

INTERMISSION

OPPORTUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Opportunity Endowment Fund has been busy responding to a number of grant requests this year. Funds have been granted to support the following needs:

- Karatu Hospital in Karatu, Tanzania for medical supplies.
- Family Hope tutoring program at New Creations Lutheran, Fulshear, Texas, for computers and IT support.
- Food and counseling for impoverished families served by Fulshear Outreach in Pachacutic, Peru. Fulshear Outreach is a ministry of New Creations Lutheran in our sister synod of Peru.
- Operation Ordination for JT Thomas-help with seminary tuition.

Do you have a need in your heart that speaks to you? Can you think of a service opportunity where the congregation can get involved? Do you have family or friends involved in missions needing funds? Opportunity Endowment funds are not restricted to the CTS family. Anyone can apply. Application forms are on the CTS website and on the table in the Narthex.



WHAM NEWS

From the Homeless Ministry:

We had a successful 2015 Garage Sale, earning \$3,217.57.

You made it possible with your wonderful donations. We had a lot of the members helping us with the garage sale on Saturday and all during the two weeks prior with the sorting and organizing. We appreciate everyone's help and lending their talents.

The Homeless Ministry is need of jelly, sandwich-and quart-size bags for our sandwiches, and plastic grocery bags.

From WHAM:

WHAM is in need of a lot of egg cartons. We purchase eggs in large containers and do not have any egg containers to give the clients eggs.

WHAM moved into its new food pantry on 4/10. Phase II construction has begun and is due to be completed on 5/11. It will renovate the old pantry into employment services and more client services interview areas plus storage of client files. Phase III will begin immediately afterwards – total completion is by the end of May.

WHAM is debt free, having paid off its mortgage in October of 2013. WHAM wants to stay debt-free. They are short \$10,013.25 to pay the construction completely, having raised \$501,822.25 to date. They have a donor that is willing to match up to \$10,000 for contributions to pay off the remainder. For inquiries, email sdowning@whamministries.org or call Shirley at 281-684-2752.

A grand opening of the new area is being planned in June.

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

During the April 9 Council meeting we were fresh from the events of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Pastor Jim reflected on the 23 separate services, most of which drew worshippers from within, as well as outside, our congregation. More than 2000 total attendees were fortunate to commune and pray together, and to hear compassionate messages from Pastor and J.T.! While we give thanks for such blessings, let us not forget the many, many arrangements and tasks that were required to make it all happen and the people behind the scenes. Think details. Such as, ensuring the varying liturgies and hymns are properly printed; flowers are arranged; rehearsals take place; the Communion table is set, etc. (Have you ever stopped to think that someone must make sure the anticipated number of wafers and tiny plastic cups are in the right place at the right time?) Indeed, it “takes a village” to prepare the comfy and convenient settings in which we come to hear God’s word, fulfill His commandments, mourn His loss and bask in His presence.

In May the Council welcomed a representative of the Kairos ministry to women in prison. At Renee McGah’s request Council will consider sponsoring a week-long training session for volunteers who participate in Christ-centered retreats for women. This is another arm of the Kairos ministry for men, for which many of us are signed up to bake cookies in June.

Hats off to Council-at-large member Bill Blair who has offered to bring in a small crane lift in order to replace ceiling lights and sockets over the altar and choir area and in the Fellowship Hall. ---- Not exactly your typical around-the-house weekend repair chore! The altar will literally have to be moved out of the way!

Along with business items regularly addressed, there is a touching tradition at the start of each Council meeting. It consists of one preselected member offering a short devotional of his or her choosing. Recent examples include:

- The sharing of a boyhood poem that became a source of strength for more than forty years,
- A collection of readings which contained the lesson that, “True joy is only possible when we completely forget ourselves.”

- Ten tips for having an introspective daily devotional. They culminated with the directive, “Don’t forget to listen to God!”
- A testimony to how a simple prayer provided strength to face a critical business meeting.

These devotional messages can be quite moving, prayerful or very thought-provoking. Either way, they always provide a little glimpse into that member’s heart and faithfulness. It is a very meaningful few minutes to me, and I believe to others as well. I am pretty sure that especially this portion of our Council meetings could best be described as “Christian Fellowship.” It is yet another benefit to participating on Church Council.

Submitted by Kathy Riggs
Council President



WORSHIP & MUSIC

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”
Mark 16:15

Take time this summer to proclaim the good news wherever you are! Worship & Music Committee will meet again beginning in August.

Yours in Christ,
Tamara Porras
Worship & Music Chairperson

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF APRIL 30, 2015

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$219,695
Total Expenses	\$219,965
Deficit	(\$270)

YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

CAT and SAT

It's time to get our ducks in a row for the Fall and Advent! After some fits and starts, and changing around the nights of the week, here are the dates for this summer's Children's and Student Advisory Teams. Please mark your calendars appropriately!

CAT: Tuesday, June 16th at 6p.m.

Tuesday, July 7th at 6p.m.

SAT: Thursday, June 11th at 6p.m.

Thursday, July 9th at 6p.m.

Youth Gathering

Thanks to you, our generous congregation, we are FULLY FUNDED for the **National Youth Gathering in Detroit** this summer! We are blown away by your generosity and commitment to help provide significant spiritual experiences for our students. 5 adults and 5 students will fly out on Wednesday, July 15th, and fly back on Monday, July 20th. Please pray for Elizabeth Collins, Jonathan Collins, Max Dumler, Kevin Skillman, Shannon Skillman, Cheryl Skillman, Tami Porras, Michele Byrnes, J.T. and Pastor Jim as we and 35,000 Lutheran teenagers and adults descend upon Detroit to work and worship with our brothers and sisters there.

Stockholder's Meeting

If you participated in our Stock Sale fundraiser, we are excited to remind you about our **Stockholder's Meeting on Sunday, July 26th** after the 11 a.m. service. At that meeting, our students will be giving a full report to all of those who bought shares of stock in them for our Detroit Trip. They will serve you lunch, answer your questions about the work they did, and each give a formal report on their personal experience. Watch your mail for a letter reminding you about this event, and asking for your RSVP, as the day approaches. Thanks again for your generosity and prayers!

VBS 2015

Christ the Servant is proud to offer a week of **Vacation Bible School** for our children and those of our community who are in PreK through 5th Grade. Led by our volunteers, and a team of staffers from Camp Lutherhill, this year's camp theme is "Act, Love, Walk" based on Micah 6:8 (look it up!) All that week we will serve dinner at 5:30, and programming will occur from 6-8 p.m. each evening, Sunday through Thursday. We hope you'll mark your calendars today, and make plans to join us as we

explore what it means to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Start inviting your friends now!

Best Practices in Faith Formation

Join us for our Synod's one-day formation event for children, youth, and family leaders - Best Practices in Faith Formation on August 15 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran in Bellaire.

Attend three different workshops of your choice and leave challenged, inspired, and equipped with resources you need to make a difference in your congregation. This event will also feature training in Safe Haven policies, which we require for all adults who work with children. We'd like to take our entire adult volunteer team to this event. If you are (or think you might like to be) a Sunday School teacher, or adult sponsor who works with children, please plan to attend this event.

Early bird registration is \$25 per person, but if you commit to attend, and let us know *before* July 15th, Christ the Servant will pay your *entire* registration cost. Let J.T. know as soon as you can!



MEN WHO LOVE SPAGHETTI

Men Who Love Spaghetti will meet at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9 at Piccolo's, 13505 Westheimer. All men are welcome to join the group!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob **Barr**, nephew of June and Harvey **Jacobson**
 Danielle **Bauer**
 Karen and LeRoy **Bauer**
 Janet **Becker**, sister of Donna **Grant**
 Alice **Bonkowsky**, mother of Lily **Sweet**
 Eric **Booth**, brother-in-law of Ron **Herbanek**
 Reid **Burrell** and the **Burrell Family**, friends of
 Vanita **Homer**
 Haily **Callihan**, grandchild of Karen and LeRoy
Bauer
 Ezekiel Aron **Chanimbaga**, father of Emma
Chanimbaga
 Lucille **Cochran**
 Jan **Ellingson**, friend of Jackie **Scace**
 Heidi **Farmer**, sister-in-law of Russell **Farmer**
 Jim **Harley**, friend of Paul **Richard**
 Paul **Henderson**, son of Larry **Henderson**
 Roxanne **Hymel**, friend of Michele **Byrnes**
 Vivian **Johnson**
 Rosamond **Landry**
 Roger **Lemburg**, brother-in-law of Marti **Hatcher**
 Alicia **Porras**, mother-in-law of Tamara **Porras**
 Arianna **Ross**, niece of Tamara **Porras**
 Deb **Prive**, friend of Karen **Murawski**
 Steve and Michele **Rupp**
 Valarie **Schick**, granddaughter of Bill and Nancie
Blair
 Mary Ann **Shabunas**, mother of Mary **Hiestand**
 Ron **King**, friend of the **Stallwitz Family**
 Kelly **Nickels**, sister of Carrie **Stallwitz**
 Doris **Stange**
 Joe **Stelly**, father of Michelle **Stelly**
 Larry **Strausser**, father of Dana **Lares**
 Marlene **Susca**, friend of Gloria **Reider**
 Marjorie **Swartz**, mother of Julie **Heil**
 Bettie **Taylor**, friend of Bitsy **Muse**
Zachary, grandson of Bitsy **Muse**
 Sandy and Ricky **Wilson**, aunt and cousin of Phylis
Karas

If you would like to add a name 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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Ed and Tia Booth
 10 Russell and Gloria Reider
 14 Debbie Esparza
 16 Ben and Sybille Moore
 John and Ena Puder
 Rev Dale and Alene Olson
 24 Robert and Tamara Porras
 David and Judie Deeds
 28 Pastor Jim and Carolyn Giannantonio



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Michael and Linnay Cummings
 9 Ron and Dana Herbanek
 13 Peter and Dana Lares
 19 Rev Stephen and Theresa Kelly
 30 Jim and Joanne Dumler

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Megan Carlson
 3 Colleen Blockhus
 4 Leah Japhet
 7 Barbara Elstad
 Jacquelyn Siegele
 Taryn Siegele
 Michael Siegele
 8 Phil Ninman
 9 Reece Stallwitz
 10 Kristin Palfreyman
 13 Addy Schmidt
 17 Michelle Sanchez
 18 Tamara Porras
 19 "JT" Jason Thomas
 25 Greg Skillman
 Gabriel Ezebuio
 Heather Tillerson
 26 Linnay Cummings
 27 Gwen Roelfson
 28 Roger Cutler
 29 Kurt Goedecke
 Rev Stephen Kelly
 Vivian Johnson
 30 Nick Hauser
 Bill Olds
 Cheryl Skillman
 Karl Schrader, Jr.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joan Wampler
Michelle Stelly
Anansia Ndanshau
- 4 Debbie Timmerman
Dallas Wolf
- 5 Ena Puder
- 8 Jim Dumler
- 9 Brent Brown
Rich Ruskan
- 11 Shannon McGibbon
- 12 Avery Scace
Kristin Siegele
Raul Olvera
- 13 Ashley Kawila
- 14 Carolyn Kirk
Joel Ulomi
- 19 Xander Feldt
Richard Clark
- 21 Cole Shoemaker
- 22 Clement Ukpe
- 23 Rebecca Gordon
Farooq Wazir
Jackson "Jack" Torkelson
- 24 Christy Frank
Julie Heil
Rev. Ken Ribe
- 27 David Deeds
- 29 Michele Byrnes
- 30 John Frank
Austin Richard
Hayden Richard
Laura Timmerman
- 31 Harvey Jacobson



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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:

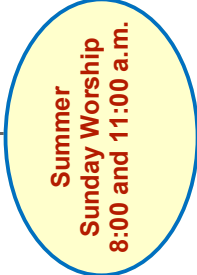
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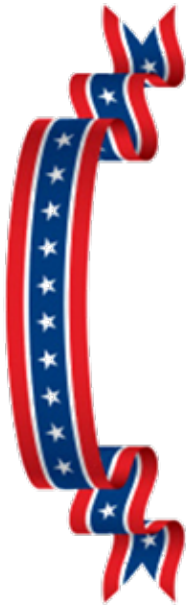
Please submit information and articles in **MSWord documents** to Laura Wilhelm at **lvhwilhelm@comcast.net**
Information may be edited to available space.



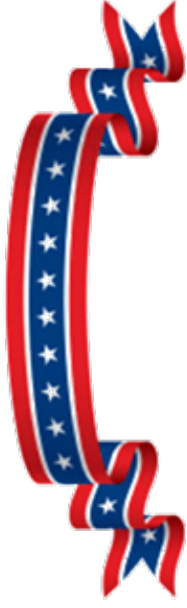





JUNE 2015

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5	6
		3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	5:30 WHAM ESL	7:30 AA Journey	5:30 WHAM ESL	11:00 WHAM ESL	
7	8		9 3:00-8:00 Cookie Ministry	10 11:00-8:00 Cookie Ministry	11 9:00-5:00 Cookie Ministry	12 Deliver Cookies	13
			5:30 WHAM ESL	7:30 AA Journey	5:30 WHAM ESL 6:00 SAT 7:00 Council	11:00 WHAM ESL	
14	15		16 6:00 CAT	17	18	19	20
		3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry					
21	22		23	24	25	26	27
	12:30 Care Team			7:30 AA Journey			
28	29		30				



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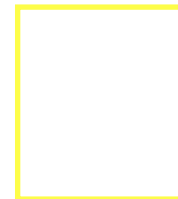


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Summer Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.		1 7:30 AA Journey	2	3 Office Closed	4 
5	6 3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry	7 6:00 CAT	8 7:30 AA Journey	9 6:00 SAT 7:00 Men Who Love Spaghetti 7:00 Council	10	11
12	13	14	15 ← National Youth Gathering, Detroit →	16 ← National Youth Gathering, Detroit →	17	18
19	20 National Youth Gathering, Detroit →	21	22 7:30 AA Journey	23 7:30 AA Journey	24	25
26	27 → Vacation Bible School Dinner 5:30, Program 6:00-8:00	28	29 7:30 AA Journey	30	31 	
12:15 Stockholder Meeting			7:30 AA Journey			

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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	Carrie Stallwitz
CanCare Representative	Susan Kramer	Personnel	Karen Welborn
Care Team	Arnie Kaestner	Prayer Chain	Judi Leisk
College Ministry	Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele	Property	Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek
Disaster Response Team	Mike Karas	Sound Team	TBA 8:00 Service
Family Aid Ministry	Carolyn Giannantonio	Stewardship	Brent Brown-11:00 Service
Fellowship Committee	Rosalie Fontenot	Ushers	Carolyn Kirk
Greeters	Donna Schneider	WHAM Representatives	8:00 Russell Farmer
Homeless Ministry	Shirley Downing	Worship and Music	11:00 Pat Welborn
Ladies Dinner Group	Mickey Walters	Youth Fellowship	Doug Hanson, Phylis Karas
Lawn Care	Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson		Tamara Porras
Lectors, CTS Players	Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant		Michele Byrnes, Vicki Williams
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