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A Night in Italy

Join us for a spaghetti and meatballs dinner
Prepared by Paul Siegele's crew of CTS Chefs

Friday, October 8
6:30 p.m.

Sign-up by Sunday, October 3
in the Narthex.

A free will offering will
benefit Westheimer
Assistance Ministries

GREEN THUMBS

Do you have a Green Thumb?



The church is looking for help cheering-up a couple of garden areas by planting flowers. The church will provide funds for the flowers if you can plant them. Please call Betsy and let her know of your availability. Fall planting season is almost here.

RALLY DAY IS COMING! SEPTEMBER 19

Join us for a new year of classes and fellowship!

LADIES DINNER GROUP

Please join us!
Wednesday, September 8
6:00 pm
Cantina Laredo



A sign-up sheet is in the narthex
or contact Mickey Walters at waltersmic@aol.com

COUNCIL NOTES

The following is a summary of discussions at the August 12, 2021 Christ the Servant (CTS) Council meeting.

The meeting minutes from the July 2021 council meeting were approved unanimously, while the Treasurer's report for July month-end was reviewed and taken into the record.

The Director of Youth and Family Ministry (JT) informed the council that Rally Day was tentatively scheduled for September 19th as well as the beginning of Sunday School for the children and youth in the Fall. However, both events remain contingent on health conditions in conjunction with Covid-19.

JT will begin his seminary internship on Sunday, August 15th at CTS. Pastor Jim will be JT's internship supervisor. Volunteers have generously offered their time to assist with the Youth/Family Ministry activities going forward. JT also informed the council that volunteers are still needed to staff the nursery on Sundays, as well as to assist with streaming Sunday services for those wishing to worship from home. If you wish to volunteer for either the nursery or worship service streaming, please contact JT. Training will be provided to learn how to record the Sunday services for streaming.

A CTS sexual harassment policy was approved by the CTS council and put into effect. The development of this policy was a response to a requirement from CTS' insurer and the seminary in conjunction with JT's internship. It was not a response to a specific incident. The council anticipates reviewing and discussing the policy during its September council meeting. Any necessary changes to ensure the policy is comprehensive and clear will be made at that time.

The council continued its monitoring of worship service attendance, both online and in-person. While online attendance of streaming services continued to decline during July, in-person worship attendance appears to be increasing. Despite this trend, it is still anticipated that the streaming of services online will continue for those wishing to worship from home.

In matters of building maintenance, the roof repairs were completed and Braun Roofing was paid in full. Also, the council voted unanimously to replace the existing A/C unit for the choir room at a total cost of \$9,980.

Prayerfully submitted,
Karen Carter
CTS Council Secretary

CONDOLENCES

We wish to extend our sympathy to Phylis Richard, Cheryl Skillman and their families. Monte Richard went to his eternal home in Christ on August 24. Please keep the family in your prayers.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

BINGO IS BACK

Wednesday, September 8th at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall
We are partnering again with Brookdale and hosting BINGO. Refreshments, Prizes and some laughs!
Sign-up Sheet in Narthex

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

"WONDER F U L L WORLD"

Presenter: Renee McGah
Dynamic Sessions, Crafts, Lunch
Saturday, October 2
9:30 - 3 PM
Fellowship Hall

Join us for a WONDER F U L L day with your fellow sisters in Christ for a really inspirational day of fellowship.
Sign-up Sheet is in Narthex.

LUNCH AT BROOKDALE COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, December 6
11:30 AM

Watch for Sign-up Sheets
Delicious lunch at Cafe, Fellowship and Shopping

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Please consider this volunteer opportunity

Tuesday, October 5th

Two Shifts are available 3:30 to 5:30 OR 5:30 to 7:30

I'd like to encourage OUR LADIES to consider the opportunity Ken Smith has detailed as a Service Project to benefit Periwinkle Foundation. It will be an easy project and perfect in conjunction with God's Work our Hands. I personally am familiar with Periwinkle as I served on their board and was a volunteer for years and I truly can say they do excellent work for children and teens challenged by cancer and who are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital. One of their Staff members will be bringing everything for us to assemble "craft bags" for the patients. Sign-up Sheets for Volunteers will be in Narthex.

Your Church needs YOU to do God's Work!
Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated!

Any questions please contact me!
Marsha Bower
Women's Ministry Team Leader
lb16434@aol.com
281-381-0515

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

The People of God – Us – Who Attend to One Another All Days, All Ways

I was struck by a passage in a sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor in her book "Gospel Medicine". In her sermon titled "Blessed Brokenness" Rev. Taylor writes about Luke's story of what happened on the road to Emmaus, that it is "...a perfect little address book for the living God. First there is the closeness of the two disciples on the road, and then their kindness to a stranger. Then there is the way their hearts burned within them when he opened the scriptures to them, and how they knew him in the breaking of the bread. Count them - fellowship, hospitality, word, and sacrament - all the ways Christ has promised to be present with us, which also happen to be the everyday activities of the church. Not the building, or the institution, but the people of God - us - who attend to one another, to strangers, to God's word and sacraments as a way of life."



Rather than participating in God's Work our Hands activities/projects on one specific day or weekend during the year, we will be thinking of, and doing, various activities/projects that Us, the people of God, are led to do, whenever they might be held.

On Tap Now:

Periwinkle Foundation: a community of healing for children and teens challenged by cancer and life-threatening illnesses who are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital. Periwinkle Presents hosts two live craft segments a month for the patients on ZTV (a closed-circuit TV network at Texas Children's Hospital). To accompany each, Periwinkle needs volunteers to prepare 50 craft kits containing all of the necessary materials for the patients to follow along. We will be doing any craft prep (sorting materials, putting paper shapes in baggies, counting pipe cleaners, etc) and packaging everything up! A Periwinkle staff member will bring everything -we just need happy helpers! All are encouraged to Google or go straight to the website, periwinklefoundation.org for more information.

WHEN: October 5, 2021, a Tuesday. Fellowship Hall, 3:30 to 5:30 and 5:30 to 7:30, or some combination of the two. Periwinkle Foundation will bring the supplies but will need a count of volunteers. Please sign up the time you choose by sending an email to Betsy Riggs (ctsoffice1@comcast.net) or to Ken Smith (kenmcdonaldsmith@icloud.com) or on Sign-up Sheets in the Narthex.

Other Possible Opportunities:

- WHAM needs trees trimmed to reduce possible wind-storm and hurricane damage to its premises. (We can pick the day if we take this on)

- WHAM also needs its shrubbery trimmed. (We can pick the date if we take this on)
- In October, WHAM needs help with taking inventory. (Date to be advised)

If you have an idea, let's make it happen! Just contact Betsy Riggs or Ken Smith

Ken Smith
God's Work, Our Hands Chairperson

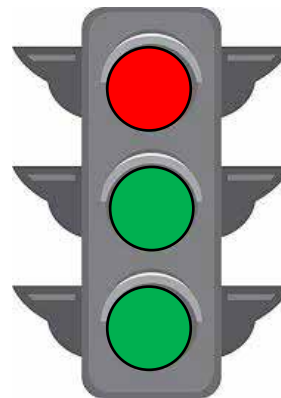
OEF THANK YOU

In this challenging pandemic time – also faced with the critical need to serve our Afghan Allies in danger - as the Director for Outreach, I would be remiss if I did not email to thank you for the generous donation that your congregation provided to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Your congregation's commitment to the most vulnerable – refugees, migrants and especially children – is inspirational.

Thank you for your compassionate gift.

In Christ's Love,
Kristin Witte, Director of Outreach
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

CTS Financial Dashboard Through JULY 2021



YTD Contributions
\$ 288,630
8.5% below budgeted income

YTD Expenditures
\$ 307,174
3.7% below budgeted expenses

Cash Reserve
6.7 months coverage of average monthly expenses

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

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

CALENDAR ITEMS

Monday, September 6 - OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY
 Wednesday, September 8 - 1:30 p.m. - Women's Ministry
 Bingo - Fellowship Hall
 Wednesday, September 8 – 6:00 P.M. Ladies' Dinner
 Cantina Laredo
 Thursday, September 9 - 7 p.m. - Council
 Tuesday, September 7. WHAM ESL begins. It will be held
 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 - 8 p.m.. The
 classes will be virtual and sign-up can be done on the
 WHAM website.
 Sunday, September 19 - Rally Day

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Andrew and Aniva Hahn
- 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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cayleigh Jones
- Premachand Potla
- 3 Shane Matherne
- 4 Brian Heil
- Kathy Riggs
- 5 Debby Cutler
- 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 Mickey Walters
- Nato Mpinga
- 18 Kevin Scace
- 19 Issiah Mgendi
- 22 Hans Kiondo
- Barbara Stuckey
- 27 Inga Carlson



PRAYER REQUESTS

Karen Bauer
 Nancy Chapman
 Sharon Cotta, mother of Christy Iversen
 Jane Fontenot, grandma of Miley Rose
 Donald K. Hiestand, father of Gary Hiestand
 Kristin Krueger
 Roger Lemburg and family
 Ron Murawski, father of Tim Murawski
 Cathy Roberson & Debby Weaver, daughters
 of Jodie Davis
 Roger, brother of Bitsy Muse
 Mary Shabunas, mother of Mary Hiestand
 Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil
 Frank Welsh, friend of Mike and Phylis Karas
 Zachary, grandson of Bitsy Muse

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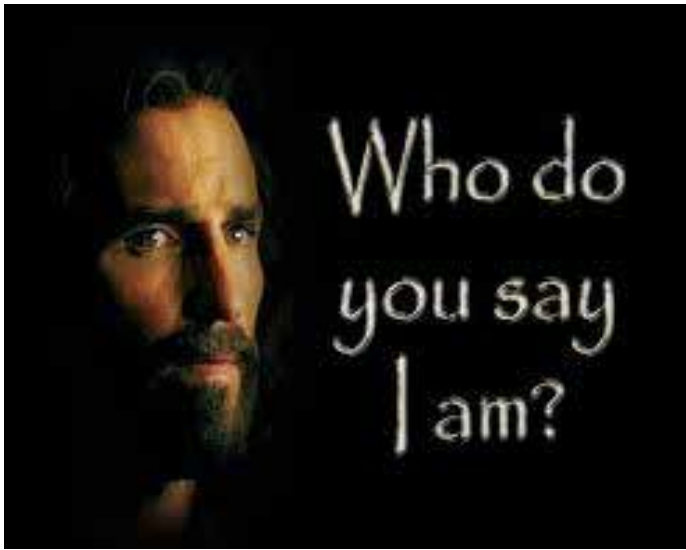
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This newsletter and a calendar of church activities are
 available on the CTS website at:
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**October newsletter information deadline is:
 September 15**

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

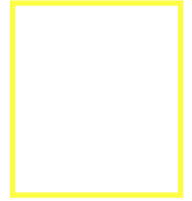


He asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" and they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

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2021 COUNCIL

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Treasurer:	Susan Collins	At Large:	Tina Blockhus
Treasurer Elect:	Vicki Rudolph-Williams		

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
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Opportunity Endowment Fund	Kurt Goedecke
Care Team	Pat Korge and Mary Puccini	Personnel	Ken Smith, Shirley Downing
College Ministry	Tina Blockhus	Prayer Chain	Marti Hatcher
Disaster Response Team	Ron Herbanek	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Family Aid Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio	Sound Team	TBA 8:00 Service
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot		Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Greeters	TBA	Stewardship	Chandler Wilhelm
Homeless Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio, Rosalie Fontenot	Ushers	8:00 Russell Farmer
			11:00 Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	WHAM Representatives	Ken Smith
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Women's Ministry	Marsha Bower
Lectors	Chandler Wilhelm	Worship and Music	Lori Wood
Liturgical Assistants	Chandler Wilhelm		