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A weekly newsletter of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Please keep the family of former CTSLC member Thomas Durke, whom God called to his nearer presence yesterday, in your prayers. Pastor Illausky will conduct a funeral service for Mr. Durke at Turrentine Jackson Funeral Home this Saturday at 2:00 pm.



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Building Our Faith Together

Rally Sunday: Sep 10th at 9:30am



821 South Greenville Ave. Allen, TX

Wear your **YELLOW SHIRT** on Sunday!

New Education Hour Opportunity!

Beginning September 17th, Pastor will lead a 4 week discussion of the Reformation, 95 Thesis, Augsburg Confession, and Apology to the Confession during the Education Hour. We will have discussions and Pastor will answer any questions you may have. All are welcome to join us!

Samantha Schmidt heARTs for ART invites you to

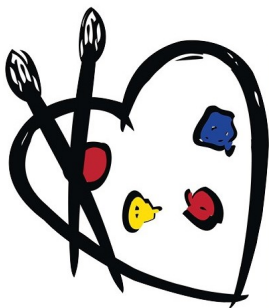
TOAST AND TOSS FOR A CURE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 6:00-10:00PM

Nine Band Brewing
9 Prestige Circle | Allen, TX

Music by ToNe JoNes Band and food provided by Torchy Taco's
Purchase tickets and register for CornHole at www.hearts-for-art.org

Tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at the door
price includes Torchy Taco's, drinks and live entertainment
Registration for the CornHole tournament is \$20 per team



*All proceeds benefit heARTs for ART Transportation Program
helping families fight childhood leukemia!*

Helping Hurricane Victims

On 9/10 and 9/17, Christ the Servant will be passing the red bag during worship for a special purpose!

We are collecting funds to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Thrivent Financial will match all donations for the Thrivent Financial Hurricane Relief Fund, up to \$3 million.

Donations can also be made through the CTSLC website.

Upcoming Events at Christ the Servant

Sunday, Sep 10	9:30 AM	Christian Education Rally Day - First Sunday Back provides fun activities, food, and information from each of our committees that drive our Christian education, worship, social and outreach ministries to name a few.
Sunday, Sep 17	9:30AM	Sunday School classes resume for children and adults of all ages which will include a three-week discussion/ historical overview entitled: "Lutheran Beginnings" led by Pastor Illausky.
Saturday Sep 23	7:00 PM	The "Silent Film "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (1923 version) accompanied by a live organ performance – just like the old days! Free admission!
Thurs Oct 5 & 12		Pastor Illausky presents 1 ½ hour discussion of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and Lutheran/Catholic relationships as an invited guest of the Board of the Allen Public Library.
Fri Oct 13 thru Mon Oct 16	9 AM to 5:00PM	A life size working display of the Gutenberg Printing Press at CTSLC. Come see the invention that truly changed the world! Free Admission!
Sun Oct 29	7:00PM	500 the Anniversary of the Reformation - Come enjoy an organ and brass concert , featuring one of the top brass ensembles in North Texas - Join us on Sunday, October 29 at 7 pm for a concert featuring DFW Brass and Jordan Smith,

Get Involved in the Music Ministry!

The Music Ministry is gearing up for new season! Want to get involved? Here are some places where you can share your gifts!

Chancel Choir

- Open to anyone ages 14 and up, whether you can read music or not!
- Rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00
- First rehearsal is Wednesday, August 30 in the Sanctuary

Youth Choir

- Open to anyone ages 6-13
- Rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00
- First rehearsal is Wednesday, August 30 in the Youth Choir room

The Lutherings (advanced handbell ensemble)

- Open to anyone that can read music, ages 14 and up
- Rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00
- First rehearsal is Thursday, August 31, handbell rehearsal room on 2nd floor

Spirit Bells (beginning handbell ensemble)

- Open to anyone that can breathe and count to 4, ages 8 and up
- Rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 12:30-1:30
- First rehearsal is Sunday, September 3, handbell rehearsal room 2nd fl

Interested in joining? Just show up or contact Jordan Smith at music.dir@christtheservant.com.

Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces in our ensembles this fall!

Thrivent Financial is pleased to announce that PBS has agreed to air a two-hour documentary on the life and impact of Martin Luther. The film, “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World” will air **Tuesday, September 12 at 8 p.m.**

Narrated by Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey) and starring Padraic Delaney in the title role, the film brings to life the great adventure story of Luther's struggle. Interspersed among the dramatic recreations (shot in Europe), is commentary from theologians and scholars from a variety of Christian traditions.

Thrivent Financial is the exclusive sponsor of the film, which was created to recognize the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

A trailer from the movie is included here: <http://www.kaltura.com/tiny/6fd4k>.

New opportunity for service – Nursing Home Birthday Party

I have been part of a small group which facilitates a monthly birthday party for the nursing home residents of the Park in Plano, a nursing home on Thunderbird Lane. In the past, the program was supported by The Reformed Church in Plano for more than 25 years until the church went out of business in 2014. A small group has continued the program on our own for the past couple years, but our numbers have decreased and we need help to continue this ministry.

I am very pleased to announce that Christ the Servant has adopted this program. The birthday party takes place the last Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m. All told it is a commitment of about 1 ½ hours of time; set up, serving the goodies, visiting with the residents, and clean up.

If you have questions or want to help out on Sunday afternoon, September 24, please let me know (Ruth DeNamur 214-546-0002 – leave voice message or text). I will be the contact person for this program. Kids are welcome – it's a wonderful service opportunity for the whole family. The residents really love and appreciate the party and enjoy it even more when kids help out and visit with them.

-Ruth DeNamur

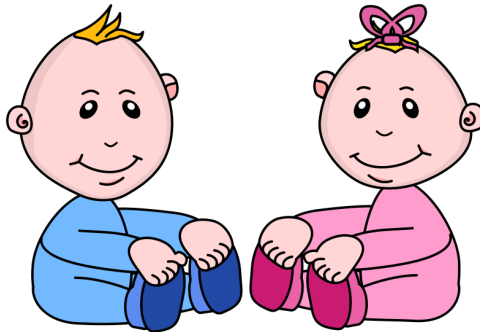
The Luther Center of North Texas invites you to a lecture:

**Revisiting Luther's 95 Theses
in the 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation**

on Monday, September 25th, at 7:30 pm.
at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving, Texas

Guest Lecturer: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Wengert

If you would like to attend,
please speak with Pastor Illausky.



Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits

Christ the Servant WELCA will be collecting Baby Care Kit items beginning August 27th. With your help, we will assemble the kits on Saturday, September 23rd, from 9:00 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Here is a list of items we need (in a variety of sizes, from 6 to 24 months):

ONE KIT INCLUDES:

- TWO - lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies)
- TWO - long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO - receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel , or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR - cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE - jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO - pairs of socks
- ONE - hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO OR THREE - bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping
(no mini or hotel size bars)
- TWO - diaper pins or large safety pins

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SANDY DICK at 214-514-2205

The Gil Gilster Memorial Golf Tournament

for Family Promise of Collin County will be held on Friday, September 29th, at Twin Creeks in Allen.

Log on to <http://ihelpfamilies.org> to register to play.

Tee-off for scramble start is 1:30pm. See Dave Dick if you want to play on a team that he is assembling, or just register yourself. Individual registration is \$125. Register as a team is \$100 each player.



Another Golf Tournament: Inaugural Annual Charity Golf Tournament, on Friday afternoon, Oct 13, at Twin Creeks. Tee-off for scramble start is 1:00pm. Be part of this Thrivent community fundraising event to support Carson's Crusaders, an organization that provides support to children and their families affected by pediatric cancers. There is a registration form on the kiosk, or ask Dave Dick to sign you up, since he is assembling a team or three.

Cost is \$80 per player if you register by Sep 12. Cost is \$100 per player after Sep 12.

Check out the future home of our CTS "Donation Center" in the southeast corner of the Fellowship Hall. Brad Sprague will be constructing a wall unit where donations will be collected for the many and varied outreach donations we participate in throughout the year.

Women of Christ the Servant: Fall Issue of WELCA Magazine Click on the link for the Fall 2017 issue of Interchange, the magazine for the women of the ELCA. There are articles on the 2017 Triennial held in Minneapolis in July, the new Board Members and the Annual Report. https://www.womenoftheelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/IC_2017_Fall-Web.pdf

Save the date for NT- NL W-ELCA'S Retreat at Briarwood October 13- 15. Speakers, worship, Bible study, crafting opportunities and other activities have already been planned. Stay tuned for more information.

The AMA Food Pantry

Thanks to everyone who helped support the summer bags for school age children at the AMA Food Pantry. We gave out over 500 bags of food. That helped these children tremendously. Thank-you again.

We are in need of canned spinach, canned turnip greens, and canned potatoes. If you can assist, please bring to worship in put in the brown cart in the fellowship hall. Thank-you in advance. Cheryl Lindberg. For more information contact me at [972 489-0737](tel:9724890737) or Drcheryl2@yahoo.com.

Lawn Mowing Teams:

This Saturday, Sept. 9th: Team 2: Leader: Alan Reidmiller;
Sept. 16th: Team 3: Leader: Lou Federle.



Fall Festival

Save the date of 10/28 from 4-7 PM

This will be a community outreach event-food, games, bounce house, candy and more!!!

If you would like to help, please email Stephanie at youth.dir@christtheservant.com

Youth (grades 7-12) will sell food at this event as a 2018 Youth Gathring fundraiser



Christ the Servant will be working the concession stands at 3 Allen Eagle Football games this year. Based on previous experience, we hope to earn as much as \$8,000 in all!

The upcoming dates are:

9/15/2017 (Friday against Coppell) at 7:30 p.m.

11/3/2017 (Friday against Plano East) at 7:30 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. We need 25 volunteers to meet our obligation for manning our stations!



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