

# INTERMISSION



## COUNCIL CORNER

This is the time we begin looking ahead to next year. Our initial 2015 budget work session was conducted at the October meeting, as ministry and program requirements were reviewed. Final discussion and approval will be at the November meeting, followed by a presentation to members at the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled on December 7.

Other items of business included:

- Nominating Committee update
- Thank you from Covenant House for the gardening work for God's Work Our Hands weekend of service
- Update on plans for our youth participation in the ELCA Youth Gathering in July 2015, as well as attendance at the Youth Extravaganza planning meeting January 2015
- New pictorial church directory planned for early in 2015
- Stewardship campaign is Fearless Generosity and letters will go out the middle of October

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

*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21*

## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Daily, the news stories capture our attention: public servants – some paid, some volunteer – who respond to emergencies of every type. Outwardly, they are known by their bright and well-recognized garb: hats, boots, coats that identify these persons as first responders in times of great need.

In our church community, we have the opportunity to learn to be first responders, offering the generosity of God. The depth of God's generosity was revealed when He gave the world His Son. Jesus Christ. Like those who are trained for work in perilous circumstances, God calls us to be fearless in our living, our giving and our service.

"Fearless Generosity" is our stewardship focus this year as we consider what it means to practice fearless living, fearless service and fearless giving. Please bring your completed personal pledge card and put it in the offering plate any Sunday -- or bring it to worship with you on Celebration Sunday, November 23 when we have our annual Thanksgiving celebration.



By pledging your financial commitment, we can continue to accomplish good things together at Christ the Servant!

Let us live, give, and serve fearlessly as God's first responders. May we be well recognized as carriers of God's grace-filled generosity to a world in need!

## YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

### Our payment policy!

At Christ the Servant, we NEVER want money to keep you from being involved in our events. Sometimes there is a cost associated with the things we do, but because of the outrageous generosity of our congregation, we are pleased to announce our recent policy on paying for events. Generally speaking, for events that cost less than \$100, we only ask you to contribute \$5! For more expensive events, like the retreats listed below that actually cost around \$130 - we only ask you to contribute \$30! In addition, if the \$5 or \$30 is still too much for your budget - let us know! We will find a way to make it happen for you. We hope this policy will put every opportunity within the reach of everyone in our community!



### Movies on the Lawn!

Friday, November 14th, 2014. The weather is a little cooler. The time change means it's dark a little sooner. High School football has wound down for all but the best teams.



What a great time to invite our congregation and community over for a movie on the lawn! We'll set up a screen in the back, and show a movie - *Mr. Peabody and Sherman*, "The time-travelling

adventures of an advanced canine and his adopted son, as they endeavor to fix a time rift they created." Bring your chairs, blankets, and friends! We will serve hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks. Or bring your own food! There's no cost - just sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we'll know how many to expect!



### Retreats, retreats, retreats!

There are some really great Lutherhill retreat opportunities coming up for folks of all ages! In accordance with our church's new policy - when our church takes a group, we only charge you \$30 to be a part of it! Take a look at these and let us know if you want to go!

**Jr. High Retreat** - November 21-23, 2014  
Students in 6-8th grades will explore the theme, "Act, Love, Walk" through worship, discussions, and Lutherhill camp activities!

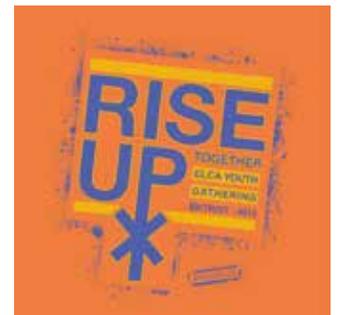
This one is coming up soon! Sign up THIS SUNDAY in the narthex if you want to go, or email J.T. ([jt@christtheservant.net](mailto:jt@christtheservant.net))

**Sr. High Retreat** - February 20-22, 2015  
Students in 9-12th grades will explore the theme, "Act, Love, Walk" through worship, discussions, and Lutherhill camp activities

**Spring Family Retreat** - April 24-26, 2015  
The whole family is invited for a weekend of Lutherhill activities! This retreat will feature programming for all ages, family crafts, ropes course, archery, and more. Adults can even spend time catching up with the Executive Director while the Lutherhill staff hangs out with the kids. Age group Bible studies will explore the theme of the season, "Act, Love, Walk".

### Youth Gathering

If you haven't yet expressed an interest in attending the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit - it's time to enter panic mode. A number of students have already committed, and paid their deposit of \$150. We've already begun making travel plans and started talking about fundraisers. If you're in the 8th-12th grade, we'd still love to add you to our trip! If you'd like to participate, please talk with Pastor Jim, J.T., or Tami Porras ASAP. You can also email [jt@christtheservant.net](mailto:jt@christtheservant.net).



## WHAM NEWS AND HELP NEEDED

### Homeless Ministry- Help Needed!

We want to express our thanks to all of you for making the purchase of a new freezer possible. Our new freezer is here and it is completely paid for by your donations. Our old freezer lasted 13 years before the compressor went out.

Since it will be a few weeks before we have the freezer filled with meat from the Houston Food Bank, your luncheon meat donations are giving the homeless their meat sandwiches that they enjoy. Some of the people are allergic to peanut butter. We make 2000 sandwiches a month. Your generosity has supplied us with enough peanut butter to keep us going for a long while. (We make 220 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches each month for one of the labor halls. Many of the men at the halls want these sandwiches to take to work the next day.)

#### **Please come and join us whenever you can.**

No students have been helping us this fall.

The members of CTS have been wonderful in giving of their time, and we could use your help, even if it is only ½ hour or an hour – it makes a difference in getting the lunches ready.

Here is the schedule for our lunches for the rest of this year:

Mondays:

November 3, November 27, December 8 and  
December 22 (3:30pm to 6:00pm)

Feel free to call me at any time: Shirley Downing  
281 684 2752 - cell

### West Houston Assistance Ministries

We have received the permits for our construction of a new pantry, roadway and 12 parking spaces. We have not begun construction due to the City's new requirement of a storm water runoff. We have had no flooding or standing water from any major storms in 14 years; however, the City wants us to dig a ditch and dig our driveway to place a smaller pipe connection to the street for water flow. This would result in 9 inches of standing water

in our parking lot. We are working with a city council person who has influence and he is working on obtaining the proper storm water city person to come for a site visit to try and get this requirement deleted.

The cost of the construction is \$457,248.50 and we have raised \$404,325 to date, leaving \$52,923.50 to raise. In addition, we have to obtain new doors for our new entranceway that leads to the store and new pantry. Costs will be \$4,361 for the door and \$7,720 for the new pantry furr-down, plumbing and interior work. Neither of these items are part of the original construction costs.

We are debt free, having paid off our mortgage on September 30, 2013 and we plan to stay debt free.

For more information, see [www.whamministries.org](http://www.whamministries.org) or contact Shirley Downing, 281 684 2752 – cell, [sdowning@whamministries.org](mailto:sdowning@whamministries.org)

## HOLIDAY MARKET IS COMING!

Christmas is right around the corner. Get a jump-start on your shopping AND raise money to help others! We will have two days for shopping and fundraising – Sunday Nov. 23, before and after the Thanksgiving Lunch, and Sunday Dec. 7, before the Congregational Meeting. This year we will again have the popular Bead for Life jewelry for sale, which enables Ugandan women to lift their families out of extreme poverty. We will also have Tupperware products for sale.



40% of the proceeds from Tupperware sales will go toward fundraising for CTS youth to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Detroit. The CTS Youth Team will also be on hand with baked goods for sale on Nov. 23, and gift wrapping on Dec. 7th! You won't want to miss it! Please contact Carrie Stallwitz, Lauren Welborn or JT with any questions.



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

A recent article has come to our attention and we'd like to share it with the congregation.

### 15 Reasons Why We Should Still Be Using Hymnals

by Jonathan Aigner at [www.theologyinworship.com](http://www.theologyinworship.com)



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Unfortunately, many churches have done this with their hymnals, but I think they are important symbols for worshiping congregations. Here are some of the reasons why.

1. Hymnals actually teach music. We're making less music than ever before. Oh, to be sure, there's lots of music going on around us, but very few people are actually making it. We're just consuming it, or at the very most, singing along with music someone else made first. But even an untrained musician can look at the words and music in the hymnal and learn to follow melodic direction and rhythmic value.

2. Hymnals set a performance standard. Contemporary worship music is based on recording instead of notation. This is endlessly confusing, and it opens each song up to individual interpretation. Without notation, it is exceedingly hard to sing well as a congregation.

Hymnals fix that. Everybody has the same notation, so we all know how the song is supposed to go.

3. Hymnals integrate the music and text. Words on a screen give no musical information. Hymnals fix that. Singers aren't dependent upon learning the song by rote.

4. Hymnals allow you to sing anywhere. When you depend on projection to display hymn texts, you're bound to do your music making in a space outfitted with sufficient media.

5. Hymnals allow people to take possession of the music. I know congregants that love to find out the next Sunday's hymns during the previous week, so they can open up their hymnal, refresh the words, and work on their part so they're prepared to lend their voices. Preparation like that is one of the ways music making becomes a worshipful activity. Hymnals make it possible for people to have easy access to the best songs.

Next month we'll have 5 more good reasons for using hymnals.

Upcoming Dates:

November 2- All Saints Sunday  
November 23- Christ the King Sunday  
November 30- First Sunday of Advent



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Karen **Bauer**

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

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

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

Tena **Goedecke**, step-mother of Kurt **Goedecke**

Curtis **Goedecke**, father of Kurt **Goedecke**

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

Jim **Harley**, friend of Paul **Richard**

Michael **Small**, nephew of Louise **Hauser**

**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**

Jeff **Hofmeister**, relative of Susan **Kramer**

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

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

Charles **Ross**, father of Pam **Krueger**

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

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

Doris **Stange**

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

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: 713.784-6620  
or ctsoffice@comcast.net.

## NEW MEMBERS

Braille and Edna Ndanshau and their children were welcomed into our family of faith at the 11:00 a.m. service on October 19. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome them to Christ the Servant.

## SAVE THE DATE! NEW DIRECTORY COMING!

Photographs for the new edition of the CTS Directory will be taken February 4-7, 2015. Keep one of those days free to get your picture taken!



## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

	<u>Sept 30, 2014</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Income	\$39,169	\$466,149
Total Expenses	\$57,459	\$447,557
Surplus/Loss	(\$18,290)	\$18,592

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Denise Carlson  
Andy Iversen  
Andrew Murawski
- 3 Kylie Richard
- 3 Monte Richard
- 5 Holly Heil  
Lily Sweet  
Carson Taylor – child
- 6 Philip Sweet
- 7 Bryant King  
Robert Milke
- 8 Laura Hanson  
Emma Hammett
- 10 Betty Boxx  
Chuck Cook  
Christina Peng – child
- 11 Dorcas Ukpe  
Paul Williams
- 12 Jennifer Sterle
- 13 Doris Stange
- 15 Margery Wheeler
- 16 Arnie Kaestner  
John Puder
- 19 Doug Hanson  
Michael Sweet
- 20 Cody Brooks – child
- 21 Tyler Herbanek  
Jo Ann Olds
- 23 Paul Richard
- 27 Russell Reider, Jr. (Rusty)
- 28 Betty Hassinger  
Gary Hiestand  
Gloria Reider



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**This newsletter and a calendar of church activities are available on the CTS website at:**

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

**December newsletter information deadline is:**

**November 15**

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



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Doug and Julie Hanson
- 7 Kevin and Jackie Scace
- 12 Gary and Mary Hiestand
- 13 Brian and Julie Heil  
Erik and Mary Beth Teegerstrom
- 21 James and Claire Ellison
- 26 Paul and Vicki Williams

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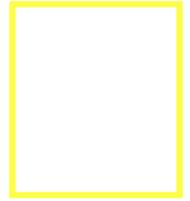
Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p><b>Sunday Worship</b> 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Christian Education</b> Sunday Classes for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.</p>					<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>2</b> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>  Adult Sunday School-Pastor Jim on Corinth</p>	<p><b>3</b>  3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p><b>4</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p><b>5</b>   7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p><b>6</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p><b>7</b>  11:00 WHAM ESL</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL 6:00 Youth &amp; Fellow- ship Meeting 7:00 Worship &amp; Music Meeting 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b>  7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p><b>12</b>  7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p><b>13</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Council</p>	<p><b>14</b>  11:00 WHAM ESL 6:00 Movies on the Lawn</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b>  12:30 Care Team</p>	<p><b>17</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p><b>18</b>  7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p><b>19</b>  7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p><b>20</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL</p>	<p><b>21</b>  11:00 WHAM ESL</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> <i>Christ the King</i> 12:15 Craft Market &amp; Thanksgiving Lunch</p>	<p><b>24</b>  3:30-6:30 Homeless Ministry</p>	<p><b>25</b>  5:30 WHAM ESL 7:00 Bible Study</p>	<p><b>26</b>  7:30 AA Journey</p>	<p><b>27</b> Office Closed </p>	<p><b>28</b>  Office Closed</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> <i>Advent Begins</i></p>						

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## 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**President: Carolyn Kirk**

<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Karen Welborn</b>	<b>At Large: Matt Grant</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>John Shoemaker</b>	<b>At Large: Tina Blockhus</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Mickey Walters</b>	<b>At Large: Bill Blair</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Johnson</b>	<b>At Large: David Stallwitz</b>

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS, GROUP LEADERS, CONTACT PEOPLE

<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Mary Beth Teegerstrom</b>	<b>Memorial Service Coordinator</b>	<b>Linda Iversen</b>
<b>Adult Christian Ed</b>	<b>Mary Beth Teegerstrom</b>	<b>Men Who Love Spaghetti</b>	<b>Roger Cutler</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Lori Wood</b>	<b>Opportunity Endowment Fund</b>	<b>Carrie Stallwitz</b>
<b>Care Team</b>	<b>Arnie Kaestner</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Karen Welborn</b>
<b>College Ministry</b>	<b>Linda Shoemaker, Linda Siegele</b>	<b>Prayer Chain</b>	<b>Judi Leisk</b>
<b>Disaster Response Team</b>	<b>Mike Karas</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Brent Brown, Ron Herbanek</b>
<b>Family Aid Ministry</b>	<b>Carolyn Giannantonio</b>	<b>Sound Team</b>	<b>TBA 8:00 Service</b>
<b>Fellowship Committee</b>	<b>Rosalie Fontenot</b>		<b>Brent Brown-11:00 Service</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Donna Schneider</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Carolyn Kirk</b>
<b>Homeless Ministry</b>	<b>Shirley Downing</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Pat Welborn</b>
<b>Ladies Dinner Group</b>	<b>Mickey Walters</b>	<b>WHAM Representatives</b>	<b>Doug Hanson, Phylis Karas</b>
<b>Lawn Care</b>	<b>Russell Farmer, Kevin Petterson</b>	<b>Worship and Music</b>	<b>Tamara Porras</b>
<b>Lectors, CTS Players</b>	<b>Carolyn Kirk, Matt Grant</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>Michele Byrnes, Vicki Williams</b>
<b>Liturgical Assistants</b>	<b>Mary Beth Teegerstrom</b>		