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## YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

### 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

On June 27, 5 students from CTS, 1 student from a sister church in Michigan, 3 students from Memorial Drive Lutheran Church, and 3 adults will attend the ELCA Youth Gathering right here in Houston. Staying at the Holiday Inn Downtown, we will be spending several days doing service projects in the city, worshipping with our Synod, exploring the ministries and ministry partners of the ELCA, and worshipping with 30,000 friends at NRG Stadium. Many thanks to those who supported us with their gifts and participated in our fundraising. We ask for your prayers as we attend this experience. The names of those attending are:



Carla Abonce, Branden Amstutz, Michele Byrnes, Pr. Jim Giannantonio, Michaela Schrader, Karl Schrader, Caroline Spears, Reece Stallwitz, Jason Thomas, Anders White, Glen White, and Ashlyn Whitefield.

### Kids Who Love Pizza – Ant Man and the Wasp!



Mark your calendars for July 7<sup>th</sup>, when we will sample the wares of a local pizzeria and enjoy the latest installment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Submit your suggestions for the best pizza in town and maybe it will be the one we try!

### Human Dignity and Sexuality Milestone – July 14th

Our next Milestone is a DOOZY – and one that’s meant for the older kids. Exploring Human Dignity and Sexuality is increasingly necessary in our world.

It’s a conversation that is happening in every arena but the church, but we will not allow the voices of faith to be left out of that conversation. This is not a how-to class. It’s a class about recognizing the inherent dignity of all people, and what it means for our relationships with each other. Watch for more information and the opportunity to give permission for your student to attend.



### Vacation Bible School – July 15-19

Our friends from Lutherhill will be back this July to lead us in a week of songs, games, crafts and stories about what it means to “Be Someone...” Just like we do every year, we will start on Sunday night. Each night begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner for families, the fun for kids begins with Jump Start at 5:30, and we will finish at 8:30. We will end on Thursday night that week, with Splash Day, where everybody gets wet, and we enjoy Pastor Jim’s Magical Milkshakes. Kids finishing Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend, and to bring their friends!

### Summer Camp at Lutherhill – July 22-27

It’s a busy Summer at CTS! The very next week after VBS, we are taking about a dozen of our kids of all ages to Camp Lutherhill! Summer camp has always been a favorite event, and this year will be no exception. Not only will we get to enjoy camp in the hill country outside of La Grange, TX, but we will all get to be there together! It promises to be the biggest camp week of the summer. We’ll swim, worship, play, study, create, and explore to our heart’s content – all under the theme “Be Someone...”



## COUNCIL NOTES

### April 2018

For the sake of clarity, and for those new to this Newsletter, Council Notes recaps activities of the CTS Church Council from the month just prior to the meeting. Thus specifics such as giving and attendance figures are based on the immediately preceding month. Church Council met on Thursday April 12, 2018. Treasurer Susan Collins opened the meeting sharing a moving devotional based on 1 Thessalonians: Chapter 3.

Financial Secretary Samantha Clark reported that monetary giving was down for the Easter season from previous years. Attendance doesn't appear to be materially down. Summer is a lull financial period, so we can revisit the matter later in the year if it will require attention.

Director of Music John Krueger provided a written report, a copy of which is included with the Meeting Minutes available in the large binder in the narthex. The new Zimbelstern for the organ is expected to arrive soon.

Youth and Family Ministry Director J.T. Thomas also provided a written report, a copy of which is in the Minutes binder. It includes a note that J.T. has been asked by Lutherhill to help write the curriculum for Day One at this summer's (July 22-27) camp.

By way of new business Council President Kyle Cooper will look into obtaining CPR training for CTS staff and others who desire it. Council also discussed the possibility of deploying security cameras in light of an incident earlier this year wherein unknowns broke many beer bottles in the church parking lot. This might be an isolated, one off, occurrence, as doings around the CTS campus have been blissfully calm and peaceful since. Betsy checked the range of services available, and costs, associated with our current security services company and those of a competitor. Council will discuss further in future meetings.

Discussion was had concerning transferring some of the Building Fund from a Wells Fargo savings account, which earns a pittance, to the Lutheran Foundation Fund A. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

### May 2018

CTS Church Council met on Thursday May 10, 2018. Linda Siegele shared a "Handy Little Chart" her Mother-In-Law, a Lutheran Pastor, had given her years ago. The chart, titled "Handy Little Chart – God Has A Positive Answer" lists typical concerns we all will voice at some time in our lives, followed by God's unfailing answer in truth and insight. A copy is included in the Council Minutes Binder in the Narthex. If you would like a copy of it, please contact Betsy Riggs at the Church Office, or send an email to Ken Smith at [kensmithesmp@msn.com](mailto:kensmithesmp@msn.com).

Inga Carlson, Head of the Personnel Committee informed us that Janet Schwan, our wonderful fellowship and coffee hostess, has been diagnosed with cancer. She has expressed how much she loves working at CTS and hopes to return on August 5. Janet's name has been given to the CTS Prayer Chain, and her name will be published in the weekly Service Bulletin. Please keep Janet in your prayers.

As of April, total giving to CTS is down approximately \$9,400 for the year. Council will address related issues later this year.

Chandler Wilhelm provided a written report concerning the Disaster (Harvey) Relief Fund.

Council voted to transfer some funds from the Wells Fargo savings account to the Lutheran Foundation Fund A. Internally, this is still the CTS Building Fund, it has simply been moved to a fund which will provide a markedly better return on the dollars than a basic savings account.

Council President Kyle Cooper provided information about AED equipment and Bryant agreed to train us. There will be announcements in the future about Red Cross / AED training. The playground needs some repairs. Betsy will look into finding the name of the subcontractor that performed the work on our play area. CTS purchased the equipment from Rainbow Play Sets in Houston.

Director of Music John Krueger provided a written report in which he advised that our Choir will sing at Eva Naumow's Memorial Service on Saturday May 19 and with the Sunday School Children on May 20. John also reports that the organ now has a Zimbelstern.

Copies of all documents and exhibits presented to Council at these meetings are contained in the Minutes Binder in the Narthex. The next Council Meeting will be on Thursday June 14 at 7:00pm. Please keep Church Council in your prayers.

Ken Smith - Council Secretary

## KAIROS PRISON COOKIE MINISTRY

It's time again to bake cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry on June 7, from 9-12:00 and 1:00-4:00. It is a great organization to support. Along with the work, we have a lot of fun as we bake the cookies. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the narthex.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We have been on the move and in the groove! We have experienced some wonderful events including the Houston Zoo and Painted Churches. Here are some upcoming events that you don't want to miss.

July 20th...Rock n Roll pool party at Marsha Bower's home

August (date to be determined)....Painting with a twist

September 8th....Tour of Newman's Castle and Bakery in Bellville

October 26th thru 28th - Annual Women's Retreat in LaGrange!!! We are having guest speaker Jan Bethancourt who is a local author, artist and a facilitator for women's events. The theme will be "You Are Wonderfully Made"!! And YOU ARE!!



## GARAGE SALE

Thanks to the Christ the Servant community, the garage sale this year was a great success. We raised \$3,800 to fund the Homeless Ministry. I knew that no matter how much was raised, CTS would always support their Homeless Ministry, but now we can breathe a little easier knowing that we are covered for this year.

Those who were able to volunteer on the day of the sale saw that we served more communities than just the homeless. Many of the working poor walked away with "treasures" for little money and CTS came together once again as a community. Hats off to Susan Givens and Megan Carlson, who directed cars to turn around on Wilcrest and shop the sale. One woman who was checking out told me, "I was tired and on my way home, but when I saw that woman wearing a lamp shade, I just had to come in." Well done!

The committee has met to debrief and we have a lot of great ideas for next year's sale. One big change is that I will have a co-leader in Richard Clark! He is my opposite, young and male. I think we will make a great team. When we gear up in the spring of 2019, Richard and I and the

GS Committee will pass on to you "what we learned the hard way." In the meantime, rest up! We will need your help in 2019!

Thanks again, Mary Puccini



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

In this issue, I would like to address two things that are at the heart of Christ the Servant – the choirs and the Sunday School. I have been and am extremely proud of the work that the choirs have done over the years. They are able to “turn on a dime,” meaning that they can shift gears (and sometimes anthems) on a moment’s notice as personnel and situations demand. In addition, they have shown themselves able to do most anything I put in front of them and make it sound good.

However, this vital work has become more difficult in the last couple of years. People move and move on, and it is no secret that we are all getting older. Moreover, Sunday activities other than church have become more common. As a result, even with taking occasional weeks off, doing songs instead of anthems, and writing for what I have, it is becoming more difficult to have the choir be a vital part of worship on a weekly basis.

The bottom line is please consider joining the choir. The rehearsal schedule is easy: 7:15 for the early service group and 9:45 for the late service group, in addition to a couple of midweek rehearsals leading up to Holy Week and in early December. The choir “season” begins on August 19 and runs until shortly after Memorial Day. Another possibility for singing is that we have an “ad hoc” group that meets at 6:45 on Wednesdays to sing fairly simple pieces at the Wednesday evening services during Advent and Lent. Experience isn’t necessary; it’s my job to provide that and to select and arrange material that fits the message as well as the choir’s capabilities. Better still, there’s safety in numbers – I don’t send people off on their own.

Much has been written about the psychological, spiritual, and physical benefits of singing. In addition, the choir has its own voice in worship along with assisting the congregation in finding its voice. At this stage, the choirs could use some extra help, and we would love to have you.

On another note, music has returned to the Sunday School. We have already done three pieces in church, and the Sunday School hour will begin this fall with 15 minutes of music starting at 9:30. The goal is very simple: to learn, and sometimes perform, the “core” songs of the Christian faith – in short, the songs that will last a lifetime. We will be teaching these songs to all the children from three years old on up. We have already been doing some Tanzanian songs (there are four in the hymnal and we have performed three) and will continue to do so.

My current musical project is to learn and translate some of the Tanzanian hymnody. I have a Tanzanian Lutheran hymnal, but it has no melodies. As I searched for the Tanzanian songs, I was often led to a book called “Tumshanglie Mungu.” Thanks to Amazon, I was able to locate one, and have been working with John Mfongo and others to help with sorting through the material and doing

## SUMMER SOCIAL GATHERINGS

The dates have been set!  
June 17, July 15, and August 19  
9:15 to 10:30 AM

Do you want to get to know the people who sit at the other end of the pew? Or people who attend the other service? Join us between services for some summer social gatherings! These will be potlucks, and a sign-up sheet will be provided in the narthex. We hope you will take the time to participate in these events. Get to know the CTS family from both services!



## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2018

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$243,342
Total Expenses	\$ 260,216
Difference	\$ -16,874

translations (I also have a dictionary and a good phone app). These songs will be taught as I am able to translate and transcribe them – the “Tumshanglie” is literally typed and photocopied with handwritten notation. I will do an article about the process this fall; for now, it is sufficient to say that a whole library of hymns and songs from the next bigger group of Lutherans (there are more Lutherans in Tanzania than in the United States) has opened up to me, and I could easily spend the rest of my life working with it. Meanwhile, we will be learning some Tanzanian songs along the way.

John Krueger, Director of Music

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Megan Carlson
- 3 Colleen Blockhus
- 4 Leah Japhet Mfungo
- 7 Barbara Elstad  
Jacquelyn Siegele  
Taryn Siegele  
Michael Siegele
- 9 Reece Stallwitz
- 10 Kristin Palfreyman
- 16 Cayden Rweyemamu
- 17 Michelle Sanchez
- 19 "JT" Jason Thomas  
Nayibe Carrillo
- 25 Gabriel Ezebuoro  
Greg Skillman
- 26 Linnay Cummings
- 27 Gwen Roelfson
- 28 Roger Cutler
- 29 Kurt Goedecke  
Rev Stephen Kelly  
Vivian Johnson
- 30 Nick Hauser  
Bill Olds  
Cheryl Skillman  
Karl Schrader, Jr.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joan Wampler  
Michelle Stelly  
Anansia Ndanshau
- 4 Debbie Timmerman
- 8 Jim Dumler
- 9 Brent Brown  
Rich Ruskan
- 12 Avery Scace  
Kristin Siegele  
Raul Olvera
- 13 Ashley Kawila (Makia)
- 14 Carolyn Kirk  
Joel Ulomi
- 18 Frank Lehoski
- 19 Xander Feldt  
Richard Clark
- 22 Clement Ukpe
- 24 Julie Heil  
Rev. Ken Ribe
- 27 David Deeds
- 29 Michele Byrnes  
Austin Richard  
Hayden Richard
- 31 Harvey Jacobson



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Ed and Tia Booth
- 10 Russell and Gloria Reider
- 16 Ben and Sybille Moore  
John and Ena Puder  
Dale and Alene Olson
- 20 Richard and Samantha Clark
- 24 Robert and Tamara Porras  
David and Judie Deeds
- 27 Russell and Marina Farmer
- 28 Pastor Jim and Carolyn Giannantonio



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Michael and Linnay Cummings
- 8 Barry and Gabby Rava
- 9 Ron and Dana Herbanek
- 11 Demi and Zach Edwards
- 13 Peter and Dana Lares
- 19 Rev Stephen and Theresa Kelly
- 30 Jim and Joanne Dumler



## 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  
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  
Gail Smith, step-sister of Ron Hatcher  
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



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church activities are available on the  
CTS website at:**

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

**August newsletter information  
deadline is:**

**July 15**

Please submit information and articles in  
**MSWord documents** to Laura Wilhelm at  
**lvhwilhelm@comcast.net**

Information may be edited to available space.







# JUNE 2018







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.					1	2
3	4 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	5	6 7:30 AA Journey	7 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 Kairos Cookie Baking 	8	9
10 12:30 Confirmation	11	12	13 7:30 AA Journey	14 7:30 Council	15	16
17 Father's Day  Summer Social between Services 	18 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	19	20 7:30 AA Journey	21	22	23
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# JULY 2018



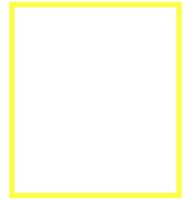



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1 ELCA Youth Gathering 	2 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	3	4  Office closed 7:30 AA Journey	5	6	7 Kids Who Love Pizza 
8	9	10	11 7:30 AA Journey	12 7:00 Council	13	14 Human Dignity and Sexuality Milestone Class 
15 Summer Social Between services 12:30 Confirmation	16 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	17	18 7:30 AA Journey	19	20 Women's Ministry Pool Party 	21
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29	30	31				Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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## 2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

## 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, Michelle Sanchez</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>
<b>Care Team</b>	<b>Arnie Kaestner</b>	<b>Prayer Chain</b>	<b>Marti Hatcher</b>
<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>Marsha Bower</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Carolyn Kirk</b>		<b>Lori Wood</b>
<b>Liturgical Assistants</b>	<b>Carolyn Kirk</b>		