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YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Laser Quest

Jr. High and High School Students- stick around after church on Sunday, October 12th for a trip to Laser Quest. School is back in, Sunday School has started, and we all need to blow off a little steam! Let's shoot lasers at each other. You know - for fun! Cost for each person is \$25, and that will get us 3 games and pizza for lunch. Sign up in the narthex, in your Sunday School class, or email J.T. to add your name to the list.



Monkey Joe's!

Families with kids 5th grade and younger are invited to join us at Monkey Joe's (13316 Westheimer Road, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77077) on

Saturday, October 25th from 2-4 pm! Monkey Joe's play area of wall-to-wall fun features inflatable slides, jumps, and obstacle courses, guaranteed to keep our kids active, happy, healthy, and safe! Best of all - it's indoors, so it doesn't matter what the weather is like. Need something to burn off a little bit of that weekend energy? Join us at Monkey Joe's! Adults are free to enter, and the cost for kids is \$10.99 (2 and under are \$6.00 if playing). All jumpers must wear socks! If you'd like to attend - email J.T. and let him know so that we can look for you, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Confirmation/Reformation BBQ!

Confirmation is a huge faith milestone, and we are going to celebrate our students who have achieved it by throwing a party in their honor! On Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2015, we are hosting a BBQ lunch after the 11 a.m. worship service. The lunch will be catered by Demeris BBQ, and include all of your BBQ favorites: beef, sausage, chicken, sauce, beans, potato salad, french bread, pickles, onions and jalapenos. Tickets for the lunch are only \$5 per person. Tickets for confirmands and children under 10 years old are FREE! Tickets will be on sale in the narthex on October 5, 12, and 19th. No tickets will be sold on the day of the lunch, so get yours this Sunday!



ELCA Youth Gathering 2015

The time for making commitments has come! If you are planning to attend the Gathering next summer in Detroit, your \$150 deposit is due ASAP. A deposit simply helps us know of your intent Official registration begins on October 15th, and we'd like to have our list of attendees nailed down by then. Of course, the deposit is refundable until March 15th, but the sooner we get our group registered, the better chance we'll have at getting a great hotel, fundraising, and pricing airline tickets. If you have questions, please contact J.T., Tami Porras, or Pastor Jim.





COUNCIL CORNER

In September, we welcomed Sonya Scott from WHAM, along with two ESL teachers. We were pleased to approve their request to use a classroom on Tuesday and Thursday nights for ESL classes. Our other visitor was Carl Teegerstrom who reported on his recent Eagle Scout project at Second Blessing.

Items of business included:

- God's Work Our Hands weekend of service was a great success. Over 100 children, young people and adults participated in gardening, building bears, spending time with nursing home residents and making blankets and pillowcases. Not only did we help others in our community, but we enjoyed fellowship with our fellow members and friends. The response has been very favorable and we look forward to participating again next year.
- Planning is already underway for our youth participation in the ELCA Youth Gathering in July 2015.
- Facility maintenance recently completed was painting, both inside and outside, parking lot light repair, stained glass window protection and 6-month A/C maintenance.
- We are currently investigating different methods for communicating important information to all members electronically and easily, i.e., text blasts, email blasts, telephone trees, etc.
- Budget preparation has begun and will be discussed at our October meeting.

Please remember council members in your prayers as we do the work of Christ the Servant!

2014 Council

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Measured Giving

If we are baking a cake, mixing concrete, or producing steel, we must be sure that we measure the right quantities of the ingredients.

If we are to do God's will on earth, we must also measure out our stewardship.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2014

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>August</u>
Total Income	\$427,040	\$55,778
Total Expenses	\$388,235	\$61,358
Excess	\$38,805	(\$5580)



book of faith

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, October 14 & 28

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Conference Room

Study is from the Book of Faith series,
Heaven on Earth

6 study sessions and 2 social activities

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

I found an interesting meditation entitled “The Inviting Colors of Fall” by Julia Bettencourt. In it she states how many people are drawn to the rich, warm, vibrant colors of fall. A question she poses is, “Do other people gravitate to me because I am a warm, vibrant, and inviting person?” This is a good question to ponder this time of year. Bettencourt discusses each fall color with a way we as Christians can reflect those colors through our behaviors and actions.

- Red = passion, we should reflect our own passion for Christ in our daily walk through life.
- Orange = warmth, we should be a warm, inviting person that cares about others.
- Yellow = happiness, we should have the joy of Christ in our hearts and that should reflect out through us.
- Purple = royalty, we are royalty in Christ and our behavior should reflect that fact.
- Brown = stability, Christ is our anchor and stabilizer, if we put Him first in our lives it shows in our actions and behavior.

She concludes by stating how we portray our “colors” matters. We need to portray vibrancy and warmth so people are drawn to us and will get to know Christ through us. In the midst of back to school demands and the oncoming hectic holiday season take a moment to reflect on your “colors” and what they are reflecting to those around you.

Yours in Christ,
Tami Porras
Worship & Music Chairperson

Upcoming Dates:

October 26th – Reformation Sunday and Confirmation
November 2nd – All Saints Sunday

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sandra **Barr**, sister-in-law of June and Harvey **Jacobson**

Karen **Bauer**

The **Bolton** Family, relatives of Michelle **Stelly**

Norma **Dodenhoff**, mother of Louise **Hauser**

Michelle **Ernst**, friend of Bill and Nancie **Blair**

Gary **Ernsting**, brother of Susan **Kramer**

Scott **Greene**, family friend of Bill and Nancie **Blair**

Lauren, friend of Joanne **Dumler**

Vivian **Johnson**

Rosamond **Landry**

Julie **Martin**, sister-in-law of Larry **Henderson**

Mary **Merriwether**, family friend of Ron and Marti **Hatcher**

Walter **Milke**, brother of Bob **Milke**

Alicia **Porras**, mother-in-law of Tamara **Porras**

Clay **Sather**

Valarie **Schick**, granddaughter of Bill and Nancie **Blair**

Mary Ann **Shabunas**, mother of Mary **Hiestand**

Doris **Stange**

Barbara **Stelly**, Michelle **Stelly's** mother

Joe **Stelly**, Michelle **Stelly's** father

Marjorie **Swartz**, Julie **Heil's** mother

Bettie **Taylor**, friend of Bitsy **Muse**

Zachary, grandson of Bitsy **Muse**

Richard, Sandy and Ricky **Wilson**, relatives of Phylis **Karas**

If you would like to add a name or take a name off the Prayer List, please call Betsy or email her at the church office ctsoffice1@comcast.net or 713.784-6620

SYMPATHY

Loretta Allen, mother of Karen Welborn, went to her eternal home in Christ on Saturday, September 20. The memorial was held at Christ the Servant on Thursday, September 25th at 11:00 a.m. Please keep the Welborn Family in your prayers.



41 people made over 51 bears for children at Health Bridge hospital.



26 people made 52 blankets and 37 pillowcases for Family and Protective Services

God's Work Our Hands





At Emeritus Nursing Home, we decorated cookies and wheelchairs.



Our day included :
digging up a LOT of weeds
spreading many bags of mulch
taming lots of wayward branches



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bryan Carlson
- 3 Pat Welborn
- 4 Phyllis Begin
- 6 Chuck Cook III
- 7 Karen Bauer
Shirley Downing
Joyce Johnson
Richard (Andy) Pipes - child
- 8 Donald Hiestand
Hattie Null
- 11 Chandler Wilhelm
Noah Makia – child
- 12 Lydia Sweet
- 15 Steven Dittrich
Lori Wood
Pilar Harkless
- 17 Lauren Welborn
- 19 Erin McGibbon
Jeremy Jones
- 20 Marie Saunders
- 21 Tyler Carlson
John Shoemaker
- 22 Pastor Jim
Sybille Moore
Eva Ninman
- 23 Kasey Palfreyman
Linda Shoemaker
- 25 Billijo Kern
Eva Naumow
- 30 Bob Leisk
- 31 Richard Carlson
Billy Blair



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 12 Haika Ngowi and John Japhet Mfungo
Mike and Linda Saunders
- 14 Bruce and Kristin Palfreyman
- 15 Bill and JoAnn Olds

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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: 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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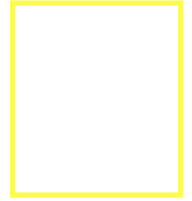
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Monday Christian Education- Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.</p>			<p>2 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>3 11:00-2:00 WHAM ESL</p>	
<p>5 Snack Pack sales</p>	<p>6 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p>7 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL 6:00 Youth & Fellowship Meeting 7:00 Worship & Music Meeting</p>	<p>8 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>9 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p>10 11:00-2:00 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 12:30- Laser Quest Middle School & High School</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL <i>book of faith</i> 7:00 Bible study</p>	<p>15 6:00 Women's Dinner Group 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>16 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>17 11:00-2:00 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Snack Pack sales</p>	<p>20 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p>21 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>22 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>23 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>24 11:00-2:00 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>25 9:00 Altar Guild 2:00 Monkey Joe's Elementary & Younger Youth </p>
<p>26 Reformation Sun- day/ Confirmation 12:30 Confirma- tion Lunch</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL <i>book of faith</i> 7:00 Bible study</p>	<p>29 7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p>30 5:30-8:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p>31 11:00-2:00 WHAM ESL</p>	

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2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

	President: Carolyn Kirk	
Vice President:	Karen Welborn	At Large: Matt Grant
Secretary:	John Shoemaker	At Large: Tina Blockhus
Treasurer:	Mickey Walters	At Large: Bill Blair
Financial Secretary:	Drew Stackel	At Large: David Stallwitz

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

Acolytes	Mary Beth Teegerstrom	Memorial Service Coordinator	Linda Iversen
Adult Christian Ed	Mary Beth Teegerstrom	Men Who Love Spaghetti	Roger Cutler
Altar Guild	Lori Wood	Opportunity Endowment Fund	Mike Iversen
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Personnel	Karen Welborn
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Prayer Chain	Judi Leisk
Disaster Response Team	Mike Karas	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	Donna Schneider	Stewardship	Carolyn Kirk
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing	Ushers	Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	WHAM Representatives	Doug Hanson, Phylis Karas
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson	Worship and Music	Tamara Porras
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant	Youth Fellowship	Michele Byrnes, Vicki Williams
Liturgical Assistants	Mary Beth Teegerstrom		