

INTERMISSION



LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Lenten Service

March 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
6:00 Reading of Mark

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
9:00 Breakfast
9:30 Children's Egg Hunt
11:00 Service

EASTER FLOWERS

Sign up for Easter lilies and hydrangeas!

Cost:
\$8.50 for lilies
\$12.50 for hydrangeas

Last day to order - March 18



EASTER DECORATING

You are invited!

Please come join the Altar Guild on Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 as we decorate the Easter cross and prepare the sanctuary for our Easter celebration.

Greenery and flowers needed!

We will need cut flowers and greenery to decorate our Easter cross. Please drop off any donations at church on Saturday, March 31 from 9:00 – 11:00.

We appreciate your help in making our Sanctuary beautiful for Easter.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, April 1
9:00 a.m.

Please sign up in the Narthex to bring:
Egg Casserole, Breads, Fruit

Volunteers are also needed to set up before and clean up after the meal. Contact: Rosalie Fontenet



KAIROS PRISON COOKIE MINISTRY

It's time again to bake cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry on March 8, from 9-11:30 and 1:00-4:30. 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.



COUNCIL COMMENTARY

January 25, 2018 Meeting

Chandler Wilhelm provided an update on the Disaster (Harvey) Relief Fund. Out of the CTS membership, thirteen families were assessing as having needs that could be met from the fund. Out of these, nine families accepted gifts to help cover immediate expenses. Four families declined the offer of assistance. The Team (Chandler, Mike Iversen, Mary Puccini) has continued to meet with affected families on a periodic basis to understand their need as their recovery and restoration efforts have progressed. Total disbursements for 2017 were \$49,021. In January, 2018, an additional \$16,000 was dispersed, bringing cumulative disbursements to \$65,021.

In early January CTS learned that the Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitehouse, Ohio will be sending a check to the CTS Disaster Relief Fund in the amount of \$3,850.40. The check will be coming via their Synod. (Real time note, the check has now been received.) Community is also planning to contribute their Thank Offering from the period of January – March. Community of Faith learned about CTS from Chris and Natalie Rilling, of Whitehouse, who visit CTS services when they are in Houston.

Susan Collins, Samantha Clark, John Krueger, and J.T. provided reports on Treasury, Financial Secretary, Music, and Youth and Family respectively.

February 8, 2018 Meeting

Director of Music John Krueger provided a report and advised that the organ's Zimbelstern was lost in the storm and a new one is expected in February. Twenty-Five people attended showing in late January of a PBS documentary on Martin Luther. Opportunities for more informative cinema events will be forthcoming.

Lizabeth C. Johnson, Ed. D., a gift planner with the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, based in Pflugerville, TX gave a presentation on the Endowment Fund of the ELCA Foundation.

Joanne Dumler and volunteers will be selling Lutheran World Relief Coffee to the Congregation. The coffee is sourced from coffee farmers who partner with Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR helps farmers improve their lives by offering a higher upfront price for their coffee beans and sharing a portion of the profit.

The theme for Pastor Jim's Lenten mid-week series will be "Forgiveness".

Please pray for your 2018 Church Council Members as they strive to assist CTS to live its name with Passion and Purpose.

Ken Smith
Council Secretary

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 24th!

The Garage Sale is almost here! And we need your help! First, we need items to sell. Please think of CTS while you are doing your spring cleaning and set aside items you no longer need for our sale. Second, please tell your friends and neighbors to donate and/or shop the sale. And third, please help by volunteering the week before or the day of the sale.

We are doing things a little differently this year. There will be two areas that will have their own pop-up tents. One area, close to Fellowship Hall, will be for specialty items. This is where we will sell your nicer clothes, electronics, jewelry, etc. The area next to the playground will be devoted to all things kids—clothes, books, and toys. You can help with the sorting of these items by leaving your nicer clothes on hangers and putting your nicer items or kid's things in a bag labelled "special" or "kids." We will definitely need some pop-up tents for these areas and may need more portable tables.

Although we expect students from Stratford NHS Society to help us sort and sell, we will need some muscles early, at 6 am on the day of the sale, and late at 3 pm to set up and take down tables and transport goods. Anyone with pick-up trucks are also in demand; we may need you to pick up donations of furniture.



If you have any questions about the CTS Garage Sale, feel free to call Mary Puccini (cell: 281-797-9989) or email marygpuccini@comcast.net.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR CUP OF COFFEE!

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is selling Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market Coffee through the end of April or while supplies last. The coffee is sourced directly from farmers who partner with Lutheran World Relief.

These farmers get a strong up front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. By helping the coffee farmers increase their profit, LWR transforms poor communities that depend on coffee crops to feed their families.

Sample the coffee, which is brewed every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall and then purchase some in the Narthex to take home for \$9.00 per bag.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

As advertised, we are through a short season of Epiphany and into Lent. First, the colors of the church have changed to purple; they will change to red for Maundy Thursday before exploding into white at the Easter Vigil.

With a relatively early date for Easter this year (April 1), all of these events will take place in March. We have already started our midweek Lenten services at noon and 7:15 p.m. (with lunch after the noon service and a soup supper at 6:00), all under the theme of “forgiveness.”

The Sunday before Easter (March 25) has a sort of split personality. In the morning (weather permitting), we will have an outdoor procession of palms and the service has a fairly festive note. However, the mood shifts as we hear the book of Mark read in its entirety at 6:00 p.m. Not only is the sanctuary in half light to discourage reading along with a book that was intended to be heard, but the mood also shifts after the break as the last half of the Gospel describes the last week of Jesus’ life.

There will be two services on Maundy Thursday (March 29) at noon and 7:15 p.m., each talking about the forgiveness that was symbolically withheld on Ash Wednesday. Both services will also offer Holy Communion, and the evening service will include the stripping of the altar. As part of the Triduum (three days) leading up to Easter, this service will have no “ending” – the congregation leaves in silence. In like fashion, there will also be two services on Good Friday (March 30) – a short service of prayer and reflection at noon and a chief service at 7:15. The evening service will include special music and a chancel drama. These services have no beginning or end; the congregation enters and departs in silence.

The Easter Vigil (March 31) is a single service at 7:15 p.m. as might be surmised from its title. It is a service of reflection on what God has done for us through history, of preparation for the Easter services, and of waiting for the resurrection, through which our victory over death was achieved. It is also a time of reflection on our baptisms, and historically the culmination of the catechumenate where neophytes were baptized. Rumor has it that we may have baptisms this year.

Finally, Easter Sunday (April 1) is a joyous day and the peak of the church year. Our services will be at the usual 8 and 11:00 a.m., with breakfast and children’s’ activities between the services. There will also be plenty of special music, with the choir and instrumentalists doing things ranging from Luther’s favorite hymn to a contemporary anthem and a surprise at the end of the service.

The seasons of Lent and Easter are the oldest in Christianity. There are times of repentance, lament, forgiveness, reflection, preparation, and (mostly) unbridled celebration. We would love to have you join us for any or all of these services.

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

Sunday School

Sunday School is back on schedule for the month of March! We will meet every Sunday in March from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. We have been missing you!

If you make it for the first 20 minutes or so, you’ll probably find hot donuts and get to spend a little time singing with the other classes!

Kids Who Love Pizza

This Month’s KWLP is the highly anticipated movie of the classic young adult novel - A Wrinkle In Time! On Saturday, March 10th, we will meet at Old Chicago Pizza and Tap Room (24515 Katy Fwy #100, Katy, TX 77450) for a delicious pizza lunch, and then head over to the Cinemark Katy at I-10 and Grand Parkway for the movie. More details and movie times once those are announced by the theater! Do you have a pizza place or a theater you’d like us to try out! Let us know!



Confirmation

Confirmation is Sunday, March 11th from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (after the late service). This month’s theme is “Commands”. Come see what will become of our heroes now that they have escaped from Egypt! Don’t forget to bring your book!

First Communion Milestone

The next Milestone we will celebrate is First Communion. Granted, Pastor Jim does a great first communion class whenever you ask for it, but it’s time we had a regular yearly class for anybody who needs it. Attend the First Communion Milestone class on Wednesday, March 28th at 6 p.m., and take communion for the first time the next night at the Maundy Thursday Service, or on Easter Sunday as a part of the giant celebration of the resurrection! RSVP for the class by letting J.T. know. Watch for an official email signup, too.

Fill Easter Eggs

Wednesdays in March are for Midweek Lenten Services. They are for soup suppers. They are also for filling Easter Eggs with Candy! During the month of March, bring donations of candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, and/or arrive at 6 p.m. for soup supper and help us fill the eggs with candy!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our delicious lunch and safety presentation on February 12 was most informative thanks to HPD Officer Treva Mott. We enjoyed delicious chili provided by Anne Marie Fritz and dessert by Renee McGah and Beverly Arnold. Thanks also to Marcy Williams for providing our drinks and Billijo Kern for being our greeter! We appreciate all the support and encouragement from those who attended and hope you will continue to consider attending our events as the year unfolds.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TALK TO THE ANIMALS

Houston Zoo

When: Thursday, March 22nd

Meet at main entrance of zoo at 9:30 AM sharp!
 Admission: Adults \$19.00, Seniors: \$12.50
 This will be fun time seeing many of the habitats at the zoo, including the giraffes! It will be leisurely paced but the zoo does cover a lot of territory so please dress comfortably with good walking shoes! We will grab lunch at the zoo and also ride the train (if so inclined) that circles Hermann Park, which is quite a treat - Admission is \$3.50
 Watch for sign up in Narthex!

A VISIT TO THE PAINTED CHURCHES IN SCHULENBERG!

When: Saturday, April 28th

We will meet at CTS at 8:00 AM sharp
 Be prepared to see some of the most gorgeous historical churches in Texas with a tour guide! Tour will last approximately 3 hrs with a lunch break - please bring \$15-20 for lunch.

\$15.00 per person advance reservations required for tour.
 Sign-up sheet in Narthex

If you have any questions concerning these events contact Marsha at 281-381-0515 or lb16434@aol.com.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kevin Carlson
- 3 Waveney Blucher
Marti Hatcher
Shelter Ukpe
- 4 Carolyn Giannantonio
- 5 Susan Collins
- 6 Vanita Homer
- 7 Ade Kujimiyo
Dana Lares
Patience Ezebuio
Caroline Kiondo
- 8 Shirley Strant-Philipson
- 10 Pam Beaver
Clement Kiondo
- 14 Carol Klem



- 15 Nancie Blair
Karen Welborn
- 18 James Gordon
Rose Kiondo
- 19 Tia Booth
- 21 Phylis Karas
- 24 Ed Booth
Laramie Winczewski
- 26 Katrina Hiestand
- 27 Kyle Cooper
- 28 Prudence Ezebuio
- 29 Fred Korge
- 30 Carolyn Brath
Emma Chanimbaga
Mike Iversen
Pete Stultz



FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>2017 Year End</u>
Total Income	\$840,082
Total Expenses	\$798,593
Excess	\$ 41,489
	 2017 Year End minus Parameters, Hurricane <u>Relief and organ costs</u>
Total Income	\$710,027
Total Expenses	\$686,966
Excess	\$ 23,061
	 <u>Year to January 30, 2018</u>
Total Income	\$ 47,651
Total Expenses	\$ 71,623
Excess	\$ -23,972

The Confirmation Class this year collected \$657.26 during the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Sunday, February 4th. They have decided to donate the money to WHAM's Food Pantry.

CARE TEAM

A valuable presentation on Alzheimer's is available for members of CTS. Arnie and Sue Kaestner attended the initial presentation on Feb. 5 and found it to be very well presented by the speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. The Abbey at Westminster Plaza will continue their 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 to Shana Bennett, Community Relations Director at: sbennett@abbeywp.com or 214.682.0611.

- March 6 – Know the 10 Signs
- April 3 – Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, and Legal & Financial Planning

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

AARP working with the IRS again is preparing FREE tax returns February 1 - April 17 at the following locations:

St. Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church
1100 Eldridge Pkwy - Wed 12-4 & Sat 10-2

Hillendahl Library
2436 Gessner - Wed 11-3 & Thurs 12:30 – 4:30

Living Word Church
16607 Clay Rd. - Tue 1-5 & Fri 11-3

Tracy Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Dr. - Mon 12-4 & Tue 12-4

Maud Marks Library
1815 Westgreen Blvd. - Mon 10-2 & Fri 10-2

Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd. – Wed 10-2 & Fri 10-2

Also locations at: Jungman, Katy & Cinco Ranch Libraries

Participants should: Bring last year's return, and must have a Photo ID & Social Security Card or a Year-End Statement. For deposits of refunds you will need a blank check. For Affordable Care participants bring your 1095A form.

Take advantage of this FREE service. There are 34 sites in the Metro area, so check your local library for others.

Questions: Dave Deeds – 281-558-3818



PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who continue to be impacted by Hurricane

Harvey

Karen Bauer

Edith (Hope) Byrd, co-worker of Jackie Scace

Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman

Curtis Goedecke, father of Kurt Goedecke

Caroline Goodfellow, friend of the Siegele's

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

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

Rick Scheiber, friend/coworker of Tim Murawski

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Roger and Debby Cutler
- 15 Kyle and Laurie Cooper
- 19 Nayibe and Eric Peterson
- 20 Billie and Nancie Blair
- 21 Brent and Connie Brown
- 23 Pete and Sharon Stultz



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MARCH 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.				1 5:30 WHAM ESL	2	3
4	5 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	6 7:00-7:00 Election Day 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study	7 12:00 Service & Lunch 5:30 Soup Supper WHAM ESL 7:15 Lenten Service 7:30 AA Journey	8 9-11:30, 1-4:30 Kairos Cookie Baking	9	10 11:00 Worship & Music Kids Who Love Pizza-A Wrinkle In Time
11 12:15 Care Team 12:30 Confirmation	12	13 5:30 WHAM ESL	14 12:00 Service & Lunch 5:30 Soup Supper WHAM ESL 7:15 Lenten Service 7:30 AA Journey	15 5:30 WHAM ESL	16	17 
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25 Palm Sunday 6:00 Reading of Mark 	26	27 5:30 WHAM ESL	28 First Communion Milestone Class 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	29 12:00 & 7:15 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 WHAM ESL	30 12:00 & 7:15 Good Friday Service 	31 9:00 Altar Guild 7:15 Easter Vigil

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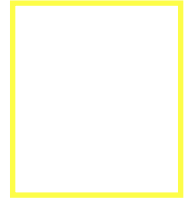
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Acolytes	Inga Carlson, Michele Byrnes	Memorial Service Coordinator	Linda Iversen
Adult Christian Ed	TBA	Men Who Love Spaghetti	Roger Cutler
Altar Guild	Lori Wood	Nursery Attendant	Amber Serate
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk	Opportunity 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	Stewardship	Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot	Ushers	Carolyn Kirk
Greeters	Donna Schneider	WHAM Representatives	8:00 Russell Farmer
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing	Women's Ministry	11:00 Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	Worship and Music	Ken Smith
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Youth Fellowship	Marsha Bower
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant		Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Carolyn Kirk		Michele Byrnes