

INTERMISSION

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

As this article goes to print, the children are out of school, the weather has gotten warm if not outright hot, and people are planning or taking their summer vacations. However, we have not switched to our summer liturgical setting. This is because Easter was within a couple of days of being as late as it possibly could have fallen. As a result, we have not finished the “festival” portion of the church year (Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter). This “half” of the year culminates with the Day of Pentecost on June 9 and (Holy) Trinity Sunday on June 16.

From then until Thanksgiving, we will be in what is shown on the hymn board as Sundays after Pentecost. Other names for this season are “Time After Pentecost,” “Time of the Church,” or (in the Catholic church) “Ordinary Time.” The time between Epiphany (January 6) and Ash Wednesday is also Ordinary Time. After hearing about the formation of the church between Easter and Pentecost, we will now hear about the work and activity of the church for several months. Because of this, my own preference of name for this season is “Time of the Church.”

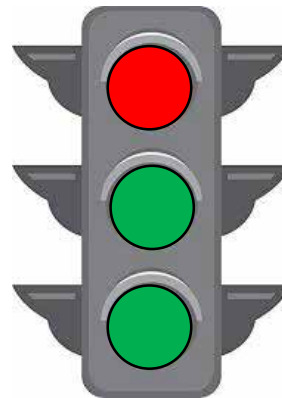
To support this point, I recently heard a wonderful talk by Paul Bradshaw at Valparaiso. He made a very strong case that what we do in liturgy is a rehearsal for what we as Christians do out in the world. Being fed at Holy Communion then translates into going and feeding the hungry, which this congregation has done wonderfully over the last thirty years. The dismissal at the very end of the service gives instruction on what to do when we leave the building. We use “Go in peace. Serve the Lord.” There are other variants on page 115 of the hymnal: “Share the Good News.” “Remember the poor.” “Christ is with you.” Doing these things is how our worship and belief is reflected during the other 167 hours a week we aren’t “in church.” Our job, then, is to go and “be church.”

There will also be a change of color in the sanctuary. For the last several weeks, the color of the paraments

(cloths on the altar, lectern, and pulpit, and the stole that the pastor wears) has been white. This is the color of the “God” Sundays: Christmas and Easter seasons, Holy Trinity, Christ the King, and All Saints. During the season of Lent, the color was purple; Advent was blue; Reformation, Pentecost, Maundy Thursday, and commemorations are red (or crimson). The rest of the year, then, is green. Get used to it – it is a great reminder to go out and be what we say we are on Sundays.

John Krueger
Director of Music

CTS Financial Dashboard Through April, 2019



YTD Contributions

\$195,749
below forecast

YTD Expenditures

\$212,651
on budget

Cash Reserve

*6.3 months coverage of
average monthly expenses*

Excludes programs outside of General Fund (OEF, Homeless Ministry, Memorials, AED)

YTD Status versus Budget or Cash Reserve Goal

- At or better than forecast or >6 month cash reserve
- <5% worse than forecast or 3-6 month cash reserve
- >5% worse than forecast or <3 month cash reserve

Contact Treasurer (Susan Collins) with questions

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

VOLUNTEER SUMMER!

Summer means the gift of a little bit more free time and flexibility – so we are using that to the world's advantage by giving some of ourselves and our time away for great local cause!

Mark your calendar for these three specific events and be on the lookout for more!

Sunday, June 9, 3-5 p.m.

Serve at Food For Life Houston making sandwich sack lunches for young children that aren't old enough to attend school, and children who might otherwise qualify for a free lunch program at school. Since there's no school during the summer, the meals are more important than ever.

Monday, July 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

We're staying close to home and invading our own church's Homeless Ministry project! Every 1st and 3rd Monday, we need volunteers to make hundreds of sandwiches and lunches to be distributed to the homeless and hungry in downtown Houston. It's part of the mission our church is built on, so let's give it some love!



SENIOR RECOGNITION 2019

There's not a huge class this year, but the class of 2019 is as important to Christ the Servant as any class we've seen yet! We will honor 2019 grads on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019 during the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are a High School or College senior, or you know someone about to graduate, we'd love to hear from you. Email J.T. at jt@christtheservant.net to get on the list!



BIG SUMMER DATES!

Confirmation Retreat, June 21-23

Confirmation students are invited to join us for a couple of days away in sunny Galveston for some leisure, learning, and life together. This weekend trip will allow us to knock out 3 months' worth of Confirmation learning to make up for the sessions we'll need to miss in our Confirmation schedule. We'll also spend some time playing together during the day on Saturday, making meals together, and having lots of laughs. This event will be required for all Confirmation students; otherwise arrangement will need to be made for make-up classes to cover some of this material.

VBS, July 7-11

We are making efforts to have the biggest VBS in years, so I hope you'll plan to join us at CTS from 5-8:30 during the week of July 7-11.

This year's theme is *Wonder*. We'll make space to rediscover the wonder of God's creation: around us, in us and through us. From wonder-full world we live in, to being fearfully and wonderfully made, to the things in life



that make us wonder – there is no end to what we can explore together.

Camp Lutherhill, July 21-26

Get ready for a week of camp in the hills outside of La Grange, TX at Camp Lutherhill. Those who have completed 1st through 8th grades are invited to join us for a week of worship, games and activities, cabin competition, camp food, and new friendships! Cost per person is \$200. Please don't let the cost keep you from going to camp! If you need a scholarship in order to attend, please contact J.T. All scholarship requests are confidential!



NEW SIGNUP ENVELOPES

We're trying a new technique for signups for Youth And Family Ministry Events. On the signup table in the narthex is a stack of envelopes for you to use when signing up for any Y&FM event. You just fill it out with your information and the event name, sign the release form and covenant on the back, and if there is payment involved, seal it in the envelope. Then you can hand it to J.T., put it in his box in the office, or drop it in the offering plate! We hope this will streamline things a little bit, and help us make sure we have the proper forms on everybody for every event.

Thanks for helping us with this little experiment.

JT Thomas, Director of Youth & Family

LADIES DINNER GROUP

We had so much fun at Palazzo's last month we voted to go back again in June! Good food and a good table where we could hear everyone!

June 12th at 6:00

Palazzo's

10455 Briar Forest

713-785-8800

Sign up sheet in the Narthex

Call Mickey with any questions: 713-502-1580

KAIROS PRISON COOKIE MINISTRY

We will once again be baking cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry on June 5 and 6, 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm both days. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Megan Carlson
- 3 Colleen Blockhus
- 4 Leah Japhet Mfungo
- 7 Barbara Elstad
Jacquelyn Siegele
Taryn Siegele
Michael Siegele
- 9 Reece Stallwitz
- 10 Kristin Palfreyman
- 16 Cayden Rweyemamu
- 17 Michelle Sanchez
- 19 "JT" Jason Thomas
Nayibe Carrillo
- 22 Ocean King
- 25 Greg Skillman
- 26 Linnay Cummings
- 27 Gwen Roelfson
- 28 Roger Cutler
- 29 Kurt Goedecke
Rev Stephen Kelly
- 30 Nick Hauser
Bill Olds
Cheryl Skillman
Karl Schrader, Jr.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

We'd like to congratulate Colleen Blockhus on her graduation from Sugar Creek Christian Home Educators on May 11th. She is a National Merit Scholar and was also awarded a Congressional Award. Many of us have delighted in her accomplishments and were graced by her presence at our annual Women's retreat last year where she contributed and enhanced this event greatly. As they say, "You Go Girl"!!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joan Wampler
Michelle Stelly
Anansia Ndanshau
Ruby Quintero
- 4 Debbie Timmerman
- 8 Jim Dumler
- 9 Brent Brown
Rich Ruskan
- 12 Avery Scace
Kristin Siegele
Raul Olvera
- 13 Ashley Kawila
- 14 Carolyn Kirk
- 18 Frank Lehoski
- 24 Julie Heil
Rev. Ken Ribe
- 27 David Deeds
- 29 Michele Byrnes
- 31 Harvey Jacobson



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Russell and Gloria Reider
- 12 Dale and Teresa Dickman
- 16 John and Ena Puder
Dale and Alene Olson
- 20 David and Judie Deeds
- 26 Todd and Nancy Fredin
- 27 Russell and Marina Farmer
- 28 Pastor Jim and Carolyn Giannantonio



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Michael and Linnay Cummings
- 8 Barry and Gabby Rava
- 9 Ron and Dana Herbanek
- 11 Demi and Zach Edwards
- 13 Peter and Dana Lares
- 19 Rev Stephen and Theresa Kelly
- 30 Jim and Joanne Dumler



PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who continue to be impacted by
Hurricane Harvey

Sharon Amundson, sister of Paul Siegele
Ursala Aston, aunt of Kurt Goedecke
Robert Barr, brother of June Jacobson
David Bassett, friend of Mike Iversen
Karen Bauer
Carol Clinger, sister of Paul Siegele
Sharon Cotta, mother of Christy Iversen
Dennis and Leonard Craig, brothers-in-law
of Marilee Dittrich
Jane Fontenot, grandma of Miley Rose
Doug Gibson, friend of Phyllis and Monte
Richard
Phoebe Gilcrest, friend of Cheryl Skillman
Vanita Homer
Kristin Krueger
Roger and Mary Lemburg, relatives of Marti
Hatcher
Margaret, grandmother of Tina Blockhus
Ron Murawski, father of Tim Muawski
Bill Phelps, friend of Mike Iversen
Ray Reider, brother of Russ Reider
Cathy Roberson, daughter of Jodie Davis
Archie Sadler
Wuanita Schaper, mother of Carol Klem
Mary Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand
Catherine Shoenfelt
Robert Spear
Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil
Richard Thomas, brother-in-law of June
Jacobson
Andy Wilkins, brother of Marilee Dittrich
Paul and Vicki Williams
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

**August newsletter information
deadline is:**

July 15



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.					1
2 Senior Recognition Sunday 	3 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	4	5 Kairos Cookie Baking 9-12:00 & 1-4:00 	6	7	8
7 Easter			7:30 AA Journey			
9 3:00-5:00 Youth Volunteers at Food for Life Pentecost	10	11	12 6:00 Ladies Dinner Group-Palazzo's 7:30 AA Journey	13 7:00 Council	14	15
16 Holy Trinity	17 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	18	19 7:30 AA Journey	20	21 Confirmation Retreat in Galveston 	22
23 → Conf. Retreat Pentecost 2	24	25	26 7:30 AA Journey	27	28	29 
30 Pentecost 3						

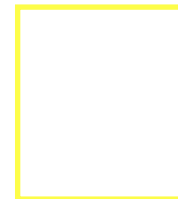


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	1 3:30-5:30 Youth Volunteers at Homeless Ministry 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	2	3 7:30 AA Journey	4  Office Closed	5	6
7	8	9	10 7:30 AA Journey	11 7:00 Council	12	13
← Vacation Bible School 5:00-8:30 →						
14	15 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	16	17 7:30 AA Journey	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 7:30 AA Journey	25	26	27
← Camp Lutherhill - 2nd through 9th grades →						
28	29	30	31 7:30 AA Journey			

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JUNE-JULY 2019

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2019 COUNCIL

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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 Ani
Brookdale Ministry	Ken Smith, Carolyn Kirk	Opportunity Endowment Fund	TBA
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Personnel	Ken Smith, Shirley Downing
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	TBA
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	Cliff Mabry		Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Cliff Mabry		