

INTERMISSION

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

Confirmation

We are coming down to the end of this year's confirmation class! **September 9th** will be our final class of this year, so don't miss it, and don't forget to bring your books! There will be an **INDICATOR** that day- students should be able to write down the major themes of all 12 sessions in order, without help. We will also go over the information about the Faith Statement papers again for those who will be wrapping up the program this year. If you still need community service hours, church service hours, or sermon notes, please take care of those responsibilities ASAP. Make-up sessions for those who have missed multiple weeks will be scheduled individually throughout the remainder of September and October. Confirmation/Reformation Sunday is October 28th, 2018! If you wish, invite your friends and family to attend!

Kids Who Love Pizza – Screen on the Green!



We are continuing a tradition we started last year on the Friday before Rally Day! On **September 14th**, bring a blanket or comfortable chair to the lawn next to 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. Do you like something weird on your pizza? Bring it with you and teach the rest of us how it's done! 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/yafm and fill out the survey form to choose which of 4 movies you'd like to watch (Younger kids should ask their parents before going online). 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 table in the narthex, or email J.T.

Rally Day!

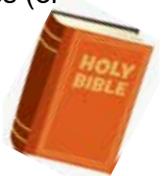
September 16th is Rally Day! We will kick off the new Sunday School year with a splash with a huge party between services. From 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. you can enjoy breakfast tacos, meet your new Sunday School teacher, get those annoying Medical Release Forms filed out for the year, and wet your pants on inflatable water slides! It's the last Sunday before Sunday School classes start and we are not going to waste it!

Sunday School

Sunday School starts again on **September 23rd**! Each Sunday, starting at 9:30 a.m. we have nursery for newborns and preschoolers, along with classes for kids in K-12th grades. There's even some great adult classes for parents to plug into. Our teachers have great new lessons, and awesome activities planned for you and your kids right from the start. Lay out your church clothes the night before - and if you come early, you just might find some hot donuts.

Bible Milestone

September 23rd is also our 3rd Grade Bible Milestone celebration! Students in the 3rd grade class (or their older peers who have not received one before) will be gifted Bibles from the congregation, and given some instruction in best practices for using them! The class will be during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour, and the Bibles will be awarded during the 11 a.m. service afterwards.





GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Children's Book Fair and Games

September 9, 2018

1:30-3:00 pm

For **God's Work Our Hands** day, we are hosting a Children's Book Fair in the Fellowship Hall at Christ the Servant. Our guests will be the children who live in the neighborhoods next to our church!

We are bringing the literacy project done by The Gathering to our CTS neighborhood. Book fairs give children a motivation to read by offering them a wide selection of books to choose from that they can look at before they decide which books they will make their own. Our goal is to have enough books to give each child several books to take home with them.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer to help!

- Donate books for Pre-K to 6th grade
- Donate money so we can buy books for you
- Help with games and crafts (coloring, bean bag toss, horseshoes)
- Read books
- Decorate the Fellowship Hall with balloons
- Serve punch and cookies

Potluck Lunch

After church on September 9, we will have a Potluck lunch with hot dogs and all the fixings! You can bring chips, beans, fruit or desserts that we can all share. After we have lunch, we will transform the room to use for the book fair and games.

Teddy Bear Stuffing

During the Sunday School hour on that Sunday, our Christ the Servant children and young people will have an opportunity to stuff teddy bears which we will again donate to the girls at Krause.



Come be a part of this fun day!

Church Council convened the evening of August 9, 2018. Samantha Clark presented a heartfelt devotional based on an excerpt from author Linda Evans Shepherd's book "The Stress Cure." The devotional Samantha presented is based on Psalm 28:7. A copy of the devotional is included in the August Minutes in the Council Minutes Binder located in the Narthex.

Carolyn Kirk provided an update on 2018's (September 9, 2018) upcoming Gods Work, Our Hands (GWOH) project. This year CTS will host a Book Fair for our campus neighborhood, similar in some respects to a Book Fair project held in conjunction with the recent nationwide Lutheran youth assembly, The Gathering. The Book Fair will include opportunities for GWOH volunteers to read to the kids, and to participate in games. A sample book list is included in the Minutes Binder.

Chandler Wilhelm provided the final update on the meaningful service performed by members overseeing the Disaster (Harvey) Relief Fund. Final disbursements of \$4,641 were made in August which have brought the fund balance to zero.

Music Director John Krueger advised that he gained some exciting information about writing for percussion while attending a conference earlier this summer; and is planning on obtaining some percussion instruments for use with CTS youth. A copy of John's complete report is contained in the Minutes Binder. A link to John's radio program, Martin Luther with Eyes of Faith, is available on the CTS website, www.christtheservant.net.

Pastor Jim shared that on August 10 he would be celebrating the 33rd anniversary of his first arrival in Houston upon accepting the call to become Pastor at Christ the Servant. Pastor recapped a number of topics: he and Carolyn had a wonderful vacation in Transylvania, the Youth Gathering went beautifully for everyone in attendance, the recent Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by all participants and CTS youth attending camp at Lutherhill reported meaningful experiences.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Secretary's Report are contained in the Minutes Binder.

Please keep your Church Council in your prayers as we seek to serve CTS.

Ken Smith, Council Secretary

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Parents with college kids or interested grad students please send us your student's college address and full birthdate so we can send them care packages throughout the year!

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Perhaps a good place to start this article is at the end of the last article, namely with a plea for choir members. We have already started rehearsals before each service – 7:15 for the early service group and 9:45 for the late service group. I'm not worried about experience or voice part; my job is to figure that out and provide a worthwhile experience. Even a couple of extra singers will give me more musical choices on any given week.

The other update from the last article is that I have moved the cantata back one week – it will be performed on December 16 at both services. I made the decision based on the fact that the Texans are off December 16 as opposed to playing an early game on the 9th.

The other thing I would like to cover this month is that I was able to attend the "Hearts, Hands, Voices" conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians in late July at Valparaiso University. I was able to make some good contacts, renew a couple of friendships, and work on a couple of things. My own focus was to work on percussion – playing, writing and teaching. It is a good thing that there are a couple of good percussionists here at Christ the Servant, and so is sharpening my own skills. The point of continuing education is to sharpen my skill set, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to do so.

John Krueger, Director of Music

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 31, 2018

	<u>Sept 30, 2014</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$60,805	\$415,956
Total Expenses	\$64,712	\$497,092
Surplus/(Loss)	(\$3,907)	(\$71,136)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LUNCH AND TOUR OF NEWMAN'S CASTLE

September 8th
Meet at church 8:45 AM sharp!
Sign-up sheet in Narthex

YOU ARE WONDERFULLY MADE

Camp Lone Star - Oct 26, 27, 28th
\$150 - Reservations are limited!
Sign-up Sheet in Narthex

If attending we request you attend our Orientation and Registration Meeting:
Monday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Questions?
Marsha Bower - 281-381-0515
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STEWARDSHIP

Scarcity vs Abundance

I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty...I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11-13

We live in a world that is often focused on scarcity. We are told over and over every day:

- You don't have enough!
- What you have could be gone at any moment!
- You have to go get more!

If we focus on the scarcity, we never have enough. But when we focus on our relationship with God, we recognize that God's abundance has provided us with all that we need.

Sometimes we may think what we have to give is such a small amount, why bother? What difference can it really make? But as Pastor Jim said in a recent sermon about feeding the 5,000 – when we give God a little – He can turn it into much!

We may only have 5 loaves and 2 fish, but if we put it in the hands of Jesus, it is more than enough!

Our *scarcity* becomes *abundance*.

Carolyn Kirk, Stewardship

OPPORTUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The OEF recently received the following report from the Karatu Lutheran Hospital, which we have supported for many years. Pastor Jim and Carolyn began our association with them after their visit to Tanzania in 2010.

INTRODUCTION:

Karatu Lutheran Hospital (KLH) started a way back in 1954 as a Health Post for the settlers and missionaries on transit to Sonjo area in Loliondo-Ngorongoro District. It was established by Germany Medical Missionaries. In 1960 it became a hospital with a capacity of 52 beds. In 2000 it was expanded to the capacity of 100 beds. The hospital provides medical and health care services to in- and out-patients. The hospital has four wards namely; medical, surgical, pediatrics and obstetrics. Each ward is capable of accommodating 25 patients. It has two fully equipped operating theaters, x-ray machines, ultrasounds, electrocardiogram, basic laboratory, general pharmacy, mortuary, laundry unit and a workshop with two operational backup generators. It covers a catchment area with a population of 250,000 people. It receives patients from other districts bordering Karatu namely Ngorongoro, Monduli and Mbulu.

STAFFING:

We have 145 employees, these include 8 doctors, 34 nurses, 51 medical attendants and the 52 are paramedical staffs.

OPERATING BUDGET:

The amount of money needed to run the hospital is \$1,000,000 per year. All recurrent expenditures are provided by the Government of Tanzania and Capital expenditures are covered by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Northern Diocese. Serious shortages are common throughout the year.

HOSPITAL DATA FOR THE YEAR 2017:

- Total number of patients seen at the OPD: 27,976.
- Total number of inpatients: 5,618.
- Total number of deliveries: 2,076
- Total number of major operations: 788.
- Total number of minor operations: 636.
- Women attending ANC: 1,502.
- Total immunizations: 3,034.

PREVAILING PROBLEMS:

- Shortage of nurses in the general wards.
- Shortage of medicines and supplies.



- Shortage of other supportive equipments like stretchers, wheelchairs and trolleys, oxygen concentrators, ultrasounds and electrocardiograms.
- Lack of theatre gowns, boots, headgears and surgical gloves.
- We do not have a premature unit or an operational intensive care unit.

KARATU HEALTH TRAINING INSTITUTE.

At Karatu, one nurse currently serves 2,320 patients. WHO recommends a ratio of 1:10. To alleviate the problem, the hospital has initiated the Health Training Institute. It will eventually teach 300 nursing and clinical students a year.

The hospital has the following future plans:

1. To reduce water shortage in the hospital by constructing water harvesting system.
2. Purchasing of two ultrasounds and two oxygen concentrators by end of 2019.
3. Rehabilitate the intensive care unit by end of 2018.
4. Renovation of the septic water drainage system because of recurrent blockages by the end 2019.
5. To finish the fencing of the hospital by the end of 2019.

Our intention is to make this hospital one of the best in Karatu district. Together we can do it.

By Dr. Makyao A.A.
Medical Officer in charge.
Karatu Lutheran Hospital.
16.04.2018

PRAYER REQUESTS



Photos of the Karatu Hospital



Those who continue to be impacted by Hurricane Harvey

Sharon Amundson, sister of Paul Siegele

Karen Bauer

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

Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman

Rev. Arlyn Hausmann, brother of Vanita Homer

The Hampe Family, cousins of Karen Murawski

Jim and Della Hampe cousins of Karen Murawski

Vanita Homer

Vivian Johnson

Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski

Mateo Puccini, nephew of Mary Puccini

Rita Rappley, aunt of Tim Murawski

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

DAILY GRACE APP

The Daily Grace App created by the Women of the ELCA provides brief daily devotions or thought provoking commentaries. I've found them to be at various times a source of joy, strength, peace, intellectual stimulation; or even a mirror focused on my soul.

Daily Grace abridges longer blog posts, magazine articles, and book reviews into brief, focused, devotions and commentaries. The source of the daily post is always linked following the post for further reading if desired.

Daily Grace is a free app. Just search for Daily Grace in the App Store (Lifestyle category) or Google Play (Teen category). I have no idea why the categories are different between the application stores, but I absolutely know that checking Daily Grace often will be personally categorized as wonderful.

Ken Smith

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
- 10 Ruby Sadler
- 11 Victor Rweyemamu
- 12 Toni Burns
Michaela Schrader
- 13 Susan Givens
Sue Kaestner
- 14 Brynn Matherne
- 15 Alene Olson
- 16 Robert Froebel
Mickey Walters
Nato Mpinga
- 18 Kevin Scape
- 19 Issiah Mgendi
Vivian Ezebuio
- 20 Archie Sadler
- 21 Larry Henderson
- 22 Hans Kiondo
Barbara Stuckey
- 26 Lucille Cochran
- 27 Inga Carlson
- 29 Travis Herbanek



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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 **lvwilhelm@comcast.net**
Information may be edited to available space.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

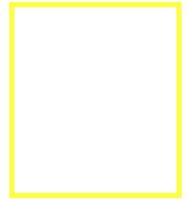
- 1 Rev. Kenneth and Bernice Ribe
- 2 Ron and Marti Hatcher
- 4 Mike and Lily Sweet
Everett and Pam Mobley
- 15 Terry and Debbie Timmerman
- 25 Monte and Phyllis Richard
Russell and Kathy Riggs



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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	Sandra Aki, 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		