

INTERMISSION

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Church Council met Thursday, March 8, 2018. After the call to order, Cliff Mabry led a devotion and discussion centered on the poem, "Flower in the Crannied Wall" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson and Ecclesiastes 8: 16-17. Chandler Wilhelm provided an update on the Disaster Assistance Fund (DAF). An additional \$3,850.40 has been received from Christ Lutheran located in Whitehouse, Ohio. This amount brings total contributions since fund inception to \$68,745.40. Total disbursements since inception are \$65,521.00 leaving an unspent balance of \$3,224.40.

Music Director John Krueger said that the Mid-week Lenten Worship Services are going well, with combined attendance for the Noon time and Evening services consistently totaling 60 worshipers. John also noted that the Zimbelstern (a musical instrument that rings small bells at random as an accompaniment to organ music) for the organ will arrive on time for Easter.

Youth and Family Ministry Director J. T. Thomas shared that the recent Sunday School Pre-K Prayer Milestone was very effective. Sample prayers, such as might be said before bed, before school, before going to a doctor, were taught to the children to get them to thinking in a prayerful way. The next Sunday School Milestone is First Communion.

Pastor Jim said he is starting work on Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Pastor Jim will be absent two Sundays in October, rather than two Sundays in September. He and Carolyn will be visiting Transylvania this July for vacation. Pastor Jim praised Rosalie Fontenot, who prepared wonderful lunches for the Wednesday Noon time Lenten services. Pastor Jim noticed that attendees have been enjoying these delightful luncheon gatherings with happy, lingering conversations, the kind of conversations that arise over a delicious meal. Thank You Rosalie!

Pastor Jim briefed Council about a security/vandalism issue at CTS. Some, we assume a group, of unknown individuals appear to gather in a dark space behind the church, out of view from the street, but near the playground. Pastor Jim has found broken beer and liquor bottles throughout the grass in this area, and damage was inflicted on the climbing rock in the playground, as well



EASTER SERVICES

8:00 Service
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Children's Egg Hunt
11:00 Service



EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome!
Sunday, April 1
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

as some of the border timbers being kicked in. Council discussed and will look into a security camera and other means to put a stop to such activity at our church grounds.

Copies of all written reports provided to Council are contained in the Council Binder located in the Narthex. Please remember your Church Council in your prayers as we strive to serve our community of faith.

Ken Smith
Council Secretary



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

A VISIT TO THE PAINTED CHURCHES IN SCHULENBERG!

When: Saturday, April 28th

We will meet at CTS at 8:00 AM sharp
Be prepared to see some of the most gorgeous historical churches in Texas with a tour guide! Tour will last approximately 3 hrs with a lunch break - please bring \$15-20 for lunch.

\$15.00 per person advance reservations required for tour.
Sign-up sheet in Narthex

If you have any questions concerning these events contact Marsha at 281-381-0515 or lb16434@aol.com.

CARE TEAM

A valuable presentation on Alzheimer's is available for members of CTS. Arnie and Sue Kaestner attended the initial presentation on Feb. 5 and found it to be very well presented by the speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. The Abbey at Westminster Plaza will continue their Educational Series for families, community members, and people facing Alzheimer's disease. We invite you to attend all, or as many as you can of these important topics. They will be held the first Tuesday of the month through April 2018, starting at 6:00pm. Light snacks will be offered at 5:45pm. The speaker will be from the Alzheimer's Association. We will meet in the Assisted Living Activity Room, 2865 Westminster Plaza Drive, Houston 77082.

Please RSVP to Shana Bennett, Community Relations Director at: sbennett@abbeywp.com or 214.682.0611.

April 3 – Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, and Legal & Financial Planning

INCOME TAX PREPARATION

AARP working with the IRS again is preparing FREE tax returns February 1 - April 17 at the following locations:

St. Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church
1100 Eldridge Pkwy - Wed 12-4 & Sat 10-2

Hillendahl Library
2436 Gessner - Wed 11-3 & Thurs 12:30 – 4:30

Living Word Church
16607 Clay Rd. - Tue 1-5 & Fri 11-3

Tracy Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Dr. - Mon 12-4 & Tue 12-4

Maud Marks Library
1815 Westgreen Blvd. - Mon 10-2 & Fri 10-2

Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd. – Wed 10-2 & Fri 10-2

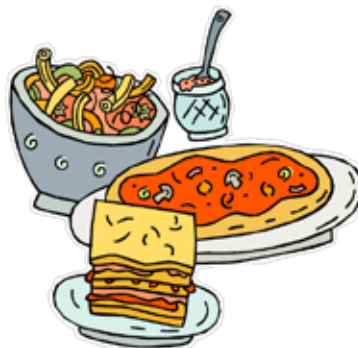
Also locations at: Jungman, Katy & Cinco Ranch Libraries

Participants should: Bring last year's return, and 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: Dave Deeds – 281-558-3818

MEN WHO LOVE SPAGHETTI



Wednesday, April 25th
7:00 p.m.
Piccolo's

Contact: Roger Cutler

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Now that the busy-ness of Lent and Easter has passed, it's time to take a look at things going forward. First on the list is to express my gratitude to the choirs and Sunday School students for their excellent work in making some excellent music. Since Luther himself put music "next to the Word of God itself," the importance of music in Lutheran worship cannot be overstated. I would also like to thank two adult volunteers, Zac Johnson for coaching the percussion instruments, and John Mafongo for teaching us Swahili.

"Christ Is Arisen! Alleluia" is the second Tanzanian hymn we have learned; we will do "We Have Seen the Lord" on May 20 as the offertory. This marks the beginning of introducing these hymns into the worship life of Christ the Servant. In addition, this marks the beginning of an intentional music program in the Sunday School. This fall, we will begin to meet every Sunday at 9:30 to learn songs having to do with the Sunday School curriculum, songs for performance, and continue to learn songs from the Tanzanian Lutheran hymnal.

For my part, I will be absent on May 13. Pam and I will be in opposite parts of the country for Mother's Day – she will be visiting my sister in Tacoma and I will be at the national bowling tournament in Syracuse. Later this summer, I will be attending an Association of Lutheran Church Musicians event at Valparaiso and a Keith Getty (writer and composer of the Good Friday and Easter anthems) workshop on the Psalms in Nashville, but I will not miss a Sunday for either one. Meanwhile, the paper I presented at both Leuven and Vancouver, "Singing the Sacrament: Martin Luther's Communion Hymns," will be published this summer in CrossAccent magazine, the official publication of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the congregation of Christ the Servant, for your continued support along the way. The support of the choirs is crucial, as is the help from people like the Altar Guild, liturgical assistants (including acolytes), readers, and greeters. Visitors constantly compliment us on the beauty and friendliness of the worship here, and that is something we can all be proud of and thankful for – "For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

John Krueger
Director of Music

RADIO SHOW REMINDER

John Krueger's radio show is broadcast at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays on KKHT, 100.7 FM. It is also available to stream via www.soundcloud.com. Simply type in "With Eyes of Faith" or "Martin Luther With Eyes of Faith" in the search bar on the Soundcloud.com site. All episodes of John's show are archived for your listening convenience and enjoyment. Just Tune in or Stream, and Enjoy!



FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Total Year-End Income: \$ 93,539.00
Total Year-End Expenses: \$ 124,835.00
Difference: \$ - 31,296.00

Comparing the income and expenses to last February 2017, the expenses are similar, but the difference is in the Offering:

As of February 28, 2017 -
Total Expenses: \$ 127,860.00
As of February 28, 2018 -
Total Expenses: \$ 124,835.00
Difference: \$ 3,025.00

As of February 28, 2017 -
Total Envelope/Pledge Offering: \$ 96,490.00
As of February 28, 2018 -
Total Envelope/Pledge Offering: \$ 80,496.00
Difference: \$ -15,994.00

WOMEN'S DINNER GROUP



Wednesday, April 11th
6:00 p.m.
Cantina Laredo
11129 Westheimer
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 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
Evynn Stallwitz
Laurie Cooper
- 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
- 6 Mike and Linda Iversen
- 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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 June Jacobson
- 7 Russell Farmer
- 8 Karen Murawski
Kevin Skillman
- 9 Teresa Dickman
- 10 Marilee Dittrich
- 11 Mayowa Kujimiyo
Ruth Klinger
Michael Cummings
- 14 Anna Palfreyman
Jacob Palfreyman
- 18 Shannon Skillman
- 19 Freda Duncan
- 20 Susan Kramer
- 21 Erik Teegerstrom
Jodi Davis
- 23 Sydney Scace
Joanne Dumler
- 24 Ann Marie Fritz
Emily Saunders
- 26 Gloria Carmouche
- 28 Braille Ndanshau
- 29 Connie Goedecke
Judie Deeds



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Tom and Sandy Wills
- 7 James and Nancy Gordon
- 9 David and Carrie Stallwitz
- 12 Mike and Phylis Karas
- 16 Steve and Marilee Dittrich
- 17 Pat and Karen Welborn
- 20 John and Pam Krueger
- 21 Kevin and Lynn Petterson



PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who continue to be impacted by Hurricane
Harvey

Karen Bauer

Edith (Hope) Byrd, co-worker of Jackie Scace

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

Walter Lueck, friend of Lucille Cochran

Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski

Dan Rauckhorst

Julie Reider, niece of Russ Reider

Ray Reider, brother of Russ Reider

Cathy Roberson, daughter of Jodie Davis

Wuanita Schaper, mother of Carol Klem

Rick Scheiber, friend/coworker of Tim Murawski

Mary Ann Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand

Catherine Shoenfelt

Gail Smith, step-sister of Ron Hatcher

Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil

Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June

Jacobson

Paul Williams

Mid Wills, mother of Tom Wills

Barbara Wilson, relative of Phylis Karas

Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse



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

www.christtheservant.net

**June-July newsletter information
deadline is:**



May 15

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

Information may be edited to available space.



APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Easter 	2 Office Closed 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	3 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study	4 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	5 5:30 WHAM ESL	6	7 Kids Who Love Pizza	
8	9	10 5:30 WHAM ESL	11 5:30 WHAM ESL 6:00 Ladies Dinner Group 7:30 AA Journey	12 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council	13	14 Kids and Money Milestone Class	
15 Kids and Money Milestone Class 12:30 Confirmation	16 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	17 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study	18 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	19 5:30 WHAM ESL	20 Spring Family Retreat at Camp Lutherhill	21 ↑	
22 Family Retreat →	23	24 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study	25 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Men Who Love Spaghetti 7:30 AA Journey	26 5:30 WHAM ESL	27	28	
29	30					Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.	

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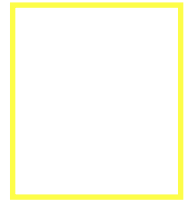


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20 Graduation Milestone 	21 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	22 5:30 WHAM ESL	23 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	24 5:30 WHAM ESL	25	26 Welcome to Worship Milestone
27 Welcome to Worship Milestone	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29 5:30 WHAM ESL	30 5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey	31 5:30 WHAM ESL		

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	President: Kyle Cooper	
President Elect:	Cliff Mabry	At Large: Joanne Dumler-
Secretary:	Ken Smith	At Large: Linda Siegele
Treasurer:	Susan Collins	At Large: Chandler Wilhelm
Financial Secretary:	Samantha Clark	At Large: Bryant King

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	Amber Serate, Michelle Sanchez
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk	Opportunity Endowment Fund	TBA
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Personnel	Inga Carlson, Ken Smith
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Disaster Response Team	Ron Herbanek	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	Ken Smith
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson		Marsha Bower
Lectors	Carolyn Kirk		Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Carolyn Kirk		