



JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Summer Sunday Worship – The Season of the Spirit “Growing Up: A Lifelong Journey” (A Sermon Series on the book of Ephesians)

During the summer months (June, July, August) we will be rotating two different styles at our 10:00 worship time. We will be using the Service of the Word from the Lutheran Book of Worship and our contemporary format singing contemporary music. Both services may use music from our Renew songbook. Each service will include the Lord’s Supper followed by a time of fellowship. As the Holy Spirit is given to all believers, we are reminded that we have been commanded by our Lord to “go” and “make disciples” of all nations and all peoples. Our texts will encourage and empower us to go in the Name of Jesus with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

June 4 – John 7:37-39 – “Confirmation Sunday” **Pentecost Sunday**
Join us as several confirmands reaffirm their baptisms.

June 11 – Matthew 28:16-20 – “The Great Commission” **Holy Trinity Sunday**
Jesus’ final words are to “make disciples” of every people group.

June 18 – Matthew 9:35—10:8 **Missions Sunday**
A special Missions service with a special offering for our school in Tanzania

June 25 – Matthew 10:24-29 **Discipleship Sunday**
Aaron and Brandon Cyboron will bring our message

*** July 2 – **Patriotic Freedom Sunday**
Celebrating our true freedom from sin (Romans 6:12-23)
We will be singing our favorite patriotic hymns during worship

W.O.W. Worship (Worship on Wednesdays) June, July, and August (6:30 PM)

This summer the Worship Committee will be planning worship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. This worship is being called W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays) and will last about 30-35 minutes. The worship will include 2-3 songs, scripture, prayer, and a short message. This service and message will be different than our Sunday worship so you are invited to come if you are out-of-town on the weekends or if you would like a boost during the middle of the week. We hope that many of you will join us for this special, informal and weekly worship!

**Installation of New Board Members
Sunday, June 11 during worship**

On Sunday, June 11, during our worship service we will be installing our new Board members as well as our new President and Vice President of the congregation. These individuals will begin a 3-year term on their respective Boards. Those being installed are:

Board of Administration

Chair and Vice President: Richard Hillrichs
Administration and Staff Support: Steve Freese
Member-at-Large: Warren Bennett.

Board of Spiritual Oversight

Chair and President: Steve Jessen
Discipleship: Doug Witte
Fellowship: Deb Olson

We also will be recognizing and thanking those members who are completing their time in office:

Board of Administration: Chair and Vice President: Steve Jessen
Administration and Staff Support: Richard Hillrichs

Board of Spiritual Oversight: Chair and President: Greg Moen
Discipleship: Charlie Skoglund
Service: Becky Bahnfleth

**Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 25 after worship**

Three years ago, the congregation of CTS, by a majority vote agreed to create, develop, and support a “Teen Moms Childcare Facility” on and in our physical structure. The scope has been expanded to include children beyond the original parameters to meet a growing need in our community. This is consistent with our mission, our vision, our values, and our covenant.

It was agreed that at the 3rd anniversary of the childcare program, the members of CTS would meet, discuss, and decide if the program and facility would continue or close. This will be the only topic at a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 25, after worship.

To this end, the current Board of Spiritual Oversight unanimously votes and agrees that CTS should adopt the childcare program and facility as an ongoing ministry of this congregation enjoying the same prayerful and financial support as the other mission projects we support around the world.

We the undersigned would ask the members of CTS to prayerfully consider and support this program.

Called – Transformed – Sent

Greg Moen
Brian Anderson
Becky Bahnfleth
Linda Cyboron
Charlie Skoglund

PASTOR STEVE’S LETTER — “LIVING AS THOSE MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST”

The Easter celebration (the resurrection from the dead) has a significant meaning for our daily lives as Christ followers and believers (or at least it should!). The apostle Paul explained what happened to and for us when Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the grave. Paul wrote these words for every generation of Christians to hear and daily apply as the good news of a new life in Christ. He wrote to the church at Rome: *“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.”* (Romans 6:5-7). Martin Luther also wrote about the significance of the resurrection when he was explaining the meaning of baptism in his Small Catechism (4th Question: “What does baptism mean for daily living?). He wrote: *“It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever.”* And then Jesus Himself, in His Sermon on the Mount, said: *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* (Matthew 6:33)

Did you catch a common theme in Paul, Luther and Jesus? Something has happened in us, a death has come, and a continual death needs to occur on a daily basis. The death all three are talking about is a death of the self (our old sinful self and the ways we used to walk which are according to the ways of the world). In other words, there are two worldviews by which we can walk: the **biblical worldview** (absolute moral truths, a Bible which is relevant and unchanging with time, a devil who is real, a way to heaven based not on being good but a saving faith and trust in Jesus, and a God who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and ruler of all the universe) versus a **postmodern worldview** (relativism, no one knows for certain what meaning and purpose there is in life, what is morally right or wrong depends on what an individual believes). Such a postmodern worldview has created a society with increasing pluralism, relativism and moral decline. Such a worldview has been taking root for the past two generations (Boomers and Gen-Xers). With such a shift in our culture and church, we have been given the challenge to engage with others the meaning and significance of the Easter message—a dying of self that must occur in order for the new life God desires for ALL to arise.

Perhaps the best chapter in the Bible which explains what the resurrection should mean for EVERY ONE of us is Colossians 3:1-17. The apostle Paul explains what it truly means to be made alive in Christ. Paul begins by saying that our new life in Christ is a change in our mindset. Paul says that “since, therefore (what happened on Easter), we have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is.” Then Paul tells what to do next (every day): **“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is not hidden with Christ in God.”** Then Paul goes on to tell us all the things we need to put to death in us (all things that belong to our earthly nature). **LOOK THEM UP AND LIST THEM ALOUD**—Colossians 3:5-11. It is quite a list—a list that continues to control our lives if we let them. And then Paul goes on to describe the new life we have been given in Christ as we abide in Him daily and continue to bury our old self. **AGAIN LOOK UP THESE ATTRIBUTES AND LIST THEM ALOUD**—Colossians 3:12-17.

If only we would be able to understand and begin to practice on a daily basis what Paul, Luther and Jesus remind and tell us to do. This is the GOOD NEWS of the resurrection in our lives that Jesus through the Holy Spirit has promised to give us. However, researchers (Summit and Barna) tell us just the opposite is happening in Christian churches in the Western world today. Sadly, far too many Christians are doing just what Paul, Luther and Jesus have warned us against doing. Research is

showing us that plenty of Christians are not really thinking at all, let alone thinking rightly. Throughout Scripture we are told about the importance of right belief and right teaching. As Christians we have been called to live differently than the world, and yet if we do not think and live differently, our impact and influence on the world will be minimal and, tragically, fatal for many in the eternal scheme of things. Francis Schaeffer reminds us: “As Christians we are not only to **know** the right worldview, the worldview that tells us the truth of what *is*, but consciously to **act** upon that worldview so as to influence society in all its parts and facets across the whole spectrum of life, as much as we can.”

This impact and significance of living as a person who has been made alive in Christ was made clear to me by a comment from one of the members of a former congregation I served. On May 14, I returned to one of the congregations I served in South Dakota for their closing worship service. They were closing their doors and congregation for a lack of members attending on a regular basis. This particular member said these prophetic words to my wife, Mary, “We just took our church for granted for too long.” Like many in our churches today, their schedules and the ways of the world had taken them away from worshiping on a regular basis. They had focused their lives and hearts too much and too often on the things of earth and not enough on the things above. While the church is never a building, it is filled with people who have set their hearts on things above. Where is our heart set today? What are you clothing yourself with? What are you seeking to put to death daily? These are important questions to ask yourself and, more importantly, how you answer these questions with your life is critical for your life, your family, your salvation, and your eternal destiny. Don’t get lost or caught up in the world that you lose the meaning of the resurrection! Jesus said, “I came that you may have life, life to the fullest!” (John 10:10)

Constantly seeking the things above,

Pastor Steve

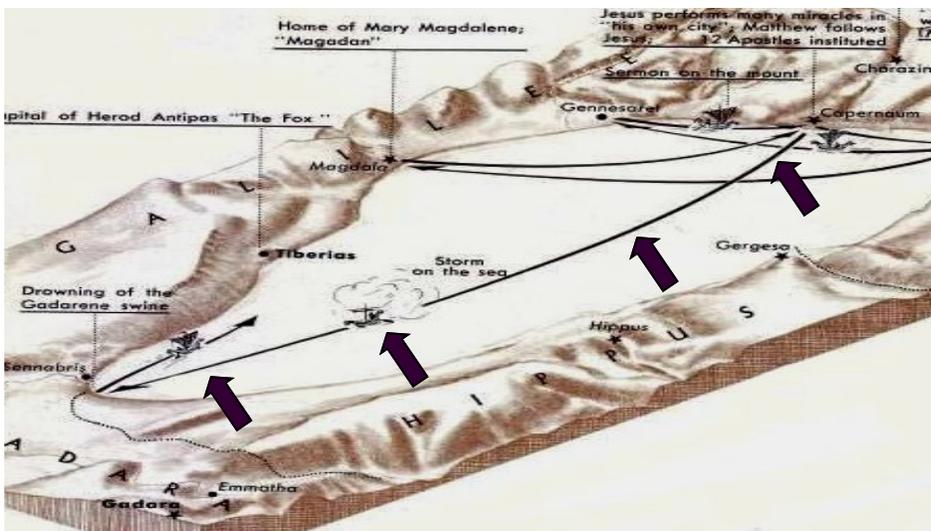
“[One day] Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Let’s go over to the other side of the lake.’ So they got into a boat and they set out. As they sailed, He fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke Him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we are going to drown!’ He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and [all was calm]. ‘WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?’ (emphasis added) He asked His disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, ‘Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, [AND THEY OBEY HIM.]’ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, He was met by a demon possessed man.” Luke 8: 22 – 27a

Now I take the Bible at its word and believe it when the Bible says, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.” *2 Timothy 3:16. ESV* So let’s do something a bit different, and do a Bible Study. This means that not only is this a message for all, but I get a free chance to try to help you understand how to dig into the meat of God’s Word as well. Bonus!

Luke starts out this section, because this text is part of an overall section and should be understood in the flow of what is going on, beginning in Chapter 7 where Jesus has healed an outsider’s servant, and the son of a widow back to life right in the middle of the boy’s funeral procession. Immediately after John’s disciples come with John’s question *ah, you don’t seem to be what we were looking for, should we keep looking?* Followed by a duel with the Pharisees who always were expecting God to show up (sarcasm added for effect) while a prostitute washes Jesus’ feet with tears and in response Jesus gives a striking parable about who receives more forgiveness: the one with little to forgive or a lot? This makes everyone ask, “Who is this guy who can forgive sins? Can’t only God do that?” As this section moves into Chapter 8 Jesus has been teaching about what God says about God’s Word in the parable of the Sower and how the seed grows depending upon the soil in which it lands. (Path trampled, Weedy over run, Thorns choked out, Thin soil no roots... and Good Soil). Then just as He concludes the parable, to top it all off, His mom and family come to get Him and take him home so he doesn’t embarrass anyone, especially them. So Jesus decides to GO (not with His mom but away). It has been a long day after all and He needs rest.

Luke now tells us a little story, “One day....Jesus said to His disciples, “Let’s go over there.” It kind of reminds me of the age old question why did the (fill in blank) cross the (fill in blank)...To get to the other side of course. But it is striking how in the middle of all of this, Luke just seems to add in this seemingly little intermission, which doesn’t stay that way for very long. But, you will note that Jesus isn’t staying put, even though it has been a long day, and especially where there are people who should know better what He is about trying to squash His ministry. Jesus, as always is moving – forward, toward something.

So what happens, they all get in a boat and head out. Interesting that Jesus seemed to desire to go the longest distance on the lake that day from Galilee to where He disembarks. *See below.* Now it all becomes entertaining. They get on the boat, but Jesus hasn’t told them where they are going and He seems to be



okay with things because “He falls asleep.” All is good, the disciples are boating with Jesus, He’s asleep, and all they know is we are going over there (wherever there is). Then like always, something happens. A squall shows up. You know the kind: the mother of all rainstorms with heavy wind, thick rain, and you can’t see anything. As if it wasn’t bad enough that they didn’t know where they were going before, now they can’t even

see; and Jesus, well He's asleep (on a pillow according to Matthew) "Of all the NERVE. . . Jesus should be awake and having a panic attack just like we are," the disciples think. We don't know where we are going, we can't see any outcome, all we see are winds and rain and waves, we see the sea, and when we add it all up, we are in DANGER, Will Robinson. I mean really, the water is coming into the boat. So they do the logical thing and wake the Lord of all creation from His cat nap because they are afraid, and all they know is that they want it fixed. . . NOW. Wouldn't you in their situation?

Once, when Becky called me out of a catering event to come home 15 minutes each way to kill a spider, and I walk into the apartment and see that she already has all the tools she needs, Electrolux vacuum, 3 foot extension wand, and a paralyzed spider jammed in the corner realizing this was probably not the apartment he should have come into if he was looking for any longevity in his life. . . I have to admit I WAS PRETTY UPSET. I barked at her, "Why did you call me when all you had to do was suck it up and trust the vacuum?" I think I can understand when Jesus is woke from a nice nap, especially with all that He has just been through in Chapter 7 and 8 showing God's power, love, and will; why He seems to snap at the disciples. I mean, really, "Master, Master we are going to drown, like including you too Jesus, we are all gonna die." So Jesus gets up from His sound sleep, stops all the commotion, and then asks a powerful question. Where is YOUR FAITH? In other words, what have you been seeing today?

NOW, let's ponder a moment. These disciples have been with Jesus for nearly 3 Chapters and they have seen demons cast out, huge catches of fish, people healed, people healed without even being there, boys raised from the dead. . . It makes you want to ask the question, "How can anyone be with Jesus so long and see so much run to Him in fear because they don't trust that God could take care of them when a boating trip collides with a squall? And still, in the back of their heads, they want to know – WHERE IN THE HECK ARE WE GOING JESUS? And don't forget, they wake Jesus up from rest and tell Him that they are all gonna die. . . Excuse me – WHO'S IN THE BOAT WITH YOU? What do you think, He's going to let you die and He's just going to float on to wherever He is going unscathed? These are 12 men who really don't understand God at all yet.

So Jesus gets up and asks sternly or not, "Where is YOUR FAITH." You see, He isn't asking about His faith, He trusts the Father, He knows Him, He's intimate with Him, He seeks His counsel daily, regularly in prayer and worship and study so He's not worried about the storm. The only thing that seems to matter to Jesus is where He is going, and that He just wanted a bit of rest from people who can be very tiring along the way. Jesus always knows where He is going and He knows the What and the Why as well. What Jesus wants from His disciples is that they trust Him and wait patiently to see where He's leading. In contrast, all the disciples see is their own fear, their own frailty of life, and they don't care where they are going because even with Jesus in the boat they don't think they are going to end up getting anywhere but dead. It's dangerous. (Truth is, with Jesus it really always is)

Jesus speaks a few words and holds up His hand and everything stops: wind, rain, waves, fear, swamping, everything. But now the disciples have a new fear, "Holy COW, who is this guy who controls the weather with a word?" And even more so, when He speaks, the wind, the weather, the rain, the waves THEY OBEY Him. (a curiously startling contrast to the disciples who when Jesus speaks don't obey. {Author's note – have you ever noticed that the disciples don't get who Jesus is. . . but the demons always do. . . and they have a holy fear of Him?}) When the ride comes to an end they end up just where Jesus intended all along. He ended up where He was needed, with someone in need of His touch, His word, His healing; with someone who it seems was waiting for Him to come.

This little story wedged here in between the two sections of Luke holds the parts together with a question or two. Where is your faith? Are you seeing who God is and what God can do? Do you trust Jesus to know where He is going so that you can follow in confidence? He is always working His plan and His grace can cover it all, if we don't fight Him, but rather get into the boat and know He's here with us. He's in the boat. He's in the journey. He is Risen and that should make all the difference.

Pastor Matt

YOUTH CALENDAR

June Special Youth Prayer Needs

Please remember our youth, pray for them, and ask them about what is going on in their lives of faith with all of the special events and opportunities that are going on this month.

Remember our Graduates:

Micheyla Anderson, Blake Moen, and Blake Olson as they prepare this summer to head out into the next part of their life journey. Pray for their faithfulness and wisdom to seek God in all that they do as they grow more and more into adulthood. Pray for their success in study and for their families who adjust to this new time of life.

Remember our Confirmands:

Katelyn Anderson, Haleigh Marie Roberts, and Hanna Roberts as they claim their faith walk to be their own and take on responsibility for their covenant promises of response to God's love and call in their lives. Pray for the blessing that is shared at baptism and confirmation – That the Holy Spirit would grow in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in Christ's presence.

Remember Blake Olson as he heads this June to the Nexus Institute to meet and learn with pastors, professors and others who desire to share in God's ministry, to seek to discern God's direction and will for the Church in the years ahead as culture and the world shift, and God seeks to reach out in truth and love to call His children home.

Remember those who will be going on Mission to Minneapolis, MN for a Week of Hope:

Colin Broders, Elizabeth Broders, and Carter Olson as they prepare and travel to serve others and God. Pray for safety of travel and for their safety while there. Pray that they might learn more completely God's love for all in creation and how to reach out to others to serve and to share God's love. Finally, pray most of all that they would come back changed for a lifetime through a life-giving encounter with the God of all creation.

Sunday School Exploration of the Bible – Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers and leaders for their work and desire to share the love of God with our young people.

Remember Who YOU ARE: Baptism – a Model for Christian Life – A SUNDAY MORNING Bible study and look into Baptism and what it means to us for our lives. This will be an 8-week study held on **Sunday mornings BEGINNING AT 8:30** starting on JUNE 4th through the end of July. There is a book that corresponds to the class and the cost of the book is \$18.00 including shipping. Please let Pastor Matt know as soon as you can so that a book can be secured for you. This study is intended to be for a mixed group of learners, youth and sage alike. Please sign up outside the main office door to participate.

On May 31st – Youth Group will return to Wednesday Evenings from 7 to 10?

DAY CAMP is COMING BACK – **Everyone is needed** – Last year's camp was a huge success and we hope to make this one reach out farther and deeper into our own back yard. This year Day Camp will be ROOTED in: Grace, Faith, Christ, and Truth. Day Camp runs from June 25th -- when the Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Camps staff arrives for a potluck welcome and set-up -- through Thursday, June 29th. We need your help again to bring it all together as a congregation by taking part in many ways: help lead Art or Science, provide housing for someone from Okoboji, help with kitchen or registration, advertising or props. You could be a special helper by bringing supplies or helping to provide camper costs through a special donation. There are many ways to take part in the work of Christ the Servant's Day Camp – join us, won't you, in reaching out so that youth can become rooted in Jesus.

Board of Spiritual Oversight Meeting

April 17, 2017

6:32

Attendance: Greg Moen, Becky Bahnfleth, Linda Cyboron, Charlie Skoglund, Pastor Matt Bahnfleth, Pastor Steve Lund, Brian Anderson

Devotion: Becky Bahnfleth “Love One Another” by Luci Swindoll

Approve Meeting Minutes of March 21st

Linda moved to approve, Charlie seconded. Minutes approved

Approve Agenda, Matt will do devotions next month. Agenda approved.

Next meeting is May 16th at 6:30pm.

Financial Report

No report, Christensen falling behind due to tax season. Offering looks good.

Board Positions

We still need two positions filled. Pastor Steve will call those who were interested and follow up. Those interested may sit on a team. Installation of new board members will be June 11th. First meeting may be June 20th, we may have orientation meeting.

Discipleship

May 21st will be last Sunday for Sunday School. Amanda will be continuing as superintendent of Sunday School. Confirmation on June 4th, Pentecost. Wednesday Night Alive is happening and run by the Fellowship team. WNA will run through confirmation, probably all the way through May.

Worship

Last meeting was about Easter and Holy Week. Both services were great and breakfast seemed to go well. Summer time is coming; they decided to go to two different types of services. We may not have leaders because of various conflicts; the congregation will have the notes on screen. Charlie asked about Joyful Noise starting again. There was no discussion about this at the meeting. Summer worship times will be as they are now alternating with traditional and contemporary. All the youth we have were involved with the Sunrise Service and breakfast.

Outreach

We need to set up a meeting to get Eucharist group going. Pastor Matt is available for training. Linda went to a seminar about the externally focused church. Some ideas were getting to know your neighbors, knowing the names of people in the congregation, work with others in community in service projects. The seminar was with Eric Swanson, he was the keynote at the Mayor’s Prayer Service. Linda is looking for new community projects and getting more people involved.

Brandon and Aaron Cyboron and their families will be at church July 25th.

Service

Shirley Theil will be running the Food Pantry sign up. Please watch for the sign ups in the back of church. The dates are not two week M-F. Please pay attention to the dates.

Fellowship

They will be doing WNA through May 24th. There will be summer potlucks on the 2nd Sundays.

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Pastor Matt

Faith Webbing is still going on. Confirmation camp: no one signed up. Nexus Institute for high school students and leadership. This is run by the Lily Institute and free of charge. This is held in Des Moines; Blake Olson has been signed up. Summer Camp is June 25-29. Fund Raising will be happening i.e. Culvers. Ads will be in the paper, new channel etc. We need High School youth to help run the groups. There is a summer mission trip to Minnesota for a week in July to work with Group Mission Trips doing "A Week of Hope". Senior High youth is having a hard time meeting. Pastor Matt is starting to focus more in the younger kids in the congregation. There was no interest in mission trips with the older youth. Confirmation may become two to three weekend times a year, mandatory attendance required. Sunday school has to become priority to families. Outcome based youth ministry is important. Kids have to learn how to be involved in church. The youth program needs people who will love the kids and help keep them involved. We have no one doing Affirmation Papers. The kids are not getting back in contact with Pastor Matt. Sunday school in preschool will be focused on biblical stories; Arch books will be part of the curriculum. There will be a recharge group going at the end of April. Tanzania is July 17th through August 1st.

Pastor Steve

Started "Secrets of the Vine" and will meet until done. This is a good study on the fruit of the spirit. June 12th - 14th in Sioux Falls for the Guiding Coalition, this will be the design phase. There will be another Journey group starting in the fall. Vacation plans are June 8th-11th for their 40th Anniversary, Lund Family July 1st-4th, and Yankton July 13-18th.

Meeting adjourned 7:43

Prayer Pastor Matt

Board of Spiritual Oversight Meeting

May 16, 2017, 6:30 PM

Attendance: Pastor Steve, Brian Anderson, Linda Cyboron, Becky Bahnfleth, Pastor Matt, Greg Moen, Charlie Skoglund

Opening Devotion: Pastor Matt read a reading from Utmost for His Highest. What are our habits?
(2 Peter 1:8)

Approval of April 17th minutes

Charlie asked about a motion under approve agenda. Greg approved changed to board approved agenda. Christenson is changed to Christensen. Change Blake Olsen to Olson. Charlie motioned for approval of minutes, Brian seconded. Board approved minutes.

Board Approved Agenda

Next meeting will be on June 20.

Financial Report Church offering giving is down so far this year. Please see the report in Board of Administration minutes. The Board of Spiritual Oversight received and reviewed the financial report.

Childcare

There will be an evaluation meeting on June 25th.

New Board Members

Orientation will be on May 30. Installation will be on June 11, 2017. Doug Witte, Steve Jessen, Deb Olson, Richard Hillrichs, Steve Freese and Warren Bennett will be installed. The Board of Spiritual Oversight still has the position of Service open. Stewardship is still vacant on The Board of Administration.

Discipleship

Confirmation is on Pentecost, which is June 4. Adult Sunday school will meet in summer at 9AM.

Worship

Summer Stuff

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) – Wednesday nights at 6:30 with no meal, just getting together for worship.

Summer worship will rotate between Service of the Word and Contemporary service with patriotic theme on

July 2. Discussion will happen at Quarterly Mission Meeting in August.

Mission

Worship on June 18, 2017 focusing on missions. Aaron Cyboron will be here. There will be a special offering for church building in Msaranga Mandaka parish.

1 Peter 3:15 What would your answer be if someone asked for your reason behind your hope? Are we prepared for what we could testify?

Service

CTS is manning the food pantry June 1 through 15. Please sign up to work, paying attention to the dates and days.

Fellowship

Summer potlucks will be the second Sunday.

There is a trip planned to go to the Omaha Zoo on June 24th. Please check your calendars and join us on the bus!!

Pastor Matt Report

Faith Webbing is ongoing as a class on the internet. This is intense Youth training for church ministers. Pastor will be traveling with Blake Olson to take part in the NEXUS camp in Des Moines, IA. This is June 11-16. The FLYTE group will be June 18-24. They are going to Minneapolis for a mission trip. Day Camp will be happening June 25-29, help is still needed. Camp Okoboji will be sending counselors to help lead, but we need supplies and other group leaders. There are four members going to Tanzania July 18-August 1. This trip is to grow relationships with prayer sisters and congregations. There is also a need to collect funds to help build/complete a church building.

Pastor Steve Report

Adult summer Sunday school will be Secrets of the Vine. The Design phase of the Guiding Coalition (VISTA) is June 12-14. Visitations are happening with the "Finishing Well" program. Pastor Steve will be taking vacation days June 8-11, for his 40th Anniversary, July 1-4 and July 13-18.

Quarterly Mission Meeting will be in August wither the 13th or 20th. This date and agenda will be decided later.

Adjournment

Charlie Skoglund motioned and Linda Cyboron seconded.

Closing prayer

Pastor Steve

Board of Administration Meeting
April 24, 2017

Present: Warren Bennett, Jan Puls, Wanda Muhs, Doris Hoffart, Steve Jessen

Absent: Richard Hillrichs

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. Doris offered the opening prayer.

Motion by Warren to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Jan; motion carried.

Old business:

Bids on fire protection system

Amazon Smiles: if we were to be the recipient, we would have to register and set up an account.

Bills for approval:

Amen Snow Removal \$306.00

Gerald Asplin (piano tuning) \$148.50

Century Lumber (front door closer) \$161.00

Church Budget (offering envelopes) \$196.90

Motion by Jan to approve all bills, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

Finance: Steve reported that we are approximately \$9,000 behind for this fiscal year according to Quickbooks. He is going to schedule a meeting with our accounting firm and wants Jan to attend. We are supposed to be able to generate the reports we need, but the data entry on their part is incorrect.

Membership & Stewardship: Doris reported that they are sending cards to those with special anniversaries, which they will buy here from our supply. They are helping Pastor Steve make his congregational visits. They send messages to those who seldom attend and are trying to keep connected (prayer circle). They have invited the neighborhood this Sunday so if you see a stranger in church, please welcome them. Let this committee know if there is more they should be doing.

Personnel: Steve reported that the committee met recently with both pastors and the secretary and did reviews for the year, which went well.

Property: Wanda reported that B.J. Koeppe has provided drawings for the deck on the parsonage, which is in disrepair. Cost for a 27x16 ft. deck with composite materials is \$7,799.33 (this is only for materials). Wanda has asked BJ to oversee this project; she will line up the workers. We would like to know how much it would cost if the deck would be the same size.

We would like to replace the soffit on this building with aluminum since much of it is rotting and so it would never need to be painted again. Wanda will ask BJ to give us a bid.

Mike Finkral will remove the gravel under the playground equipment and put it in the back driveway next month. Warren has removed the landscaping timbers, which will be offered free to anyone who wants it. He also updated the signs at both entrances. Steve offered to burn any scrap lumber at his place.

Other items:

Estimates for fire detection system:

Heartland \$17,228.90

Fire Protection Services-Omaha \$9,600

Still waiting for an estimate from Model Electric

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Warren, seconded by Jan; meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Administration

May 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Jessen, Warren Bennett, Judy Carstens, Jan Puls, Wanda Muhs, Richard Hillrichs

Call to order Steve

Opening prayer Warren

Review of agenda

Motion by Warren to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Richard; motion carried.

Old business: Estimate for fire detection system from Model Electric

New business: Installation of new board members set for Sunday, June 11, during worship (Warren will be out of state). New board member orientation Tuesday, May 30, 7 p.m. with Pastor Steve (letters went out last week).

Bills for approval: Green Line Equipment: \$13.15 (parts)
Mark's Lawn Care: \$180.00 (weed prevention/fertilizer at parsonage)
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast: \$260.00

Motion by Wanda to approve all bills, seconded by Jan; motion carried.

Finance: see attached report prepared by Greg Moen. Motion by Richard to accept the financial report, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

Membership/Stewardship: Neighborhood Welcome event was April 30; we had some out-of-town guests as well as some people from the neighborhood in attendance. The medallion ceremony for Boy and Girl Scouts May 7 also drew several visitors. The committee will look at online giving again next month.

Personnel: no report

Property: Fire detection system estimates received from three entities; the third one, from Model Electric, was \$19,873.

The deck on the parsonage needs to be replaced. For composite materials, it would cost \$8,983 for the current size (16x36), or \$7,255 for a 16x27 deck. It was then noted that last month's minutes should state that Wanda will ask B.J. Koeppe to oversee this project and Wanda would line up workers, otherwise we would need to hire a contractor. Discussed bringing this to the next quarterly meeting along with the complete cost of both labor and materials. Steve will find out when the next meeting is scheduled.

Estimate to replace fascia on the church with metal is \$1,350; again this is for materials only, not labor, and due to the height, Wanda recommended hiring this done rather than doing it ourselves.

Discussed purchasing entry rug and runner rather than continuing to rent from Appeara for \$42 a month. Discussed who will clean them; Juleen vacuums them each week, and if cleaning is needed, they can be hosed off outside. Motion by Wanda to purchase rugs, seconded by Warren; all voted in favor and the motion carried. Wanda will make the purchase, then Kathy will cancel our Appeara service.

Other items:

Day Camp is June 26-29, and adult camp counselors are needed; we currently have 2 but need 7 to 8. Day camp is for children entering 1st through 5th grade. As a fundraiser, there will be a Culvers share night on June 14 where, between certain hours, Culvers will share a percentage of their sales with Christ the Servant, as they did last year. More details will be shared as they become available.

Next meeting: Monday, June 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Jan offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

2017 Income & Expenses

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| | January | February | March | April | YTD |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| Member Offerings | 18,818.80 | 18,795.25 | 18,229.10 | 19,349.53 | 75,192.68 |
| Non Member Offering | 400.00 | 800.00 | 367.86 | 550.00 | 2,117.86 |
| Coffee Hour Donations | 32.45 | 33.00 | 31.15 | 44.00 | 140.60 |
| Holiday Boutique | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated Reimburse, Church use, misc | 225.47 | 411.42 | 120.00 | 629.00 | 1,385.89 |
| Designated Day Camp | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated Missions | 305.00 | 490.00 | 295.00 | 100.00 | 1,190.00 |
| Designated A Cyboron | 25.00 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 125.00 |
| Designated B Cyboron | 475.00 | 475.00 | 975.00 | 25.00 | 1,950.00 |
| Designated Emily Svitak | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated Weich | - | - | 20.00 | 100.00 | 120.00 |
| Designated Rystrom | - | - | - | - | - |
| Designated Day Care/income | 6,034.89 | 3,980.41 | 5,388.90 | 5,976.24 | 21,380.44 |
| Designated Good Samaritan | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 200.00 |
| Designated Tanzania | - | - | 171.00 | 417.00 | 588.00 |
| Total | 26,366.61 | 25,060.08 | 25,698.01 | 27,265.77 | 104,390.47 |
| Interest Income | 4.50 | 2.35 | 4.17 | 2.42 | 13.44 |
| Total | 26,371.11 | 25,062.43 | 25,702.18 | 27,268.19 | 104,403.91 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Administration | 14,432.48 | 16,258.46 | 19,410.69 | 14,199.29 | 64,300.92 |
| Church Building | 2,826.39 | 3,529.70 | 3,427.50 | 2,065.71 | 11,849.30 |
| Parsonage | 593.67 | 310.69 | 351.69 | 188.54 | 1,444.59 |
| Discipleship | 126.65 | 228.35 | 348.48 | 49.99 | 753.47 |
| Fellowship/Evangelism | 1,178.60 | 253.50 | 309.98 | 316.68 | 2,058.76 |
| Church Mission Giving | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Local Benevolence | 384.79 | 431.44 | 452.18 | 393.09 | 1,661.50 |
| Stewardship | - | - | - | - | - |
| Worship | - | 288.24 | 259.57 | 82.85 | 630.66 |
| Day Care | 4,180.58 | 4,239.68 | 8,623.32 | 5,173.97 | 22,217.55 |
| Total | 24,123.16 | 25,940.06 | 33,583.41 | 22,870.12 | 106,516.75 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Income Statement | | | | | |
| | January | February | March | April | YTD |
| General Income | 19,531.22 | 20,092.02 | 18,802.28 | 20,624.95 | 79,050.47 |
| Less General Expenses | 19,942.58 | 21,700.38 | 24,960.09 | 17,696.15 | 84,299.20 |
| Church General Income | (411.36) | (1,608.36) | (6,157.81) | 2,928.80 | (5,248.73) |
| | | | | | - |
| Day Care Income | 6,034.89 | 3,980.41 | 5,388.90 | 5,976.24 | 21,380.44 |
| Less Day Care Expenses | 4,180.58 | 4,239.68 | 8,623.32 | 5,173.97 | 22,217.55 |
| Net Day care Income | 1,854.31 | (259.27) | (3,234.42) | 802.27 | (837.11) |
| Net Church Total Income | 1,442.95 | (1,867.63) | (9,392.23) | 3,731.07 | (6,085.84) |
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| Day Care Income & Expenses | | | | | |
| | January | February | March | April | YTD |
| Income | | | | | |
| Donations & Grants | 40.00 | - | 80.00 | | 120.00 |
| Other (private fees) | 737.29 | 694.76 | 3,076.04 | 1,341.03 | 5,849.12 |
| State Reimbursement(fees & food) | 5,257.60 | 3,285.65 | 2,232.86 | 4,635.21 | 15,411.32 |
| Total Income | 6,034.89 | 3,980.41 | 5,388.90 | 5,976.24 | 21,380.44 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Payroll Wages | 3,438.00 | 3,451.53 | 6,262.10 | 4,290.03 | 17,441.66 |
| FICA Expense | 263.01 | 264.04 | 479.05 | 328.19 | 1,334.29 |
| Food & Supplies | 314.27 | 402.93 | 809.80 | 492.41 | 2,019.41 |
| Training | 20.00 | 75.00 | | | 95.00 |
| Other | 145.30 | 46.18 | 1,072.37 | 63.34 | 1,327.19 |
| Total Expenses | 4,180.58 | 4,239.68 | 8,623.32 | 5,173.97 | 22,217.55 |
| Day Care Net Income | 1,854.31 | (259.27) | (3,234.42) | 802.27 | (837.11) |

CHILDCARE PROGRAM UPDATE

We welcomed some new faces into the childcare the last month. Delaney is 10 weeks and her mom works, Derrick is 8 weeks and his mom is taking English classes at the college, Charles is 6 weeks and his mom works at Meds and More. I love watching the children grow and their developing personalities. We have 2 now who we are working with on potty training. We enjoy seeing their excitement when they actually go.

May 4th I held training for the current and new mentor moms. Jackie Meyer facilitated the training. All teen moms have been assigned a Mentor Mom. I'm asking for prayers of guidance for the Mentor Moms as they help the young parents be the best that they can be for their child and for the teen parents to understand the importance of the program and to work with their Mentor Mom to grow as a parent. One of the things that stood out to me during the training was that it takes 7 adults to raise 1 child; that might seem like a lot but imagine the love that child will have from people who aren't their parent.

Volunteers needed: If you have interest in being a volunteer to help rock a baby or play with an older child, please let me know and also let me know what days of the week and what hours work for you. If I could get enough volunteers to have someone helping out for an hour a day each day, the center would be overflowing with love and support. I will have a calendar on my desk for you to sign up for a day and time.

*May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.
—1 Thessalonians 3:12*

Thank you for all of your support in the mission that the Lord has brought to us.

Danita Broders, Childcare Program Director



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & MORE

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Doreen Kullbom | June 1 |
| Sharel Olson | June 5 |
| Cody Stone | June 5 |
| Jaiden Roberts | June 11 |
| Holly Heller | June 12 |
| Gary Weich | June 14 |
| Mike Rehan | June 15 |
| Emily Svitak | June 15 |
| Darla Jessen | June 18 |
| Julie Greve | June 20 |
| Judy Hayes | June 24 |
| Orlene North | June 25 |
| Troy Roberts | June 26 |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| BJ & Sharon Koeppe | 6/6 |
| Steve & Mary Lund | 6/11 |
| Wendell & Wanda Muhs | 6/14 |
| Dennis & Linda Miller | 6/15 |
| Chuck & Jeanne Nicholson | 6/20 |

CARD OF THANKS

The WCTS board and I would like to thank everyone that had anything to do with the Bless and Be Blessed rummage and bake sale we held on May 6th. We will be voting on what missions the money from the sale will go to at the WCTS annual meeting on June 3rd.

Thanks again!!

Julie Freese

KITCHEN FUNDRAISER: Thank you to everyone who purchased Village Piemaker pies! 22 pies were sold at \$12.50 each (\$275), less our cost of \$210 = \$65 was raised for the kitchen remodeling fund.

June worship servants

| | Communion | Greeters | Ushers | Acolytes | Lector | Coffee |
|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 4 | Gary Weich & Ethan Olson | Anderson family | Margaret & Lonnie Svitak | Elizabeth & Delilah B. | Connie Atkinson | Holly Heller |
| 11 | Charlie & Louise Skoglund | Connie Atkinson | Mike & Nell Finkral | Katelyn A., Emilee O. | Judy Carstens | Hoffarts |
| 18 | Mary Weich & Darla Jessen | Al & Sharon Boelman | Steve & Julie Freese | Zach C., Hallie C. | Lu Carter | Jaegers |
| 25 | Lonnie & Margaret Svitak | Broders family | Wendell Hahne, Greg Moen | Carter O., Colin B. | Linda Cyboron | Koepes |

June Altar Guild: Nell Finkral, Julie Freese; Becky Bahnfleth, communion bread
 June Membership Care Team: Linda Cyboron, Julie Freese

