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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

After a lengthy Epiphany season, Lent is upon us, and as a result is a very busy six weeks of worship. First on the docket is Ash Wednesday on March 1. Once again, we will have services at noon and 7:15, and both services will include imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

At the request of our presiding bishop, we will be looking at Luther's Small Catechism in our Wednesday Lenten services. This will be the "subject" of the remaining five midweek services and will end, quite naturally, with the Sacrament of the Altar (Lord's Supper) on Maundy Thursday. This will also give us a chance to hear and see all of Luther's Catechism hymns (more below). Services will be at noon and 7:15 through Lent, with soup suppers being served before all Wednesday services after Ash Wednesday.

This year, there will be an Easter Vigil service Saturday, April 15. It will not be a full-blown Vigil service with 13 readings, bells, and whistles, but will be a brief reflection on what Christ has done for us in his death and resurrection. The season will conclude (or begin again) with two services on Easter Sunday April 16.

For me, Lent, Holy Week and the three Days are my favorite time of year. The musical possibilities are nearly endless, and the midweek services allow me to explore music that I don't get to do because of "limited space" on Sundays. It is also a very contemplative season, which invariably brings me back to the basics of the faith, which is a good thing to happen any time.

Two other things are worth mentioning: First, my radio show, "Martin Luther With Eyes of Faith" has launched. It is being broadcast live on KKHT 100.7 FM. This station is also being streamed on I-Heart Radio and TuneIn. In addition, it is available under the show title on SoundCloud, and the programs will be archived there. I am currently getting things set up to have the programs

available on Facebook and the church's web site (www.christtheservant.net). More will follow as the technology is set.

Second, the third Reformation Evening Prayer service will be here at Christ the Servant on March 26 at 4:00 p.m. We will be extending the "Behold Our Light" liturgy to include communion: Aaron David Miller has written music for that part of the liturgy. This service bears the title "Catechism Hymns." Not surprisingly, we will be performing the rest of Luther's hymns based on the Small Catechism (we have already done two). Once again, refreshments will be served afterward.

John Krueger
Director of Music



LENT AND EASTER EVENTS

Ash Wednesday

March 1
12:00 pm Service
7:15 Service

Good Friday

April 14
12:00 Service
7:15 pm Service

Lenten Services

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5
12:00 pm Service
12:30 pm Lunch
5:30 pm Soup Supper
7:15 pm Service

Easter Vigil

April 15
7:15 Service

Easter Sunday

April 16
8:00 Service
9:30 Breakfast
9:30
11:00 Service

Palm Sunday

April 9
8:00 Service
11:00 Service

Maundy Thursday

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



HOMELESS MINISTRY ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 11, 2017

7 am to 3 pm

Donations accepted Sunday thru Friday
March 5 through March 10 – Fellowship Hall

(Tax Receipts will be available)

Start going through your items – this is our only fundraiser for the year. We need your donations and time to help us. Breakfast will be provided for the Set-up Crew and lunch for volunteers during the day.



Volunteers are needed for:

- Set-up Crew at 6 am
- Food/Cooking Crew
- Pricing/Sorting/Boxing- Sunday-Friday (any time of day)
- Cashiers day of sale
- Sales Representatives all during day of sale
- Clean-Up Crew at 3:15 pm
- People with trucks to pick up large items

Sign-up sheets to volunteer will be in the narthex.

Questions? Contact:

Shirley Downing

281-684-2752

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KAIROS PRISON COOKIE MINISTRY

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



March 7: 11:00 am-4:00 pm

March 8: 11:00 pm-4:00 pm, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

March 9: 11:00 am-4:00 pm

COUNCIL NOTES

Christ the Servant council held its February meeting on Thursday the 9th. There were many items on the agenda and several decisions were reached! The first of which was to purchase new paraments for worship using the memorial funds we have amassed. Many thanks to Lori Wood especially for all her work on researching, designing and ordering the new paraments. Additionally, I would also like to thank all of the wonderful families and individuals who gave so generously to help cover the expense the memorial funds didn't cover. I'm excited to see the new paraments and they should start arriving this spring.

Speaking of upcoming seasons, hurricane season is right around the corner and Ron Herbanek has agreed to head the CTS disaster preparedness group. Many thanks to Ron for leading the efforts! He will be reaching out to individuals within the congregation to be on his team. Please pitch in if your schedule allows. As Pastor Jim regularly reminds us, our name is Christ the SERVANT and this would be a wonderful opportunity for you to demonstrate that.

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

David Stallwitz - President

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

Confirmation

Our Confirmation classes are in full swing. So far we have covered Martin Luther, The Reformation, and an overview of the small catechism. In March we'll be covering the first article of the Apostle's Creed. Confirmation students and parents, don't forget to mark your calendars for the next meeting - **March 12 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

Jr./ Sr. High Night Owl Summer Camp at Lutherhill: June 25-30, 2017

Spend a week at Lutherhill growing in your faith as you are challenged by new experiences!

- Learn from cabin Bible studies and camp-wide worships
- Challenge yourself on the high ropes course
- Enjoy afternoon activities and daily All Camp activities
- Stay up late and sleep in! Experience camp on a whole new schedule
- Spend a night cooking over open fires and sleeping in the tree houses and hammock village

Cost for CTS students is only \$100 per person for those that participate in all fundraisers. Contact J.T. about registration, and watch your email for a link to sign up online via the Lutherhill website. **Deadline to sign up is March 1st.**

Summer Camp for Kids at Lutherhill!! July 16-21, 2017

This summer we aren't leaving out our little ones! There's a camp program for all of our kids who have completed 2nd - 6th grades the week of July 16-21 (July 16-19 for those just completing 1st grade). Even our younger kids can spend a whole week (or half-week) at Lutherhill discovering all of the joys camp has to offer! Find new friends and fun times in God's creation!

- Learn from cabin Bible studies and camp-wide worships
- Enjoy afternoon activities and daily All Camp activities
- Grow in community through camp songs and games
- Spend an evening around the campfire making s'mores

Cost for CTS kids is only \$100 per person. Contact J.T. about registration, and watch your email

for a link to sign up online via the Lutherhill website. **Deadline to sign up is March 1st.**

Schlitterbahn Trip - July 7, 2017 (6th - 12th Grade)

Summers in Texas are only getting hotter (Winters, too!) So we are cooling off by taking a trip to America's largest and greatest water park - Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels, TX.

We will meet at CTS at 7 a.m. on July 7th to ride over there together, spend the entire day, and head back home at 7 p.m. (arriving back at CTS around 10 p.m.) Naturally, we will stop at Buc-ees in Luling on the way there and back for food and snacks. Cost is \$35, plus whatever you plan to spend on meals and snacks that day. Sign-ups will begin in May, but it's never too soon to mark your calendar.

VBS - July 30 - August 3, 2017 (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

It's one of the summer events we look forward to most! We hope you'll plan on sending your kids to party with us and the VBS team from Camp Lutherhill! This Summer's theme is "RE:" In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we will be exploring Romans 5:1-5 and the ways we are called to continually Reform, Reimagine, and Rejoice.

Signups will begin in May, but it's never too soon to mark your calendars for this!

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2017

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$60,078
Total Expenses	\$53,646
Excess	\$6432

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| 12 | Roger and Debby Cutler |
| 15 | Kyle and Laurie Cooper |
| 20 | Billie and Nancie Blair |
| 21 | Brent and Connie Brown |



KITCHEN USE



The large kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned. Items were resorted for convenience, and cabinets and drawers have been labeled.

It is imperative that we clean up after every use of the kitchen and that all items are washed and properly put away. Our kitchen is certified, and we need to live up to their requirements. Thank you from Susan Givens, Linda Iverson and Rosalie Fontenot for your help on keeping this clean.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Did you make a new year's resolution to be more involved in our church? Are you still looking for the right opportunity to fulfill that resolution? I have just the right first step. Join our prayer chain! It is mostly done through email, so all you have to do is take a moment to pray when you receive the email.

Then add that person to your daily prayer concerns.

If you don't have email and you want to be on the prayer chain, we have those that prefer a phone call, so we can do that as well.

If you would like to be included, please send me your name and your email address and I will add you to the chain. If you prefer phone calls, please call me and I will add you to that chain.

If you have someone that you want us to pray for, all you have to do is contact Betsy Riggs at the office 713-784-6620 or ctsoffice1@comcast.net. Or contact me, Marti Hatcher at 281-493-5986 or mbhatcher@mindspring.com and we will get all the prayer warriors praying as soon as possible.

And lastly, as the new chair of the prayer chain, I would like to thank Judi Leisk, for all her hard work as the previous chair. She has been the chair for several years and felt like the time was right to pass the torch. We appreciate you, Judi!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Kevin Carlson
 3 Marti Hatcher
 Shelter Ukpe
 4 Carolyn Giannantonio
 5 Susan Collins
 6 Vanita Homer
 7 Ade Kujimiyo
 Dana Lares
 Patience Ezebuio
 Caroline Kiondo
 10 Pam Beaver
 Clement Kiondo
 14 Carol Klem
 Stephanie Klem
 Eric Bauer



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



TAX HELP

Again this year AARP working with the IRS are preparing Free Income Tax Returns for the community. Some of our friends have taken advantage of this and might want to do it again.

If you like, following is a suggestion to run in February with our bulletin.

FREE TAX PREPARATION AND RETURNS

AARP working with the IRS again is preparing FREE tax returns February until April 15 at the following locations.

Kendall Library - 609 N Eldridge - Wed 12-4 & Sat 10-2
 Hillendahl Library - 2436 Gessner - Wed 11-3 & Thurs 1-5
 Katherine Tyra Library - 16719 Clay Rd. - Tue 1-5 & Fri 1-5
 Tracy Gee Community Ctr. - 3599 Westcenter Dr. - Mon 12-4 & Tue 12-4
 Maud Marks Library - 1815 Westgreen Blvd. - Mon 10-2 & Fri 10-2
 Mendenhall Community Ctr. - 1414 Wirt Rd. - Wed 10-2 & Fri 10-2
 Also at: Jungman, Katy & Cinco Ranch Libraries

Participants should: Bring last year's return. Plus, you 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 - Phone Dave Deeds **281-558-3818**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Any questions, please contact Marsha Bower at marshab@emcmc.com or 281-381-0515.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

WHEN: Monday, March 27, Carpool from CTS @ 9:00 am

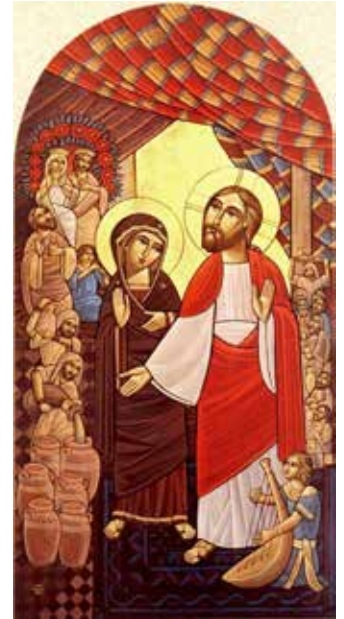
Guided Tour begins at 10:00 am

**WHERE: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston TX**

The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is architecturally magnificent in a spiritual setting. Lunch following tour (place to be determined). Please sign up!

FROM THE TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

What is it about the Wedding at Cana that speaks to us? For me at least, I've been to a number of weddings. Always happy for the new couple, but also interested in what's to eat and drink at the reception afterwards. So when John tells the story of a potential disaster: the wedding party has run out of wine ... I can relate. You know the story. Jesus, the disciples and his mom happen to attend this wedding. A couple of interesting notes ... the mother of Jesus is never called Mary by the Gospel writer John ... also, the disciples are seldom called the Twelve and their identity is never specified beyond the five disciples mentioned in the first Chapter. When the wine gives out, Mary tells Jesus, "They have no wine." His response seems a bit harsh, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ... a reference to the crucifixion. Jesus of course turns the water in six stone jars into wine. Good wine I might add. So good the steward compliments the bridegroom by saying "You have kept the good wine until now." And this, the first of his signs, revealed Jesus's glory and his disciples believed in him.



Richard Carlson

WOMEN'S RETREAT AND RENEWAL

WHEN: Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23

WHERE: Camp Lone Star, La Grange, TX

Retreat theme will be "Treasured"...Where God sees us as "precious and priceless". Deadline for signup is APRIL 7th and early signup is appreciated and recommended.

Hope you join us for this fun and fulfilling weekend!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

David **Aguilar**, friend of Bitsy **Muse**
Kevin and Nicki **Bailey**, friends of Ken **Smith**
Todd **Ballenguee**, friend of Sandy **Wills**
Karen **Bauer**
Eric **Booth**, brother-in-law of Ron **Herbanek**
Jolie **Brown**, stepmother of Elizabeth **Brown**
Tommy **Bunn**, friend of Mike **Davenport**
Haily **Callihan**, grandchild of Karen and LeRoy **Bauer**
Noah **Conde**, grandson of Jairo and Ruby **Quintero**
Hector **Esparza**, husband of Debbie **Esparza**
Gregory **Euler**, friend of Russ and Gloria **Reider**
Phoebe **Gilchrist**, friend of Cheryl **Skillman**
Michael **Harbin**, grandson of Helen **Earnest**
Rev. Arlyn **Hausmann**, brother of Vanita **Homer**
Vanita **Homer**
Tom and Fawn **Hood**, friends of Tim and Karen **Murawski**
Vivian **Johnson**
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**
Vicki **Molina**, friend of Nancie **Blair**
Faye **Morgan**, aunt of Ron **Hatcher**
Lourdes and Pepe, friends of Tom and Sandy **Wills**
Marie **Newman**, friend of Tom and Sandy **Wills**
Barbara **Paape**, friend of Ken **Smith**
Betsy **Riggs**
Cathy **Roberson**, daughter of Jodie **Davis**
Mary Ann **Shabunas**, mother of Mary **Hiestand**
Catherine **Shoenfelt**
Gail **Smith**, step-sister of Ron **Hatcher**
Marjorie **Swartz**, mother of Julie **Heil**
Tina **Williams**, friend of Sandy **Wills**
Jodie **Wright**, mother of Chandler **Wilhelm**
Zachary, grandson of Bitsy **Muse**

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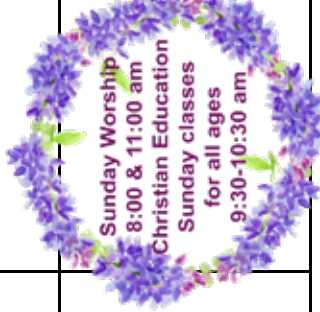
April newsletter information deadline is:

March 15

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

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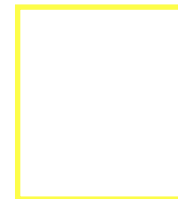


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Garage Sale Bring items-Sorting-Pricing	6 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	7 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council	8 12:00 Ash Wed Service 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:15 Ash Wed Service 7:30 AA Journey	9 5:30 WHAM ESL	10 ↑	11 7:00-3:00 Garage Sale 
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Treasurer:	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