

# INTERMISSION

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## DISASTER RECOVERY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

We are well into the season of the year when we all should have plans in place in the event of a bad storm or other disaster. In past years CTS organized a Rapid Response Team. It was an amazing organizational effort put forth by several dedicated members. Although our congregation and building were fortunate not to suffer a tragedy, the team was called upon more than once to bring disaster relief to others in South Texas.

The CTS Rapid Response Team has been blessed with inactivity in recent years, and some parts have disbanded. It's time now to resurrect and refresh that effort. A well documented plan already exists and team positions are identified. Participants at all levels are needed. If disaster strikes, we want to be prepared in the basics of Logistics, Communications; Needs Assessment, Donation Coordination.... and much more!

Please consider helping. If you have an interest or simply want more information before volunteering, please contact me at [kathyriggs2014@gmail.com](mailto:kathyriggs2014@gmail.com).

### JOIN US!

#### ***Men Who Love Spaghetti***

Men Who Love Spaghetti will meet this month on Thursday, August 20 at Piccolo's, 7:00 pm.

#### ***Ladies Dinner Group***

Ladies Dinner Group will meet Wednesday, August 12 at Carillion Center La Madeleine, 10001 Westheimer, 6:00.

Sign-up sheets for both of these events are on the table in the Narthex

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

After participating in their Proclaim Justice Day in Detroit, our students are hard at work brainstorming ideas for ways our church can practice justice together! I hope you'll mark your calendar for the weekend of September 12th and 13th, and join us as we do God's Work with Our Hands.



## SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Saturday, September 12th at 10:30 a.m., Jessica Noonan will be on hand to train youth workers, volunteers, and to raise awareness concerning issues of sexual and emotional abuse, and to provide tools for prevention that we can all use to protect our children from harm, promote safety and bring healing. This program is mandatory for all those who share their gifts of ministry with our children and youth, and is open to interested members of the congregation as well. The material is tough, and can be uncomfortable, but it is necessary. For that reason- the training is offered at no cost, and lunch is provided. RSVP to J.T. by emailing [jt@christtheservant.net](mailto:jt@christtheservant.net).

### ***Mark your calendars:***

Rally Day is September 20, 2015.

Sunday School begins on September 27, 2015.



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

It has been a wonderful, refreshing summer. Things move slower in the summer. Everyone seems to be in a more laid back and relaxed mode. Now it is time to return to a more structured and focused season with school beginning and the holidays just around the corner. I believe when God created the seasons he intended for summer to be our time to relax and refresh, fall to be a time to focus, winter a time to reflect and renew, and spring a time of new beginnings.

The Worship & Music committee will meet on August 11th to begin planning our liturgical year. We strive to bring new life into our church year as well as hold fast to our beloved traditions. We look forward to creating wonderful worship experiences for everyone and always enjoy your feedback.

Yours in Christ,  
Tami Porras  
Worship & Music Chairperson

## NEW ADDRESS

Longtime member Carolyn Brath has moved. Her new address is:  
2956 Hathaway Rd., #1212  
Richmond, VA 23225

## HOMELESS MINISTRY BREAD PICK-UP

Volunteers are needed to pick up the bread from Mrs. Baird's for Homeless Ministry sandwich making twice a month. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please write clearly and leave your phone number and email address.

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$324,522
Total Expenses	\$335,295 *
Excess	(\$10,773)

\* Reflects annual premium for casualty/liability insurance paid in full

## ARE YOU A “NUMBERS” PERSON?

During the next few months the Church Council will seek an appointee for the 2016 position as Treasurer. The Treasurer oversees disbursement of the congregation's financial resources and issues condition reports to Council each month. This position does not oversee income or collections.

Qualifications for Treasurer:

1. Understanding of double-entry bookkeeping. Familiarity with not-for-profit fund accounting preferred.
2. Ability to learn and run the Power Church accounting program and become familiar with all account codes.
3. Ability to update, print, and electronically distribute Excel spreadsheets.

If you have an interest or would like additional details at NO OBLIGATION, please contact Council President Kathy Riggs at [kathyriggs2014@gmail.com](mailto:kathyriggs2014@gmail.com). Remember, the term of office does not begin until 2016.

## CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please send your current college address and birthdate to:

Linda Siegele at [lsiegele@consolidated.net](mailto:lsiegele@consolidated.net) or  
Linda Shoemaker at [lwittig1437@comcast.net](mailto:lwittig1437@comcast.net)  
in order to receive goodies throughout  
the school year.

## KAIROS COOKIE MINISTRY

The CTS Cookie Ministry baked 150 dozen chocolate chip cookies the week of June 8-12 and delivered them to a Methodist church in Sugar Land. The church is the working facility for 50-60 volunteers who sort the cookies, prepare snacks, and cook meals to take to the prison, among other tasks. It is a huge undertaking.

There were many huge boxes of store-bought cookies being sorted into individual packages. When we brought in our homemade cookies, everyone commented on how perfect they looked. They were so happy to get homemade cookies.

Kairos is just one part of many parts of the Interfaith Initiative (IFI) program begun by Chuck Colson. The program is currently only in Texas, as lawsuits in other states have caused the program to be banned on the basis of separation of church and state. The inmates in this program come from prisons all over Texas.

Kairos is a 3-day program held in a chapel in the Carol Vance Prison in Sugar Land. Seven round tables are set up. Each table consists of 3 volunteers and 6 inmates. Different topics of discussion and events take

place. Cookies are placed in the center of the table for them to eat. The servers at this event are inmates who have already gone through the program.

The cookies are used as follows, with the homemade cookies being used especially for the forgiveness cookies:

- Friday evening they are given one dozen cookies to take with them. The cookies are placed in paper bags with pictures drawn on them by children. They also have placemats with pictures drawn on them by children. They love these sacks and placemats.
- Saturday evening they are given two dozen cookies to take with them. One dozen is for them, and one dozen is to give away to someone and either forgive that person or ask for forgiveness.
- Sunday morning they tell the stories of giving out their cookies. On Sunday, the guards and all inmates in the facility are given cookies.



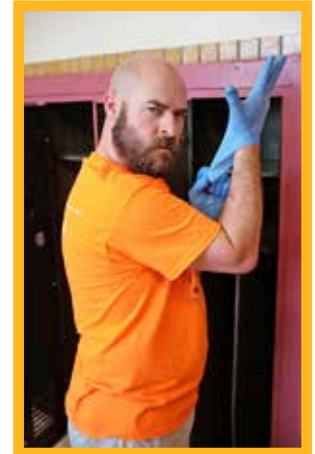
## YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

### 2015 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Thanks again for all of those who helped our students raise funds and prayed for us while we were gone. The 2015 Gathering was a great time for us, and for the people of Detroit. Here is a quick summary of what Lutheran teenagers were able to accomplish, by the numbers:

- 1 million diapers donated
- 607 pints of blood donated
- 650 people donated at least 8 inches of hair for a minimum of 433 feet. (by comparison - the Cadillac building that we walked by in downtown Detroit is 438 feet tall!)
- ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water event gathered donations totaling \$402,000. A generous donor has pledged to match those donations up to \$500,000.
- 1,847 mural boards painted for boarding up windows.
- 600 neighborhoods affected
- 319 vacant homes boarded up
- 3200 vacant lots cleared of debris
- 1.425 backpacks distributed
- 36 urban gardens installed
- 99 picnic tables built
- 26 dumpsters filled

The big news was finally announced on the last day of the Gathering - the next one, in 2018, will be in HOUSTON! We are excited to welcome 30,000 ELCA students and adults to our town.



Our CTS crew worked at Edison Elementary school, organizing their auditorium stage area, cleaning lockers, hallways and classrooms, and re-establishing a library for the students!





We had a great time solving riddles and asking probing questions to get to know each other better over great food (my favorite part!)



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Debbie Esparza
- 3 Karl Kramer  
Neema Makia  
Bill Skillman
- 4 Ben Moore  
Ema Makia – child
- 5 Ronald Hatcher
- 6 Abby Thomas
- 7 Linda Iversen
- 8 Ruth Froebel
- 9 Julie Hanson  
Kevin Petterson
- 10 Pamela Mobley
- 13 John Krueger  
Russell Riggs
- 14 Michael (Blake)Iversen II – child
- 17 Nicholas Cavalcanti  
Patti Sterle
- 19 Christy Iversen
- 26 Judi Leisk  
Donna Winczewski
- 27 Kandy Myers
- 31 Michelle Ezebuiri – child



## 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
- 23 Caroline Kiondo
- 24 Sue and Arnie Kaestner  
Matt and Donna Grant
- 25 William and Margery Wheeler
- 26 Robert and Ruth Froebel  
Phil and Eva Ninman  
Harvey and June Jacobson
- 29 Ade and Ethel Kujimiyo



## PRAYER REQUESTS

David **Aguilar**, friend of Bitsy **Muse**  
 Colleen **B.**, friend of Inga **Carlson**  
 Bob **Barr**, nephew of June and Harvey **Jacobson**  
 Karen and LeRoy **Bauer**  
 Janet **Becker**, sister of Donna **Grant**  
 Alice **Bonkowsky**, mother of Lily **Sweet**  
 Eric **Booth**, brother-in-law of Ron **Herbanek**  
 Randy **Brown**, father of Elizabeth **Brown**  
 Reid **Burrell** and the **Burrell Family**, friends of  
 Vanita **Homer**  
 Haily **Callihan**, grandchild of Karen and LeRoy  
**Bauer**  
 Jan **Ellingson**, friend of Jackie **Scace**  
 Pilar **Harkless**  
 Jim **Harley**, friend of Paul **Richard**  
 Paul **Henderson**, son of Larry **Henderson**  
 Roxanne **Hymel**, friend of Michele **Byrnes**  
 Audrey **Johnson**  
 MyDream **Johnson**, daughter of Audrey **Johnson**  
 Vivian **Johnson**  
 Rosamond **Landry**  
 Cynthia **McGee**, friend of Audrey **Johnson**  
 Alicia **Porrás**, mother-in-law of Tamara **Porrás**  
 Deb **Prive**, friend of Karen **Murawski**  
 Steve and Michele **Rupp**  
 Russell **Sadler**, brother of Archie **Sadler**  
 Valarie **Schick**, granddaughter of Nancie and Bill  
**Blair**  
 Mary Ann **Shabunas**, mother of Mary **Hiestand**  
 Brian **Smith**  
 Ron **King**, friend of the **Stallwitz Family**  
 Kelly **Nickels**, sister of Carrie **Stallwitz**  
 Doris **Stange**  
 Marlene **Susca**, friend of Gloria **Reider**  
 Marjorie **Swartz**, mother of Julie **Heil**  
 Marcy **Williams**  
 Robin and Mark **Wolfley** and family, friends of Ruth  
**Klinger**  
**Zachary**, grandson of Bitsy **Muse**  
 Sandy and Ricky **Wilson**, aunt and cousin of Phylis  
**Karas**

If you would like to add or remove a name from the  
 Prayer List, please call Betsy or email her at the  
 church office:

**713-784-6620** or [ctsoffice1@comcast.net](mailto:ctsoffice1@comcast.net)



# AUGUST 2015

Sunday Worship  
8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	4	5 7:30 AA Journey	6	7	8
9	10	11 7:00 Worship & Music Meeting	12 6:00 Ladies Dinner Group 7:30 AA Journey	13 7:00 Council	14	15
16	17  3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	WHAM School Supply Distribution →			21	22
23	24	25	26 7:00 Opportunity Endowment Fund 7:30 AA Journey	27 7:00 Men Who Love Spaghetti	28	29
30	31		7:30 AA Journey			

## CHURCH STAFF

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Sulma Cruz

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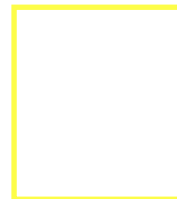
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[www.christtheservant.net](http://www.christtheservant.net)

Please submit articles in **MS Word documents** to  
Laura Wilhelm at: lvwilhelm@comcast.net.

September newsletter deadline is **August 15**.

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## 2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**President: Kathy Riggs**  
**Vice President: Kevin Scace**      **At Large: Rosalie Fontenot**  
**Secretary: John Shoemaker**      **At Large: Bruce Palfreyman**  
**Treasurer: Mickey Walters**      **At Large: Bill Blair**  
**Financial Secretary: Ron Herbanek**      **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	Nursery Attendant	Amanda Howell
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer		Assistant: Michelle Sanchez
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Opportunity Endowment Fund	Carrie Stallwitz
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Personnel	Karen Welborn
Disaster Response Team	Mike Karas	Prayer Chain	Judi Leisk
Family Aid Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot	Sound Team	TBA 8:00 Service
Greeters	Donna Schneider		Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing	Stewardship	Carolyn Kirk
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	Ushers	8:00 Russell Farmer
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson		11:00 Pat Welborn
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant	WHAM Representatives	Doug Hanson, Phylis Karas
Liturgical Assistants	Mary Beth Teegerstrom	Worship and Music	Tamara Porras
		Youth Fellowship	Michele Byrnes, Vicki Williams