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CyberServant for 10/25/2026 - Reformation Sunday!

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Christ the Servant

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REFORMATION SUNDAY



Join us this Sunday! 9:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristTheServantLutheranChurch>

<https://www.youtube.com/@christtheservantlutheranch1054>

Check out our new website!

<https://christtheservant.com/>

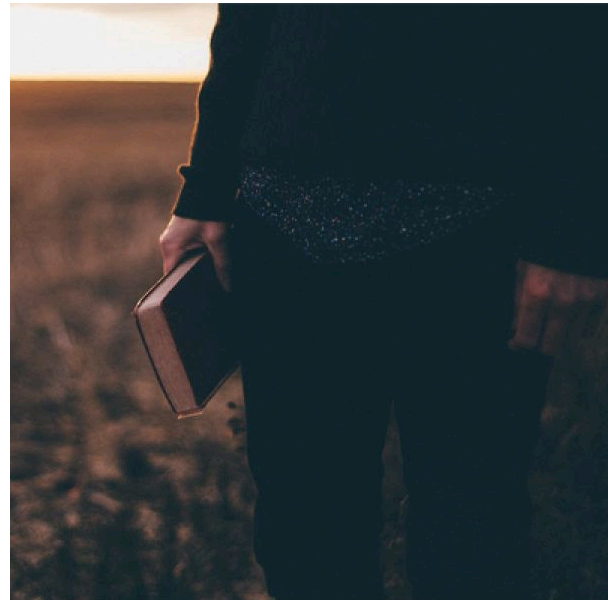
Our Service Schedule

Sundays 9:30 am

If you cannot join us in person, we offer a live broadcast of our service every Sunday starting at 9:20 AM on Facebook and on YouTube.

[Watch on Facebook](#)

[Watch on YouTube](#)



Church Office Hours

The church office is open
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call 972-727-3191 if you have any questions. Calls will be returned as soon as possible during office hours.



**Sunday is Refomation
Sunday!**

Please wear red, if you can!

CHURCH COUNCIL CHRONICLE

Each month, find council meeting highlights here. For all the details, meeting minutes are posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

The Church Council met on Sunday, October 18th. Topics of discussion were:

- Lighting in the Sanctuary
- Renewing the lease for Little Texans
- Seeding an Endowment Fund at \$4500 in honor of the CtS 45th Anniversary
- All Committee Meeting on October 27

Pastor's Report 10/18/2026

¹³ The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. ¹⁴ When Moses's father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?"... ¹⁷ Moses's father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone.... ²¹ You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. ²² Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.

Exodus 18

Ministry work is hard work, and God never meant for us to do it alone. Way back in the desert while the Israelites were wandering around, Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, knew this to be true. He caught up with Moses and the Israelites when he delivered Moses' wife and children to him after the escape from Egypt. He watched as Moses did all the work of settling disputes, answering questions about God, and counseling the people. Jethro was shocked! He told Moses, this is too much for one man! You will wear yourself out!

And so, it is with us. Church work is hard work, and we are not meant to do it alone. That is why God sent us new people to our church who are equipped with wonderful spiritual gifts, talents and skills we don't even know they have! Until we ask and invite them to participate. God knows what Christ the Servant needs to fulfill our mission and serve our community. He has already blessed us with the gifts we need in our current congregation and in the people he sends our way. The generosity team has worked hard to gather this data for our use, but the process does not end there. We want to encourage you to make use of this data, call someone up, and make a new friend. They might be the exact person you need on your ministry team.

We are blessed with soooooo very many dedicated, long-term members at Christ the Servant, we could not be more grateful for all your hard work. God sees what you do, and he sent you people to help! He doesn't want you to wear yourself out, like Moses. Let them help, then take a break. You deserve it!

God's peace, **Pastor Cheryl**

Time Away

- November 25-29, vacation
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Sunday School News:

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, Oct. 25

Elementary: Samuel

Confirmation: Reformation/Confirmation Day



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UPPER ELEMENTARY FALL RETREAT


**Saturday,
November 7**
**CAMP SONGS,
GAMES, ACTIVITIES
AND NEW FRIENDS!**

9:00AM - 4:00PM

 Hosted at Advent Lutheran in
Arlington, TX

\$25 early bird

(by 10/10)

\$35 regular registration
Thank you Briarwood Legacy Foundation

 Link for parents to sign up: [NTNL UPPER ELEMENTARY RETREAT](#)

Church News



All Committee Quarterly Meeting

Tues., Oct. 27, 7:00 pm
in the church library.



Advent is Almost Here!

Mark your Calendars!

Sat., Nov. 28, 9:30 am

Setup for Greening of the Church

Sun., Nov. 29, 9:30 am

First Sunday of Advent - Hope

Greening of the church

Sun., Dec. 6, 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

Wed., Dec. 9, 7:00 pm

Jazzy Vespers

Sun., Dec. 13, 9:30 am

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

Sun., Dec. 20, 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

The Nativity Story

Mon., Dec. 21, 7:00 pm

Longest Night Service

Thurs., Dec. 24, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Grief Work

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Our church family will host a weekly Grief Support small group Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church library. This 8-week gathering will provide a safe, confidential space where your stories are honored, your tears are welcome, and your faith is anchored—TOGETHER, we will look to God's promises for comfort in community...plan to join us.



Wreath Fundraiser

Order form in Narthex or visit our website
for a link to order online.



Are You Prepared to Vote in November?

Check your voter registration status at

<https://www.texas.gov/living-in-texas/texas-voter-registration/>.

Monday, October 19, 2026 - First Day of Early Voting

Friday, October 23, 2026 - Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail Application

Friday, October 30, 2026 - Last Day of Early Voting

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - Vote in person

- Mail Ballot Can Be Delivered in Person by 7 PM

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail



The Time to Celebrate is Approaching!

Sunday, November 15th will be the 45th anniversary of Christ the Servant! Prepare to celebrate! Please RSVP by October 30.

You can mail or bring the postcard to the church office, scan the QR Code on the back of the card and fill out the form, sign up on the list in the narthex, or use this link: [CtS Anniversary RSVP](#) If you know any former members, please share this link with them or give their address to Pat Howard.

Also on the table in the narthex is a list to sign up to help setup and/or clean up for the event. Please take a moment to consider helping to make this the best event ever!

Please contact Pat Howard or Kelley Stewart if you have questions.

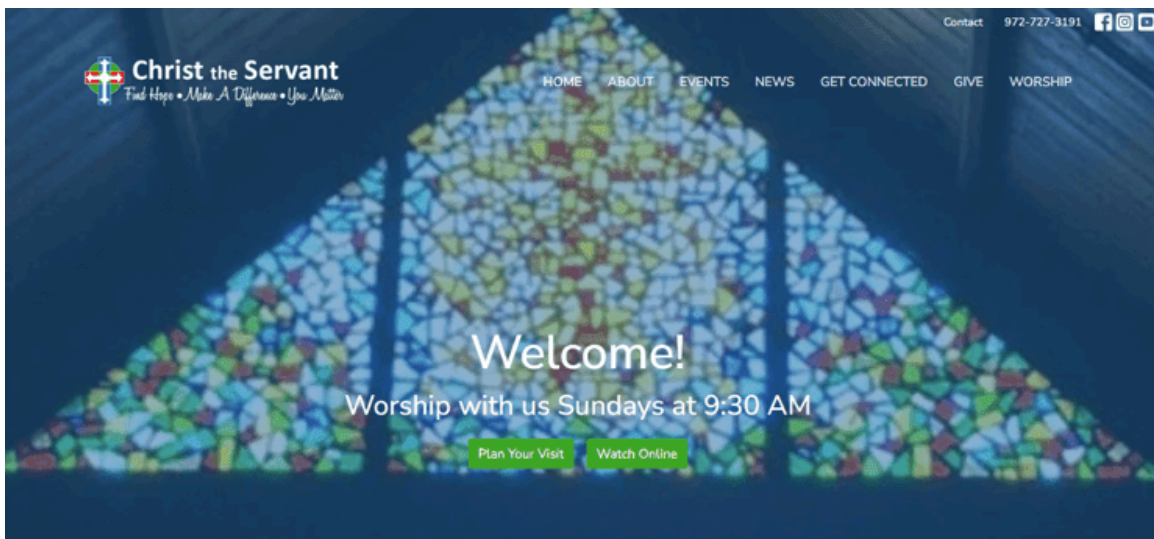


Church Worship Song Suggestions

As we celebrate Christ the Servant's 45th Anniversary this year, we would love to hear music from our history and music for our future. This is where you come in! Please share a favorite tune we can weave into a worship service this fall by using the link below:

[Church Worship Song Suggestions](#)

Did You Know There Are 2 Calendars on Our Website?



Yes, that's right! There are 2 calendars on the church website!

When you click on 'Events' at the top of the website, you will get a calendar of events intended for a quick overview for visitors. You will find events we normally have on our calendar that might be of interest to visitors and events taking place at other locations, such as the AMA Senior Luncheon at St. Jude's. This calendar is maintained by our Marketing Committee in the care of Elizabeth Secora.

Now, if you scroll to the bottom of the Home page, you will find a section in black with white lettering. There you will find the word 'Members'. If you click that link, you will be taken to the Members page. There you will find forms, the Mini Parish and Assisting Ministers schedules, the Readings for the month and the church calendar with all the events, meetings and and groups using the church building and property. (If you are viewing it on your phone, it will make more sense if you use a landscape view; i.e., turn your phone sideways.) This is the calendar maintained by Ceci in the church office. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the church office. (972-727-3191)



A 1-Day Course Presented by Texas Health Community Hope

WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches you to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. Just as CPR empowers you to help someone experiencing a physical emergency, Mental Health First Aid equips you to offer calm, compassionate support to someone facing an emotional or mental health challenge. Grounded in empathy, connection and best practices, this training helps those serving in faith settings provide timely support, guide individuals toward appropriate help, and strengthen the overall well being of their congregations and the community they serve.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

The program is designed for adults who want to learn how to help people who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. No prior training or experience is required. Mental Health First Aid is a particularly valuable tool for clergy, medical personnel, first responders, educators and counselors.

WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

There is no cost to participate in Mental Health First Aid training. Training is provided in two ways:

Online: Sessions are conducted online via ZOOM or Teams. Participants must complete 2 hours of self-paced online prework in advance of the course. The online instructor-led portion of the course lasts approximately 5.5 hours, including all breaks.

In-person: Depending on instructor availability and training location within North Texas, you may have the option to receive training during a 6.5-hour in-person session.



TO INQUIRE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

If you are interested in a curated Mental Health First Aid training session for those in your congregation, submit a request by scanning the QR code or visiting qrco.de/MHFAInquiry. Someone will contact you to schedule a consultation. A minimum of 5 participants is required to schedule a session; maximum capacity is 30 participants per session. Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

If you are interested in Mental Health First Aid training as an individual, please visit qrco.de/behMnt for more information about our public sessions. For any additional questions, email CommunityHope@TexasHealth.org



Would you be interested in attending this class? Please contact Dr Cheryl at drcheryl2@yahoo.com

Ways to Serve



House of Hope Bring Them In This Sunday!

Last year we supported House of Hope with Tom and Sharon Brian by sending large Ziplock bags of items to children in Honduras for Christmas. These are the same children that receive our packed bags of food through Kids against Hunger. There was such a positive response that we decided to participate again this year.

Throughout the month of October beginning October 4th the church will be providing the 16 by 20-inch Ziplock bags to interested parties to fill as directed by a handout. Also, due to import requirements, monetary donations of \$5 per bag are needed to purchase some toiletry items in Honduras.

The bags and further instructions will be provided on October 4th after the church service.

Completed bags will need to be returned to the church this Sunday, October 25th. They can be dropped off in the grey bin labeled House of Hope Christmas Bags in the donation station.

If you choose to donate the \$5 mentioned in the flyer (or any dollar amount), please do so by putting it in an envelope marked for Send Hope Christmas bags and put it in the offering plate OR use the QR code on the flyer to donate directly. Do NOT put any monetary donation in the bag. Thank you so much. For questions, see Ann Reidmiller.



AMA Needs Your Help!

Household cleaning items
requested by the
AMA Food Pantry:

October Shampoo,
Deodorant, Toothpaste

Fun & Fellowship



Empty Nesters

Fri., Oct. 23

2-4 pm

Meet in the church library



NTNL SWO Retreat

Registration Ends 10/16/26 \$40,

At the door \$45,

Sat Only \$30

Register for the retreat at:

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/11349211>

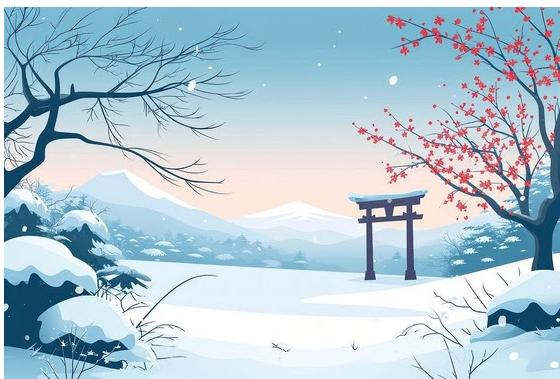


Performance by the Allen

Philharmonic Chorus

Sun., Oct. 25, 5:00 pm

in the Sanctuary



Country Lane Apartments Craft show

Sat., Nov. 7, 10 am – 3 pm

Betsy Green, Linda Hand and Pat Howard will have a table there.



Coming in January!

Used Book Sale

Save your used books. Watch for an announcement on when to bring them in.

The History of Christ the Servant

In celebration of our upcoming 45th anniversary as a church, Lennie Gunderson is putting together some aticles of our church history, decade by decade, based on documents from the past. Here is the fourth installment.



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church History The Fourth Decade 2010 -2019

A Decade of Service, Resilience, and Renewal (2010–2019)

The decade from **2010 through 2019** was one of both challenge and opportunity for Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. Throughout these ten years, the congregation demonstrated a remarkable commitment to living out its mission through worship, community service, Christian education, hospitality, and outreach. While membership trends, volunteer capacity, staffing transitions, and financial pressures created ongoing challenges, the congregation consistently responded with faith, adaptability, and generosity.

The early years of the decade reflected a congregation focused on strengthening relationships, deepening spiritual life, and expanding community service. During these years, Christ the Servant invested heavily in outreach ministries while encouraging greater participation among members. Programs such as KAMP (Kids After-school Mentoring Program), Family Promise, Allen Ministerial Alliance partnerships, Samaritan Inn support, blood drives, Bible studies, and prayer ministries reflected a church committed to serving both local and global needs.

In **2010**, the congregation emphasized mission work, community service, and congregational unity. New communication tools, including a church website and signage, expanded the church's visibility while leaders encouraged members to become more actively involved in ministry and congregational life.

In **2011**, Family Promise became a significant ministry, allowing members to assist families experiencing homelessness. Eight weekly Bible studies and a formal prayer ministry strengthened spiritual growth, while KAMP connected children and volunteers through mentoring and Christian education.

In **2012**, despite concerns about declining membership and volunteer fatigue, the congregation remained deeply engaged in service. Family Promise expanded, community outreach efforts continued, and leaders called members to renewed participation and congregational renewal.

In **2013**, the Macedonia Project demonstrated a renewed commitment to hands-on service. Financial stewardship remained strong, outreach planning intensified, and the congregation began exploring technology and streaming capabilities that would become increasingly important in later years.

The middle of the decade was dominated by one of the most significant events in the congregation's history: the catastrophic flood of 2014. Yet these years ultimately became a story of recovery, rebuilding, and renewed ministry. Even while dealing with extensive

property damage, Christ the Servant continued serving the community and strengthening relationships with partner organizations and neighboring churches.

In **2014**, broken pipes flooded approximately 80 percent of the church building, causing extensive damage and requiring significant restoration efforts. Despite this crisis, the congregation continued worship, Christian education, Family Promise ministry, community outreach, and preschool operations. The launch of Live.Love.Allen and the formation of the Concert Series Committee demonstrated that ministry continued even during recovery.

In **2015**, the congregation completed flood restoration and shifted focus from recovery to renewal. Facility improvements, the Mini-Parish ministry model, expanded preschool partnerships, and strengthened youth ministry reflected a church moving confidently into a new chapter after adversity.

In **2016**, investment in younger generations became a priority with the hiring of a Youth and Family Coordinator and the return of a congregation-organized Vacation Bible School. Family Promise, mission trips, neighborhood service projects, and local partnerships further demonstrated the congregation's commitment to practical ministry and hospitality.

The final years of the decade were characterized by growth in outreach, innovation, community partnerships, and preparation for the future. The congregation embraced technology, expanded public ministries, strengthened local partnerships, and developed strategic plans to address emerging needs. Even as financial challenges and staffing transitions arose, Christ the Servant maintained its strong commitment to service and discipleship.

In **2017**, the church broadened its community impact through public concerts, the introduction of Kids Against Hunger, expanded Boyd Elementary partnerships, and extensive Family Promise involvement. Hospitality and outreach became increasingly central themes in congregational life.

In **2018**, staff transitions, financial challenges, and the loss of preschool rental income required adaptation and creativity. The congregation responded through volunteer commitment, online ministry initiatives, Family Promise service, and the successful establishment of a new childcare partnership.

In **2019**, strategic planning took center stage as church leaders identified youth and family ministry, technology, and outreach as priorities for the future. Investments in communication systems, facility improvements, renewed musical leadership, and children's ministries laid the groundwork for future growth while continuing the congregation's tradition of community service and faithful stewardship. By the end of the year, Christ the Servant had not only overcome significant challenges but had also established a strong foundation for ministry in the coming decade.

In Case You Missed It



On Saturday, Oct. 17, members of Christ the Servant met at the COMMUNITY Garden Kitchen in McKinney to assemble lunchbags for those in need.

Pictures are Grace Wang-Jones, Lou Federle, Karen Whannell, Rob Andrews, Christina (friend of the Andrews'), Linda Federle, Caitlyn Cooper, Kim Andrews, Bobbie and Bob Peeler and Kathy Smith.



Book/Bible Studies



Online Daily Devotional Group

Join your friends at CtS for a daily devotional using the online YouVersion Bible App. Use the QR code on the right to download the application and contact Steve Secora to get added to the group!



Adult Sunday School

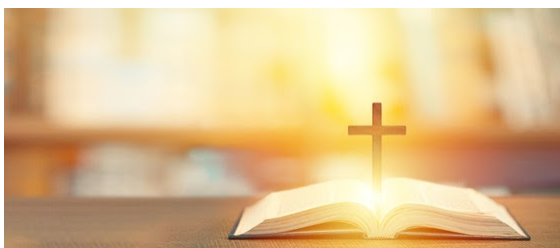
Adult Sunday school is back! We will re-start our sessions this Sunday, October 25 after worship service (around 10:45-11:00).

We will focus on the series "That the World May Know", by Ray Vander Laan.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Zoom Bible Study meets on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00. Join us this month for a new Bible Study series - *Paradoxical People: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)*. For more information, please contact Ginny Grundei at ggrundei51@gmail.com.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

meets in the church library 7-8 pm. All are welcome! For information, please contact Tina Lewandowski or the church office.



WoW - Women of the Word

meets in the church library Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact Paula Edwards at ped129@yahoo.com.



Da Guys' Book/Bible Study
2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8:30-10 am.
Next meeting, Oct. 24th

To participate, contact [Steve Secora](#) or [Lennie Gunderson](#). You may also contact the [church office](#) for information.

Other Ways to Serve



Lawn Mowing Teams

Oct 25—Team Federle
Thank you to all teams!



Assisting Ministers

Oct 25 Larry Lutz
Nov 1 Cheryl Lindberg
Nov 8 Bill Henke
Nov 15 Kathryn McCord
Nov 22 Tim McCord
Nov 29 Julia Whannell
Dec 6 Doug Egner
Dec 13 Linda Federle



Rehearsals:

Lutherings Bell Choir
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm



Mini Parish Schedule 2026

October G1 - One Way

November G2 - Sunday Servants

December G3 - Spirit Seekers

Leaders:

One Way	K. Miller/K. Smith
Sun. Servants	Sedlacek/Whannell
Spirit Seekers	Wang-Jones/Wilson

The entire schedule for 2026 is posted on the kiosk in the narthex. The schedule is also posted through December 2026 on the website under

[Resources > Worship Leaders](#)

For questions, call Ceci Gunderson in the office 972-727-3191 during office hours.

Prayer List



Tom Anderson
Doris DeNamur
Pflueger family
Ginger Pickett
Presler & Voga families
Karen Whannell
Will
Abe
Brittany
Doug
Kayla
Kim
Maddie
Mark
Pam
Sarah

Continuing Prayers for:

Chrissy Andrews, Ellen Andrews, John Andrews, Betty, Mary Blitt, Kent Bode, Macey Boland, Jerry Cardenes, Alec Chavez, Chris, Chuck, Clouse family, Patricia Collis, Mazie Conarty, Bishop Yehiel Curry, Brenda Daily-Brooks, Deborah, Doug, Glenn & Caroline, Alex Gonzalez, Grundei family, Rob Harris, Linda James, Jessica, Karrell Johnson, Kimberly Judy, Julie, Kelly, JR Lawson, Leischski family, Bill Linam, Chad Lindberg, Sue Long, Mark, Lucy Markovich, Richard Marquez, Chris McCullom, Bob Morgan, Jane Morgan, Weston Offield,

Deloris Olson, Doris Schmidt, Ken Schmidt, Jack Terry, Whitney, David Wilson, Ashleigh Wright, Mac Wright



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2. Once your account is created, click the search button to enter our instagram account name and follow!

Scroll through the account to stay updated with our upcoming events!

Repost!

Click on the triangle under post and click "add to story" to share with your followers.

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Our pastor and staff will never email or text asking for gift cards, money, or urgent help. If you receive a message like this, do not respond—instead we encourage you to call the church directly to verify.

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