

INTERMISSION

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE

**Saturday & Sunday
September 9 & 10, 2016**

Come one, come all!
Four opportunities for
everyone to serve
in our community



CTS will again be participating in God's Work, Our Hands, the ELCA Day of Service. We will once again partner with our friends at Memorial Drive Lutheran (MDLC). Everyone is encouraged to participate in some way, either volunteering your time or donating supplies or money to buy supplies for one of our projects. We hope everyone will wear their gold T-shirts on that Saturday and Sunday while doing our service projects and also to church on the 10th. If you didn't receive a shirt last year, we will have some available. Let's fill our pews with lots of gold shirts and join our fellow Lutherans around the country!

On Sunday, September 10, join us for pizza before the day's projects begin.

COVENANT HOUSE

Saturday, September 9

Covenant House is a homeless shelter for young adults. This will be our fourth year to work in the gardens - landscaping, adding plants, trimming shrubs and bushes. Bring your tools and join in the rewarding work. Fellowship with your CTS and MDLC friends is a bonus!

KRAUSE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Sunday, September 10

Krause is a residential treatment center for severely troubled girls ages 12-16. Most of these children have suffered from severe abuse or neglect and need our help. We will continue our partnership with Krause by collecting donations of toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant), coloring books, arts and crafts supplies and junior jeans..

TEDDY BEAR STUFFING

Sunday, September 10

Join the Teddy Bear Stuffing party at Christ the Servant as we make bears which will be donated to the girls at Krause Children's Center. This event is for kids and adults of all ages! All are welcome! If you can't join us and would like to help, please consider a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the bear materials.

BROOKDALE SNACK PACKS AND GAMES

Sunday, September 10

Come join us as residents pack snack bags for the homeless and we play games! Engaging these wonderful folks in these activities is truly rewarding. Join us and see for yourself!

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Church Council met August 17, 2017. Linda Siegele opened with a heartfelt and meaningful devotion centered on Matthew 28:20 "...And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Linda also shared with us about the Great Commission text in Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

Susan Collins presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that the Congregation's response to a request for donations toward the purchase of the new organ have covered the price of the organ. Samantha Clark presented the Financial Secretary's Report, advising that average attendance, a shade over 150, is exactly the same as in 2016.

Personnel Committee Chair Inga Carlson distributed a Draft Employee Handbook to Council with a request we review and provide comments. Council will then vote on each of these sections at the September meeting.

Director of Music John Krueger provided a comprehensive report on a range of activities: Worship, Choir, Education, and the Organ. CTS will have a Reformation Day (October 31) Service at noon and 7:15 pm.

August 15, 2017 marked Pastor Jim's 32nd Anniversary at Christ the Servant. Pastor will be on a Continuing Education Study Trip from September 21 – October 6.

Pastor Jim provided a listing of upcoming Synod and other entities Reformation Activities which include:

- September 23, a Lutheran – Catholic Symposium from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas
- September 29, Lecture by Prof. Dr. Michael Haspen, tentatively set for 1:00 p.m. on "From Martin Luther to Martin Luther King, Jr. at the University of Houston
- October 15, Reformation Hymnfest at Christ the King Lutheran Church
- October 25 – Joint Catholic-Lutheran Prayer Service at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Your continued prayers for the Church Council Members are deeply appreciated.

Ken Smith, Council Secretary

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Painting with a purpose

September 27, 7:00 pm
10001 Westheimer, Suite 1110 (Carillion Center)
Cost: \$35 per person
Sign up deadline September 17TH

A group step by step paint lesson with a local artist!! It's fun art, not fine art! Looks like ART, feels like FUN!! You will leave with a one-of-kind creation painted by you! A minimum of 10 people is needed. If we get 20 people, we will receive half of our fees donated to our ministry! This is super fun. If you've never done this before, it is a hoot. These artists can work miracles through your own hand. We hope we can get 20 people so we will be helping CTS. Plus it is a fun way for fellowship with your sisters in Christ!

Sign-up Sheet has been placed in Narthex.

Women's Ministry Retreat and Renewal

"HOPE" His Word
Our Thoughts
Putting it Together
Engage!!!!!!

October 13-15
Cost: \$144 per person (includes lodging, meals and fellowship!)
Camp Lone Star – LaGrange, TX

We will present 3 sessions along with music and song:
Tina Blockhus – His Name
Renee McGah – The art and joy of journaling
Marsha Bower – The "kindness rocks project"
Ann Marie Fritz and Carolyn Kirk will lead our music.
Sign-up Sheet in Narthex – deadline October 1
Limited scholarships available on a first come, first serve basis!
Carpooling available

SOCK IT TO ME!!!!

Women's Ministry sock collection campaign runs the entire month of October! As a way to serve and support our Homeless Ministry, we are kicking off our "SOCK IT TO ME" Campaign.

NEW White crew socks only Men's size 10-13 (Large)

Why socks?? It's one of the most requested items by those in need! We will have a sock collection container in the narthex. If everyone brings a few pair of socks it really will be a **"SOCK IT TO ME" !!!!**

Thanks in advance from Women's Ministry!
Questions??

Call Marsha Bower – 281-381-0515
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WORSHIP & MUSIC

This month's article is much shorter, but with a couple of very big things in the life of the church. First is the very large object next to the choir riser, which is our "new" pipe organ. It was built by the Visser – Rowland Organ Co. of Houston in 1994. It has spent its life up to now at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station, and became available when they decided to go with a slightly bigger organ to accommodate their expanded sanctuary (also a Visser-Rowland). It is called Opus (organ) 108, and is a mechanical action organ. This means that it has thousands of pins and wires on the inside, but only one electrical part – the blower. I recently heard a concert in Belgium that used a mechanical action organ that was installed in 1714.

Obviously, this organ will never need to be replaced, and will seldom need maintenance other than a couple tunings as it gets used to its new home. I will often talk about it as if it were alive: given that it breathes, it may not be entirely farfetched. It is a beautiful instrument. It will change what and how I play (hopefully for the better), and will be great support for congregational and choral singing. My only request is to not touch the pipes – they are made out of lead, tin and zinc, and fingerprints leave permanent marks. We will dedicate the organ on September 17 and do a couple of special things over the rest of the year.

My recent trip to Belgium was nothing short of incredible. The conference was excellent, we worshipped in several beautiful churches in Leuven, and took a field trip to the monastery in Chevotogne, which is a combination of Roman Catholic and Byzantine Orthodox elements. My relationship with Societas Liturgica will likely continue for the rest of my life, and I feel that my study of Luther's music is making a positive contribution to that organization. That said, they have given me far more than anything I have contributed. I will do a presentation in the near future, and my paper will not only appear on the radio show, but will also be presented at a conference in Austin late this month and is being edited for publication.

John Krueger
Director of Music



The new Visser-Rowland organ being installed in the Sanctuary. Dedication will be September 17.

WHAM GALA

Registrations are now being taken for the Annual Benefit Dinner on September 27. WHAM will be celebrating 35 years of serving the needs of the West Houston Community at the Lakeside Country Club from 6:00-8:00 pm.

This lovely evening is an important way to support the work of WHAM and is the only fund raiser of the year. WHAM services to others depend on it. Registration forms with detailed information are now available at the church office for buying tickets and/or sponsoring tables. We enjoyed last year's festivities and hope many more from CTS will join us in supporting WHAM this year.

For questions or guest name submission, please contact Mercedes at 713 977 5460 or msantosgaray@whamministries.org

Arnie and Sue Kaestner 832-781-8979

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

Kids Who Love Pizza - Screen on the Green!

For our next KWLP, we're switching things up a bit! Instead of going out for pizza and a movie, we're staying in!

On **September 15th**, bring a blanket or comfortable chair to the lawn behind the church. We'll have a make-your-own-pizza buffet with crusts and toppings so you can be sure to have it the way you like it. Then, we'll watch a movie on the lawn on our giant inflatable screen. Which movie? YOU DECIDE! Go to our website at www.christtheservant.net/youth--family and fill out the survey form to choose which of 4 movies you'd like to watch. Then grab your friends and come out from 7-11 p.m. for pizza, popcorn, drinks, candy and a movie! Best of all - this one won't cost you a thing! It's a great way to kick off our Rally Day weekend! RSVP on the sign-up table in the narthex, or email J.T.



Rally Day

September 17th is Rally Day! We will kick off the new school/Sunday School year with a splash with a huge party between services. From 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. you can enjoy breakfast, meet your new Sunday School teacher, get those annoying Medical Release Forms filled out for the year, and wet your pants on inflatable water slides! It's the last Sunday before Sunday School classes start and we are not going to waste it!

ELCA Youth Gathering

If you're a student who will be in the 8th-12th grade this coming year, mark your calendars NOW for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering - **June 27th-July 1st, 2018**.

We're joining the 30,000 ELCA teenagers who will be descending upon our city for Community Life, Interactive Learning, Mass Gathering, Service Learning and Synod Day! This event only happens once every 3 years, and it rarely happens in your own city, so we are going ALL OUT to make sure we have an amazing experience at the Gathering next summer.



That means staying together in a hotel in the city, worshipping every evening with 30,000 friends at NRG stadium and getting started on fundraising ASAP. Anybody interested in finding out more about the

Gathering schedule, costs, travel, lodging, and expectations is invited to a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 10th in the Jr/Sr High Sunday School room.

LUTHER AT AD PLAYERS

Field trip! Let's put a group together to see a 2 o'clock matinee performance of *Martin Luther On Trial* on Saturday, October 21, at the new A D Players Theatre. Cliff Mabry is arranging for group rates to enjoy this traveling production from New York City.

Here's their publicity blurb:

"A trial for the soul of Martin Luther, and the prosecutor . . . is the devil. In the new original play *Martin Luther On Trial*, Luther's beloved wife Katarina defends him as witnesses including Adolf Hitler, Sigmund Freud, Rabbi Josel, St. Paul, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Pope Francis take the stand. Even as 2017 marks 500 years since Luther ignited the Protestant Revolt against Rome, he continues to spark intense debate.



You be the judge in this witty, provocative exploration of one of history's most explosive personalities and the religious and political controversies he unleashed. Run time is 2 hours and 10 minutes. Recommended for those 13 and over. Children under the age of 4 will not be admitted."

Our ticket cost is \$44 per person, a good deal for a traveling show from New York. We'll be given the best available seats in the theatre at the time we make and pay for reservations, and we're hoping Pastor Jim will recommend a good restaurant where we can share an early dinner after the play and offer our own reviews of the show.

The reservation deadline is 12:30 pm, Sunday, September 24, so we can save the best seats possible. Contact Cliff Mabry via cmabry328@gmail.com to reserve seats; we'll also have a sign-up sheet at the church. You'll receive a confirmation email telling you how to pay for the tickets before September 24. Once a reservation is made, no refunds can be made.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rev. Kenneth and Bernice Ribe
- 2 Ron and Marti Hatcher
- 4 Mike and Lily Sweet
- Everett and Pam Mobley
- 15 Terry and Debbie Timmerman
- 25 Monte and Phyllis Richard
- Russell and Kathy Riggs

Lutheran World Relief at Christ the Servant

SAVE THE DATE

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

Lutheran World Relief brings 75 years of demonstrated expertise in enabling poor farming communities to support themselves and their families, and responding to emergencies with a long-term view. Building on decades of proven results, LWR helps supporters achieve lasting impact, changing lives not just today but for generations to come. Ambassador Speckhard has led LWR in establishing a bold goal to lift a million more people out of generational poverty by 2020.

A former U.S. Ambassador to Greece and Belarus, Speckhard has had a long and distinguished career in government service under both Republican and Democratic administrations. A descendant of a



long line of Lutheran pastors, Ambassador Speckhard's Lutheran upbringing instilled in him a strong core value of service to others,

and a deep desire to contribute to alleviating poverty, suffering and injustice in the world.

Ambassador Speckhard and his colleague David Fuerst will join us November 5th 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Premachand Potla
- 3 Shane Matherne
- 4 Brian Heil
Kathy Riggs
- 5 Debby Cutler
Cheryl Spear
- 6 Gregory Goedecke
Terry Timmerman
- 7 Pamela Harper
- 9 Laura Wilhelm
Tom Wills
- 10 Ruby Sadler
- 11 Victor Rweyemamu
- 12 Donna Grant
Toni Burns
Michaela Schrader
- 13 Susan Givens
Sue Kaestner
- 14 Brynn Matherne
- 15 Alene Olson
- 16 Robert Froebel
Mickey Walters
- 18 Kevin Scace
- 19 Issiah Mgendi
Vivian Ezebuio
- 20 Archie Sadler
- 21 Larry Henderson
- 22 Hans Kiondo
Barbara Stuckey
- 23 Shane Matherne
- 26 Lucille Cochran
- 27 Inga Carlson
- 29 Travis Herbanek



KAIROS PRISON COOKIE MINISTRY

The next Kairos cookie baking days will be October 10-12. Put it on your calendar and remember to come join us!



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

Austin Froebel, grandson of Ruth and Robert Froebel

Doug Gibson, friend of Phyllis and Monte Richard

Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman

Caroline Goodfellow, friend of the Siegeles

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

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 Phylis Karas

Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of Junen Jacobson

Paul Williams

Vada Wheatley, friend of Betty Boxx

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

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

www.christtheservant.net

October newsletter information deadline is:

September 15

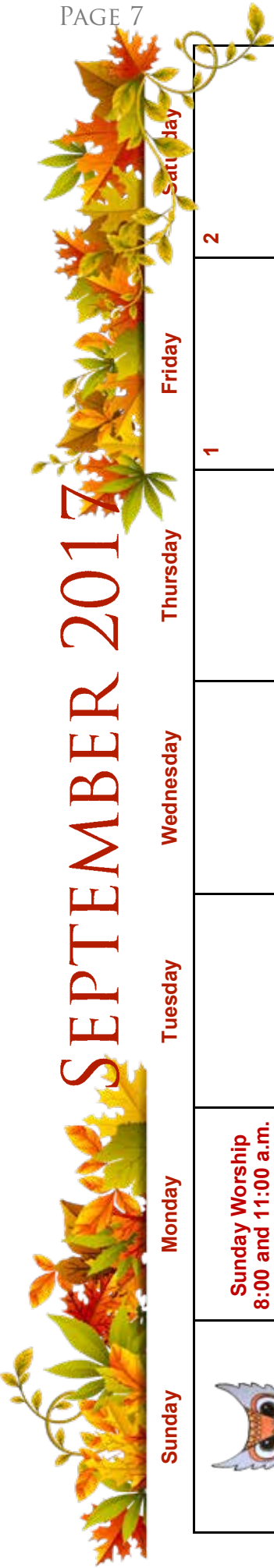
Please submit information and articles in **MSWord documents** to Laura Wilhelm at **lvhwilhelm@comcast.net**

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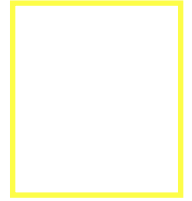


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry 5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 God's Work Our Hands- Covenant House</p>
<p>10</p> <p>God's Work Our Hands</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00-11:00 Screen on the Green</p> 	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Rally Day</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 Altar Guild</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Sunday School Begins</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 WHAM Gala 7:00 Women's Ministry- Painting 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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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	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		8:00 Russell Farmer
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing		11:00 Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	WHAM Representatives	Arnie Kaestner, Marilee Dittrich
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Women's Ministry	Marsha Bower
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant	Worship and Music	Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Carolyn Kirk	Youth Fellowship	Michele Byrnes