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FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO JT

Join us in saying goodbye to JT as he
begins a new adventure in his life!

Sunday, August 14

After second service

BBQ lunch catered by Demeris

Signup sheets are in the Narthex

Free will offering taken

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry will be having Bingo
with Brookdale on Wednesday, August
24 at noon. Come join us for some
fellowship and fun with our Brookdale
neighbors!



LADIES DINNER GROUP

Please join us!
Wednesday, August 10
6:00 pm
Chili's
10001 Westheimer #127



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

FLOWER COST CHANGE

The price of flowers has gone
up! Beginning August 1,
single bouquets will be \$31.
The cost for both bouquet
will be \$62.



MEN WHO LOVE SPAGHETTI

Men Who Love Spaghetti are trying something new!
August 17 at 7:00
George's Pastaria
1722 S Dairy Ashford Rd.



Please join us for good
friends, good conversation and
good food! Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

The Christ the Servant (CTS) Council met for their monthly meeting on the evening of Thursday, July 14th in a hybrid format comprised of in-person and virtual council members. Below are highlights from the meeting. For more detailed information, please refer to the minutes contained in the binder kept on a table in the CTS narthex.

The meeting began with a presentation from the Opportunity Endowment Fund Committee, giving the council an overview of what they have done in the past year. The OEF has awarded all funding for the giving year, giving slightly over the budgeted \$48,500. This ministry has given aid to organizations such as the Houston Tool Bank, Acts of Wisdom, Neighbors in Action, Fulshear Outreach and Development, Karatu Hospital, Luther Hill, Ukrainian relief efforts in Slovakia, JT's seminary studies, Lutheran World Relief, WHAM, Counseling Connection for Change, and Mission of Yahweh. We are so grateful for the wonderful work being done by the OEF council.

Following the OEF presentation, our pastoral intern, JT, led a thoughtful devotion filled with personal anecdotes that reminded us we are made and meant for community. We as people and as a Church are better together as a community.

In the treasurer's report, it was noted that since COVID, we have been experiencing numbers in the red regarding income versus expenses, unlike what we were previously used to. Rest assured that CTS has the money to continue living out our mission, and we are all dedicated to finding solutions to help get back on track financially.

JT was happy to report that he has been fully approved by the candidacy committee and is looking to the future with optimism and prayer. Pastor Jim is excited to have been invited to a seminar in Antioch where he will be studying Paul and Peter, and will also be spending two days in Cypress.

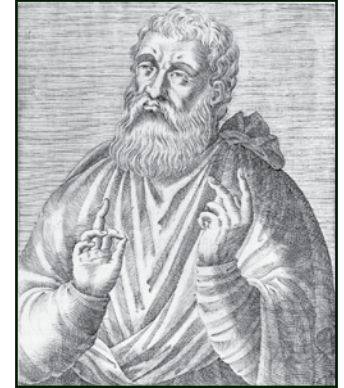
The meeting concluded with discussions surrounding other business such as the search for an "IT Wizard" who will be hired to take over video, sound, and any other technological responsibilities. As always, all CTS Council meetings are open to the congregation. Anyone who would like to attend is gladly welcomed to any of our monthly meetings.

Blessings and peace,
Zach Edwards
CTS Council Secretary

PASTOR JIM'S CORNER

Beginning this month, Pastor Jim has some topical thoughts he would like to share in this space from time to time. This month the question arose about why we worship as we do?. Justin Martyr, who lived from A.D. 100-165 in the early years of the church, tells us how worship services were structured from the very beginning.

"And on the day which is called 'Sun-day' there is an assembly of all who live in the cities or the fields, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time allows. Then, when the person reading has stopped, the president in an address gives instruction and encouragement to imitate these good things.



Justin Martyr, Andre Thevet, 1584

Then we all rise together and make prayers; and, as I mentioned before, when we have ceased from praying, bread and wine and water are brought in, and the president in the same way offers up prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent by saying 'Amen'. There is both a distribution to each and a sharing in the eucharistic elements, and a sending to those who not present, by means of the deacons. Those who are well off and willing give each what he wishes according to his own purpose, and what is collected is deposited with the president. It is also he who helps both orphans and widows, and those who lack through illness or another cause, and those who are in chains, and visiting strangers; and in short, he has the responsibility for those who are in need. Now we all hold our common assembly on Sun-day, because it is the first day, the day on which God changed the darkness and matter when God made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead on the same day. For it was on the day before Saturn's, that is Sun-day, that he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them these things, which we have also handed on to you for your consideration."

Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Randy and Susan Collins
- 8 Jerry and Kandy Myers
- 9 Braille and Edna Ndanshau
- 20 Chuck and Anne Marie Cook
- 21 Paul and Linda Siegele
- 24 Sue and Arnie Kaestner
- 27 Nicas and Louise Kiondo
- 29 Ade and Ethel Kujimiyo



GRADUATIONS

We are pleased and excited to announce the graduation of our granddaughter, Zoë Holland, from the University of Southern California. She is graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, with emphasis on Autism. We are very proud of her accomplishment!
Nancie and Billy Blair



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Gerald (Gerry) Ludwig
- 3 Karl Kramer
Neema Makia
Bill Skillman
William Hahn
- 4 Ema Makia
- 5 Ronald Hatcher
- 7 Linda Iversen
Jason Bell
- 8 Ruth Froebel
Aniva Hahn
- 9 Kevin Petterson
- 10 Pamela Mobley
Miles Jones
- 13 Russell Riggs
- 14 Blake Iversen
- 15 Fredda Yurk
- 17 Patti Sterle
- 18 Dale Dickman
Glenda Ludwig
- 19 Christy Iversen
- 26 Judi Leisk
Donna Winczewski
- 27 Kandy Myers
- 31 Louise Kiondo
Michael Phillips



BOOK CLUB

On August 27, for the second time, the CTS Book Club will have an author on hand to enhance our discussion. Our own Pastor Kathy Hauelsen has written *Mayflower Chronicles The Tale of Two Cultures* and will be joining us. Come join us to look at how two cultures struggled to understand each other.



TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>June 1-30, 2022</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Total Contributions</u>	\$58,000.00	\$315678.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Personnel	\$29,071.00	\$206,652.00
Property Management	\$11,334.00	\$84,327.00
Ministry Programs	\$2,575.00	\$21,426.00
Total Expenses	\$42,980.00	\$312,405.00
<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>	\$15,020	\$3,273.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Karen and LeRoy Bauer
Sharon Cotta, mother of Christy Iversen
Judie Deeds
Jane Fontenot, grandma of Miley Rose
Christy Iversen
Billijo Kern
Cathy Roberson and Debby Weaver, daughters of Jodi Davis
Ruby Sadler
Marjorie Swartz, mother of Julie Heil
Frank Welsh, friend of Mike and 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

September newsletter information deadline is:

August 15

Please submit information and articles in **MSWord documents** to Laura Wilhelm at

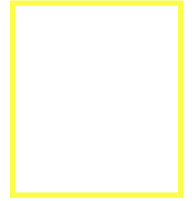
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2022 COUNCIL

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Treasurer:	Mickey Walters	At Large:	Sophia Manning
At Large:	Neema Makia		

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	Adam Jones
Care Team	Karen Welborn	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
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	WHAM Representatives	11:00 Pat Welborn
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Women's Ministry	Ken Smith
Lectors	Chandler Wilhelm	Worship and Music	Marsha Bower
Liturgical Assistants	Chandler Wilhelm		Lori Wood