

# INTERMISSION

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday celebration with a meal of pancakes and ham will be February 13, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began.

A sign-up sheet will be available for those wishing to attend and those wishing to help make the pancakes or help with cleanup.



## Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday nights from 6-7 before the Lenten Services, starting February 21

Please make plans to join us for some good food and fellowship.



We need people to bring soup and bread, as well as volunteer to help set up and clean up.

Sign-up sheets will be available later in the month so you can be a part of Wednesday evenings beginning February 21.

## LENT AND EASTER EVENTS

### Ash Wednesday

February 14  
12:00 pm Service  
7:15 Service

### Lenten Services

Feb. 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21  
12:00 pm Service  
12:30 pm Lunch  
5:30 pm Soup Supper  
7:15 pm Service

### Palm Sunday

March 25  
8:00 Service  
11:00 Service

### Maundy Thursday

March 29  
12:00 pm Service  
7:15 pm Service

### Good Friday

March 30  
12:00 Service  
7:15 pm Service

### Easter Vigil

March 31  
7:15 Service

### Easter Sunday

April 1  
8:00 Service  
9:30 Breakfast  
9:30 Egg Hunt  
11:00 Service



## GARAGE SALE

Save-the-Date for Saturday, March 24th for the CTS Garage Sale to support Homeless Ministry. We will have two areas in the parking lot designated for specific items: The Specialty Shop for nicer clothes, jewelry and accessories and a Kids Korner for children's books, games, and clothes. Please start saving your items now and look for future updates about how you can help.



Any questions?

Contact Mary Puccini at 281-797-9989

## YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

### Lent Family Workshop – February 4th

February 4<sup>th</sup> is our Lent Family Workshop! During the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour, families are invited to gather together to explore how they can make the season of Lent more meaningful in their own homes! We will hand out a set of Lenten devotions and practices and rehearse how to do them together during the workshop.

### Super Sunday Big Game Party! – February 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> is the big NFL showdown! The Philadelphia Eagles will take on the New England Patriots for the right to call themselves the greatest team of the 2017-2018 season. After a year off, we will be back in the fellowship hall for our annual-ish Big Game Party on the big inflatable screen. Whether you are a football fan or you just love parties, come gather with us for some food, fun and fellowship. This year features the return of Super Bowl Bingo! Pay close attention to the game and win actual prizes! And don't forget about those great commercials! Families and kids of all ages are welcome. Bring a snack to share; bring your favorite chair; green, blue, and red are the colors to wear! See you at 5 p.m. Kickoff is 5:30!

### Senior High Retreat at Lutherhill – February 9-11th

Worship. Lead. Serve. That's the theme of the Sr. High Retreat at Camp Lutherhill. It promises to be filled with worship that engages and ignites your passion for Christ, leadership skills that empower you to lead wherever you are and opportunities to serve that readily convey to your own communities and beyond. An added perk? After this incredible weekend – you'll depart with up to 4 hours of community service that may apply to your National Honor Society or other service requirements.

Schedule: Worship. Lead. Serve. begins Friday evening with a time for gathering, music, and reflection led by Lutherhill alumni staff. Saturday, we consider God's call to serve as we engage in a variety of hands-on service opportunities all before an afternoon of camp activities. Worship. Lead. Serve. concludes with morning service project, followed by community brunch and sending worship on Sunday morning.

As always – if you register through CTS, the cost for the retreat is only \$35. Please let J.T. know if you are interested.

### Confirmation Class – February 11th

Confirmation is rolling along! So far during our Bible year we have covered Creation, Disruption, and the Promise. Next up – ooh! One of my favorites – EXODUS! Confirmation students should make plans to join us on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.



### PreK Prayer Milestone – February 18th

In 2018 we are rolling out some new Milestones for our Youth and Family Ministry. Milestones have two components: The Class (where we learn about it) and the Celebration (where we recognize it during worship and receive a gift!).

First up – PRAYER! It is important that we teach our children to pray, and instill within them from an early age a love for the practice of prayer. You and your 2-4 year old child are invited to join us for the Prayer Milestone Class at 9:30 a.m., and then stay for the celebration and gift during worship at the 11 a.m. service. RSVP for this Milestone on the sign-up table in the narthex!



### February 18<sup>th</sup>

It's time for KWLP again! This time, we'll stick around after church, grab some pizza at Fuzzy's Pizzeria (823 Antoine Dr, Houston, TX 77024), and then see an IMAX showing of Marvel's Black Panther at Edwards Marq'e Stadium 23 and IMAX (I-10 and Silber). Cost for a slice of cheese pizza is \$3, and each additional topping is 25 cents. Cost for the IMAX movie is \$20 – reserve your seat for the 3:40 p.m. IMAX showing before they run out!



<b>FEBRUARY</b>			<b>11th</b> Sunday School	<b>18th</b> PreK Prayer Milestone & Class 9:30a.m. & 11a.m.	<b>18th</b> Sunday School <b>18th</b> Kids Who Love Pizza - Black Panther	<b>25th</b> Sunday School
<b>4th</b> Lent Family Workshop 9:30 a.m.	<b>4th</b> Super Sunday Big Game Party 5 p.m.	<b>9th-11th</b> Sr. High Retreat @ Camp Lutherhill	<b>11th</b> Confirmation Class 12:30 p.m.			

## COUNCIL COMMENTARY

The final meeting of Church Council for 2017 was held December 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a short meeting at which the 2018 budget was finalized. Reports from the meeting may be found in the 2017 Church Council Minutes binder.

As Council Secretary I express on behalf of the Church Council of 2017 as well as all members and friends of Christ the Servant our deepest thanks and appreciation for the meritorious service rendered by outgoing President Dave Stallwitz, At-Large Member Rosalie Fontenot, and At-Large Member Brent Brown.

The January 2018 Church Council Meeting will be held on January 25, too late for publication of Council Notes in February's Inter-Mission, so the March InterMission will contain Council Notes for January and February.

Council also deeply thanks all members and friends of Christ the Servant for their prayers during the past year.

Ken Smith, Council Secretary

## WOMENS MINISTRY

Monday, February 12th at CTS  
Lunch @ 11:30 AM followed by a Safety Meeting  
Presented by HPD Community Affairs  
Specifically geared for women!  
Sign-up sheet in Narthex

Our ministry is often asked, "When will you have an event during the week at church?" This is one for you! Our goal is to have a variety of events throughout the year that will hopefully address a variety of interests and ages.

Please try to attend this important and timely event. We would love to have a great attendance since HPD has graciously agreed to offer this presentation.

Questions please contact Marsha Bower  
lb16434@aol.com or 281-381-0515

## NURSERY NEWS

The Personnel committee is very pleased to announce that Amber Serate will be joining the staff at Christ the Servant as Nursery Lead. She has many years' experience in child/young adult care in both a Christian and regular day care environment. Amber's knowledge of Texas State Child Care Laws and safety training, make her an ideal Nursery Lead. Please join me in welcoming her to the CTS family.

Inga Carlson  
Personnel



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bob and Judi Leisk
- 2 Fred and Pat Korge
- 14 Larry Henderson/Michelle Sanchez
- 27 Archie and Ruby Sadler
- 28 Kelly and Lauren Ryan





## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### *“On Being a Saint”*

We will sometimes hear the phrases “She was just a saint” or “Don’t try to become a saint by next Thursday.” Or, we will hear the questions “Why does the Catholic Church have so many saints? Or “Why does the Lutheran Church have so few saints?”

These phrases are particularly useful this year as we go into the Lenten and Easter seasons. As it happens, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, which is (St.) Valentine’s Day. The following Sunday, February 18, is the commemoration of Martin Luther, who died on that day in 1546. Better still, Easter happens to fall on April Fool’s Day (and, no, there isn’t a “St. April Fool”).

JT and I, at least, tend to celebrate December 6, which is the commemoration of (St.) Nicholas. Other than the “St. Nick”/Santa connection, he is best known for nearly being thrown out of the church for slapping an Arian apologist during the Council of Nicaea in 325. As a result, we celebrate it as “slap a heretic” day at Christ the Servant. As for Martin Luther, he was many things, but not a saint. However, two of his hymns (“A Mighty Fortress” and “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast”) are among the suggested hymns for the first Sunday of Lent, and they will both be sung. He also coined the phrase “simul justus et peccator,” or “at once saint (justified) and sinner.” Under those circumstances, we all qualify on both counts: as a sinner by way of being human, and as a saint by being saved. Another place where we all qualify is by way of the Creed when we identify ourselves as being part of the “communion of saints,” or all the Christians who have gone before us. In a similar vein, (St.) Paul describes us as being part of the great “cloud of witnesses.” The great Norwegian hymn, “Behold a Host,” sung very often on All Saints’ Day, especially at (St.) Olaf College, attaches us to the host.

So far, I have put the abbreviation for “saint” in parentheses because not all of the saints are actually saints in the Lutheran Church. Among them, only Paul makes the cut. The standard in the Lutheran church is simple: to be a saint, one has to have been an apostle or mentioned in the Bible (excepting, of course, Judas Iscariot, but including Stephen, the first martyr, and Bartholomew, who replaced Judas). So, even though there is a St. Olaf College, there isn’t a St. Olaf in the Lutheran church. Actually, there is a St. Olaf, but in the Catholic and Orthodox churches. St. Christopher, who has appeared on many dashboards over the years, is the patron saint of travel, was decanonized after Vatican II, and recently reinstated. Pope John Paul II and Mother Theresa are being “fast tracked” toward sainthood, and very few people would disagree.

To be a saint in the Catholic Church, one has to have lived an exemplary life and had at least one miracle attached to that life. As a result, the Catholics have at least one saint per day.

The Lutheran church has just under 130 people deserving of “commemorations,” which may be cited during the prayers; there are even readings for several categories of them if they wish to be celebrated on a Sunday by a congregation. These may be found at pp.14-17 in the front of the hymnal, and the readings may be found at pp.54-61. There is also a “festivals and commemorations” section of hymns from #416 through #432; specific stanzas can be found at hymns 419-421. “For All the Saints” and “Behold a Host” can be found here.

Hopefully, this has helped clarify things a bit, and have a happy feast day of St. Ansgar on February 3.

John Krueger

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1  | Peter Lares                                    |
| 3  | Carla Abonce                                   |
| 6  | Hunter Heil                                    |
| 9  | DJ Blockhus                                    |
| 10 | LeRoy Bauer<br>James Thomas                    |
| 12 | Susan Sutton                                   |
| 13 | Thomas Goedecke<br>Case Iversen                |
| 14 | Austin Hanson<br>Lauren Dumler                 |
| 16 | Paula Ruskan                                   |
| 18 | Jonathan Collins<br>Elizabeth Collins          |
| 19 | Christopher Magre                              |
| 20 | Max Dumler                                     |
| 21 | Jerry Myers                                    |
| 22 | Vicki Rudolph Williams<br>Kristian Teegerstrom |
| 23 | Jim Burkett                                    |
| 25 | Bobbie Miner                                   |
| 28 | Tom Brinkman                                   |



## HOMELESS MINISTRY

Thank you to the congregation for their generosity in providing lunch meat for the sandwiches for the homeless during December and part of January. All of the packages of donated meat were used.

The Houston Food Bank now has a food supply available. We obtained 4,300 pounds of food recently at no cost from the Houston Food Bank. The freezer is filled with the 12 pound packages of cut sandwich ham. We use 14-15 packages each time and we were given 130 packages. We also were fortunate to be able to order hundreds of cases of snacks at no charge-Goldfish Crackers, Graham Crackers, Rice Krispies Treats, Granola Bars, Crunch Coconut Snacks – all in individual snack packages. We still have many cases of applesauce cups and small boxes of raisins. We will now place six different snacks in the lunches besides two sandwiches and a bottle of water.

The Women's Ministry has been a blessing to the homeless in providing warm socks for them for several trips downtown. We give a couple of pairs to each person. This was perfect timing with the cold weather we have been having. Thank you.

We have served 5,219 people in 2017, of which 284 were women. 7,085 lunches were prepared and distributed with 17,252 sandwiches made.

Phylis and Mike Karas have been assembling the toiletries packages for 12 ½ years with an average distribution of 3,433 packages per year. In 2017 we distributed 3,441 packages. Our estimated annual cost for the toiletries is \$6,081. Estimated amount spent in 2017 was \$5,082. Since 2005, they have assembled 41,196 packages: 38,170 for men and 3,026 for women. Prior to Phylis and Mike Karas, Billijo and Ron Kern had assembled the packages for many of years.

Thank you to so many members of the church and others who come and make the lunches and sandwiches each time. We have a group of 5-10 students who come from Stratford High School National Honor Society, Elsick High School and some of our own students from other schools. These students are willing to work in any area that is needed. We appreciate them and encourage them to return, which they do.

You as members of CTS have made a big difference in people's lives to give them food so needed. Your contributions of jelly, peanut butter, mustard and the grocery bags keep us going. We are always running low of sandwich bags. Thank you for remembering the homeless ministry pantry when you shop.

Thank you.

Shirley Downing

## CARE TEAM

The Abbey at Westminster Plaza will be holding an Educational Series for families, community members, and people facing Alzheimer's disease. We invite you to attend all, or as many as you can of these important topics. They will be held the first Tuesday of the month through April 2018, starting at 6:00pm. Light snacks will be offered at 5:45pm. The speaker will be from the Alzheimer's Association. We will meet in the Assisted Living Activity Room, 2865 Westminster Plaza Drive, Houston 77082.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 5th to Shana Bennett, Community Relations Director at: [sbennett@abbeywp.com](mailto:sbennett@abbeywp.com) or 214.682.0611.

February 6 - The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease

March 6 – Know the 10 Signs

April 3 – Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, and Legal & Financial Planning

## BROOKDALE MINISTRY

In the past few years the Brookdale Ministry of Christ the Servant has hosted several Snack Pack Packing Parties, Christmas Card Signings for VA Hospital Patients, Greeting Card Signings for the Homeless, a Kentucky Derby Party, and a Texans Football Watch Party. Presently there is also an ongoing Bible Discussion on the first and third Fridays of each month.

The Brookdale location adopted by Christ the Servant is located a few blocks north of the church, at 1414 Sandy Springs Road, just off of Wilcrest. The various encounters at Wilcrest bring meaningful blessings to all concerned, both visitor and resident. It is a way to share conversation, have a fine time, and in many cases create items such as Christmas and Greeting Cards for, and Snack Packs for folks on the street.

The Brookdale Ministry values the input from all members and friends of Christ the Servant, and is always looking for new activities we can host at Brookdale to bring smiles to residents and volunteers alike. Please contact Carolyn Kirk or Ken Smith to share any ideas you have for activities at Brookdale or to find out more about future events.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who continue to be impacted by  
Hurricane Harvey

Karen Bauer

Carolyn Frerking

Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman

Curtis Goedecke, father of Kurt Goedecke

Caroline Goodfellow, friend of the Siegeles

Dale and Nellie Hagen, parents of Inga Carlson

Nancy Hallock, friend of Judie Deeds

Rev. Arlyn Hausmann, brother of Vanita Homer

Vanita Homer

Harvey Jacobson

Vivian Johnson

Kathy Keith, friend of Joan Herbanek

Walter Lueck, friend of Lucille Cochran

Dean Mullin, friend of June and Harvey

Jacobson

Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski

Julie Reider, niece of Russ Reider

Ray Reider, brother of Russ Reider

Cathy Roberson, daughter of Jodie Davis

Rob Roberson, son-in-law of Jodie Davis

Wuanita Schaper, mother of Carol Klem

Mary Ann Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand

Catherine Shoenfelt

Gail Smith, step-sister of Ron Hatcher

Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil

Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June

Jacobson

Margery Wheeler

Paul Williams

Mid Wills, mother of Tom Wills

Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse

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**This newsletter and a calendar of  
church activities are available on the  
CTS website at:**

**[www.christtheservant.net](http://www.christtheservant.net)**

**March newsletter information**





**deadline is:**

**February 15**

Please submit information and articles in  
**MSWord documents** to Laura Wilhelm at  
**lvhwilhelm@comcast.net**  
Information may be edited to available space.



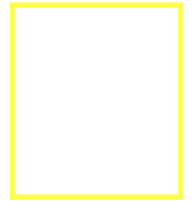


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Lent Family Workshop</p> <p>5:00 Super Sunday Big Game Party</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Senior High Retreat Camp Lutherhill</p> 	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Sr High Retreat</p> <p>12:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 Women's Ministry Lunch &amp; HPD Safety Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 6:00-7:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p> 	<p>14</p>  <p>12:00 Ash Wed Service 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:15 Ash Wed Service 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 and 11:00 Pre-K Milestone Class</p> <p>Kids Who Love Pizza</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00 Service &amp; Lunch 5:30 Soup Supper WHAM ESL 7:15 Lenten Service 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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## 2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS

	<b>President: Kyle Cooper</b>	
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<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Ken Smith</b>	<b>At Large: Linda Siegele</b>
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

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