

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Messenger



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Our mission is to **Welcome** all into our fellowship, **Worship** and pray together, **Grow** in our faith and **Serve** God's world as caring disciples of Jesus Christ.

March at a Glance

See online calendar for times and for other events at christtheservant.org

- Mar. 1.....Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 2.....Seasoned Seniors
- Mar. 5.....LSS Sunday
- Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29..... holy ground
- Mar. 12.....Southminster Musical
- Mar. 14, 21, 28..Eat Better, Move More
- Mar. 15.....Lunch Bunch
- Mar. 21.....Altar Guild Meeting
- Mar. 26.....Youth Chili Cookoff
- Mar. 27.....Book Discussion Group

Committee Gatherings

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- Mar. 2Faith Formation Roundtable
- Mar. 2.....Social Ministries Committee
- Mar. 14.....Good Order Roundtable
- Mar. 28.....Council Meeting

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FROM THE PASTOR

CrossWalk: Our Lenten Journey

With Ash Wednesday on March 1 (6:30pm), we begin the journey with Jesus to the cross as he sets his face toward Jerusalem and invites us to follow. We are reminded of both our frailty and Jesus' tenacity; our fragility and Jesus' determination. We confess our sin and are invited into the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity. With that, we begin the 40 day CrossWalk of Lent.



The next 5 Wednesdays (beginning 3/8) we are invited to gather for *holy ground*, an evening of a simple meal (beginning at 5:45pm) and an opportunity to serve. Around 6:30pm, we transition into the *Holden Evening Prayer* (following the FAITH5 devotional model of Share-Read-Talk-Pray-Bless) and Holy Communion.

To help shape this season, we will be coloring and exploring our way through the stations of the cross as a model for the Christian walk:



Week 1 (Ash Wednesday and Sunday, 3/5) invite us into "Sorrow / Betrayal." March 5 will also be "LSS Sunday," as we welcome Cindy Halverson from Lutheran Social Services, a vital organization that works to ease sorrow and tend to those who have been betrayed. She will be leading worship as well as the Adult Forum.

Week 2 (3/8 and 3/12) focus on "Condemnation / Denial." The Wednesday opportunity to serve will lift up the work of the LGBT Center in Milwaukee. On Sunday, March 12, we welcome the youth of Southminster Presbyterian Church, together with youth from CTS and Vernon Lutheran, as they share their musical "#GraceWins" during worship and lead a Forum on their mission trips.

Week 3 (3/15 and 3/19) focus on "Judgment / Crowns." The Wednesday opportunity to serve will connect us with prison ministries in the community. Sunday's Forum (and all following Forums through Palm Sunday) will continue the CrossWalk theme as we explore the cross as the center of our faith and life.



Week 4 (3/22 and 3/26) focus on "Bearing / Helping." The Wednesday opportunity to serve will center around ministries with those who live without homes.

Week 5 (3/29 and 4/2) focus on "Blessing / Crucifixion." The Wednesday opportunity to serve will support the work of the Human Animal Welfare Society.

Week 6 (4/5 and 4/9) focus on "Promise / Care." The Wednesday opportunity to serve will connect us to ministries of Foster Care / Adoption. Sunday, 4/9, is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week journey (see the April newsletter for more information on all our Holy Week celebrations).

Join us as often as possible throughout this season as we remember how we live cross-shaped lives as people whose foreheads bear the sign of the Crucified One.

Peace,
Pr Jay

Remembering in Prayer

Please keep the following people with long-term health issues in your prayers:

Ed Boehmke * Al Dahl * Bruce Dennert * Gene Drevs * Dawn, daughter of Lenny Graffin * Stefanie Fox, granddaughter of Gerri Kabitzke * Joe Grundman * Dave and Georgia Henry * Norma Herbrand * LaVerne, cousin of Kathy Boehmke * Bev Littlefield * Hermann Rack * Lou Riek * Randy Riek, son of Marilyn Schlei * Marilyn Schlei * Rosemary Schultz * Erin Schwabenlender * Susan Seiler * Mary Semrow * Ali Stroebel * Jake Stroebel * Kay Styza, Ashley Vaughan-Stroebel



And all those currently deployed with the military:

James Oldenhoff, great-grandson of Bee Klatt, serving in the Air Force * Colin Dewey, husband of Barb Koltermann's granddaughter serving in the Navy * Kaitlyn Hackel (and husband Chris Stein), granddaughter of Kathy Boehmke, serving in the Navy.

If you know of anyone that should be included in these lists, please contact the office, Linda Gatlin at tgatlin@wi.rr.com, or send an email to CTSprayerchain@gmail.com.



In the Hospital?

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please notify the office so our Pastor Jay is able to visit you. Give us a call at 262-542-7100.

Spiritual Education

Sunday Adult Forum (9:30 am)

Savior of the Whole World: The Gospel of Luke: Adult Forum meets at 9:30am in The Ark between services. We will be digging deeper into the stories from the gospel of Luke we're hearing/reading in worship.

Sunday Youth Discussion (9:30 am)

The Youth Group meets each week from 9:30-10:30am in the youth room. We've been having great discussions and welcome anyone from 6th grade through senior year.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:30 pm)

NOTE: The Wednesday night Bible study group will move to Monday nights at 6:30 pm during Lent, **starting on Monday, Feb. 27th**. We are completing our study of the Book of Acts and we will be studying I John. This is a book of 5 chapters and would be a good opportunity for anyone who hasn't been in a Bible study to get involved. We will be reading it verse by verse and discussing it as we go. Bring your favorite Bible and come join us. If you have any questions, contact Paul Wegner at 262-363-7067.

Thursday Morning Bible Study (10:00 am)

Join us in The Ark Thursday mornings as we explore the Book of Genesis. All are welcome! Bring a friend, your Bible and your brain.

COMING UP! Special Adult Forums Sundays March 5th and 12th

March 5: Cynthia Halverson from Lutheran Social Services will share with us all the vital ministries LSS is involved with in Wisconsin—adoption/foster care, mental health, human trafficking, refugee resettlement, and more. She will lead the services and also will speak during Adult Forum time between services. Plan to be there to learn more about the wonderful work LSS does.

March 12: On this Sunday, 23 youth from Southminster Presbyterian Church, Vernon Presbyterian and Christ the Servant Lutheran Church will be joining us for worship and bringing a musical message. The musical is called “#Grace Wins”. The purpose for the visit is to join together in fellowship and worship, as well as to fundraise for our upcoming youth mission trip to Guatemala in July.

The Southminster group will talk about mission trips, past and present, during our Adult Forum time.

Property Committee Wish List

The Property Committee would like to make some enhancements to The Ark. Below is our Wish List of items to further improve The Ark and the approximate cost for each item.

If you are interested in donating a particular item or contributing to one, please talk with Jeff Marti.

- New Recycling and Trash Containers \$500
- Storage Cabinet, \$1,600 (Donation Received)
- Additional maroon chairs \$80 each
- Table Cart to store tables \$200
- Removal of old can lights not in use \$1,000

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MORE BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Save the Date(s)!

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, September 14

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE BLOOD DONORS!

By scheduling your blood donation(s) with Blood Center of Wisconsin, you are a part of a life-saving plan in the lives of friends, family members, and neighbors that need blood each and every day. Each day the Blood Center of WI needs to collect more than 800 units of blood, fifty percent of that total comes directly from mobile drives such as the ones that CTS sponsors. We value our association with Blood Center of WI and the volunteer donors of CTS!

You can sign up at: www.bcw.edu/CTS, sign-up at the CTS Welcome Center or contact Kay Styza at 414-333-4364 or kstyza@gmail.com

JAIL MINISTRY

Orientation Classes Offered to Those Interested in Participation in the Huber Ministry

Below is the HUBER Volunteer Orientation schedule for the 2017 Calendar year. Please note orientation begins at 5:00 (arrival time by 4:45pm, for security screening).

The Huber Facility is at: 1400 Northview Road, Parking and entrance is in the back.

Monday, March 20th, 2017 (Cut-off date: March 6th)

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 (Cut-off date: Sept. 5th)

Please send the following details to Kay Styza, if you are wanting to join a group no later than the cut-off date noted above, prior to the date of Orientation:

Name: First Middle Initial Last (example: James R. Jones)

Gender: (example: Male)

Date of birth : MM/DD/YEAR (example: 01/01/1990)

If you care about helping others going through a difficult time in their lives, please consider being part of our jail bible study or driver sponsor program. You do not need to be a bible expert, you just need to care.

DRIVER/SPONSORS NEEDED on Sundays, to pick-up one resident who has met strict requirements in order to join us for worship at CTS. Become their mentor, spiritual guide and friend. The resident's family or loved ones are invited to join them for worship. This allows children to be reunited with their parent, in a healthy, Christian worship setting. Kay has been a Sponsor/Driver since 1999, and she has made great, longtime friends as a result.

CONTACT: Kay Styza at 414-333-4364 or kstyza@gmail.com

SOPHIA

CTS is a member of SOPHIA, and **we need CORE TEAM MEMBERS.**

SOPHIA is dedicated to dialogue with individuals, agencies and public officials to stimulate creative and effective efforts to improve our communities in Waukesha County. SOPHIA addresses social injustices in our increasingly fragmented world. We join hands with others to bring effective change rather than isolated self interest.

•**SOPHIA is an interfaith organization of people actively living our faith and values.**

•**SOPHIA works to build community by intentionally developing relationships within in our faith communities and with leaders in our county.**

•**SOPHIA members honor the rich diversity and dignity of all individuals and act on our common beliefs and values.**

SOPHIA CORE TEAMS are encouraged to be developed in each congregation or faith community. Core Teams generally meet monthly to support each other, share information, and to respond to the concerns and passions of their congregation. Core Team members are intentional about meeting one-on-one with people in their congregation to understand and truly know their fellow church or faith community members, to foster mutual understanding and clarity of purpose.

SOPHIA consists of three organizational subgroups:

RELIGIOUS LEADERS CAUCUS: This group is made up primarily of religious leaders, although anyone is invited. The Caucus meets each month, usually on the second Wednesday of the month over lunch at Galilee Lutheran church in Pewaukee. The meeting begins with prayer which is followed by discussions of current SOPHIA and congregational issues. It is a time of fellowship, renewal and focus.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP BOARD: Each SOPHIA congregation or faith community must have at least one person that sits on this governing board. The board meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at the SOPHIA office at 100 East Broadway, Waukesha (in First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ) from 7 to 8:30 pm. This governing board discusses organizational matters, including finances, leadership training, mission and recruitment.

ISSUES ASSEMBLY AND TASK FORCES: Issues work is the 'Faith in Action' piece of SOPHIA.

The **Issues Assembly** meets 4 times a year, on the second Wednesday (February, May, August and November) at 7 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church, Waukesha. (1415 Dopp Street). During this time, specific

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issues work occurring in the Issues Task Forces is shared, special outside speakers may be invited to talk about current SOPHIA issues. SOPHIA has had numerous public officials talk and listen to us on various issues. Discussions have been insightful, informative and have helped SOPHIA to bring about change. Any SOPHIA member can bring an issue from the congregation for discussion.

Active Issues Task Forces generally meet monthly. All SOPHIA members are encouraged to participate in at least one Issues Task Force. Each task force is working on specific goal-oriented tasks within the area of focus.

Current Issues Task Forces and Chairs:

- Treatment Alternatives and Diversions (formerly Treatment Instead of Prison or TIP) – Betty Groenewold – 414-418-6086
- Immigration Reform - Ron Hopkins - 262.408.2029
- Affordable Workforce Housing - Don Johnson - 262.309.8713
- Health Care Reform - Bev Bradford - 262.544.5763

SOPHIA is a Member of WISDOM at the state level.

WISDOM is an Affiliate of the Gamaliel Foundation at the International Level.

SOPHIA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Staffing costs and related expenses are funded by dues, grants, sustaining member contributions and fundraising events. Charitable contributions to SOPHIA are tax-deductible.

The SOPHIA office is located at: 100 E. Broadway, Waukesha, WI 53186.

If you would like to get involved with SOPHIA, please **CONTACT:** Bob Grady at 414-628-0291 or robertvgrady@gmail.com

HOPE CENTER

Serving meals: Serving the guests is simple and works best with about 5 individuals give or take a few. We ask that you bring enough food to feed approximately 30-40 people for each meal.

In making Breakfast and you need our kitchen to prepare arrival should be 7:30am. We serve Breakfast at 9am. If making ahead of time then arrival should be between 8am & 8:30am. Clean up is usually done by 10:30am.

It only takes a few hours to make a huge difference in the lives of our guests. The smiles on their faces and the conversations will make you thankful for every day you have.

CONTACT: Bob Huck at rhuck6@wi.rr.com or 414-840-1265 if you would like to get involved.

Hope Center Clothing Shop: Groups of 5-7 people are needed to sort through clothing. Contact the Hope

Center if interested. Availability: Mon. - Sat. 8am – 12pm; Mon. – Fri. 12pm – 4pm and Wed. Evenings 6pm – 8pm. (Keep in mind we cannot guarantee the dates availability).

WOMEN'S AFTERCARE

Linda Pischke, has lead the Friday night, Women's Aftercare group called, "Joyful Souls" for 5 years. The group is made up of ladies, who have been dealing with addiction and/or mental health issues, and a number of mentors. This is a Christian based, safe haven, where we have lots of fun and make long-lasting friendships.

Our ladies need your prayers. If you would like to provide a snack, share your talent with us or if you would like to find out other ways of becoming involved, please speak with Linda.

CONTACT: Linda Pischke at opischke@wi.rr.com or 262-506-8366.

SERENITY INNS FOR MEN

Men's new, or gently used socks, underwear, clothes, jackets and bus passes are needed for the male residents. Serenity Inns is also in need of gently used, men's winter coats of all sizes, for up to 12 men who are going through a 7-month Addiction Rehabilitation Program.

Please help support Serenity Inns. The program helps men to overcome their addictions through an intense, seven-month program. On the first Tuesday of even numbered months, Tom, Sonia, and a volunteer or two, bring a hot meal, share our faith, and enjoy fellowship. If you are interested in this ministry, please accept our invitation.

CONTACT: Tom or Sonia Danuser at tom4226@att.net or 262-542-4197.

REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A series of gatherings at Reformation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee to explore ways to deepen our church partnership is underway. Two gatherings have already happened with two more planned for 2017. The 2017 dates have not been set, but if you are interested in joining please contact us. You are welcome whether or not you attended any of the previous sessions. Please join us!

Reformation has developed partnerships with a variety of churches over the years and CTS is currently one of those churches. Churches interested in continuing their formal partnership with Reformation have been asked to gather members who are willing to commit to a journey of mutual understanding about dynamics of race and poverty and community. These gatherings will entail a meeting/

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workshop/community-building exercise on site at Reformation on four Saturdays (once/quarter for a year) for a dynamic conversation about all the forces involved in the ministry they are doing and with which we are partnering.

CONTACT Pastor Jay or Steve Smart, the chair of the Social Ministries committee. Steve can be contacted by phone at 414-750-4709 or stevensmart@gmail.com.

LOAVES AND FISHES

The next Loaves and Fishes meal to be served at the Hope Center is Sunday, April 30, 2017. If you would like to assist in preparing and serving a meal or would like to donate a food item please contact Kristin Demo dkdemo4@gmail.com.

TUTORS NEEDED

Ascension Lutheran Church has started a tutoring program for individuals wanting to improve their English skills. Most students are refugees from Burma from the Karen ethnic group. Some are Spanish speakers and some are studying for their citizenship test. English proficiency among the group ranges from none to pretty good. Sessions are Saturday mornings from 10am-12pm at Ascension. If you are interested please contact: Shirley Wehmeier pwehmeier@wi.rr.com or Barbara Nordberg bnordberg@wi.rr.com

OUTREACH TO EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA

CTS will be exploring the possibility of joining another congregation to become a partner church with a church in El Salvador. Specifically, CTS might join forces with either Lake Park or Ascension as delegates in 2018 to the Eastern Micro Region of El Salvador.

CONTACT: Bob Grady at robertvgrady@gmail.com or Pastor Jay.

ANY COLOR JEAN COLLECTION

We will continue to collect Men's and Children's new and slightly used jeans of all colors & sizes. Keep this in mind when you are checking out the Rummage Sales or cleaning out your drawers! They should be placed in The Hope Center bin in the Narthex.

CONTACT: Kay Styza at 414-333-4364 or kstyza@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are currently in communication with the Habitat for Humanity outreach team to determine to build a relationship with the organization. If you would like to

participate in getting this ministry off the ground please contact Steve Smart stevensmart@gmail.com.

SIENA HOUSE

If you would like to participate in serving a hot meal and rich fellowship please consider the Siena House. Every Monday 1-3 members take a meal to the Siena House shelter for men, eat and enjoy some good conversation. Please contact Ken Sodemann if you are interested ken.sodemann@gmail.com.

WINTER OVERFLOW SHELTER

The Waukesha Winter Overflow Shelter is up and running. The Salvation Army along with other funding sources have made this life saving shelter a reality once again this winter. The shelter is staffed and coordinated by employees, but they do have needs. If you are interested in making a monetary donation or would like to find out what they have on their wish list please contact Debra Farrington and Dana Baumgartner at 262-547-7367.

RED TRUCK FOOD DRIVE

During Lent, help CTS gather non-perishable food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Starting with Ash Wednesday (3/01/17) we will be collecting items to donate to the pantry. Bring them to CTS on Wednesday evenings when you come for Soup and Substance or on Sunday mornings for worship. On Palm Sunday (4/09/17) all items will be loaded into Danuser's Red Truck and delivered to the food pantry. Contact Steve Smart with any questions. Contact: 414-750-4709 or stevensmart@gmail.com

What should you fill the bag with?? A good rule of thumb for donating is: if you'd serve it, they want it. The food pantry handles all types of foods, but here is a shortlist of items they look for the most:

Canned fruit or vegetables; Canned meat (stews, tuna, chicken, ham, Spam)

Cereal, pasta, boxed meals such as mac & cheese

Peanut butter and jelly

Soup (cream soups and chunky soups)

For Special Diet Needs:

Low-sodium soups; no- or low-sugar items

Soy or rice milk; powdered drink mixes

Fruit packed in water or its own juice

Infant and Toddler Needs:

Formula (regular and soy), especially *Good Start* formula

Stage 2 and 3 baby food

Diapers and wipes

Baby powder and diaper rash cream

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Michele Knopick	03/01
Rhiannan Dinkelman	03/02
Ava Heun	03/02
Craig Seefeld	03/03
Susan Seiler	03/03
Charles Everette	03/04
Roger Redetzke	03/05
Joseph LaBarber	03/06
Milo Bonell	03/08
Tina Kind	03/08
Kareen Schmidtknecht	03/09
Brian Tyndall	03/09
Jack Nelson	03/10
Teresa Brezina	03/12
Jay McDivitt	03/12
Steve Smart	03/12
Linda Kaim	03/13
Sonia Danuser	03/14
Arlene Stewart	03/14
Kay Styza	03/14
Patrice Flanagan-Morris	03/15
Greg Pischke	03/15
Christy Klawiter	03/17
Kennadie Dinkelman	03/18
Judy Dreger	03/19
Samuel Everette	03/19
Mike Garrett	03/19
Kenneth Sodemann	03/20
Roberta Magnuson	03/23
Matt Vetrone	03/23
Loreena Dahl	03/26
Bee Klatt	03/26
Kirsten Marley	03/26
Roger Schlehlein	03/29
Ian Janus	03/30
Ann Snider	03/30
Jill Stamm	03/30
Dale Pietenpol	03/31



Southminster Musical Sunday, March 12th

This year, 23 youth from Southminster Presbyterian Church, Vernon Presbyterian and Christ the Servant Lutheran Church are looking forward to joining you for worship.

We will be bringing you a musical with a message to take part in your worship service on Sunday, March 12. The musical is called “#Grace Wins”.

The songs and skits remind us of the wonderful gift of grace we receive from Jesus and the strength that grace provides us with. The message helps all of us remember that the Holy Spirit blesses us in all we do, that we are all children of God and that we are called to help others as Jesus always did in His time on our Earth.

The purpose for the visit is to join together in fellowship and worship, as well as to fundraise for our upcoming youth mission trip to Guatemala in July.



Labeling Snacks for Nut Allergies

To keep CTS members and visitors with nut allergies as safe as possible, we request all those who contribute to our hospitality ministry to please label any treats you provide as "contains nuts" or "nut-free." To those with allergies or who have children with allergies, please know we will do our best to keep labeled food separated, but we can't guarantee treats will be completely free of nuts or other allergens.

In an effort to make this easier, we will provide labels that state “**Does Not Contain Nuts**” as well as labels that say “**Contains Nuts**”. These labels will be available in the Narthex where coffee and treats are served after service, as well as in The Ark on the counter off of the kitchen. Thank you!

Get the Weekly Synod Newsletter

Want to receive the Weekly Email Newsletter of the Greater Milwaukee Synod

ELCA? It contains the latest news on what is happening throughout the Synod. To sign up, go to:
<https://milwaukee-synod.org/subscribe>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Seasoned Seniors Luncheon

SEASONED SENIORS will be meeting in the Ark on

Thursday, March 2nd at 12:30 pm for their monthly luncheon. Anyone over 55 years old is encouraged to join them for some great food, fellowship and loads of fun. Contact Leah Huse at 262-547-4909 for more information.



Altar Guild

A reminder that Easter flowers will be available for purchase with Lynda Schmidt in charge of sales. We also will need volunteers to **decorate the church for Easter on April 15 starting at 9:30am.** All are welcome.

Also, please consider becoming a member of the Altar Guild. It does not require a large time commitment and is rewarding work. If interested, come to a meeting (**the next one is March 21 at 1:30pm**) or contact Jelene Peot at 262-544-0820 for information on what is required or to shadow someone on a Saturday or Sunday.



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 in front of the fireplace at church. All are welcome any time, even if you haven't read the book. On **Monday March 27**, we will be discussing "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. **Our April book will be "Odin's Promise" by Sandy Brehl and have arranged to have the author join us for our discussion. Watch for more information in April as we'd like to have more of the congregation join us.**

Lunch Bunch

On **Wednesday, March 15th** the Lunch Bunch will be heading to *The Spot Restaurant* at 500 E. Broadway in Waukesha. The carpool leaves CTS at 12:30 pm and the group plans on being there at 1:00 pm.

CONTACT: Leah Huse at 262-547-4909 for more information. ***Come join us for fellowship and fun!***



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We gather the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. around the Narthex fireplace. **March 15th** will be our next meeting.

CONTACT: Yvette Schambow at ymsbelieves3@gmail.com or 262-392-9194 with any questions.



WHO Ministries Update

WHO (Welcome, Hospitality and Outreach) Ministries was formed in 2013 as a replacement for Evangelical Ministries and has been recently revitalized with a new team of members. Our mission is to offer a welcoming environment to visitors and members, encourage fellowship through Sunday morning hospitality and special events, integrate members (both new and long-time) into the life of the church, provide caring (in terms of food and/or visits) for members in need, and explore and encourage outreach opportunities. Bill and Lenny Graffin serve as WHO's CTS Council liaisons and Kim Dutelle serves as the group's facilitator.

We have put together visitor welcome bags (located behind the Welcome Center) and encourage members to share them with visitors while inviting them to return to CTS (If you would prefer that someone from WHO speak with them, please introduce them to either Lenny or Bill Graffin, Kim Dutelle, Jo Pirlott, or Ashley Vaughan Stroebel).

In December, we organized both a dinner for the ELCA Milwaukee Synod Assembly and a small reception of cookies and drinks following our annual Christmas pageant service. In January, we hosted a lunch for 75 members of Luther College's Nordic Choir and worked together to plan the menu, coordinate volunteers, shop, prepare and serving the food and to set up and clean up the Ark. Many thanks to everyone who supported this activity!

Currently, Jill Stamn is organizing volunteers who will set up and clean up coffee and provide treats each Sunday and Jo Pirlott is coordinating volunteers to make meals for members as needs arise. If you would like to help with either of these activities, please contact Ellen in the office so she can pass your name along. And Ashley Vaughan Stroebel has been working with a consultant to design a CTS logo and a new user-friendly website that will help us communicate with members, visitors and people in our community looking for worship and service opportunities. We will also be cleaning out the kitchen in early March, and once we have taken stock of what is there and what items are needed, we will put a call out to members for donations to re-stock the kitchen supplies.

Beginning on April 2, WHO Ministries and other committees will meet the first Sunday of each month in between services from 9:30-10:30 so more members can offer their input, insight and feedback. All are welcome to join in the fun!

MARCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	27 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Book Discussion	28 1:00 pm Eat Better, Move More	1 6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY	2 10:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Seasoned Seniors 6:30 pm Faith Formation Roundtable 6:30 pm Social Ministries Meeting 6:30 pm CODA	3	4
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Financial Report January 2017

	<u>Current</u> <u>Period Actual</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Period Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>
Income totals	\$19,999.00	\$20,741.00	\$19,999.00	\$20,741.00
Expense totals	\$1,911.10	\$24,143.00	\$19,999.00	\$24,143.00
Difference	\$18,087.90	(\$3,402.00)	—	(\$3,402.00)
Mortgage Status	<u>Current</u>	<u>Mortgage</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>
January 2017	<u>Period Actual</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Mtg. Payments</u>
Mortgage Balance 1/1/17	\$560,709.16	—	—	—
Mortgage Payment	\$8,270.82	\$5,206.00	\$8,270.82	\$8,270.82
Mortgage Balance 1/31/17	\$552,438.34			
Pass-through Funds Status	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>01/31/2017</u>
World Hunger	—	\$570.00	—	\$570.00
Special Appeals	—	—	—	—
Loaves & Fishes	\$233.00	—	—	\$233.00
Christmas/Refugee Families	\$4,350.03	—	—	\$4,350.03
Grocery Receipts (Food Pantry)	—	—	—	—
Misc. Benevolence Pass-thru**	\$300.00	—	—	\$300.00
Youth Events/Can Money	—	—	—	—
SCS Offering	\$380.83	—	—	\$380.83
Vacation Bible School	\$207.51	—	—	\$207.51
Confirmation Camp	—	—	—	—
Confirmation Money	—	—	—	—
Misc. Pass Thru	\$426.00	—	—	\$426.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,600.00	—	—	\$2,600.00
Memorial Funds	\$813.20	—	—	\$813.20
Kitchen Projects	\$689.43	—	—	\$689.43
Wedding/Baptism Deposits	—	\$25.00	—	\$25.00
Investment Funds	(\$23,520.54)	\$23,520.54	—	—
Scholarship	\$209.75	—	—	<u>\$209.75</u>
Pass-through Funds TOTAL				\$10,804.75

** This is a holding account for member's specified contributions until requested distributions are made.

Treasurer's Comments:

Once again, we had a great 2016 and I'd like to thank you for your generosity and support of God's work. As you can see above, I've added some additional information you will be seeing each month. Please let me know if you find it beneficial.

January's income, as anticipated, exceeded our expenses. Both are tracking as anticipated. I will be adjusting the monthly budget numbers to reflect the 2017 calendar in the next several weeks. All bills are paid to date, including all capital projects. We again were able to pay our mortgage one month early as we have been for the past two years, saving us interest and allowing more to be put towards the principal.

WE held our annual meeting in January as scheduled. Both the budget and balance sheet were approved. Several questions were raised by a few individuals that are being addressed. The council will be finalizing the response at the February council meeting.

Again, thank you for a great year. Looking forward to an exciting and prosperous 2017! Please contact me if you have any questions or comments

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