

# INTERMISSION

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## DISASTER RELIEF FUND

When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, some of our members and friends were flooded and/or affected. We started receiving monetary donations to help, so a task force was established to see how we could put these donations to good use.

The CTS Church Council has commissioned a special fund for assistance – and called it the Disaster Relief Fund. This fund will be administered by a Steering Committee appointed by Council who will review and evaluate grant requests and administer monies.

If you are a member or friend of Christ the Servant who needs flood assistance, you can request a grant by using one of these three methods:

- Contact one of the Steering Committee members:
  1. Mike Iversen 832-771-0964
  2. Mary Puccini 281-797-9989
  3. Chandler Wilhelm 713-377-3740
- Put a note in the offering plate on Sunday and you will be contacted
- Call the church office 713-784-6620

If you would like to contribute to this assistance fund, please put "Disaster Relief" on the note line of your check.

## KAIROS PRISON COOKIE MINISTRY

The next Kairos cookie baking days will be October 10-12. A sign-up sheet with times is in the Narthex.



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 10  
9:30 am

This meeting has been called for the congregation to vote on proposals to release funds from the General Fund and the Opportunity Endowment Fund for the purpose of Harvey flood relief.



## REFORMATION 500TH ANNIVERSARY

October 15, Evening, Reformation Hymn fest at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd

October 21, *Martin Luther on Trial* at AD Players

October 25, 5:00 pm, Lutheran/Catholic prayer service at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

October 29, Reformation/Confirmation Sunday with lunch after the late service

October 31, 7:15 pm, Reformation Day Service



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

October 2, 7:00 pm, Registration and meeting

October 13-15 Women's Retreat at Camp Lone Star

Please join us!



## COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Church Council met Thursday evening, September 14 to a full agenda.

Ron Herbanek gave a comprehensive report about our Disaster Aid and Relief Team (DART). Ron addressed what had and what had not been completed prior to Harvey's arrival, provided an update on accomplishments during and after Harvey, and discussed DART's plans going forward. DART lives the CTS Mission Statement - Living our Name with Passion and Purpose – and Council on behalf of its members and the congregation thank Our Lord for these dedicated people and extend our deepest thanks to them!

Mike Iversen, accompanied by Carolyn Kirk, spoke about establishing a Disaster Relief Fund at CTS. Pastor Jim, Mike, Carolyn, Dave Stallwitz, and others in the congregation discussed establishing a fund in two work group meetings held September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A thorough discussion took place at Council Meeting, a discussion made the more thorough by the excellent presentation from Mike which in turn resulted from the concerted, focused, professional efforts of the committee members. Appropriate announcements for a Congregational Meeting, scheduled for October 10, will be forthcoming via email, letter, and temple talks.

Inga Carlson had previously provided draft wording for changes to the CTS Employee handbook and at Thursday's meeting Council reviewed the language and accepted the now revised and updated employee handbook. Because of Inga's careful crafting and extensive research CTS now has an employee handbook that will serve it well for years to come. Thank You Inga!

Council also heard reports from Susan Collins, Treasurer, Samantha Clark, Financial Secretary, J.T. in Youth and Family, and Pastor Jim. John Krueger provided an in depth written report regarding Music.

Please continue to remember Church Council in your prayers as we strive to serve our God and our congregation.

Ken Smith, Council Secretary

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Financial Information as of May 31, 2017

Total Income: \$ 54,734.00  
Total Expenses: \$ 79,635.00  
Difference: **-\$24,901.00**

Unusual Expenses that occurred in May:  
Annual Payment of Church Insurance

### Financial Information as of June 30, 2017

Total Income: \$ 59,871.00  
Total Expenses: \$ 53,279.00  
Difference: \$ 6,692.00

Unusual Expenses that occurred in June:  
Camp Fees for Kids to go to LutherHill

### Financial Information as of July 31, 2017

Total Income: \$ 102,852.00  
Total Expenses: \$ 93,947.00  
Difference: \$ 8,905.00

Unusual Expenses that occurred in July:  
Purchase and Installation of New Organ  
Camp Fees for Kids to go to LutherHill

**NOTE: Donations from the congregation covered the complete cost of new organ and installation**

### Financial Information as of August 31, 2017

Total Income: \$ 40,196.00  
Total Expenses: \$ 63,248.00  
Difference: **-\$23,060.00**

Unusual Expenses that occurred in August:  
Camp Fees for Kids to to LutherHill  
Vacation Bible School

**NOTE: No Service on Aug. 27th due to Hurricane Harvey so no offering income that Sunday.**

### OVERALL FOR 2017

Total Income: **\$509,880.00**  
Total Expenses **\$539,248.00**  
Difference: **\$ -29,368.00**

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Join us on **Sunday, November 5** when Christ the Servant will host Ambassador Daniel Speckhard (rt.), President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief.

Ambassador Speckhard and his colleague David Fuerst will join us November 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss LWR's plans to reach this bold goal. Please be sure

to come for the 8 a.m. worship service followed by breakfast, or the 11 a.m. service followed by lunch.





## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Now that things have calmed down a bit from an insane month of August, It's time to look at what is happening in worship and music.

- 1) The storm has messed up getting the choirs started, but we are finally singing again. The two biggies on the fall calendar are the Reformation Day service on October 31 and the cantata on December 10. Both projects are currently under construction as I write this article, but the evening service is beginning to look like a Reformation mass.
- 2) The organ is still awaiting finishing touches. Michael Visser, who will be caring for the organ going forward and is the son of its builder, flooded during the hurricane. I have been in contact with him, and the best plan is to let him rebuild his home before attending to our needs. The organ was put into use on September 3 and is doing well if not perfectly.
- 3) My paper from Societas Liturgica has "grown legs." In addition to presenting it at the "Reformation 500: What Does It Mean?" conference in Austin and using it on the radio show, it has been accepted for presentation at the North American Academy of Liturgy the first week of January in Vancouver. I am also editing it for publication
- 4) The initial contract for the radio show, "Martin Luther With Eyes of Faith," is winding down. There has been some talk of keeping it going, but that will require additional funding. Whether or not it continues, it has been a complete joy to do. It has forced me to do my homework, I have gotten to do a couple of lengthy and excellent interviews, and it has exposed me to a different world. I greatly appreciate the opportunity do the program, and we'll see what comes next.



## OPPORTUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Opportunity Endowment Fund has supported the Karatu Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania since 2013. Our help is making a difference in this struggling hospital! Below is an excerpt from a recent communication with the staff at the hospital:

"I greet in the Precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today I am trying to send you some photos of new Hospital Beds, New Blankets, and bed sheets which we bought with the funds you offer to our Hospital last time....

Yours in the Ministry

Pastor John Safari.  
HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN."



Condition of the original patient beds.



Patient room with new beds.





DART team mucking out flooded houses of church friends.



## SERVANTS IN ACTION

Hurricane Harvey sent CTS members into action, just when the time came for our annual God's Work Our Hands projects.

God's Work Our Hands at Brookdale for an afternoon of games.







Members plus our friends from the University of St. Thomas basketball team unload 29,000 lbs of donated goods for WHAM's Harvey relief.



Donated goods being sorted for storage and easy processing by WHAM as needs arise.



God's Work Our Hands Teddy Bear project.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**David Aguilar, friend of Bitsy Muse**

Todd Ballengee, friend of Sandy Wills

**Karen Bauer**

Bruce Byrd, friend of Michele Byrnes

**Haily Callihan, granddaughter of Karen and LeRoy Bauer**

Hector Esparza, husband of Debbie Esparza

**Doug Gibson, friend of Phyllis and Monte Richard**

Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman

**Caroline Goodfellow, friend of the Siegele's**

Nancy Hallock, friend of Judie Deeds

**Rev. Arlyn Hausmann, brother of Vanita Homer**

Vanita Homer

**Vivian Johnson**

Kathy Keith, daughter of Connie Lape, and friend of Joan Herbanek

**Frank Lehowski**

Walter and Mary Ann Lueck, friends of Lucille Cochran

**Bob Milke**

Vicki Molina, friend of Nancie Blair

**Dean Mullin, friend of June and Harvey Jacobson**

Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski

**Lourdes and Pepe, friends of Tom and Sandy Wills**

Marie Newman, friend of Tom and Sandy Wills

**Greg Plotner, friend of Sandy and Tom Wills**

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

**Mary Ann Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand**

Annette Shetter, friend of Sandy and Tom Wills

**Catherine Shoenfelt**

Gail Smith, step-sister of Ron Hatcher

**George Southgate, friend of Sandy and Tom Wills**

Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil

**Nic and Julianna Terrell, friends of Phyllis Karas**

Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June Jacobson

**Paul Williams**

Corrine Wilkins, mother of Marilee Dittrich

**Tina Williams, friend of Sandy Wills**

Mid Wills, mother of Tom Wills

**Jodie Wright, mother of Chandler Wilhelm**

Lacey Ybarbo, granddaughter of Lucille Cochran

**Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES




- 1 Christopher and Janet Lonvick
- 11 Brynn and Shane Matherne
- 12 Haika Ngowi and John Japhet  
Mfungo  
Mike and Linda Saunders
- 14 Bruce and Kristin Palfreyman
- 15 Bill and JoAnn Olds
- 25 Gerry and Gwenda Ludwig





# OCTOBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry 7:00 Women's Ministry Retreat Pre-registration	3 5:30 WHAM ESL	4 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	5 5:30 WHAM ESL	6	7
8 9:30 Special Congregational Meeting	9	10 ← Prison Ministry Cookie Baking → 5:30 WHAM ESL	11 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	12 → 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council	13 ← Women's Ministry Retreat Camp Lone Star → 	14
15 → Women's Retreat Evening-Reformation Hymn Fest at Christ the King Lutheran	16 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	17 5:30 WHAM ESL	18 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	19 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Opportunity Endowment Fund	20	21 2:00 <i>Martin Luther On Trial</i> play
22	23	24 5:30 WHAM ESL	25 5:00 Lutheran/ Catholic Prayer Service at Co- Cathedral 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	26 5:30 WHAM ESL	27	28 9:00 Altar Guild
29 Reformation Sunday  12:30 Confirmation/ Reformation Lunch	30	31 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:15 Reformation Day Service				31 Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.

This newsletter and a calendar of church activities are available on the CTS website at: [www.christtheservant.net](http://www.christtheservant.net)

**November newsletter information deadline is:**  
**October 15**

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

If you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter via email instead of US Postal mail, please let us know by contacting Betsy in the church office:  
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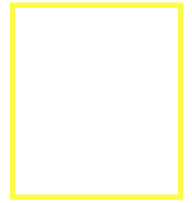
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## 2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: David Stallwitz  
President Elect: Kyle Cooper      At Large: Rosalie Fontenot  
Secretary: Ken Smith      At Large: Linda Siegele  
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	Assistant: Michelle Sanchez
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk	Opportunity Endowment Fund	Laura Wilhelm
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Personnel	Inga Carlson
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Disaster Response Team	TBA	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	Arnie Kaestner, Marilee Dittrich
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