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WORSHIP & MUSIC

During Lent, we have been looking at Luther's Small Catechism on Wednesdays. The March 30 services discuss baptism, and the Office of the Keys (confession and forgiveness) will be the subject of the April 5. Services are at noon and 7:15 p.m.

There is no more perfect day for the final section of the Catechism, communion (or Eucharist or the Lord's Supper) than Maundy Thursday on April 13. Historically, communion was instituted at the Last (or Lord's) Supper on what we know, from Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as Maundy Thursday. The term "Maundy" comes from the word "mandatum", or mandate/command, as in "Behold, I give you a new Commandment" (which is in John's depiction of the Last Supper). The services will be at noon and 7:15.

Good Friday will be a short but solemn service, with a reading of the Passion according to John bookended by two choir pieces. This is a single service beginning at 7:15. The WHAM service will be at St. Cyril's at noon.

The Easter Vigil service returns this year after a short absence. This service, also at 7:15, signals a return of the altar fixtures, paraments, and cross that were removed on Maundy Thursday, along with the Alleluias that were removed on Transfiguration. This service marks the return of the Triduum, or Three Days, to the worship of the congregation.

Easter Sunday has two services at the usual times (8:00 and 11:00) with an Easter Egg hunt and breakfast in between. These services are heralded by the ancient hymn "Christ Is Arisen" (Luther's favorite), and are noisy, joyful, and very crowded.

Meanwhile, the radio program, "Martin Luther With Eyes of Faith," continues with live broadcasts on KKHT 100.7 FM Sundays at 6 p.m. It can also be found on SoundCloud (www.soundcloud.com), where all episodes are archived under the show title, and are now available on the church website.



LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Lenten Service

April 5
12:00 pm Service
12:30 pm Lunch
5:30 pm Soup Supper
7:15 pm Service

Palm Sunday

April 9
8:00 Service
11:00 Service
6:00 Reading of Mark

Maundy Thursday

April 13
12:00 pm Service
7:15 pm Service

Good Friday

April 14
12:00 Service
7:15 pm Service

Easter Vigil

April 15
7:15 Service

Easter Sunday

April 16
8:00 Service
9:30 Breakfast
9:30 Children's Egg Hunt
11:00 Service



EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, April 16

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 Fontenot



EASTER DECORATING

You are invited!

Please come join the Altar Guild on Saturday April 15 @ 10:00 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 April 15th from 9:00 – 11:00.

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



EASTER HATS AT BROOKDALE

We will be making Easter hats at Brookdale Nursing Home again this year. Residents enjoyed this activity so much last year, they asked us to come back!

This is a fun event for both the hat “decorators” and the hat “models.” Smiles and laughter is a given!

Sign up in the Narthex. Bring your glue gun and/or a spool of ribbon and join us on Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Carolyn Kirk
Brookdale Ministry



Easter hat making 2016

EASTER FLOWERS

Sign up for Easter lilies and hydrangeas!

Cost:

\$8.50 for lilies

\$12.50 for hydrangeas

Last day to order - April 7th



STEWARDSHIP THIS LENT

An excerpt from “Stewardship this Lent” by Adam Copeland, the Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary:

The Old Testament reading for Lent I, Genesis 12:1-4a, is the story of God sending Abram on a journey. “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” And so, Abram and Sarai go.

Abram and Sarai leave their country. They leave their kindred. They leave their family. And they become migrants.

Stewardship, too, has to do with going, with action, with movement *towards* something.

From time to time, I find myself praying an old Choristers’ Prayer I learned by heart many years ago when I first started in my church’s children’s choir. It reads, in old, poetic language:

*Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
And what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We prayed the prayer at the end of every children’s choir rehearsal, and it stuck. I can still recite it on command today. Even these years later, the prayer’s movements still inspire: from song to heartfelt belief, and from belief to action. Faith, once it’s on our hearts, is something we must always “show forth in our lives.”

Which brings us back to Lent. This Lent, with Abram and Sarai, I’m going to keep my eyes open to times when God says, “go!” I pray, once again, that “what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.”

Carolyn Kirk
Stewardship

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

Confirmation

Our Confirmation classes are in full swing. Last month we covered the first article of the Apostle's Creed. In April we will cover the second article, leaving the third for May. Students, if you need service hours, volunteer hours, or sermon notes, now is the time to start getting serious about those things. Confirmation students and parents, don't forget to mark your calendars for the next meeting - April 9th from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Summer Camp 2017

We are still rounding up students of all ages to attend Summer Camp at Lutherhill! Based on the grade just completed, camp dates are as follows:

1st Grade - July 16-20

2nd - 6th Grade - July 16-21

7th - 12th Grade - June 25-30



Cost for camp is only \$100 for students from Christ the Servant. If you're interested in going to camp, let J.T. know and he can get you our church's code to sign up on the Lutherhill website.

Other Important Summer Dates

June 3 - Kids Who Love Pizza (Jr and Sr High)
Wonder Woman/ Reginelli's Pizzeria

July 7 - Schlitterbahn, New Braunfels Day Trip (Jr and Sr. High)

July 30 - August 3 - VBS (finished Kindergarten - 5th grade)

A personal note of appreciation

Abby, James, and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to our family at Christ the Servant for the love and prayers that accompanied the birth of our second son, Jesse. Your generosity also provided for us in ways that we appreciate beyond what we can express. We feel fortunate to be a part of a community who takes such good care of us, and is so dedicated to serving their neighbors with passion and purpose.



Grace + Peace,
J.T.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Easter Sunday (April 16) at 9:00 a.m. for our annual Easter Breakfast and at 9:30 for an Egg Hunt for the kids! Plenty of great food, candy and treats for everybody! Mark your calendars now, invite a friend, and plan to be there as we celebrate resurrection and rebirth!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SING-A-LONG WAS AWESOME!

Our first sing-a-long and lunch fellowship was quite enjoyable and I want to thank our committee Tina Blockhus, Anne Marie Fritz, Renee McGah and Lauren Welborn for all their efforts in making this a happening. Also, I want to thank our former choir director Don Hermanson for stepping in on a last minute notice for John Krueger who unfortunately had a death in his family. Many of us remember Don and it was so good to see him and have him play the piano as we sang out little hearts out. We shall do this again!!

CTS Women's Ministry Retreat and Renewal!

"TREASURED"

CAMP LONE STAR – LAGRANGE, TX

April 21st – 23rd, 2017

Cost is \$134 per person

Sign up deadline – April 1st (sign up in Narthex)

Carpools available – limited scholarships available!!

Orientation and Registration for Retreat

Monday, April 10th at 7 PM, CTS conference room. Please try to attend this important meeting where we answer any questions and accept your registration and payment!

Questions?? Call Marsha at 281-381-0515 or marshab@emcmc.com

FUTURE EVENTS!!

Trip to Galveston

May 21st

Details will follow – stay tuned!!!!

A NOTE FROM BETSY

I would like to say a special "thank you" to everyone who sent cards, called, helped in the office, made a meal, took notes for me in Council, as well as those who kept me in their prayers during my stay in the hospital.

I am a living testimony that prayer is a powerful tool. I am truly grateful for the outpouring of care and concern you have shown me.

Betsy Riggs

COUNCIL NOTES

Christ the Servant council held its March meeting on Tuesday, March the 7th. The council opens each meeting with a group prayer, followed with a devotion of the month prepared by a council member. For March Kyle offered a thoughtful devotion based on Luke 4: 14 – 40, and Pastor Jim pointed out that Jesus wants His agenda to become our agenda, powered by the Holy Spirit.

Inga Carlson provided an update on her work updating the Christ the Servant Employee Handbook. Inga is providing a thorough and professional service for which Council and Congregation extend her many thanks!

John Krueger reported that the final touches have been made to the upcoming Holy Week Services, which will include an Easter Vigil service.

Linda Siegele did extensive research into playground mulch. Her excellent work allowed for a thorough and issues wide discussion regarding the type of mulch to place in our refurbished playground: Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF), Natural Wood, or Shredded Rubber. Following the discussion Council chose to use the EWF. On behalf of Council, Congregation, and CTS's youth, Thank You Linda!

Pastor Jim advised that the 2017 Texas – Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Assembly will be held May 18 – 20 (Th. – Sat.) at the Hilton Houston North.

Please remember council members in your prayers as we do the work of Christ the Servant!

HOMELESS MINISTRY GARAGE SALE

Despite the all-day rain, the Homeless Ministry Garage Sale took place in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 11. We had a lot of wonderful volunteers helping, including a couple working outside in the rain attracting cars to come inside. We had a lot of people shopping. We made \$2,288.36.

Since we started the garage sales in 2001 (17 years ago), we have made a total of \$47,317.34, all of which has gone for food for the homeless population of Houston. It takes a lot of work to have a garage sale. The 5 days of enormous preparation work and working all day on Saturday are both physically taxing. During discussions among the staff on the day of this year's sale, an idea was presented for next year to replace the garage sale with a few lunches held during the year to raise the funds normally gained from the Garage Sale (\$3,200 to \$3,500). We have many people who provide their services each year who are not physically up to doing the hard labor of the garage sale. The CTS Council has approved that beginning 2018 we will have lunches to raise the funds---and who does not like food?

If you did not come Saturday, you missed out on a great breakfast cooked by Mickey Walters, and a great lunch cooked by Barbara Kaminska. Many thanks to both of them!

And a huge thank-you to the workers all during the week who made Saturday Sales possible and a special thanks to all of you for your donations. We could not have done it without your hard work.



Shirley Downing



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Robert Porras
- 3 Edna Lwekamua Ndanshau
- 4 Louise Hauser
- 5 Tim Murawski
Ena Puder
- 8 Ken Smith
- 9 Linda Siegele
Dale Olson
Heidi Cooper
- 13 Jocelyn Johnson
Russell Reider
- 14 Paul Siegele
- 15 Linda Saunders
Omega Kihupi
Jim Sterle
- 16 Helen Earnest
- 17 Julia Dittrich
Holly Duncan
- 18 Matilda Schrader
- 19 Carrie Stallwitz
Laurie Cooper
- 21 Kamryn Richard
Evynn Stallwitz
- 22 Connie Brown
- 26 Haika Ngowi
- 27 Jackie Scace
- 28 David Stallwitz
- 29 Anne Marie Cook
Theresa Kelly



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Rich and Paula Ruskan
- 19 Kurt and Connie Goedecke
Tim and Karen Murawski
Laramie and Donna Winczewski
- 20 John and Linda Shoemaker
- 22 DJ and Tina Blockhus
Dallas and Helen Wolf
- 23 Bill and Cheryl Skillman
- 24 Nick and Louise Hauser
- 25 Jim and Patti Sterle
- 26 Bill and Susan Givens
- 28 Tim and Vicki McGibbon



FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$50,536
Total Expenses	\$74,256
Deficit	-\$23,720

Significant Expenses occurring in February:

- Purchase of new paraments from Gaspard, Inc.: \$ 10,900.00
- Repairs and maintenance of playground equipment: \$3,000.00
- Support of KKHT Radio Program produced by: John Krueger: \$3,900.00

Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$689.22 with the proceeds to be split between WHAM and Homeless Ministry.



PRAYER REQUESTS

David **Aguilar**, friend of Bitsy **Muse**
Kevin and Nicki **Bailey**, friends of Ken **Smith**
Todd **Ballengue**, friend of Sandy **Wills**
Karen **Bauer**
Pam **Beaver**
Eric **Booth**, brother-in-law of Ron **Herbanek**
Tommy **Bunn**, friend of Mike **Davenport**
Bruce **Byrd**, friend of Michele **Bynes**
Pastor Diane **Campbell**
Haily **Callihan**, grandchild of Karen and LeRoy **Bauer**
Hector **Esparza**, husband of Debbie **Esparza**
Gregory **Euler**, friend of Russ and Gloria **Reider**
Doug **Gibson**, friend of Phyllis and Monte **Richard**
Phoebe **Gilcrest**, friend of Cheryl **Skillman**
Nancy **Hallock**, friend of Judie **Deeds**
Rev. Arlyn **Hausmann**, brother of Vanita **Homer**
Milton **Herzog**, brother of Betty **Boxx's** sister-in-law
Vanita **Homer**
Tom and Fawn **Hood**, friends of Tim and Karen **Murawski**
Vivian **Johnson**
Stephanie **Lambert**, friend of Betty **Boxx**
Kathy **Keith**, daughter of Connie **Lape** and friend of Joan **Herbanek**
Jason **Leif**, friend of the **Stallwitz Family**
Walter and Mary Ann **Lueck**, friends of Lucille **Cochran**
Branden **Magruder**, nephew of Tina **Blockhus**
Ruth **Maloney**, mother of Bill **Blair**
Doris **Meyer**, friend of Betty **Boxx**
Vicki **Molina**, friend of Nancie **Blair**
Faye **Morgan**, aunt of Ron **Hatcher**
Dean **Mullin**, friend of June and Harvey **Jacobson**
Lourdes and **Pepe**, friends of Tom and Sandy **Wills**
Marie **Newman**, friend of Tom and Sandy **Wills**
Barbara **Paape**, friend of Ken **Smith**
Cathy **Roberson**, daughter 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**
Nic and Julianna **Terrell**, friends of Phyllis **Karas**
Richard **Thomas**, brother-in-law of June **Jacobson**
Corinne **Wilkins**, mother of Marilee **Dittrich**
Tina **Williams**, friend of Sandy **Wills**
Jodie **Wright**, mother of Chandler **Wilhelm**
Zachary, grandson of Bitsy **Muse**

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

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May newsletter information deadline is:

April 15

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

lvhwilhelm@comcast.net

Information may be edited to available space.



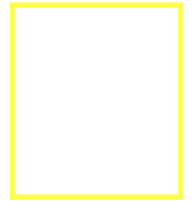
APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.</p>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	5:30 WHAM ESL	12:00 Service & Lunch 5:30 Soup Supper WHAM ESL 7:15 Lenten Service 7:30 AA Journey	5:30 WHAM ESL		2:00 Brookdale Easter Hat Making
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Palm Sunday 12:30 Care Team 6:00 Reading of Mark		5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council 7:00 Bible Study	5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	12:00 & 7:15 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 WHAM ESL	7:15 Good Friday Service	9:00 Altar Guild 9:00 Easter Acolyte Training 7:15 Easter Vigil
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
EASTER 9:00 Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt	Office Closed	3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry 5:30 WHAM ESL	5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	5:30 WHAM ESL		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Treasurer:	Susan Collins	At Large:	Brent Brown
Financial Secretary:	Samantha Clark	At Large:	Bryant King

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

Acolytes	Inga Carlson	Memorial Service Coordinator	Linda Iversen
Adult Christian Ed	TBA	Men Who Love Spaghetti	Roger Cutler
Altar Guild	Lori Wood	Nursery Attendant	Amanda Howell
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk		Assistant: Michelle Sanchez
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Opportunity Endowment Fund	Laura Wilhelm
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Personnel	Inga Carlson
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
Disaster Response Team	TBA	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	Donna Schneider	Stewardship	Carolyn Kirk
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing	Ushers	8:00 Russell Farmer
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters		11:00 Pat Welborn
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	WHAM Representatives	Arnie Kaestner, Marilee Dittrich
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant	Worship and Music	Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Carolyn Kirk	Youth Fellowship	Michele Byrnes