

# INTERMISSION

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## YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

### Sunday School

Sunday School is back in effect for kids PreK-12th grade! Every week we are learning about the Bible, about what it means to be part of the church, about ways we can serve the world, and about each other. We have also made some space for singing together! Sunday School is how we make the big church smaller, and can actually have some give and take about the stories and topics we study. It's where disciples are made!



Come and be transformed!

We've got a lot to cover each week, so we will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. each week!

### Summer Reveal Sunday!

Sure, it's only Fall, and you're just now enjoying your Pumpkin Spice everything, and looking forward to leaves changing and cooler weather (yeah, right!)

But Summer starts in October at CTS! October 14th is Summer Reveal Sunday! I'll be unveiling the dates for all of our big Summer events - Camps, Mission Trips, and VBS! Bring your calendars (yes, I know it's on your phone!) and be prepared to mark these dates off WAAAAYYYY ahead of time, so that you can make sure you're available when the time comes!

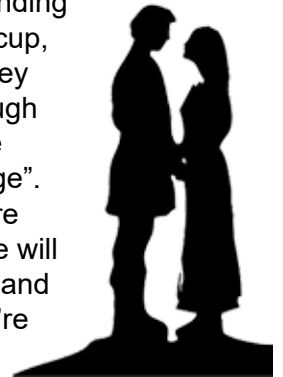
### Screen on the Green

We had so much fun at Screen on the Green (even though the rain forced us inside) that we absolutely MUST do it again.

Rather than vote on the movie, we're going to go ahead and screen a movie that gets a LOT of love from our folks, but never quite



enough. On Friday, October 26th, at 7 p.m. we will host a screening of the two-time runner up in our voting. It's a PRINCESS BRIDE QUOTE-ALONG! Sharpen your sword, lace up your corset, and take your miracle pill - we're spending the evening with Westley, Buttercup, and Inigo Montoya on their journey up the Cliffs of Insanity and through the Fire Swamp to disrupt Prince Humperdinck's ill-fated "mawwage". Adults and children of all ages are invited to this event. As usual, we will host a make-your own pizza bar and have popcorn and soda, but you're free to bring whatever you enjoy eating. Bonus points if you bring enough to share.



### Confirmation/Reformation

October 28th is Reformation Sunday! We will be celebrating 501 years of Lutheran tradition! As is our custom, that Sunday is also the day we celebrate the Confirmation Milestone for some of our teenagers. Join us as we mark the end of their journey through the Confirmation class and the beginning of their journey through newly-affirmed faith! Hear them say their theme verse, and read their Faith Statement Papers, posted on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. After the service, we will celebrate with cake!



## COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Church Council met Thursday, September 13, 2018. Linda Siegle shared a personal devotion to open the meeting.

Ron Herbanek presented a well-researched quote for heating repairs needed for the Choir Room, Gathering Area, and Men's Restroom.

Treasurer Susan Collins advised that CTS has had a positive cash flow for two months of the current year and the other six have seen negative cash flow. Our recent investment in the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest Growth Fund is doing well.

Financial Secretary Samantha Clark reported that data for August 2018 are skewed from August 2017 because Hurricane Harvey caused the cancellation of services one August Sunday in 2017. Membership in our congregation is holding strong at 260 members.

Director of Music John Krueger has been busy on several fronts. The choirs are up and running, and some young people have joined the 11:00 a.m. Choir. John is working on an Advent Cantata based on the Tanzanian hymn "Bwana Anakuja" (Our Lord is Coming).

Director of Family and Youth Ministry Jason Thomas (J.T.) advised that this year's Rally Day will be September 16, 2018. CTS now has some of Pastor Jim's recent sermons on line via the CTS website ([christtheservant.net](http://christtheservant.net)). Each link contains a recording of a sermon along with the scripture text upon which the sermon is based. Excellent feedback is being received, including from some of our college students who now live out of town. Susan Collins who has been very active in Confirmation Classes will be stepping down from that responsibility, with Demi Edwards taking over for her. Pastor Jim, and Church Council, express our deepest thanks to Susan and happily let the record reflect that Susan's efforts in this ministry, a ministry providing a strong cornerstone of faith for the Confirmands, have been outstanding.

Pastor Jim reported that he has performed several baptisms, and that more are in line for coming worship services. Pastor Jim advised that he met with WHAM CEO the Reverend Mark Brown about partnering with CTS should we expand our food for the homeless program to providing a meal at CTS on an as yet undetermined schedule. For example, once a month or so. Thoughts are preliminary but this

appears to be a natural extension of our homeless ministry.

Copies of each report are included in the Monthly Minutes Binder located in the Narthex.

Please remember Church Council in your prayers as we work to serve CTS.

Ken Smith, Council Secretary

### FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2018

	<u>August 31, 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$42,274	\$457,147
Total Expenses	\$59,672	\$527,808
Loss	(\$17,398)	(\$70,689)



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Over the last several weeks, I have gotten the question of whether we are changing the music at Christ the Servant. Granted, we have begun to hear Tanzanian music during worship, and that trend will continue this fall with the introduction of one more Tanzanian hymn and with the Advent cantata.

There are four hymns from Tanzania in the current hymnal, and we now (as of September 30) have done all of them. One of them, "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" (ELW #364), has been done occasionally during the Easter season. This year, we added some basic percussion and used it as the sending hymn on Easter Sunday. In like fashion, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" (ELW #401) is a Pentecost hymn and was used on Pentecost. This is a seasonal usage of a hymn, which accounts for the hymn selection on all the major Sundays and feast days (such as Ash Wednesday) during the year. I will be introducing "We Have Seen the Lord" (ELW #869) during the offering as a sort of "mash up" (the old school term is quodlibet), where I run one tune into another. In this case, the tune will be the chorus of "O Lord, You're Beautiful." The theme, key and rhythm of the songs are similar, and the result will be a beautiful prayer that comes across like a Taizé song. Going forward, this can be used during communion as a song that can be done without paper, meaning it can be sung while in line.

The fourth song, "Listen, God Is Calling" (Neno lake Mungu, ELW #513), will be done for a third time this year as the opening hymn on Reformation Sunday. It has been sung once in a while during my fourteen years here, and was "reintroduced" this past spring. Since then, it came up as a possible hymn based on the Gospel reading and is suggested as a Hymn of the Day (sermon hymn) for Reformation. This suggestion came about because the song picks up themes from the Gospel reading and other major themes of the day, most notably baptism. Since Reformation Sunday is also confirmation (also known as "Affirmation of Baptism"), it is a great match. However, we will do the traditional "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" as the sermon hymn, and close with "A Mighty Fortress." As a result, "Listen, God Is Calling" will be the opening hymn and will make a great processional.

This use of a hymn is based on the scripture of the day, which is the guiding force behind the great majority of the hymn selections at Christ the Servant. Selecting hymns in this way (and I also try to do that with choir anthems) results in most of my homework

as a church musician, and is my most valuable work. For one thing, it allows the congregation to interpret the readings by singing about them, and for another ensures that the same message is coming from the organ console (or choir risers) as is coming from the lectern and pulpit.

As for the Advent cantata, it will follow the pattern of my previous three cantatas by being based on an Advent hymn. However, this time it will be from another country. "Bwana anakuja" ("Jesus is Coming") picks up the themes of anticipation and healing that are so prevalent in the Advent season. Although I haven't finished the piece, I can guarantee that it will be more festive than meditative, and that all the words will be heard in both Swahili and English.

John Krueger, Director of Music

### 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  
Jairo Quintero
- 23 Kasey Palfreyman  
Linda Shoemaker
- 25 Billijo Kern  
Pam Krueger  
Cliff Mabry
- 30 Bob Leisk
- 31 Richard Carlson  
Billy Blair





## TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Isaiah will be the topic of discussion beginning on Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:00 pm in the small conference room. We plan to cover Isaiah's major themes every other Tuesday over 5 sessions. Most of us are familiar with Isaiah Chapter 5:1-7 which begins with "Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill." There is so much more to Isaiah ... most of which is written in a poetic style where Yahweh is front and center dealing with the kingdom of Judah and the life of the world around Judah.

As you may know, there are three major divisions to the book of Isaiah: chapters 1-39 which are linked to the prophet who lived during 742 to 701 B.C.E. when the Assyrian Empire threatened Jerusalem, chapters 40-55 are dated around 540 when the rising Persian Empire displaced the domination of Babylon and chapters 56-66 are dated around 520 after the Jews had returned from exile.

In the bible study, we'll read highlights from all three Isaiahs, the last two of which are decidedly more optimistic than the first. Then again, it's not all about Yahweh's judgement in the first Isaiah. In Chapter 19 after the Lord riding on a swift cloud (a theophany) comes to Egypt and delivers them into the hands of their enemies, this is what unexpectedly happens: "On that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the center of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. It will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; when they cry to the Lord because of oppressors, he will send them a savior, and will defend and deliver them. 21 The Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians; and the Egyptians will know the Lord on that day". A most surprising prophecy.

The Bible Study will meet on:  
October 2, 16, 30  
November 27  
December 11



## THRIVENT FINANCIAL Retirement and Estate Strategies Event at CTS

Tuesday, October 8  
10:00 a.m.

Thrivent Financial Consultant Jonathan Doering will share strategies on:

- How to accumulate and distribute money for retirement.
- How to pass on money to heirs or charities in a tax-wise manner.
- Increasing the probability of investment success.
- Multigenerational IRA planning.....and more!

Light refreshments served

Email [Linda.A.Smith@Thrivent.com](mailto:Linda.A.Smith@Thrivent.com) to reserve a place for you and a guest.



Photos from God's Work Our Hands Sunday



## GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

The Literacy Book Fair we planned for God's Work Our Hands Sunday unfortunately got rained out. However, it seemed to be a positive event anyway as many volunteers came together to publicize, collect books, sort by age group, prepare activities and games and share a potluck meal. We waited for the rain to let up and spent some great fellowship time, meeting new friends and visiting. As we packed up the books, we began making plans for how we can schedule a "redo" or perhaps next time take the books to where the children are!

Over 500 books were collected by CTS and Memorial Drive Lutheran Church. Over 50 volunteers including the Confirmation Class and youth participated. Flyers and posters were delivered to 4 neighboring apartment complexes. 25 teddy bears were stuffed for Krause Children's Center.





# PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who continue to be impacted by Hurricane Harvey

Sharon Amundson, sister of Paul Siegele  
 Karen Bauer  
 Katy Carico, aunt of Marti Hatcher  
 Susan Cotta, mother of Christy Iversen  
 Jane Fontenot, grandma of Miley Rose  
 Doug Gibson, friend of Phyllis and Monte Richard  
 Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman  
 Rev. Arlyn Hausmann, brother of Vanita Homer  
 Vanita Homer  
 Vivian Johnson  
 George Knabb, brother of Jodie Davis  
 Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski  
 Mateo Puccini, nephew of Mary Puccini  
 Cathy Roberson, daughter of Jodie Davis  
 Wuanita Schaper, mother of Carol Klem  
 Janet Schwahn  
 Mary Ann Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand  
 Catherine Shoenfelt  
 Edna Simmons, sister of Emma Hammett  
 Cheryl Spear, mother of Tina Blockhus  
 Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil  
 Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June Jacobson  
 Valerie, daughter of Shirley Strand-Philipson  
 Paul Williams  
 Barbara Wilson, relative of Phylis Karas  
 Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse



## 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
- 19 Jairo and Ruby Quintero
- 25 Gerry and Gwenda Ludwig

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**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.



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Sunday

Monday





Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

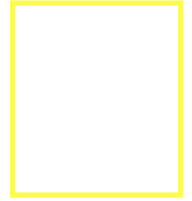
Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>7:00 Men Who Love Spaghetti </p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Opportunity Endowment Fund</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Screen on the Green </p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Students-Summer Reveal Sunday</p>	<p>10:00 Thrivent Financial Event</p> <p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Screen on the Green</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>7:00 Screen on the Green</p>	<p>7:00 Screen on the Green</p>
<p>Women's Retreat Confirmation/ Reformation Sunday </p>	<p>Women's Retreat</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>
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<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>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p>5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>

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## 2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Ken Smith</b>	<b>At Large: Linda Siegele</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Susan Collins</b>	<b>At Large: Chandler Wilhelm</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Samantha Clark</b>	<b>At Large: Bryant King</b>

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

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<b>Disaster Response Team</b>	<b>Ron Herbanek</b>	<b>Sound Team</b>	<b>TBA 8:00 Service</b>
<b>Family Aid Ministry</b>	<b>Carolyn Giannantonio</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Brent Brown-11:00 Service</b>
<b>Fellowship Committee</b>	<b>Rosalie Fontenot</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Carolyn Kirk</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Donna Schneider</b>	<b>WHAM Representatives</b>	<b>8:00 Russell Farmer</b>
<b>Homeless Ministry</b>	<b>Shirley Downing</b>	<b>Women's Ministry</b>	<b>11:00 Pat Welborn</b>
<b>Ladies Dinner Group</b>	<b>Mickey Walters</b>	<b>Worship and Music</b>	<b>Ken Smith</b>
<b>Lawn Care</b>	<b>Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson</b>		<b>Marsha Bower</b>
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