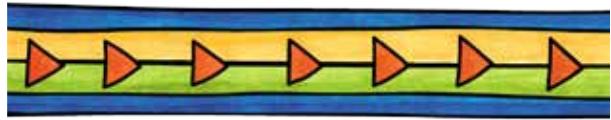
Tenderfeet Education Center is run by local people but supported World Wide by many donors. The school is run by Mama Margaret Nyabuto. She has dedicated herself for over 25 years to building a school for the impoverished children of Kibera, Kenya to provide a brighter future and to stop the cycle of poverty.

The Tenderfeet school initially started in a junk yard in Kibera (large slum area outside of Nairobi, Kenya), then grew to a single-classroom pre-school to now a 9-classroom school for children ranging in age from pre-school to the 8th grade. For those continuing on to high-school, Tenderfeet provides some support.

The Tenderfeet Foundation is a 501(c) organization that was founded in Houston, TX by Dax Mitchell. Susan Collins worked with Dax Mitchell and brought this group to the attention of the Opportunity Endowment Fund Committee.

Last year OEF gave money to Tenderfeet to provide new shoes for 35 children. This year the OEF committee has decided to provide money for backpacks with new shoes inside as a surprise.

For more information on Tenderfeet, you can go to the website: www.tenderfeetkids.org





HAPPENINGS AT THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

June 27-July 1

GIFTS AT THE GATHERING...

- 437 hair donations** to Children with Hair Loss
- 1,248 units of blood** donated from 987 donors
- 40,000 books** donated at Blast Off for Books
- 200 grace bags** and 100 kindness project rocks made by tAble participants
- 700 individuals** attended MYLE and visited 13 service sites.
- \$260,000 +** raised for ELCA's Global Farm Challenge

Thanks to **31,242** registered Gathering participants!

#ELCAYG2018



**TOTAL OFFERING ON SUNDAY
AT THE GATHERING:**

\$261,226.43

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who continue to be impacted by Hurricane Harvey
 Alejandro Arango, friend of Inga Carlson
 Karen Bauer
 Edith (Hope) Byrd, co-worker of Jackie Scace
 Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman
 Rev. Arlyn Hausmann, brother of Vanita Homer
 The Hampe Family, cousins of Karen Murawski
 Jim and Della Hampe cousins of Karen Murawski
 Vanita Homer
 Vivian Johnson
 Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski
 Mateo Puccini, nephew of Mary Puccini
 Julie Reider, niece of Russ Reider
 Ray Reider, brother of Russ Reider
 Cathy Roberson, daughter of Jodie Davis
 Wuanita Schaper, mother of Carol Klem
 Janet Schwahn
 Mary Ann Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand
 Catherine Shoenfelt
 Edna Simmons, sister of Emma Hammett
 Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil
 Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June Jacobson
 Paul Williams
 Barbara Wilson, relative of Phylis Karas
 Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

As I write this article, we are embarking on a six week look at a variety of “bread texts” in Mark and John 6. As a result, we will be singing a lot of songs with bread themes, especially during communion. Tempting as it is, we will not be using the bread machines this year – the one time we tried it, everyone loved the smell of baking bread, but it made half the congregation hungry (and we didn’t have a buffet set up). However, Jesus may not have been talking about physical loaves of bread, although the first reading had him feeding “the 5,000.” Most importantly, Jesus says “I am the bread of life. As a result, we are feasting every time we partake of Holy Communion, which is better than anything we could get out of a bread machine.

The key hymn for me is, not surprisingly, Suzanne Toolan’s “I Am the Bread of Life” (ELW #485). Although I get nervous when I am asked to be the voice of Jesus while singing, this is the best way for me to have these quotes from John 6 permanently etched in my memory. Of course, it doesn’t hurt to have them attached to a beautiful melody. In Sunday School this fall my intention is to teach the core hymns of the faith – not only the classic hymns such as “Amazing Grace” and “Jesus Loves Me” but also some of the core Tanzanian hymns. My next cantata, for Christmas, will be on the song “Bwana Anakuja,” and the children will be primarily responsible for the refrain “Come be our guest, Lord Jesus.” Sounds a lot like a table prayer I learned a few decades ago...

Since I am talking about writing and performing a cantata I should also put in a pitch for getting some more choir members. The early service group has done some wonderful work as a trio, but they could use some help. In like fashion, I have exactly one soprano in the late service choir, which severely limits what we can do. Rehearsals begin August 19 – before early service and between services. I would ask you to consider being a part of a group that is crucially important to worship at Christ the Servant. Experience isn’t necessary. What is necessary is a desire to lift your voice in praise, assist the congregation in lifting its voice, and making some beautiful music along the way.

John Krueger, Director of Music

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gerald (Gerry) Ludwig
- 3 Karl Kramer
- Neema Makia
- Bill Skillman
- 4 Ben Moore
- Ema Makia
- 5 Ronald Hatcher
- 7 Linda Iversen
- 8 Ruth Froebel
- 9 Julie Hanson
- Kevin Petterson
- 10 Pamela Mobley
- 13 John Krueger
- Russell Riggs
- 14 Blake Iversen
- Patti Sterle
- 18 Glenda Ludwig
- Dale Dickman
- 19 Christy Iversen
- 26 Judi Leisk
- Donna Winczewski
- 27 Kandy Myers
- 31 Michelle Ezebuiro
- Michael Phillips
- Louise Kiondo



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Randy and Susan Collins
- 8 Jerry and Kandy Myers
- 9 Braille and Edna Ndanshau
- 20 Chuck and Anne Marie Cook
- 21 Paul and Linda Siegele
- 24 Sue and Arnie Kaestner
- 25 William and Margery Wheeler
- 26 Robert and Ruth Froebel
- Harvey and June Jacobson
- 27 Nicas and Louise Kiondo
- 29 Ade and Ethel Kujimyo



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This newsletter and a calendar of church activities
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**September newsletter information
deadline is:**

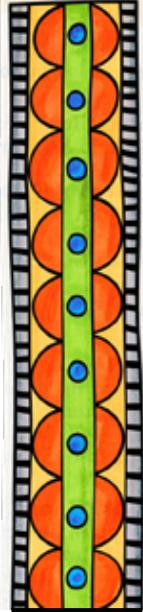
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Please submit information and articles in
MSWord documents to Laura Wilhelm at

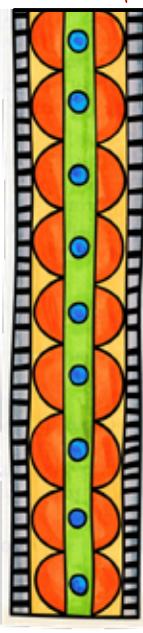
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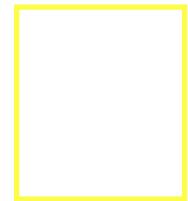


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00-1:00 GED Class	2 9:00-1:00 GED Class	3 9:00-1:00 GED Class	4 9:00-1:00 GED Class	
	6 9:00-1:00 GED Class	7 9:00-1:00 GED Class	8 9:00-1:00 GED Class	9 9:00-1:00 GED Class	10 9:00-1:00 GED Class	11 9:00-1:00 GED Class
	3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	7:30 AA Journey	7:30 AA Journey	7:00 Council		
	13 12:30 Confirmation	14 9:00-1:00 GED Class	15 9:00-1:00 GED Class	16 9:00-1:00 GED Class	17 9:00-1:00 GED Class	18 9:00-1:00 GED Class
				7:00 Men Who Love Spaghetti		
				7:30 AA Journey		
	20 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	21 9:00-1:00 GED Class	22 9:00-1:00 GED Class	23 9:00-1:00 GED Class	24 9:00-1:00 GED Class	25 9:00-1:00 GED Class
				7:30 AA Journey		
	27 1st Day of School Milestone	28 9:00-1:00 GED Class	29 9:00-1:00 GED Class	30 9:00-1:00 GED Class	31 9:00-1:00 GED Class	
	Back to School Milestone			7:30 AA Journey		
						Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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President: Kyle Cooper			
President Elect:	Cliff Mabry	At Large:	Joanne Dumler-
Secretary:	Ken Smith	At Large:	Linda Siegele
Treasurer:	Susan Collins	At Large:	Chandler Wilhelm
Financial Secretary:	Samantha Clark	At Large:	Bryant King

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

Acolytes	Inga Carlson, Michele Byrnes	Memorial Service Coordinator	Linda Iversen
Adult Christian Ed	TBA	Men Who Love Spaghetti	Roger Cutler
Altar Guild	Lori Wood	Nursery Attendant	Amber Serate, Michelle Sanchez
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk	Opportunity Endowment Fund	TBA
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Personnel	Inga Carlson, Ken Smith
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Disaster Response Team	Ron Herbanek	Sound Team	TBA 8:00 Service
Family Aid Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio		Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot	Stewardship	Carolyn Kirk
Greeters	Donna Schneider	Ushers	8:00 Russell Farmer
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing		11:00 Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	WHAM Representatives	Ken Smith
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Women's Ministry	Marsha Bower
Lectors	Carolyn Kirk	Worship and Music	Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Carolyn Kirk		