

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.

August at a Glance

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

August 6.....Open Space Ministry
August 16.....Lunch Bunch
August 16.....holy ground
August 19.....Worship Planning Retreat
August 19.....Choir Rehearsal
August 27.....Church Picnic
September 1.....First Day of School
September 7...Seasoned Srs. RETURNS!

Committee Gatherings

See online calendar for times

August 3Intern Lay Committee
August 8....Endowment Quarterly Mtg.
August 22.....Council Meeting

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FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus is Not an Action Figure

On my desk stands a small plastic "Jesus Action Figure" I once received as a *Chanukah* gift from a Jewish friend of mine with a taste for irony. He has little rollers on his sandaled feet so he can "glide across water!" He has jointed shoulders and elbows so he can "lift his hands in blessing!" And, of course, he has long, shiny, perfectly-parted curly black hair.

I keep him there because he's funny and kids who visit my office (especially my own) like to play with him. But more importantly, I keep him around to remind me of exactly who Jesus is not.

Action figures are heroes. They do good stuff, perhaps, but usually with a violent flair. They win. And in their plastic, miniature forms, they do whatever we want them to. I get to position their arms, legs, heads, swords, whatever, however I want. Make them go where I want; fight whomever I want to fight. My Jesus figure doesn't have a weapon (thankfully; such aberrations do exist, however), but still: This Jesus does what I tell him to.

In every possible way, that is not the Jesus we gather to worship and receive.

Jesus is not a hero. Not in any classic sense. He's odd. Confusing. Has, by his death, very few actual followers or friends. Whatever fame he had was fleeting at best; his career lasted less than one year (by at least three of the four gospel accounts).

He did good things, to be sure, but never with violence. He refused to even lift a finger to condemn, much less injure, those who would do him harm – those who nailed him to a cross. Sacrifice is a notable virtue among many hero stories, but it is usually accompanied with a good measure of butt-kicking. Jesus kicked no butts.

Jesus was not a winner. He embraced loss. His life reeked of vulnerability. He forgave. He died. Resurrection is victory, yes – but he was raised from the dead; he didn't claw his way out of the grave by himself.

But most importantly, Jesus is not ours to control. Jesus doesn't go where we want him to. Jesus doesn't love who we want him to, or hate who we want him to. Jesus bids us to get behind him and follow – to the shame and loss of the cross. He loves us too much to care all that much what our opinions are; Jesus sees a bigger picture and invites us to journey alongside and behind him toward God's promised future. Thankfully, that is a future that unfolds by God's work and God's vision, not our own.

I keep my Jesus on my desk as a reminder that it's just a toy. There is no "my Jesus." There is only Jesus, the savior of the world, who holds my (and the world's) future in nail-scarred hands that are far more wise and gracious than mine could ever be.

And thanks be to God for that.

Peace,
Pr Jay



Remembering in Prayer

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

Ed Boehmke * Al Dahl * 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 * Ali Vaughan-Stroebel * Ashley Vaughan-Stroebel * Jake Vaughan-Stroebel * Kay Styza

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.

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) - Join Pr Jay in the Ark to continue Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi: Worship Matters. All summer long, we will explore how what we do when we gather for worship reflects and shapes our faith - what we believe about God, our neighbors, ourselves, and our mission in the world. We'll have videos, discussion, and plenty of time for whatever questions you might have.

"Open Space" Mission and Ministry Gathering is scheduled for August 6. All are welcome to connect with committees and ministries at CTS.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:30 pm) We are now on our Summer Break. We will reconvene on **Wednesday, September 6th.** Join us then and bring your favorite Bible. If you have any questions in the meantime, 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 Begins Sept. 10! Teachers Needed

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 10 and teachers are needed for all grade levels Preschool-Age 4 through Grade 5. The "Living the Word" curriculum coincides with the narrative lectionary used in the Sunday services. It is very user friendly and all materials are supplied. Scheduling is very flexible.

Our Sunday School program can continue and be successful only with committed teachers. Please prayerfully consider teaching. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of sharing the stories of God's love. Thank you for your continuing support in the faith education of our children.

Please let me know if you can teach or have any questions. Thank you!

Linda Majewski
Sunday School Coordinator
262-521-9668
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holy ground for holy people: Food, Fun, Fellowship and Faith Formation on Wednesday Nights

Gather with us on August 16 for a potluck dinner, activities and worship for all ages. We'll gather from 6:00-7:30pm, outside (weather permitting).

Bring something tasty to share with friends and blankets or camp chairs to sit on. We will celebrate Holy Communion, sing songs, and creatively explore the "Four Ws of Worship":

August 16: "Word"

We are a story-telling people. God's Word of Promise has filled the world with Hope, from our ancestors down to us and onto our children's children. We will gather around the campfire to tell stories of grace and life, then and now.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

So far, the Endowment Committee has a total of \$5,000.00 to work with in 2017. To date, we have set aside \$1,250.00 to be used toward expenses of our Intern, Vicar Marissa Becklin, who will be starting at CTS on July 15. (The Endowment Fund is committed to donating the same amount in 2018, as well). We plan to contribute \$1,250.00 toward the CTS Handicap Accessibility Fund for making it easier for all to join us for worship, and we plan to bless the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with \$500.00.

We are looking for suggestions on how CTS can best donate the remaining \$2,000.00. It must be used for missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, nationally and worldwide, including, but not limited to, grants to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for new congregation development, professional leadership, educational ministries, global mission, ecumenism, evangelism, social ministries and capital financing. We can subdivide the \$2,000.00 between 2 or 3 worthy causes.

Through the ongoing, generous donations of our members, and from Memorial donations in memory of some of our previous members, who are now angels, we are able to bless others.

If you would like to learn more about the Endowment Committee, how to include CTS in your estate planning, or if you would like to submit suggestions, please direct them to: Kay Styza, kstyza@gmail.com or (414) 333-4364.

REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH S.A.L.T.— Serving & Learning Together

CTS will be purchasing items to make lunches for participants in the Reformation S.A.L.T. program. **We have signed up to provide 60-65 lunches per day on July 25, 26 and 27.** We need monetary donations to go shopping and purchase items for the lunches and we need volunteers to help prepare lunches each morning on July 25, 26 and 27.

For cash and check donation make sure to note on the memo line that they are for the Reformation S.A.L.T. program and drop them off at the CTS Office or in the offering plate on Sunday. All donations need to be made by July 20th to allow for shopping and preparations.

A few volunteers are needed each morning on July 25, 26 and 27 to arrive at CTS at 9:30am. Preparing the lunches will take an hour or so. If you can volunteer,

please contact Sonia Danuser at 262-271-0456 or tom4226@att.net.

Some Information About the Program

The Reformation S.A.L.T. (Serving and Learning Together) Youth ministry begins again this summer at the end of June and continues through the end of July. About 65 youth will be helping in the homes/yards of the elderly and disabled. They will also be cleaning up neighborhood lots, and streets, and working in the Reformation Community Garden. In a profound way, lives are transformed in faith, as the neighborhood surrounding Reformation Lutheran Church is transformed. Students who complete the program receive a back pack, school supplies and a stipend to help with school clothing for the next school year. Participants are celebrated and given their gifts during a worship celebration and all are invited to attend.

Reformation Store Needs-Summer 2017

- * Baby/toddler clothing & supplies for spring/summer
- * Bath & hand towels, washcloths, beach towels
- * Coolers, fishing equipment in good repair and outdoor folding chairs, small grill, picnic baskets
- * Gift items for adults - Father's Day/birthdays, etc.
- * Jewelry, watches
- * Lamps, small
- * Pots & pans, kitchen utensils & linens
- * Queen sheet sets, bed pillows, blankets/quilts/comforters (no afghans, please)
- * Small appliances, i.e., deep fryers, 12-cup coffee makers, microwaves, fans, blenders, radios, electric fry pan, irons
- * Silverware
- * Spring jackets & swimsuits for all ages
- * Wall clocks

Items can be left in the bin for Reformation in the narthex at CTS or delivered right to Reformation. They love to have folks visit! To arrange a delivery directly to Reformation, please call ahead at 414-444-0440.

LOAVES AND FISHES

The next meal to be served at the Hope Center is Sunday, July 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.

MEMORIAL BRICKS NOW AVAILABLE TO CAPTURE SPECIAL MEMORIES

Memorial Bricks are now available to memorialize those special people or events in your life. The bricks can be engraved with symbols, letters and numbers to capture that special wedding date, graduation, baptism, years at

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CTS, our great nation, etc. Please stop by the "BRICK" display next to the Welcome Center for information on size of brick, engraving options and prices.

Take a stroll down in our Memorial Garden and enjoy the wonderful design made with some of these bricks. Memories to cherish for a lifetime...and beyond! Any questions, contact Steve Schmidtknecht at skshome2012@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

What is it? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a special outreach ministry. This ministry makes and presents shawls to those in need of comfort at times of illness or stress; times of celebration, such as graduation, weddings or births, giving recipients a tangible reminder of God's presence, care and love.

Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance. Members of prayer shawl ministries have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted, crocheted or tied fleece shawls, filled with the power of prayer for those in need.

Who shall I contact if I know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl via our ministry? You may contact Beth Grossmeyer at 262-364-6078, Janet Dreves at 262-993-2732 or Yvette Schambow at 262-470-0187.

How can I help this ministry? You may help in many ways: **Join our ministry** and help to create shawls * **Donate materials** for the making of the prayer shawls (yarn, fleece, knitting and/or crochet needles) * **Remember** our ministry in your prayers.

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 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

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 or 262-506-8366.

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 at 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 if you are interested.

MORE BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Save the Date!

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

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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

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. If you would like to participate in the ministry, please contact Pastor Jay.

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).

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 or Barbara Nordberg at 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

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.

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.

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Tom Danuser	08/01
Brad Lehman	08/01
Bruce Dennert	08/02
Norma Herbrand	08/02
Benjamin Konrath	08/03
Jessi Nelson	08/03
Katharine Tyndall	08/04
Mary Johnson	08/05
Justin Runnells	08/08
Brandon Schwabenlender	08/09
Derrick Braun	08/10
Carson Vetrone	08/11
Brad Loeschmann	08/13
Jim Murphy	08/14
Marlys Swanson	08/17
Mackenzie Hoehne	08/19
Dan Majewski	08/19
Beth Grossmeyer	08/20
Kara Cavett	08/23
Henry Davis	08/23
Jayden Ellsworth	08/24
Emily Halvorson	08/24
Ginny Nyman	08/25
Timothy Van Hove	08/26
Cassi Malko	08/27
Cassandra Murphy	08/27
Irene Jacobs	08/28
Patrick Woodzick	08/28
Jennifer Hauser	08/29
Jeremy Halvorson	08/30
Carly Stimart	08/30
Ellie Zielinski	08/31

FROM THE VICAR

The Beautiful and Chaotic Moment of Hospitality

As I continue to settle in to life at Christ the Servant, I am continuously grateful for the kindness and warmth that has been extended to me. As I'm sure many of you have experienced throughout the course of your lives, the task of moving to a completely new place with a new culture, community, and expectations can be intimidating. Change can be hard, and yet my arrival in this congregation is not just a change for me—it is a change for you, as well.

You, the people of Christ the Servant, have likely had some anxiety and curiosity as well over the past few weeks. Life in relationship is a beautiful thing, but it comes with risks and a lot of questions—will we get along well? Will she understand us, and will we understand her? Will we even like her, and will she like us? What is her preaching like?

The Bible is pretty clear about how we are to treat the new people in our lives, and right now, we are all new people in one another's lives. In the face of newness and change in this congregation, we are all impacted. Hebrews 13:2 tells us not to "neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." This verse often makes me think of Abraham and Sarah who, when they lay a feast before three strangers who show up at their tent in the desert, quickly discover that they are hosting messengers of God and are facing a whole lot of change in the upcoming future (Sarah is pregnant, and will soon give birth to Isaac).

It is in the midst of chaos and change, some of the scariest and most uncertain moments of our lives, where God continues to show up and surprise us. This makes the moment of hospitality risky—who knows how God will shake things up in this year to come? How will we all be changed by the act of living in relationship with one another? What does God have up God's sleeves for us?

While I don't have the answer to this question, I can tell you this—God promises to show up in the midst of us, and this is good news. As we continue to introduce ourselves to one another, as you continue to remind me of your names, your occupations, your passions, your doubts, your pain—here, God is among us. As we inevitably make mistakes and disappoint one another—here, God is among us. As we gather together around the table of our Lord each week and share with one another bread and wine, God is physically present with us, strengthening us for the life of love, service, and justice that we are called to as a community.

God keeps God's promises. So as we embark on this new adventure of ministry together, keep watch—for we never know how God might surprise us.

Peace,
Vicar Marissa



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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

Lunch Bunch

On **Wednesday, August 16** the Lunch Bunch will be heading to Peachtree Restaurant, 15419 West National Avenue in New Berlin (262-787-2911). 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!***

Altar Guild

I want to thank Lois Wegner for leading the July meeting as I was unable to attend due to out of town company.

Also, congratulations to Joyce Nyman's daughter, Olivia, for receiving the scholarship for college this fall.

For those members who bring communion bread and prefer to buy it, the only place that sells it is Walmart. If anyone has found it anywhere else, please let us know.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 20th at 2:00 pm. See you then. —*Jelene Peot, 262-544-0820*

Seasoned Seniors Luncheon Returns Sept. 7!

SEASONED SENIORS will be meeting in the Ark on **Thursday, Sept. 7** at 12:30 pm for their monthly luncheon. Anyone over 55 years old is encouraged to join them. Contact Leah Huse at 262-547-4909 for more information.

Book Discussion Group

We will not be meeting during the summer, but will resume in September, planning to read "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. The following is our Summer Reading List::

After You by Jojo Moyes

The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg

The Best Yes by Lysa Terkeurst

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

The Book of Joy by The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Book that Matters Most by Ann Hood

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

The Coincidence of Coconut Cake by Amy E Reichert

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis
by J. D. Vance

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth

This Must be the Place by Maggie O'Farrell

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

Do You Like to Sing?

Do you play an instrument? There are many ways you can share your gifts and talents! CTS is ready to ramp up the music and we need you to help us!

CHOIRS (Adult & Youth)

Singing with others is a great way to enjoy performing without the stress of singing by yourself! You are invited to sing with the Youth Choir or the Adult Choir. If you want to check it out, come practice with all of us on **Saturday, August 19th from 11:30-1pm**. We will share our music with the congregation on Sunday, August 20th. Please consider joining us! Many voices make a joyful sound!

Beginning in September, we will have 1 Saturday rehearsal a month and sing 1-2 times per month. Sing as often as you can! Stay tuned for the rehearsal/performance schedule.

For more information about Youth Choir, contact Jonel Snider at 262-408-3067 or jsnider317@gmail.com.

For more information about Adult Choir, contact Jen Hauser at 262-751-2134 or jlhauser2@att.net.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CTS would like to hear from all of our talented church members! Consider singing or playing a solo, duet, trio or small group piece during a church service. Music director, Jen Hauser, is available to help you choose a song, rehearse and accompany if needed. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex so you can choose a date.

For more information about special music or to sign up for a service, contact Jen Hauser at 262-751-2134 or jlhauser2@att.net.

Thank You!

Dear Christ the Servant Church Members,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful contribution of art supplies and homemade gifts! Our program participants are making terrific use of these items!

We even took our supplies to PrideFest to use in the youth area, and our older adults in particular loved the thoughtful and creative bookmarks.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Gratefully,

Marissa Burns, Cathy Seasholes & Staff
MKE LGBT Community Center

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Financial Report June 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	\$19,269.00	\$18,975.00	\$125,390.00	\$121,250.00
Expense totals	\$19,369.00	\$21,732.00	\$119,926.00	\$122,137.00
Difference	(\$100.00)	(\$2,757.00)	\$5,464.00	(\$887.00)
<u>Mortgage Status</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Period Actual</u>	<u>Mortgage</u> <u>Payment</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Mtg. Payments</u>
June 2017				
Mortgage Bal. 6/30/17	\$548,795.00	—	—	—
Mortgage Payment	—	—	\$23,889.00	\$23,889.00
Mortgage Bal. 6/30/17	\$548,795.00			
<u>Pass-through Funds Status</u>	<u>5/31/2017</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>6/30/2017</u>
World Hunger	\$476.00	—	\$70.00	\$406.00
Special Appeals	\$207.00	\$854.00	—	\$1,061.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$233.00	—	—	\$233.00
Christmas/Refugee Families	\$3,199.00	—	—	\$3,199.00
Grocery Receipts (Food Pantry)	—	—	—	—
Misc. Benevolence Pass-thru**	\$300.00	—	—	\$300.00
Youth Events/Can Money	\$1,179.00	\$1,366.00	—	2,545.00
SCS Offering	\$513.00	—	—	\$513.00
Vacation Bible School	\$208.00	—	—	\$208.00
Confirmation Camp	\$200.00	—	\$775.00	(\$575.00)
Confirmation Money	—	—	—	—
Misc. Pass Thru	\$370.00	—	—	\$370.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,500.00	—	—	\$1,500.00
Memorial Funds	\$1,028.00	—	—	\$1,028.00
Kitchen Projects	\$939.00	—	\$44.00	\$895.00
Wedding/Baptism Deposits	\$25.00	\$25.00	—	\$50.00
Investment Funds	—	—	—	—
Special Projects	\$50,000.00	—	\$4,440.00	\$45,560.00
Scholarship	\$209.75	—	—	\$209.75
Pass-through Funds TOTAL				\$57,502.75

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

Treasurer's Comments:

June's income/expense ratio and year to date are tracking as anticipated. Expenses are slightly higher than income, but tracking YTD as anticipated. All bills are paid to date, including all current capital projects.

We have received approval from the congregation at a special congregational meeting on 7/9 to obtain additional financing for redoing the parking lot, adding automatic handicapped doors, a new sound system and repairing and repainting the drywall in the sacristy and narthex.

I've reapplied and have been approved by the MIF to borrow an additional \$155,000 added to our current mortgage bringing the total borrowed to \$705,000. The rate and adjust period are the same as our current mortgage, which is 4.375%, 7 year adjust, but the note is amortized at 20 years. Closing costs will be approximately \$3,300 and the new monthly payment will be \$4,413. This is \$241 more than our current monthly mortgage payment of \$4,172. We are going to continue budgeting the \$5,206, making additional principal payments with the difference, thus reducing the principal and shortening the term of the note.

The external audit began May 15 by Bob Kabitzke from Scrima and Associates. He is reviewing all the information and hopefully will complete his audit soon.

We have received a \$50,000 anonymous gift, greatly appreciated, to make the parking lot and entrance ADA handicapped accessible. We have already utilized some of this gift and the automatic doors have been installed. We currently are getting updated bids for the parking lot portion, and this gift will greatly assist in completing that project. Parking lot work will be completed in 2017.

Thank you again! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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RSVP for the CTS Church Picnic!

Join us on **Sunday, August 27** at CTS for the 9:30 a.m. service and then head to the CTS picnic at the park at 3703 Rivers Crossing Drive. CTS will provide chicken, rolls, hotdogs and buns, and you can bring your favorite drinks (in plastic bottles or cans – *no glass, please!*), a dish to pass, camp chairs, blankets, and outdoor games (balls, bean bag and ladder toss, etc.) This park has a covered pavilion, 15 picnic tables, bathrooms, playground, basketball court, and soccer fields! Come and enjoy the fun! You can RSVP by calling CTS at 262-542-7100, emailing office@christtheservant.org, or placing the bottom portion of this insert in the offering basket. The final date to RSVP is August 13.



Name: _____

_____ Number of adults attending _____ Number of children attending

The dish we plan to bring and share is: Salad Dessert Other

We would like to help with the picnic in the following ways:

- Set-up around 10:45 (move tables for a serving line, clean other picnic tables, if needed, set out Nescos, cooler, and consumable products—4 people needed)
- Clean-up (load up CTS items, make sure everything is cleaned up—4 people needed)
- Pick up food from Sentry at Fox Run at approximately 10:45am.