

# 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.

### April at a Glance

See online calendar for times and for other events at [christtheservant.org](http://christtheservant.org)

- April 2.....Open Space Mission/Ministry
- April 2.....New Members Gathering
- Apr. 4,11,18,25...Eat Better, Move More
- April 5.....Final holy ground
- April 6.....Seasoned Seniors
- April 6.....Drop Off Easter Cookies
- April 8.....CTS Spring Clean Up Day
- April 8.....Refugee Family Moving Day
- April 9-15.....Holy Week
- April 16.....Easter Sunday
- April 19.....Lunch Bunch
- April 19.....Wed. Bible Study *RESUMES*
- April 23.....First Communion
- April 24.....Author Visit—Book Group
- April 30.....Loaves & Fishes

### Committee Gatherings

See online calendar for times

- April 25.....Council Meeting

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**Ellen Imp, Administrative Assistant**

## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Holiest of Weeks

Every year, as the midwestern spring seems to tarry, we long for the flowery, bright triumph of Easter joy. We glimpse it in the joyful waving of palms and revel in the brass and lilies of Easter. After a long, somber Lent, coupled with a long transition out of winter, we're ready.

Yet, in our rush to welcome Easter joy, we must always be careful not to miss the hard and holy stuff that makes it possible—namely, **Holy Week**.

Holy Week is the 8-day stretch from Palm Sunday (4/9) through Easter Sunday (4/16). And while the two Sundays are, indeed, glorious and joyful celebrations, it's what comes between that really makes the spirit shiver.



**Holy (Maundy) Thursday (4/13):** We remember "the night in which Jesus was betrayed." We remember how, even on that night, he knelt and washed the feet of all the disciples (even the one who would deny him; even the one who would betray him) as an act of love and service – and so, we wash each other's feet

as well. We remember how he gave himself in order to forgive – and so we hear the most intimate words of forgiveness we hear all year. We remember how he gave us a Meal to remember him by – and so we share that Meal with renewed gratitude. We remember how under the cover of darkness, our Lord was humiliated and sent to his death – and so we strip the altar, a sign of the shame we share with Jesus.

**Good Friday (4/14):** Jesus hangs on a cross. There is nothing to celebrate. No Meal, no praise, no joy. We remember our betrayal as we hear the noisy coins of Judas on our way to the cross. Yet, we call this night "Good."



Because in the darkness of this night, we meet a God who swam through the ocean of sorrow to rescue all who drown in sin, grief, and death. We adore the cross, for on this cross was hung the Salvation of the Whole World.

**Easter Vigil (4/15):** In the darkness of the cross and empty tomb, we gather to light a New Fire. We light candles. We tell stories (crazy, dark, beautiful, fun, weird stories). We celebrate Baptism – for on This Night Jesus was buried and arose, and in These Waters we are buried and raised up. We ring bells, light lights, sing praises, share the Meal, and party like it's the end – and beginning – of the world as we know it. **Because it is.**

Join us for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday – **please!** These are awesome days, and we're planning some great stuff to make them memorable and meaningful. But **please** don't skip the days in between. It is in the in between where Jesus does the hard and holy work. It is in the in between where we need a God who is with us. It is in the in between where we meet the Savior of the World.



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 Dreves \* Yolanda Gonzalez, friend of Kay Styza\* 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](mailto:tgatlin@wi.rr.com), or send an email to [CTSprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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 return to Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm **on April 19th. We were meeting Mondays during Lent.** 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 Exodus. All are welcome! Bring a friend, your Bible and your brain.

## Sunday School Parents & Families

The Sunday School Choir (grades 4K-2nd) will be singing the **Call to Worship at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, April 2, 2017.** We are also singing on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

The kids have been working hard learning the words and hand motions to our songs. We can't wait to share our smiling faces and singing voices with you and our congregation! We will practice at the beginning of Sunday School, like we have been doing every week. Singers do not need to stay for the whole service. We appreciate as many singers as possible! Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL will conclude May 7th!**

## Night Before Easter Cookies

Submitted by Cheryl Schober

|                            |                           |                      |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>1 cup pecans, whole</b> | <b>Bible</b>              | <b>Pinch of salt</b> |
| <b>Wooden spoon</b>        | <b>1 teaspoon vinegar</b> | <b>1 cup sugar</b>   |
| <b>Ziploc baggie</b>       | <b>3 egg whites</b>       | <b>Tape</b>          |

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important; don't wait until you're half done with recipe.) Place pecans in Ziploc baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. *Read John 19:1.*

Let each child smell vinegar; put vinegar in mixing bowl. Explain when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. *Read John 19:28-30.* Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. *Read John 10:10-11.* Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our own sins. *Read Luke 23:27.* So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing.

Add 1 cup sugar; explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. *Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16.* Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those sins that have been cleansed by Jesus. *Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.* Fold in broken nuts; drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body laid. *Read Matthew 27:57-60.* Put the cookie sheet in the oven; close the door and turn the oven off. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. *Read Matthew 27:65-66. Go to bed!* Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight; Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. *Read John 16:20 and 22.*

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. *Read Matthew 28:1-9.*

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## Help Our Refugee Family with Their Next Chapter—Moving!

After a long and difficult search, we have found the refugee family (that arrived in late November) housing in Waukesha. They will be living across the street from WalMart.

### Move In Day is Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 pm

We are looking for people to help physically move the furniture and other home items into the apartment as well as other people who can organize their kitchen and bathroom with the generous household items that have already been donated by the CTS congregation.

Also, if you would like to donate a housewarming gift in the form of a WalMart gift card that would be greatly appreciated as well so they can get the few essentials they still need. You can bring those gift cards to the church office in an envelope that is labeled "Refugee Family".

If you are able to help move, please contact Jeff Marti at [jpmarti85@gmail.com](mailto:jpmarti85@gmail.com). The more people we have, the faster this amazing family can have their own little piece of the American Dream!

### Can You Offer a Ride?

Our refugee family would like to be a part of our church family. We need some folks to offer to pick them up and bring them to church, as well as get them home again afterwards. The children would like to be a part of our Sunday School group.

As of April 8th they will be living in their own apartment on Dodie Drive (across from WalMart). They would be happy to attend either early or late service and, of course, their children need to be here for Sunday School at 9:30.

If we could get a small group of willing people together to do this, your "turn" would only be an occasional experience. Our family consists of the father, Gwel Ta Mla (pronounced Kway Tom La), the mother Hsar Paw (Sarah Paw, which in the Karen language means "flower"), the son Pah Ha, who is 13 years old and the daughter Paw Hay Klay, who is 11 years old.

**Please contact Carol Baewer at 254-206-1178 or John Dethloff at 262-844-2237 if you have any questions or are able to help. Thank you so much!**

## 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](http://www.bcw.edu/CTS), sign-up at the CTS Welcome Center or contact Kay Styza at 414-333-4364 or [kstyza@gmail.com](mailto:kstyza@gmail.com)

## WOMEN'S AFTERCARE

Linda Pischke, has led 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](mailto:opischke@wi.rr.com) or 262-506-8366.

## 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.

**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 people through a difficult time in their lives, please consider being part of our jail bible



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE (CONTINUED)

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](mailto:kstyza@gmail.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:** Pastor Jay.

### 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 next "Bridges Conversation" will be Saturday, May 20 from 9 -11am at Reformation. If you are interested in joining please contact Pr Jay or Steve Smart. You are welcome whether or not you attended any of the previous sessions. Please join us!

**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](mailto: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 at [ken.sodemann@gmail.com](mailto:ken.sodemann@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### 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](mailto:stevensmart@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](mailto: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).

### 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 at [dkdemo4@gmail.com](mailto: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 at [pwehmeier@wi.rr.com](mailto:pwehmeier@wi.rr.com) or Barbara Nordberg at [bnordberg@wi.rr.com](mailto:bnordberg@wi.rr.com)

### 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](mailto:kstyza@gmail.com)

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE (CONTINUED)

## 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](mailto:tom4226@att.net) or 262-542-4197.

Serenity Inns 7th Annual "Celebrate Recovery" dinner and silent auction fundraiser will take place on **Thursday, April 27th**. The evening will be filled with good food, fellowship and festivities...and all to support a great cause. For more information please contact Steve Smart [stevensmart@gmail.com](mailto:stevensmart@gmail.com). **Kay Styza has purchased a full table and is generously offering up spots to anyone interested.** If you would like to join Kay at her table please contact her at [kstyza@gmail.com](mailto:kstyza@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.

## 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 consists of three organizational subgroups:**

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).

**Active Issues Task Forces** generally meet monthly.

**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

**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](mailto:robertvgrady@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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

## HUNGER TASK FORCE

Mark your calendars, **Saturday June 10** from 1pm-4pm, CTS will be doing a Stock Box food pack. The Stock Box program is specifically to assist low income seniors in the area. The food pack will take place at Hunger Task Force in Milwaukee. Look for a sign-up sheet and more information soon.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Joyce Nyman         | 04/01 |
| Jacob Konrath       | 04/02 |
| Barb Levinson       | 04/03 |
| Matt Nyman          | 04/03 |
| Aleisha Adams       | 04/04 |
| Russ Garman         | 04/05 |
| AJ Johnson          | 04/05 |
| Simon Williams      | 04/06 |
| Matt Haag           | 04/07 |
| Megan Ducharme      | 04/08 |
| Gerri Kabitzke      | 04/08 |
| Karen Pohl          | 04/08 |
| Ryan Rees           | 04/08 |
| Jan Cavett          | 04/09 |
| Cailyn Knopick      | 04/10 |
| Robert Pagel        | 04/10 |
| Marissa Knopick     | 04/12 |
| Sierra Rocha        | 04/12 |
| Sage Kaiser         | 04/13 |
| Olivia Nyman        | 04/14 |
| David Janus         | 04/15 |
| Jacob Schlehlein    | 04/15 |
| Blake Snider        | 04/18 |
| Craig Hauser        | 04/19 |
| Kevin Hunt          | 04/19 |
| Laura Janus         | 04/21 |
| Dawn Loeschmann     | 04/23 |
| Mike W. Pirlott     | 04/23 |
| Bryan Davis         | 04/24 |
| Luke Dutelle        | 04/25 |
| Mason Ellsworth     | 04/27 |
| Miles Loeschmann    | 04/27 |
| Jonathan Clarkson   | 04/28 |
| Kathy Karalewitz    | 04/28 |
| Janet Loeschmann    | 04/28 |
| Ashley Stimart      | 04/28 |
| Lori Wiorek         | 04/29 |
| Linda Majewski      | 04/30 |
| Steve Schmidtknecht | 04/30 |
| Madalyn Wohlleben   | 04/30 |



**Saturday, April 8  
9 to Noon**

Please come join us for Spring Clean Up Day!

We have several inside and outside projects that need your skills.

See sign up sheet in the Narthex or talk with Jeff Marti.



**Welcome Our  
New Intern,  
Vicar Marissa**

To the community of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,

Hello! My name is Marissa Becklin, and I am in my third year of studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. In July I will have the great honor of becoming your vicar for one year, an experience that I am anticipating with joy and excitement. This year with you will be the last year of my academic program, and at its end I will have a Masters of Divinity and by the grace of God I will be able to be ordained as a pastor in the ELCA. My husband, Hans, is also in his third year of studies on the journey toward ordained ministry, and he will be serving as a vicar at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls, WI during this same time period.

I am originally from Dubuque, Iowa (though I didn't grow up on a farm, so don't ask me too many questions about corn), and I attended college at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where I majored in both Religion and Psychology. I have been a Lutheran in the ELCA for my entire life, and have felt a call to ministry since I was in seventh grade. I believe wholeheartedly in the life-changing power of God's grace, and in God's loving and everlasting presence in the midst of the brokenness that marks this world. My favorite books of the Bible (right now, at least) are *Romans* and *Revelation*.

In my free time I love reading, hiking, and playing music. I also love to travel—whenever I meet people from other parts of the region, country, or world, I learn more about who God is about the people who God loves (everyone, that is). I look forward to learning more about your community, and the ways in which you experience the love and presence of God in and amongst one another.

Peace,  
**Marissa Becklin**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Seasoned Seniors Luncheon

SEASONED SENIORS will be meeting in the Ark on

**Thursday, April 6th** 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

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the holy ground meal and the clean up afterwards on Wednesday, March 8th an easy task.

On Sat., April 15th at 9:30 the Church will be decorated for Easter. Any member of CTS can help with decorating. The more we have, the less time it takes. Also, helpers will be needed to clean up after Saturday Easter Vigil. We appreciate anyone who can take the time to help.

We have purchased two new candle lighter/snuffers to light the Altar candles beginning each service. They are a beautiful and welcome addition to our services.

### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group has special plans for April and May. We will be meeting in The Ark on Monday, April 24 at 6:30pm to discuss *Odin's Promise* and meet the author, Sandy Brehl. See article (*below right*) for more info. **We encourage all to join us in April for our discussion with the author!**

In May, we will be getting together for our end of season dinner at The Irish Pub at the Clarke Hotel in Waukesha, May 22nd at 6:30pm. We will be discussing *Murder with Fried Chicken and Waffles* by A. L. Herbert.

### Lunch Bunch

On **Wednesday, April 19th** the Lunch Bunch will be heading to *Bakers Square* at 15300 W. Bluemound in Elm Grove. 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](mailto:ymsbelieves3@gmail.com) or 262-392-9194 with any questions.



## Collection for Pine Ridge

During the month of April, CTS will be collecting winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens. They must be in good condition. Place them in the box in the narthex designated for the Pine Ridge collection. The summer trip to deliver the collected items will be June 29th-July 7th.

If you would like to help with packing and sorting the items collected from all over the area, these are the dates volunteers are needed:

**Tuesday, 4/4 and Thursday, 4/6 from 5 to 8**

**Tuesday, 4/11 and Thursday, 4/13 from 5 to 8**

**Tuesday, 4/18 and Thursday, 4/20 from 5 to 8**

**Tuesday, 4/25 and Thursday, 4/27 from 5 to 8**

**Join the summer trip June 29th through July 7th.** You are responsible for your own food and transportation to and from the Reservation. Do not let this discourage you. You may still be able to car pool with someone if you don't want to drive yourself. The cost is estimated at \$200 per person for food and lodging. You will be responsible for any other purchases you may wish to make. Locals do sell their jewelry, craft work, etc. but it is totally optional to purchase.

If you have not been to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation I highly recommend you join us. The experience will last you a lifetime and we need to bring awareness about the conditions there to the forefront. Sonia Danuser from CTS has been to Pine Ridge a couple of times and will be participating in the trip this summer.

For more information, you can contact **Sonia Danuser at 262-542-4197** or **Gloria Klomsten at 262-370-7506.**

## Meet the Author

**All ages, 10-99, welcome.**

The CTS Book Group invites everyone to join us for a discussion with Sandy Brehl, author of *Odin's Promise* on **Monday, April 24 at 6:30pm in The Ark.**

Sandy is a teacher and an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators. *Odin's Promise* is a story of the first year of German occupation of Norway in World War II, as seen through the eyes of a young girl. The book is a wonderful middle-grade novel, especially for dog lovers, for Norwegian Americans and other European-Americans whose ancestors were involved in resistance movements in WWII and for all who enjoy reading stories about WWII history.

Please join us if you have any of these interests or just want to learn more about writing. The book will also be available for sale that evening.



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| ZSUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
|   |   |   |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>1:00 pm</b> First Comm. Class   |
| <b>2 SS Kids Sing</b><br><b>8:15 am</b> Worship<br><b>9:30 am</b> "Open Space" Mission & Ministry<br><b>9:30 am</b> Youth/SS<br><b>10:45 am</b> Worship<br><b>12:30 pm</b> New Members Gathering<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Women's AA | <b>3</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Bible Study  | <b>4</b><br><b>1:00 pm</b> Eat Better, Move More<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Waukesha Choral Reh.<br><b>7:00 pm</b> AA                            | <b>5</b><br><b>5:45 pm</b> holy ground   | <b>6</b><br><b>DROP OFF EASTER COOKIES</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>12:30 pm</b> Seasoned Srs<br><b>6:30 pm</b> CODA | <b>7</b><br><b>6:00 pm</b> Joyful Souls         | <b>8</b><br><b>9:00 am</b> Spring Clean Up<br><b>1:00 pm</b> Move In day for our Refugee Family   |
| <b>9 PALM SUNDAY</b><br><b>8:15 am</b> Worship<br><b>9:30 am</b> Adult Forum<br><b>10:45 am</b> Worship<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Girl Scouts<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Women's AA  | <b>10</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Bible Study   | <b>11</b><br><b>1:00 pm</b> Eat Better, Move More<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Waukesha Choral Reh.<br><b>7:00 pm</b> AA                           | <b>12</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b> Boy Scouts   | <b>13 Holy Thursday</b><br><b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b><br><b>6:30pm</b> Worship<br><b>6:30 pm</b> CODA                                 | <b>14 Good Friday</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Worship | <b>15 Holy Sat.</b><br><b>9:30 am</b> Altar Guild Decorates<br><b>9:30 am</b> Band Rehearsal<br><b>5:00 pm</b> Choir Rehearsal<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Easter Vigil |
| <b>16 EASTER SUNDAY</b><br><b>8:15 am</b> Worship<br><b>10:45 am</b> Worship<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Women's AA   | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br><b>1:00 pm</b> Eat Better, Move More<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Waukesha Choral Reh.<br><b>7:00 pm</b> AA                           | <b>19</b><br><b>12:30 pm</b> Lunch Bunch<br><b>5:30 pm</b> Waukesha Creative Arts League<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry | <b>20</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> CODA<br><b>6:30 pm</b> First Communion Class                          | <b>21</b>                                       | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b><br><b>8:15 am</b> Worship — 1st Communion<br><b>9:30 am</b> Adult Forum<br><b>9:30 am</b> SS/Youth<br><b>10:45 am</b> Worship<br><b>12 Noon</b> Confirmation<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Women's AA                           | <b>24</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Book Group Author Visit—<br><i>All are Invited!</i> | <b>25</b><br><b>1:00 pm</b> Eat Better, Move More<br><b>6:30 pm</b> Council<br><b>7:00 pm</b> Waukesha Choral Reh.<br><b>7:00 pm</b> AA | <b>26</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b> Bible Study  | <b>27</b><br><b>10:00 am</b> Bible Study<br><b>6:30 pm</b> CODA<br><b>Serenity Inns Fundraiser Dinner</b>                        | <b>28</b>                                       | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>30</b><br><b>8:15 am</b> Worship<br><b>9:30 am</b> Adult Forum<br><b>9:30 am</b> Youth/SS<br><b>10:45 am</b> Worship<br><b>12 Noon</b> Loaves & Fishes<br><b>5:30 pm</b> Confirmation<br><b>6:00 pm</b> Women's AA         |   |   |  |  |   |   |



## Financial Report February 2017

|                                  | <u>Current</u><br><u>Period Actual</u> | <u>Current</u><br><u>Period Budget</u> | <u>YTD</u><br><u>Actual</u> | <u>YTD</u><br><u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income totals</b>             | \$18,002.00                            | \$20,225.00                            | \$38,000.00                 | \$40,150.00                 |
| <b>Expense totals</b>            | \$18,652.00                            | \$19,220.00                            | \$37,763.00                 | \$38,904.00                 |
| <b>Difference</b>                | (\$650.00)                             | \$1,005.00                             | \$237.00                    | \$1,246.00                  |
| <b>Mortgage Status</b>           | <b>Current</b>                         | <b>Mortgage</b>                        | <b>YTD</b>                  | <b>YTD</b>                  |
| <b>February 2017</b>             | <b>Period Actual</b>                   | <b>Payment</b>                         | <b>Actual</b>               | <b>Mtg. Payments</b>        |
| <b>Mortgage Bal. 1/17/17</b>     | \$557,541.00                           | —                                      | —                           | —                           |
| <b>Mortgage Payment</b>          | \$5,206.00                             | \$5,206.00                             | \$13,477.00                 | \$13,477.00                 |
| <b>Mortgage Bal. 2/14/17</b>     | \$554,048.00                           |  |                             |                             |
| <b>Pass-through Funds Status</b> | <b>12/31/2016</b>                      | <b>Income</b>                          | <b>Expense</b>              | <b>01/31/2017</b>           |
| World Hunger                     | \$570.00                               | \$690.00                               | —                           | \$1,260.00                  |
| 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                               | \$121.56                               | —                           | \$502.39                    |
| Vacation Bible School            | \$207.51                               | —                                      | —                           | \$207.51                    |
| Confirmation Camp                | —                                      | —                                      | —                           | —                           |
| Confirmation Money               | —                                      | —                                      | —                           | —                           |
| Misc. Pass Thru                  | \$426.00                               | —                                      | \$56.00                     | \$370.00                    |
| Designated Gifts                 | \$2,600.00                             | —                                      | \$1,100.00                  | \$1,500.00                  |
| Memorial Funds                   | \$813.20                               | —                                      | —                           | \$813.20                    |
| Kitchen Projects                 | \$689.43                               | —                                      | —                           | \$689.43                    |
| Wedding/Baptism Deposits         | —                                      | \$25.00                                | —                           | \$25.00                     |
| Investment Funds                 | —                                      | —                                      | —                           | —                           |
| Scholarship                      | \$209.75                               | —                                      | —                           | \$209.75                    |
| <b>Pass-through Funds TOTAL</b>  |  |  |                             | <b>\$10,460.31</b>          |

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

### Treasurer's Comments:

I've added some additional information you will be seeing each month. Please let me know if you find it beneficial.

February's income was less than our expenses. Coupled with January's income/expense, we are tracking year to date as anticipated. All bills are paid, 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. The mortgage comes due for readjustment 5/19. I'm looking at all options and will be providing information on our direction in the near future.

At the Annual Meeting several financial concerns were expressed. Additional concerns were raised in separate small meetings and emails. The concerns focused on the accuracy and validity of the financial information presented and the opportunity for inappropriate activity by the financial team. I believe these concerns are due to not knowing the financial process at CTS with its checks and balances. My responsibility as treasurer is to ensure everyone at CTS has confidence in our financial process, the financial information we provide and the financial team. I assure you our financial process is top rate and the financial team is of the highest integrity. If you'd like to learn more about the process, please contact the office and they can give you a detailed copy of the financial process.

We are conducting an internal audit on 4/22 by the team assembled by Mike Pirlott; we will conduct an outside audit by the accounting firm of Scrima and Kabitzke on 5/15. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments

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## Save the Dates: Plan Now for Holy Week

### **Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday**

8:15 and 10:45am - Worship w/ Palm Procession and selections from *Godspell*.

### **Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday**

6:30pm - Assurance of Forgiveness, Footwashing, Holy Communion, Stripping the Altar, Prayer Garden

### **Friday, April 14 - Good Friday**

6:30pm - Coins of Betrayal, Story of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross, Bidding Prayer.

### **Saturday, April 15 - Great Vigil of Easter**

6:00pm - Fire and Candles, Chanting and Camp Songs, Mighty Stories Acted Out, Baptism and Bells, Easter Gospel and Holy Communion. Engaging Worship for All Ages.

### **Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday**

8:15 and 10:45am - Easter Gospel and Easter Hymns, Holy Communion and Alleluias!