

# 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.

### FROM THE PASTOR

#### Why are you here? Why are 'they' not? Why does it matter?

A friend and colleague posted recently about a Twitter conversation getting a lot of participation these days: #EmptyThePews.

Folks are using this hashtag to tell their stories about leaving the church. As you can imagine, for someone who cares deeply about the church, it is painful to read these stories. And important.

Some are confused and angry that things they know are bad—like racism, sexism, and more—are acceptable in some churches. Some have stories of being abused by religious leaders and their fellow members did nothing about it. Some love to read books and learn about science and hear too many Christians look down on intellectuals or dismiss science. The list goes on.

As I scrolled through, I was struck by the irony of reading these painful stories while also gearing up for “Rally Day,” the beginning of a new “program year” at church. Sometimes—tongue-in-cheek—Rally Day is known as “Back to Church Sunday,” when we acknowledge that some of us (myself included!) have been enjoying the summer here, there, and everywhere, and haven’t necessarily made it to worship at CTS as often as we’d like.

So here we are, hoping to #FillThePews on Rally Day while many of our friends are telling the stories of how they left..

No church can be all things to all people. Every church will fail at something—or many things. Not every reason for leaving church behind is as good or meaningful as others.

But it reminds me that now is as good a time as any—as we prepare to begin a new journey through scripture and a new year of learning and worshipping together—to ask ourselves: *Why are we here?* Do we go to church out of pure habit or inertia? Is there something about church in general—or CTS in particular—that captivates and transforms, feeds and sustains us? Something worth sharing with neighbors?

And, it’s a good time to remember those who are no longer with us. Not because they have died— or even that they have “lost their faith,” but because they have not experienced church as life-giving; often the opposite. We think highly of ourselves at CTS (for plenty good reason), but we’re swimming upstream in a culture where many of our siblings have been hurt and/or left behind by “the church.” God is still very much a part of their lives (God gets to go wherever and do whatever among whomever God wants). Are we? How do we begin to hear their stories—without judgment—and be changed so that we can be a part of healing and wholeness rather than hurt and loss? To see how God is doing amazing things “out there” already?

The Garden of Eden may be as good a place as any to start.

Peace,  
**Pr Jay**

### September at a Glance

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

- Sept. 3.....Open Space Ministry
- Sept. 6.....Wed. Bible Study Reconvenes
- Sept. 7.....Seasoned Seniors
- Sept. 8.....CTS Prayer Concert
- Sept. 10.....RALLY DAY!
- Sept. 14.....CTS Blood Drive
- Sept. 14.....holy ground
- Sept. 17.....CTS 2020: Kick-off Sunday
- Sept. 17.....Hunger Harvest
- Sept. 20.....Lunch Bunch
- Sept. 20.....Prayer Shawl Reconvenes
- Sept. 25.....Book Club Reconvenes

### Committee Gatherings

See online calendar for times

- Sept. 13 .....Intern Lay Committee
- Sept. 20.....Altar Guild Meeting at 2PM
- Sept. 26.....Council Meeting

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### CTS Staff

**Rev. Jay McDivitt, Pastor**  
**Vicar Marissa Becklin, Pastoral Intern**  
**Jennifer Hauser, Music Director**  
**Jonel Snider, Cross+Generational Ministry Coordinator**  
**Ellen Imp, Administrative Assistant**



## Remembering in Prayer

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

Ed Boehmke \* Al Dahl \* Gene Drevs \* 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](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)** - The Many Children of Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah: On Sundays in September (9/10, 9/17 and 9/24), we will explore the first generations of the ancestors through the eyes of Christians, Jews and Muslims—the so-called "Abrahamic" faiths. On 9/10, Pr Jay and Vicar Marissa will present a Christian perspective. On 9/17, Shaykh Noman Hussein of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee-West (Brookfield) will talk about Abraham/Ibrahim from a Muslim perspective. On 9/24, we will explore these same ancestors through Jewish eyes (speaker TBD). All are welcome!

**Sunday Youth Discussion** — The Youth Group will reconvene on **Sunday, Sept. 10** and we meet each week from 9:30-10:30 am 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)** We will reconvene on **Wednesday, September 6th** to study I John 3:1 with a review of the first two chapters. 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**  
[dlmajewski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlmajewski@sbcglobal.net)

## holy ground for holy people: Food, Fun, and Faith: Thurs. 9/14

Gather with us on September 14 for a potluck dinner, activities and worship for all ages. We'll gather from 6:00-7:30pm.

Bring something tasty to share with friends. We will celebrate Holy Communion and sing our way through the *Holden Evening Prayer*.

### September 14: "Of Soil and Water"

On Sundays, we journey through the scriptures from Genesis to Jesus, to the cross and beyond. We begin another journey through that story on 9/10 (Rally Day) with the story of Creation—the very beginning.

We will continue wondering and rejoicing together about the gift of Creation—us and all things—from the soil.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## **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 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)

## **FREE HOPE CENTER THANKSGIVING DINNER & AUCTION TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

Would you like to attend this event on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** with 5:00 p.m. cocktails and 7:00 p.m. dinner and live auction? I am donating up to 10 tickets for the event for free, and I have 5 people who have requested tickets so far. Please let me know if you would like a ticket before they are gone. We are trying to have a great representation from CTS to support the Hope Center! **Contact:** Kay Styza at [kstyza@gmail.com](mailto:kstyza@gmail.com) or 414-333-4364.

## **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 started 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](mailto:kstyza@gmail.com) or (414) 333-4364.

## **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 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 in front of the stage. Memories to cherish for a lifetime...and beyond! Any questions, contact Kay Styza at [kstyza@gmail.com](mailto:kstyza@gmail.com) or 414-333-4364.

## **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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE (CONTINUED)

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)

### 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.

### 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 Drevs 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.

### 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](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.

### 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.

### 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)

### 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,

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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.

### 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).

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

## Rally Day September 10



Join us as we kick off a new year of wandering and wondering our way through the Story of Scripture.

***Bring backpacks as we pray God's blessings on a new year of learning.*** As we explore the gift of creation and rest, you are also invited to ***bring flowers from your home garden to place in vases around the baptismal font.***

At 9:30am, all are welcome to gather around the baptismal font for a brief all-congregation "opening" to kick off our year of learning. After a few minutes of prayer and song, we'll head off into Sunday School (parents and kids), youth group, and adult forum.

***Bring Friends and Neighbors!***

## Hunger Harvest Sunday, Sept. 17 at 12 Noon

Immediately following the second service, all are welcome for some pizza and then split into teams to scour the neighborhood and collect non-perishables for the Waukesha Food Pantry. (*Note: This year we will focus on a smaller area and attempt to collect at all the houses that receive a postcard in advance.*)

Please [RSVP to Pr Jay](#) if you intend to participate so we can have enough pizza on hand.

All ages and abilities are invited to participate. Bring friends/neighbors/family!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Lind	09/01
Lillian Woodzick	09/01
Linda Lind	09/02
Olivia Bennett	09/04
Amanda Castillo	09/04
Amanda Eschenburg	09/04
Madalyn Mulqueen	09/06
Madalynn Hoehne	09/09
Ben Jehn	09/09
Eloise Kurth	09/09
Adam Buhrandt	09/11
Olivia Walker	09/12
Bill Becker	09/13
Janet Drevs	09/13
Diane Isnard	09/13
Dan Williams	09/13
JoAnn Liss	09/14
Jake Vaughan-Stroebel	09/14
Janet Brunner-Grady	09/15
Thomas Demo	09/15
Landon Perry	09/16
Tom Schmidt	09/16
Erin Loeschmann	09/17
Marie Flatt	09/18
Ray Jump	09/19
James Pfeiffer	09/19
Mike Schwabenlender	09/19
Cole Zielinski	09/19
Naomi Gettler	09/23
Becky Kretlow	09/23
Bill Graffin	09/24
Josh Grossmeyer	09/24
Alison Eve	09/25
Doris Isnard	09/25
Josh Wohlleben	09/26
Dani Dutelle	09/27
Christopher Murphy	09/27
Joshua Czuta	09/29
Paula Nelson	09/30
LaVerl Schultz	09/30
Andrea Vaughan	09/30

## FROM THE VICAR

### Reform Our Hearts, O God

In October of 1517, almost 500 years ago, a Catholic priest named Martin Luther made the decision to talk to the church body that he loved and claimed as his own and to point out the ways in which this church was failing to preach the gospel. His list of concerns included the fact that the Bible wasn't available for ordinary folks to read (meaning the church had complete power and control over the Word of God), and the church's teaching that God is perpetually angry, and that it is our job to do good deeds (giving money to the already wealthy church, that is) to make God love us and have a chance to experience eternal and perfect love.

This was the beginning of the Reformation—the time period throughout the 1500s and 1600s during which church life and structure around the world was “re-formed”. It was during this time period when our Lutheran denomination was established. This makes it tempting, particularly during a big anniversary year, to point to this event and claim it as ours to be proud of.

And yet, the Reformation was the beginning of much more than Lutheranism—it sparked the creation of many other Christian denominations, and even sparked change in the Catholic Church. Now, 500 years later, the Reformation is a time period that is being commemorated by our Christian siblings of many different denominations, celebrating the progress that we have all benefitted from.

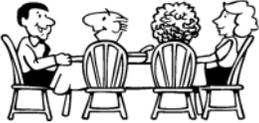
But with so much to celebrate as the catholic (that is, universal) church, this observation of the 500th anniversary calls all of us to a new awareness of our own role as “re-formers”. As we remember the bravery of Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jan Hus, and so many others who 500 years ago were willing to speak about the liberating word of God in the face of power and corruption, we remember that it is this kind of risky, sometimes scary, truth-telling that God calls all of us to do in the midst of a broken world. With the gospel in our hands and on our hearts, we are called by God as today's church to speak truth to power and to speak boldly of God's love and promise of new life for all peoples. This is an extremely challenging thing in the midst of a terrifying and broken world, and this is why we commemorate the anniversary of the Reformation—to remember what it looks like when this kind of bravery and complete trust in God is enacted in the world (it can end up changing everything!).

So as we enter this new season of remembrance of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, let us also pray that God might continue to reform our very hearts—that we might be equipped to boldly speak a word of grace and love in this world.

Peace,

*Vicar Marissa*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Seasoned Seniors Luncheon Returns September 7th!

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.

### Lunch Bunch

On **Wednesday, September 20** the Lunch Bunch will be heading to Golden Gate Restaurant, 1427 E. Racine Avenue 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!***



### Altar Guild

Our next meeting date is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 20th at 2PM.**

At this meeting we will begin talking about the busy Christmas season. Even though Christmas might seem a long way off, this will be our last meeting until the middle of November. We also will be talking about the few changes that were done this year and want everyone's input on the likes and dislikes.

A big thank you to all the members who volunteered for the final quarter of the year to fill the weekends.

We are always looking for new members so feel free to attend one of our meetings to find out what we are all about or talk to a member about joining our team. The rewards are greater than the work.

—*Jelene Peot, 262-544-0820*



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will resume our meetings again on **September 20**. We gather the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm around the Narthex fireplace. **CONTACT:** Yvette Schambow at [ymsbelieves3@gmail.com](mailto:ymsbelieves3@gmail.com) or 262-392-9194 with any questions.



### Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will start up again on September 25th after taking the summer off. We will be meeting on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in front of the fireplace at church. All are welcome any time, even if you haven't read the book. On **Monday, September 25**, we will be discussing "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

## A Night of Surrender

"Plant your roots in Christ. And let Him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful."

—*Colossians 2:7*

Come as you are for a night of surrender. Through prayer and music, gather with us for this special worship experience.

Witness the gifts that Christ has given us through CTS's first prayer concert held on **Friday, September 8th** from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the CTS Sanctuary.

***All are welcome!***

## 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. 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](mailto:jsnider317@gmail.com).

For more information about Adult Choir, contact Jen Hauser at 262-751-2134 or [jlhauser2@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:jlhauser2@att.net).

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>27</b> 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Church Picnic 6:00 pm Women's AA	<b>28 MERIT</b> <b>Asphalt Repaves Lot (All Week)</b>  7:00 pm Book Study at Lori's	29 4:00 pm Book Study Group 6:30 pm AA Open Meeting	30	31 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Book Study Group 6:30 pm CODA	<b>1</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:15am Worship 9:30 am Open Space Ministry Gathering 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Women's AA	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Wau. Choral Rehearsal 7:00 pm AA	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Seasoned Seniors 6:30 pm CODA 6:30 pm Youth Concert Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Youth Prayer Concert	<b>9</b>
<b>10 RALLY DAY!</b> 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum 9:30 am All Church at Font 9:45 am SS/Youth Group 10:45 am Worship 12 Noon Capital Meeting 2:00 pm Girl Scouts 5:00pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Women's AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation/ Youth Kick Off 7:00 pm Wau. Choral Rehearsal 7:00 pm AA	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Internship Lay Comm. Meeting	<b>14</b> 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Blood Drive 6:00 pm holy ground 6:30 pm CODA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 CTS 2020: Kickoff Sunday</b> 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Confirmation Class 9:30 am SS/Youth Group 10:45 am Worship 12 Noon Hunger Harvest 6:00 pm Women's AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Wau. Choral Auditions	<b>20</b> 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch 2:00 pm Altar Guild 5:30pm Waukesha Creative Council 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm CODA 7:00 pm St. John Neumann Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm St. John Neumann Group
<b>24</b> 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Forum 9:30 am SS/Youth Group 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Women's AA	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Book Discussion Group	26 6:30 pm Council 7:00 pm Wau. Choral Rehearsal 7:00 pm AA	27 6:30 pm Bible Study	28 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm CODA 7:00 pm St. John Neumann Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 am Wau. Choral Retreat/Lunch 6:30 pm St. John Neumann Group

# Financial Report July 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>
<b>Income totals</b>	\$26,829.00	\$20,475.00	\$152,218.00	\$141,725.00
<b>Expense totals</b>	\$18,677.00	\$23,113.00	\$138,602.00	\$145,249.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$8,152.00	(\$2,638.00)	\$13,616.00	(\$3,524.00)

<u>Mortgage Status</u> <u>July 2017</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>
<b>Mortgage Bal. 7/31/17</b>	\$546,661.00	—	—	—
<b>Mortgage Payment</b>	—	—	\$28,060.00	\$28,060.00
<b>Mortgage Bal. 7/31/17</b>	\$546,661.00			

<u>Pass-through Funds Status</u>	<u>5/31/2017</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>6/30/2017</u>
World Hunger	\$406.00	\$697.00	—	\$1,103.00
Special Appeals	\$1,061.00	—	\$250.00	\$811.00
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	\$200.00	—	\$500.00
Youth Events/Can Money	\$2,545.00	\$180.00	—	2,725.00
SCS Offering	\$513.00	—	—	\$513.00
Vacation Bible School	\$208.00	—	—	\$208.00
Confirmation Camp	(\$575.00)	—	—	(\$575.00)
Confirmation Money	—	—	—	—
Misc. Pass Thru	\$370.00	—	—	\$370.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,500.00	—	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
Memorial Funds	\$1,028.00	—	—	\$1,028.00
Kitchen Projects	\$895.00	—	—	\$895.00
Wedding/Baptism Deposits	\$25.00	\$25.00	—	\$50.00
Investment Funds	—	—	—	—
Special Projects	\$45,560.00	—	\$560.00	\$45,000.00
Scholarship	\$209.75	—	—	<u>\$209.75</u>
<b>Pass-through Funds TOTAL</b>				<b>\$57,619.75</b>

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

## Treasurer's Comments:

July's income/expense ratio and year to date are tracking as anticipated. All bills are paid to date, including all current capital projects.

We will be closing shortly on the new mortgage bringing the total borrowed to \$705,000. The rate and adjust period are 4.375%, 7 year adjust, amortized at 20 years, closing costs will be approximately \$2,700 and the new monthly payment will be \$4,414. 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 5/15 by Bob Kabitzke from Scrima and Associates Accounting. He is reviewing all the information and hopefully will complete his audit soon.

Please note we have received a \$50,000 anonymous gift, greatly appreciated, to make the parking lot and church entrance handicapped accessible. We have already utilized some of this gift and have installed the automatic handicapped doors. The parking lot work will be completed September 1. Thank you again!

Please note we will be getting the stained glass window repaired this fall. Estimated repair cost is \$2,000.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or comments.

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## ***Hunger Harvest 2017—Sunday, September 17***

Immediately following the second service, all are welcome for some pizza and then split into teams to scour the neighborhood and collect non-perishables for the Waukesha Food Pantry. (*Note: This year we will focus on a smaller area and attempt to collect at all the houses that receive a postcard in advance.*)

Please let Pr Jay know if you intend to participate so we can have enough pizza on hand.

All ages and abilities are invited to participate. Bring friends/neighbors/family!