

INTERMISSION

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Check out our new Kids Zone set up in the Narthex! There are books and activities aimed at the children in your lives.

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

It is great to have the choir back at CTS! We rehearse weekly just before the liturgies on Sunday mornings (7:30 for 8AM, 10:00 for 11AM). Our choir does a wide breadth of repertoire ranging from early music to modern compositions. If you or someone you know is interested in singing in the choir at CTS, you're encouraged to join! The only prerequisite is the ability to carry a tune.



PLEDGE CARD RETURN

Please turn in the pledge card you received in the mail before October 11. Council needs the information before their meeting on October 14 to plan the budget for next year. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in December. If you did not receive your pledge card, please contact Betsy in the church office, (713) 784-6620.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BINGO AGAIN!

Wednesday, October 20TH, 2:00 PM
CTS Fellowship Hall
JOIN US FOR LAUGHTER, FELLOWSHIP, PRIZES!
Its far more fun than sitting on the couch!
Please contact us if you have any questions.
Marsha Bower
lb16434@aol.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Brookwood Community In Brookshire
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 11:30 AM
This is always such a special place to enjoy a truly delicious lunch, see their gorgeous decorations and shop till you drop!
Watch for sign up sheet!

LADIES DINNER GROUP

Please join us!
Wednesday, October 13
6:00 pm
La Madeleine
10001 Westheimer



A sign-up sheet is in the narthex
or contact Mickey Walters at waltersmic@aol.com

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS



From diagnosis. Through treatment. To Survivorship.

Providing a community of healing for children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses through emotionally-healing camps, arts, and survivor programs. This is Periwinkle Foundation.

Why the name Periwinkle? The name comes from the perennial flower Vinca minor, a plant which is used to make Vincristine, a chemotherapy agent.

Christ the Servant, as part of the God's Work our Hands service projects, will be helping Periwinkle Foundation prepare items for use in its Arts for Healing, Empowerment, and Self-expression programs benefiting patients in Texas Children's Hospitals. This will entail volunteers preparing 50 craft kits containing all the necessary materials for the patients to follow along during closed circuit TV broadcasts in their hospital room. We will be doing craft prep (sorting materials, putting paper shapes in baggies, counting pipe cleaners, etc.) and packaging everything up for distribution to the children. A Periwinkle staff member will bring everything -we just need happy helpers! All are encouraged to Google or go straight to the website, periwinklefoundation.org for more information.

WHEN: October 5, 2021, a Tuesday. Fellowship Hall, 3:30 to 5:30 and 5:30 to 7:30, or some combination of the two. Periwinkle Foundation will bring the supplies but will need a count of volunteers. Please sign up as you choose: email to Betsy Riggs (ctsoffice1@comcast.net) or to Ken Smith (kenmcdonaldsmith@icloud.com) or on sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



Periwinkle at work.



HOMELESS MINISTRY

The Homeless Ministry has continued to thrive throughout the Covid period. We have teams established who meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month preparing sandwiches in the morning and putting together snack packs in the afternoon. We have a list of volunteers we can call on.

At the present time we deliver food and water to:

- The Texas Bunk House (serving the homeless and those with low incomes)
- The DeGeorge Hotel (serving veterans)
- The San Jacinto Apartments, newly-added September 2021 (serving those with severe medical conditions)

We are continually looking for places that are in need to add to our list of those to whom we deliver.

We want to express our deep appreciation for all of you who have continually supported this ministry with both your time and your resources. We are extremely happy to convey to you that we are doing very well with all the contributions that have been made. These contributions will enable us to continue buying food and water for a long period of time. Thank you to each and every one of you. We will keep you updated from time to time on the Homeless Ministry and let you know when more resources are needed.

MEN WHO LOVE SPAGHETTI

Men Who Love Spaghetti will meet October 27 at 7:00, at Forno's 10001 Westheimer Rd Ste 1202. Please join us for good friends, good conversation and good food! Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



CALENDAR ITEMS

October 2 - 2:00 p.m. Monte Richard Memorial
 October 8 - 6:30 p.m. A Night in Italy Italian Dinner
 October 11 - deadline for Pledge Card return
 October 14 - 7:00 p.m. Council
 October 20 - Women's Ministry Bingo, Fellowship Hall



SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum class began its study of the Luke on Sep 19. This study will continue for the rest of the fall of 2021 and into spring of 2022. As you may know, we are currently in ELCA Lectionary Year B where the Gospel of Mark is the primary source for the Gospel reading each Sunday. We switch to Year C beginning in Advent (Nov 25th) which focuses on the Gospel of Luke.

Our Luke study is using Frederick Danker's "Jesus and the New Age" and Justo Gonzalez's "Luke" as resource materials. Frederick Danker was a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is the co-author of the "Bauer-Danker Greek Lexicon of the New Testament" which is among the most highly respected dictionaries of Biblical Greek. Biblical Greek also known as Koine Greek was the Greek language used from 336 BC (Alexander the Great) to 300 AD. Danker's commentary (which is verse by verse) focuses on Luke's universal outreach to the entire Greco-Roman world, both Jews and Gentiles, with numerous references to Greek and Roman authors of that era.

Justo Gonzalez is a Cuban-American theologian and Methodist Elder who was born in Havana in 1937. He is still living (now 83). His comments are more interpretive in nature and are made by unit (group of verses with a theme as the Bible is generally organized). He also includes quotes from a variety of historical theologians including John Calvin, St Augustine, John Wesley, Martin Luther, St Teresa of Avila (not Mother Teresa who is from Calcutta) and a variety of Latin American authors.

The Sunday Adult Forum is held from 9:30 to 10:30 am Sunday mornings in the Conference Room. You may participate in person (just show up) or online via Zoom from your home computer. Please email me at richardcarlson70@att.net if you would like to receive the weekly handouts via email.

CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bitsy Muse, Her brother Roger Wilson went to his eternal home in Christ. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.



FROM THE INTERN'S DESK

It's been a month now, and I'm very much enjoying my time as the Pastoral Intern at Christ the Servant. So far, the congregation has navigated this transition with grace and ease – and for that I am grateful. Over the coming months, you'll see me taking on some more visibility as liturgical assistant or handling the bulk of the service when Pastor Jim is away. I may be sitting in on a meeting you have with Pastor Jim, if that's okay, and I may be calling you to check in for one reason or another. I'll be teaching Adult Sunday School on occasion, and I'll still be handling the Confirmation class like before. Your role as a congregation in forming me as a pastor is every bit as important as that of Luther Seminary, or my Internship Supervisor (Pastor Jim), or the Internship Committee, and I hope you'll take that seriously. I will need your accountability, feedback, comfort and encouragement (not necessarily in that order).

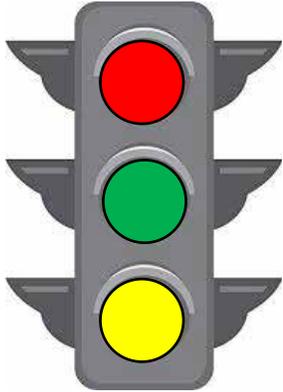
I've assembled a team of folks which will accompany me on this journey as your representatives. They are the Internship Committee – Chandler Wilhelm, Linda Siegele, Barry Rava, Kathy Haeisen, and David Stallwitz. I hope you'll consider them as extensions of me when it comes to the internship program. Your questions, feedback, and lunch invitations can just as easily go through them if you find me unavailable. Please pray for them as we set Learning Goals for the year, review sermon feedback surveys, write reports to Luther Seminary, and develop a project for me to work on.

I also want to offer a great deal of thanks for the volunteers who have stepped up to take on some Youth & Family Ministry responsibility during a strange and difficult time. Nobody - even professional, full-time ministers - has much of a clue how to navigate congregational life these days. In my invitation to them, I said, "Gather two others to help you, and whatever your team is able to accomplish, that's what we will do." Please be gracious and understanding to them, as well. They have normal jobs and families in addition to their passion for our kids.

Every week, Pastor Jim and I meet to dream and consider how we might serve you better as Pastor and Intern. In my 20 years of ministry, I've never served a congregation as long as I've served Christ the Servant. Your faces and families have become dear to me, and I consider you more than parishioners. Over the coming year, we will experience a new season of our relationship together. One that will hopefully shape us all to more closely resemble what God has desired all along. "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17.

Grace + Peace
J.T.
Pastoral Intern

CTS Financial Dashboard Through AUGUST 2021



YTD Contributions
\$ 318,793
8.0% below budgeted income

YTD Expenditures
\$ 350,589
3.0% below budgeted expenses

Cash Reserve
*5.3 months coverage of
average monthly expenses*

*Excludes programs outside of General Fund (OEF,
Homeless Ministry, Memorials, Pastor Disc Fund)*

YTD Status versus Budget or Cash Reserve Goal

-  At or better than forecast or >6 month cash reserve
-  <5% worse than forecast or 3-6 month cash reserve
-  >5% worse than forecast or <3 month cash reserve

Contact Treasurer (Susan Collins) with questions

POINSETTIA ORDERS

The poinsettia sign-up will be in the narthex November 7. The last day to order will be December 12.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Karen Bauer
 Nancy Chapman
 Sharon Cotta, mother of Christy Iversen
 Jane Fontenot, grandma of Miley Rose
 Donald K. Hiestand, father of Gary Hiestand
 Kristin Krueger
 Roger Lemburg and family
 Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski
 The Richard Family
 Cathy Roberson & Debby Weaver, daughters
 of Jodie Davis
 Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil
 Frank Welsh, friend of Mike and Phyllis Karas
 Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Pat Welborn
 4 Phyllis Begin
 7 Karen Bauer
 Shirley Downing
 8 Donald Hiestand
 Michael Davenport
 11 Chandler Wilhelm
 Noah Makia
 Janet Lonvick
 15 Steven Dittrich
 Lori Wood
 19 Richard Caldwell
 20 Marie Saunders
 21 John Shoemaker
 22 Pastor Jim
 Jairo Quintero
 23 Linda Shoemaker
 25 Billijo Kern
 Pam Krueger
 Cliff Mabry
 28 Sophia Manning
 30 Bob Leisk
 31 Richard Carlson
 Billy Blair



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This newsletter and a calendar of church activities are available on the CTS website at: www.christtheservant.net

November newsletter information deadline is:

October 15

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

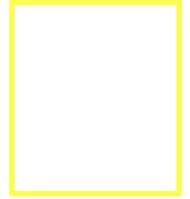
1 Christopher and Janet Lonvick
 11 Brynn and Shane Matherne
 12 Mike and Linda Saunders
 14 Bruce and Kristin Palfreyman
 19 Jairo and Ruby Quintero
 25 Gerry and Gwenda Ludwig



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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	Sandra Ani
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Opportunity Endowment Fund	Kurt Goedecke
Care Team	Pat Korge and Mary Puccini	Personnel	Ken Smith, Shirley Downing
College Ministry	Tina Blockhus	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
Disaster Response Team	Ron Herbanek	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Family Aid Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio	Sound Team	TBA 8:00 Service
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot		Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Greeters	TBA	Stewardship	Chandler Wilhelm
Homeless Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio, Rosalie Fontenot	Ushers	8:00 Russell Farmer
			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	Chandler Wilhelm	Worship and Music	Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Chandler Wilhelm		