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A weekly newsletter of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE:** The Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 28th, after the 9:30 am worship service.

All voting members are requested to attend.



## 2018 Pledge Drive

Thanks to all who have returned their 2018 pledge forms! If you have not done so yet, please be reminded and encouraged to return them this Sunday, January 7th. Thanks!

If you are a Simply Giving family, please notify them of your new amount AND let Patty Voga know what your new giving amount will be.

**2017 Annual Report**

**Annual Reports for 2017  
are due in the Church  
Office now.**

All Committee Chairpersons  
should send their reports to  
[church.sec@christtheservant.com](mailto:church.sec@christtheservant.com)

## From the Financial Secretary:

The 2017 giving statements are in your mailbox. Please look them over and let me know if I have made any errors.

My email addresses are: [fin.sec@christtheservant.com](mailto:fin.sec@christtheservant.com) or [munchkinpj@gmail.com](mailto:munchkinpj@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Patty Voga

### WELCA news:

Dear WELCA Friends: The Synod is asking each congregation to make and send a 12-inch quilt square that will be assembled into two quilts. They will be displayed at the Synod Assembly in April. One will be put on permanent display at the Synod office at Briarwood and the other will be auctioned off. Here are the instructions:

This project will require a scrap from every congregation in our Synod. Please send a 12 inch square piece of scrap material... of 100% cotton quilting fabric. The color scheme will be earth tones... reds, browns, creams, forest greens, etc. Not neon colors.

The material should be sent to Covenant Lutheran Church, [4202 Hickory Rd. Temple TX 76502](#). We are asking that they be sent in by January 31, 2018. For those who are able we would also ask a donation of \$7 to cover the cost of the remaining materials for this project (this will count as a gift to the synod).

If anyone is interested in participating in this project, please contact me. I apologize that I did not give more notice.

Blessings to each one of you.  
Ginny Grundei [ggrundei51@gmail.com](mailto:ggrundei51@gmail.com)

## News from Scout Troop 79:

On October 8, 2017 Jakob Benner completed his Eagle Board of Review, this makes him the 5<sup>th</sup> scout to make Eagle for Troop 79 in 2017 and #59 for the troop. His eagle project was to build a donation box for Trusted World.

On December 12, 2017 Larry Elsing Jr completed his Eagle Board of Review, this makes him the 6<sup>th</sup> scout to make Eagle for Troop 79 in 2017 and #60 for the troop. His eagle project was to build a bench / kids play table for the Blue House Too at Waters Creek.

On December 23, 2017 Alex Hanfland completed his Eagle Board of Review, this makes him the 7<sup>th</sup> scout to make Eagle for Troop 79 in 2017 and #61 for the troop. His eagle project was to place the second flag pole for the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church bearing the Texas flag.

Happy New Year from Troop 79 with our sincerest appreciation for your support!

CTSLC's Health Cabinet will present a 3-part series on "Advanced Care Planning" in the Sanctuary from 10:45 - 11:45 on February 11th, 18th, and 25th, 2018. All are invited to attend.

## Immigration "Know Your Rights" Seminar at Christ the Servant

Immigration attorney Patricia Freshwater and colleague(s) of the firm Schwamkrug, Freshwater and Lopez, PLLC, will offer an immigration "Know Your Rights" seminar at Christ the Servant at 7:00 pm on January 25, 2018.

The seminar will be presented in both English and Spanish. The attorney(s) will respond to general questions during the "Know Your Rights" presentation. They will also offer an opportunity to consult briefly about specific situations with participants following the presentation.

The "Know Your Rights" presentation and the brief initial consultation with an attorney are offered free of charge and without obligation. Participants deciding that they want legal services are free to choose any law firm that they like. The attorney(s) conducting this seminar will discuss potential fees following the initial consultation with anyone who might be interested in their services. Contact information for the law firm is provided below.\*

The Public Witness Team of the NT-NL Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America expresses its appreciation to the law firm Schwamkrug, Freshwater and Lopez, PLLC, for conducting this seminar and to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for allowing the use of its facilities.

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You will be hearing more about NTNL's Public Witness Team for Peace and Justice in the future.

For questions, please contact Ginny Grundeit at [ggrundeit51@gmail.com](mailto:ggrundeit51@gmail.com).

*Thank you for your end-of-year gift, and for remembering us at Christmas .*

*The Church Staff:*

*Pastor, Jordan, Mary, and Stephanie.*



The Flower Chart for 2018 is posted in the Gathering Area.

If you would like to donate flowers for worship in celebration of an event or in memory of a loved one, please complete the chart and place your donation in the envelope provided. Cost is \$30.

## Daily Prayers for a Time of Prayer to End Human Trafficking

January 11 through Super Bowl Weekend 2018 “Give justice to the weak and fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 82:3-4) Note: These prayers and reflections were written by people of Northeast Wisconsin. Permission is granted to adapt them and share them as you wish.

January 11 – On this National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness, I pray for an end to human trafficking of every kind right here in our area and around the world. Help me learn about human trafficking and then see how I can help put an end to this crime that enslaves millions of girls, boys, women, and men and is the second largest and fastest growing illegal trade in the world.

January 12 - Holy Lord and Father in Heaven: I pray that you will wrap your loving arms around each and every girl, boy, man, and woman who is enslaved right now. Jesus, break the hideous chain of human trafficking. Deliver its victims into freedom.

January 13 – Lord, look upon the young people of the world who face so many challenges; protect them from those who would try to lure them into the sex trade. Be with those already caught up in trafficking and give them strength to get out.

January 14 - Lord, show yourself to all who are trapped in this vicious cycle, allow them to glimpse the beauty and freedom of your love, your unconditional love. Father, shine your light into this dark world. Shine it on each and every one of your children, created in your image and for your glory.

January 15 - Lord, I pray for legislators who are working to pass laws to protect victims and provide law enforcement and the judicial system with the tools they need to end sex trafficking.

January 16 - I pray for law enforcement officers and judges who deal compassionately with victims and get them the help they need.

January 17 – I pray for children who are stolen for the purpose of selling them to buyers of sex and for their parents who cry for their missing children.

January 18 – I pray for men who love and value their wives and children and for more families to know the kind of love that provides security and confidence to their children.

## Follow us on Facebook!!

CTSLC's Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are each on Facebook. Please follow our pages.



Luther League-CTSLC



Christ Kids-CTSLC

For upcoming Christ the Servant events, check out the calendar on our website!

Go to

<http://christtheservant.com/about/calendar/>



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