



SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Pastor Matt's Final Weekend — September 23-24

Pastor Matt's final Sunday with us will be September 24. He will be giving his last sermon before he leaves for his new call at American Lutheran Church in Rantoul, Illinois. We will be sending him off with a special blessing and a time of fellowship afterward. Please be in attendance to wish him well and thank him for his ministry with us for the past six years. On Saturday, September 23, we are having a congregational and surrounding community gathering and roast for Pastor Matt. You are invited to gather between 2 and 4 p.m. for a time of fellowship. Then at 4:00 we will be having a program/roast and remembrance of his ministry with us. We have invited the Via de Cristo and T.E.C. communities in which he has devoted much of his time in developing faith and leaders for our youth and adults in their local congregations. Following our program/roast, we are having a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend and pass the word!

Sunday Worship: "Explore the Bible" — Exodus

Beginning on September 3 we will begin a new sermon series and Bible study on the book of Exodus. Life is God's gift. He fashioned every person in his or her mother's womb. Each of us is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). At conception, we begin to live. As we grow, we learn how to live. Exodus describes the new life the Israelites received when God rescued them from Egypt. God set the Israelites free from bondage. He brought them out of slavery into the freedom of the Promised Land. Israel was called to be God's people and become holy like God ("set apart"). As we examine this familiar and ancient book, we will see a parallel story in Jesus as He has rescued us from the bondage of sin and death.

There is a study book for you to use in your personal study or with others. The book is on the back table for a suggested donation of \$10.

September 3 – Exodus 3:4-14; 4:13-16 "Reluctance" **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
God calls and empowers people to serve Him and His purposes.
Labor Day Weekend

September 10 – Exodus 7:1-13 "Confrontation" **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
God displays His power, reminding all that He alone is worthy of worship.
Rally Sunday for the entire congregation

September 17 – Exodus 12:1-13 "Liberation" **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
God provides deliverance for those willing to trust Him.
"Growing Up" small groups begin to meet

September 24 – Exodus 14:13-28 “Victory” **16th Sunday after Pentecost**

God will ultimately be victorious over His enemies and the enemies of His people.

Pastor Matt's last Sunday with us

During the last four Sundays in October we will be doing a series of worship services based on the teachings of the Reformation (the Word of God, the two kingdoms, our callings, and justification by faith). On Sunday, October 29, (Reformation Sunday), we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses posted on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517.

Rally Sunday for the Entire Congregation

Sunday, September 10, beginning at 9 AM

The **entire** congregation is invited to gather on Sunday, Sept. 10, as we rally together to begin our fall schedule. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 9 AM to meet Moses and Pharaoh as we begin our study in the book of Exodus. Games, interactive activities, fellowship and fun will be enjoyed by all. As a congregation we gather around the baptismal font to celebrate each new covenant member with promises to support, encourage, pray for and be active in each baptismal person's life. Then we will gather for worship at 10:00 to renew our covenant promises with each other. Please join us for this important day of promise and commitment!

W.O.W. Worship and W.N.A. Together

Beginning on September 13, we will be combining W.N.A. (Wednesday Night Alive) with W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays). After introducing W.O.W. this summer, the Worship Committee has decided to continue to offer this worship service this fall. After a summer rest, W.N.A. will begin as well. A free-will offering meal will be served at 6 PM, worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM, and then back into the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and dessert.

Growing Up Small Group Study

Beginning the week of September 17

Members of CTS are being invited and encouraged to gather in small groups of 6-8 people and have caring conversations around three important questions: (1) Who is God? (2) Who am I? (3) What am I to do with my life? **Growing Up** is an introduction to faith formation and discipleship. Co-author Randy Reese states that “transformation of the person is more likely to come about with good questions in good company over time.” **Growing Up** was explained by Pastor Steve at our Quarterly Mission Meeting on August 13, with a starting week of September 17. Commitment sheets are at the back of the church for each day of the week with three times each day (morning, afternoon, evening) to fit your schedule. **Growing Up** is an 8-week introduction to The Journey and other discipleship models to follow. Please prayerfully consider being a participant in a **Growing Up** Small Group this fall!!!

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER

"Five Pillars of the Reformation: #2 Faith Alone"

Historians and theologians have long recognized that at the heart of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation were five declarations ("solas" = "alone") that distinguished the movement from other expressions of the Christian faith. Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation this fall (Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517), we live in a different time with fresh challenges to our faith. Yet these rallying cries of the Reformation continue to speak to us, addressing a wide range of contemporary issues. During the next five newsletters I will be writing on each "solas" (alone): **Grace Alone** (salvation as a gift of God) - [August newsletter](#); **Faith Alone** (the doctrine of justification) - [September newsletter](#); **God's Word Alone** (the authority of scripture) - [October newsletter](#); **Christ Alone** (the uniqueness of Jesus as Savior) - [November newsletter](#); and **God's Glory Alone** (the majestic heart of the Christian faith and life) - [December newsletter](#). Zonderan Publishing has published a 5-volume book series on each sola in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This month we look at [Faith Alone: The Doctrine of Justification](#) with some of the main points of this volume of work by Thomas Schreiner.

One of the most important doctrines or beliefs of Martin Luther is the phrase: "[justification by grace through faith](#)." Everything begins and ends with God's grace (His undeserved, unearned, unmerited, endless love for us) and has nothing to do with who we are and what we have done. It is simply by the grace of God that we can exist and have eternal life with Him one day (last month's newsletter). But how does one receive this grace of God? The answer is the second "sola" of the Reformation – through **faith alone**. Faith alone answers one of the fundamental questions of our sinful human condition: "How can a person be right with God?" We are talking about the end of every person's life on earth where everyone will stand before God on the last day (the Day of Judgment) and *sola fide* (faith alone) will answer that question. Schreiner writes: ". . . *sola fide* is important because it reminds us of the grace of the gospel, testifying that ultimately our salvation, our standing and acceptance before God, is entirely of the Lord. The works of human beings cannot accomplish salvation. Thus, *sola fide* gives all the glory to God, so that no one will boast in human beings (1 Cor. 1:31). *Sola fide* reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God and every benefit we enjoy is granted to us by God (4:7)."

Martin Luther knew that every human being stands condemned before a holy God because he had a profound theology of sin. We are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves (meaning of the 3rd Article – Apostles' Creed). God's radical grace was necessary for human beings to be right before God because human obedience could never qualify. The only righteousness that could save us, then, was passive instead of active righteousness. Believers need an "imputed" righteousness, a righteousness that is given to them instead of earned by the believer. In Luther's day, human righteousness ("our right standing before God") was debated whether such righteousness is "imputed" or "infused." **Imputed righteousness** means that we are declared to be in the right before God on the basis of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is given to us when we believe. **Infused righteousness** means that we are righteous before God because of our righteous behavior, because of the righteousness that transforms and changes us. Luther rejected the idea of "infused righteousness" where human beings are made righteous in justification. Luther repeatedly emphasized that faith alone justifies—a faith directed to God's Word, a faith focused on

what God has done for us in Jesus Christ crucified and risen. Luther rejected the notion that we take the first step toward God by doing our best, since any such work would fail to recognize that faith is God's gift to us (Eph. 2:8-9).

Schreiner writes: "It is vital to see that justification, for Luther, is ultimately and finally *not* grounded on faith. Rather, faith is the means by which one lays hold of Christ, who is our righteousness. Faith alone justifies 'because faith brings us the Spirit gained by the merits of Christ.' Faith saves because it 'takes hold of Christ and believes that my sin and death are damned and abolished in the sin and death of Christ.' Faith saves, then, because it unites believers to Christ." Faith looks away from oneself and trusts in what Christ has done. Justification is by *faith alone*, because it looks to Christ alone for forgiveness of sins and salvation. Faith itself doesn't save, but faith saves because we receive Christ by faith, because we possess and grasp Christ by faith! Such righteousness, as Luther loved to teach, was by faith alone. Faith "receives" what God gives, and those who put their faith in Jesus Christ as the crucified and Risen One are right with God. Believers are, so to speak, married to Christ, and all that Christ is belongs to us. Luther never denied the importance or necessity of good works, but he viewed such works as the fruit or consequence of faith. Good works were never understood as qualifying humans to stand in the presence of God. Such an understanding of *faith alone* gives believers assurance, because they don't save themselves, because they look only to Christ for salvation, and so their faith gives them assurance because faith grasps and possesses who Christ is for us (Romans 8:31-39).

One final quote from the book: "... we continue to be plagued by sin. Even our best actions are tainted by pride. We aren't entirely free of impatience, anger, bitterness, self-pity, resentment, lust, and so on. Indeed, sometimes these sins manifest themselves in our lives in remarkable ways. Our righteousness, even after we became Christians, can't qualify us to enter the new creation and God's presence, for, despite all the changes in us, we are still defiled by sin. How comforting to know that our righteousness doesn't lie ultimately in ourselves but in Jesus Christ as the crucified and risen one. He is our righteousness, and thus our hope for life isn't anchored to our achievements but to his grace. Faith doesn't save as if it constitutes our righteousness and our only hope on the day of judgment."

May this "sola" (faith alone) be your assurance and peace always!

Pastor Steve

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

“The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’” So Abram left, (to be continued) Genesis 12:1-4a

Right now I am feeling like Abram; those burning question in my mind, “What Lord?” “Where Lord?” “With who Lord?” When you come to realize that things aren’t yours, including: life, location, direction, and basically everything else one can be confronted with such questions. “What will it be like there?” “Will the people be nice, or will they be Canaanites and downright despicable?” “Will I be okay?” “Should I start planning my return now, just in case?” These are normal and acceptable questions to ask before a God of “Get up and Go!” He knows our weakness, our failings and our fears; but yet He says, “GO!”

So what makes this kind of thing possible? What makes a person pack up, go and leave behind comfort, friends, family, and a somewhat settled routine to head to a place where there could be constant challenge, battles, enmity, and everything is unfamiliar? What makes a person answer any kind of call? **1) “The Lord said ...”** That has to mean something or everything means nothing, and we as His people need to start to answer the calls He puts before us instead of giving our list of reasons why we can’t go; it is straightforward obedience (but that doesn’t calm the nerves). **2) “[Leave everything] and go to the land I will show you.”** When I leave where I am, I am going to where He already is, following Him because He has the map, because He has already been working, and He already has prepared the place. I’m not going into an unknown, just an unknown to me. **3) “I will bless you ... and you will be a blessing.”** God promises that in my faithful obedience He will bless me and bless others ... through me. That’s a novel thought. That God could actually use me to be a blessing. Now I am sure that many don’t think that I am a blessing, but I have come to learn that is only because they don’t clearly see the big picture yet and it’s not because of me – but God. So I hope and pray and do and seek to leave the rest to God.

What about what I am leaving behind? The things I love so much: family, dear friends, working life, relationships, a home I am just getting completed after working on it for 6 years, a big yard....? That list can be endless, and a real trap and hindrance for anyone in obeying God’s call to go, but that is what EACH of us is called to do – GO! But how can I? First, how much do I really love God (do I fear, love and trust Him above all things)? And frankly, I have to assume that since Abram and Sarai were human, they asked the same questions, cried the same tears, swallowed the same screams because if they trusted God enough to go, they also trusted God enough to stay. They trusted God enough to stay with and keep their family and all they left behind safe and well. They trusted God to help them keep doing what had begun and to keep standing firm as His body in the world so that they could be a witness where they

are also. They trusted that this was also part of the blessing because the ones they left would see an obedient witness and they too would prayerfully learn to trust God and go.

This already hasn't been an easy process ... just sayin'; but, it's not my process. I just need to suck it up; put on my big boy pants, trust and learn to trust, and to know deep within that it is going to be okay. (*Be still and know that I AM GOD. Psalm 46:10*)

So . . . to all those living in the land of Cana, we are coming by God's call to live among you and in the midst of God. It's going to be okay. We will learn that together. (And we can come easier because we have already had a taste of who God has made you thus far.) To the family and friends we are leaving behind, we leave knowing that God is here and He has already been blessing you even if you haven't seen it, and He will continue to do so after we are gone. I just hope all will open their eyes to see it. You have blessed us beyond understanding (and that is what makes it hard to leave). To Sarai – hang in there, baby. I am rounding up the sheep and will be coming too. And to God – Okay Dad, I am taking You at Your word and trusting You. Lead on.

GOD's PEACE. ALWAYS

Pastor Matt

CTS Little Servants Childcare Update

Matthew 18:4 **When Jesus called a little child to come to him, the child came right away to stand beside him. The adults that Jesus had preached to did not obey him as well as the little child did. Great Christians will obey Jesus as the little child did. They will listen to him and obey and trust him immediately.**

I currently have 17 kids enrolled with no more than 12 at a time during the day. I have a waiting list of 3 and there are 3 currently pregnant (2 at the high school and 1 in the AFS Program).

God has chosen us as a church as well as the staff and volunteers to help these kids to know the love of Jesus and everything he has given for us. For example, one little lady each time we go to the bathroom stops at the picture of Jesus and asks me "who is that?" I proceeded to tell her that that is Jesus and he loves her very much and is always with her no matter what. Now when we walk past that same picture she bursts out singing Jesus Loves Me. God handpicked each of them to come into the childcare to leave a lasting impression on our hearts as well as us leaving one with them.

I strongly urge each and every one of you to stop in for an hour or even a half hour to get to know the children. They love having visitors, they would love it if you came in to sing a song or read a book with them.

With the generosity of so many during our bake sale fundraiser we were able to raise enough money to purchase the necessary equipment to extend the fence. If anyone would be willing to help put the fencing in, let me know. I also would like to ask for prayers on how God is leading us to grow this mission. Pray for what his plans are and also pray for all of the children as well as their parents.

Danita Broders
Director of CTS Little Servants

P.S. This month, we are accepting donations of baby wipes.

Day Care Income & Expenses		
	July	YTD
Income		
Donations & Grants	90.00	250.00
Other (private fees)	734.47	8,606.74
State Reimbursement(fees & food)	2,902.69	26,749.63
Total Income	3,727.16	35,606.37
Expenses		-
Payroll Wages	3,843.75	29,576.96
FICA Expense	294.05	2,262.64
Food & Supplies	297.16	3,194.43
Training		95.00
Other	15.50	1,363.19
Total Expenses	4,450.46	36,492.22
Day Care Net Income	(723.30)	(885.85)

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Arlis Lind	9/1
Linda Shaffer	9/2
Lonnie Svitak	9/3
Marie Shafer	9/5
Chris Smith	9/6
Dean Hoffart	9/7
Blake Moen	9/7
Doris Hoffart	9/13
Joe & Kristy Rosberg	9/13
Arlynn Boelman	9/14
Wendell Hahne	9/15
Duane & Shirley Theil	9/15
Nicole Roberts	9/16
Richard & Cherlyn Hillrichs	9/18
Gary & Chris Smith	9/19
Matt Morton	9/26
Abbey Buettgenbach	9/30

Congratulations and God's blessings to everyone celebrating this month!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform the church office.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Youth Group and Pastor Matt for the hard work they all put in picking up my lava rocks around my house. It was a fabulous job well done and I appreciate it so much. And parents, I want to tell all of you what great kids they were at my house. So polite and very nice young people. Thanks again very much.

Joy Potts

The family of Galen Thompson would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and support shown to us at his passing. We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends and family. God bless you all. *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* (This was Galen's favorite Bible verse.)

The family of Orville Heller would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and support shown us at his passing. God bless you all.

PASTORAL ACTSBaptism

Daniel Joseph Rosberg
August 6, 2017

Funeral

Orville E. Heller
August 8, 2017
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Pilger

Help Dean Hoffart celebrate his 85th birthday with an open garage party on Sept. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at 912 Heather Lane in Norfolk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Communion assistants
- ◆ Offering counters
(sign up in the church office)

Little Servants Childcare Center

is accepting donations of baby wipes this month.

Bright Horizons Diaper Drive

Bright Horizons is collecting diapers and baby wipes this month (look for their tote). Sizes 4, 5 and 6 are especially needed.

To Norfolk With Love

Church sponsored community-wide half-day cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 16; information and sign-up on back table.

Photo Directories Available

Contact Tara Peters (750-9814 or ntpeters1017@gmail.com). Cost is \$8.00 each; make checks payable to CTS Fellowship & Hospitality.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ade and Tom Pederson, 2608 E. Palmer St., Brandon, S.D. 57005

Becky Bahnfleth, 504 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL 61866

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please make sure the church office has your college student's current contact information (mailing address, email, phone number) so it can be included in the directory.

Free to Good Home(s)

Orange kittens, born March 30, males & females. Talk to Kathy in the office or call 379-9341.

August 21, 2017 Board of Administration meeting minutes

PRESENT: Richard Hillrichs, chairman; Steve Freese, Warren Bennett, Judy Carstens, Jan Puls, Wanda Muhs, Danita Broders, Greg Moen

Richard called this meeting to order at 6:30; Judy offered the opening prayer. The agenda minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Judy offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve; motion carried.

Old Business

On July 30th, the Congregation approved repairing the soffit and fascia on the church building and replacing the deck on the parsonage using composite materials. Fundraising will take place to pay for deck repairs. Richard and some members are in favor of starting a new account at the bank to pay for deck repairs and don't want it to be part of the general fund. The account would be closed once done. Wanda offered a motion to open this new account, seconded by Warren. Discussion followed. Motion amended stipulating that we will only have this special account in effect as long as we're working on the deck and as long as we're collecting money for the deck; when it is paid for, the account will be closed; motion carried.

Danita's request to expand the fenced-in play area, which was tabled last month, was discussed. She is requesting to extend the fence north up to but not including the fire exit, and has raised the money to pay for the fence. Jan offered a motion to approve Danita's request, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

New Business

We need to find someone to replace Rhonda Piske in the office as she and Kevin will be moving to Omaha. Rhonda comes in once a week to pay bills using QuickBooks. She has offered to train her replacement. Greg volunteered but said he will need a backup as he is gone a lot. A notice will be put in the bulletin and newsletter.

Our contract with Century Link for telephone service expires September 2nd. We are currently paying \$245 per month. Kathy will contact Century Link for a consultation, and will contact CableOne (our Internet provider) to see if we can save money by switching our phone service to them. A suggestion was made to consider dropping our fax line. Kathy was authorized to contact the companies and choose the plan that is most cost-effective.

Bills to be paid: None

Reports

Greg provided copies of the monthly financial report. Jan reported that there was \$36,263.68 in the checking account at the end of last month.

Judy reported that the Membership and Stewardship committee will be doing pledge cards, which will go out September 3. Visitor cards were replaced in the pews. They have ordered cards to send to visitors and inactive members.

Steve reported that the personnel committee (Arlynn B., Linda M. and himself) will meet on Sept. 6, then will start meeting with staff. He shared that he will not be at our next board meeting

Wanda reported that the contractor can start replacing the deck in 3 weeks, and she has arranged for volunteers to remove the old deck. She will be going in for surgery on Aug. 24, so Warren will oversee this project. Steve offered a motion, seconded by Warren, to go with Century Lumber for materials as their estimate was \$1,200 less than Mead Lumber; motion carried.

Next meeting: September 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m. Jan offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church		
2017 Income & Expenses		
	July	YTD
Income		
Member Offerings	16,843.75	126,390.59
Non Member Offering	553.08	4,060.94
Coffee Hour Donations	39.00	279.25
Holiday Boutique	-	-
Designated Church Property	25.00	25.00
Designated Reimburse, Church use, misc	65.00	1,864.89
Designated Day Camp	-	468.85
Designated Missions	280.00	3,375.00
Designated A Cyboron	50.00	175.00
Designated B Cyboron	550.00	3,550.00
Designated Emily Svitak	-	-
Designated Weich	-	140.00
Designated Rystrom	-	-
Designated Day Care/income	3,727.16	35,606.37
Designated Good Samaritan	50.00	350.00
Designated Tanzania	-	913.00
Total	22,182.99	177,198.89
Interest Income	2.35	23.53
Total	22,185.34	177,222.42
Expenses		
Administration	13,852.93	106,327.93
Church Building	2,435.62	20,043.26
Parsonage	500.99	2,881.19
Discipleship	1,149.99	3,359.51
Fellowship/Evangelism	175.40	3,707.73
Church Mission Giving	400.00	2,800.00
Local Benevolence	347.05	2,820.60
Stewardship	-	-
Worship	-	1,179.35
Day Care	4,450.46	36,492.22
Total	23,312.44	179,611.79
Income Statement		
	July	YTD
General Income	17,578.18	132,994.20
Less General Expenses	18,861.98	143,119.57
Church General Income	(1,283.80)	(10,125.37)
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Day Care Income	3,727.16	35,606.37
Less Day Care Expenses	4,450.46	36,492.22
Net Day care Income	(723.30)	(885.85)

Board of Spiritual Oversight Meeting

August 15, 2017

6:30 PM

Attendance: Brian Anderson, Linda Cyboron, Steve Jessen, Deb Olson, Doug Witte, Pastor Steve, Pastor Matt.

Absent: None

Opening Devotions: Brian Anderson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Approval of July 18 minutes: The minutes were approved as written. It was suggested that the financial report reflect the deficit giving with a minus (-) sign in future reports.

Board Agenda was approved as presented.

Financial Report: There was no report available as the Board of Administration will not meet until next Monday, August 21. The report, when available, will be distributed to the Board members.

Congregational Oversight: Pastor Steve briefly discussed the five oversight groups of the congregation. Each Board member will be overseeing 1/5 of the congregation. Suggestions included: watching worship attendance, greeting and getting to know their group by name, praying for their group, letting the pastor(s) know any relevant concerns. As the time continues we will consider more ways to oversee each group.

Pastor Matt's New Call: Due to Becky's new job position at the school in Rantoul, IL, she had to leave early on August 7 so Pastor Matt informed the congregation by letter on August 3 that he had accepted a call to serve as Senior Pastor at American Lutheran Church in Rantoul, Illinois. He shared his process and the difficulty in accepting this call (with all the relationships and ministry he has formed over the 6 years he has been here). The Board asked Pastor Matt what things need to be done and which areas will need our attention once he has left. His last Sunday will be September 24 when he will deliver his final sermon. The Board will be having a final farewell event/program/roast for Pastor Matt on Saturday, September 23 (2-4 PM: Gathering time: 4 PM – Program/Roast; 5:30 PM Potluck).

Discipleship (Doug): Doug shared that Amanda Cyboron (S.S. superintendent), Pastor Steve and he are meeting weekly (11 AM on Wednesday) to plan for Rally Sunday (September 10) and the fall curriculum. Our emphasis is intergenerational where the ENTIRE congregation is being invited to gather and participate with the Sunday school youth from 9 to 9:45 AM. Pastor Steve is inviting the congregation to gather in small groups (3 or more) to share 8 conversations around 3 questions: who is God, who am I, and what is God up to in my life? There is a booklet to guide the conversations entitled: "Growing Up." Confirmation will begin with Pastor Matt on September 6 and Pastor Steve will resume his teaching confirmation on September 27. As we move forward, the Lifelong Learning and Living Ministry Team will be formed, enlisting members from every age group.

Worship (Brian): Brian is compiling the results of the worship survey taken at the Quarterly Mission Meeting on August 13 (48 people filled out a form). He will share the results once he is finished. Musicians are being notified for the fall worship schedule which will remain the same with one worship on Sunday at 10:00 AM (1st and 3rd Sundays: Traditional; 2nd and 4th Sundays: Contemporary). Due to the response to the W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays), W.O.W. will continue at 6:30 PM in the fall. W.N.A. (Wednesday Night Alive) will resume with a meal at 6 PM, W.O.W. worship at 6:30 PM, and fellowship at 7:00 PM.

Outreach (Linda): Linda is working on inviting Joe Rystrom to come to Christ the Servant in October and do a series of evening teaching topics. The Mission and Ministry Team meet on the 1st Sunday of the month after worship.

Fellowship (Deb): The monthly potluck meals after worship continue to be well-attended so we will continue to have potluck meals after worship on the 2nd Sundays of the month. Plans are being made for Rally Day (September 10) and Pastor Matt's farewell weekend (September 23-24). The Hospitality Ministry Team is planning a Fall Festival in October at our fire pit with activities and invitations to area housing. The team will continue the January Chili/Soup Cook-off and Game Night.

Pastor Matt: Pastor Matt is working on his final plans before he leaves for his new call on September 25. He is completing his class on baptism on Sunday mornings, planning the milestones events for Rally Sunday, beginning confirmation classes, and completing his time with our youth group. He is also completing an updated handbook for the CTS Little Servants Childcare.




Pastor Steve: Pastor Steve shared his adult faith development presentation he gave to the congregation on August 13 at the Quarterly Mission Meeting (a summary of his work with VantagePoint3 for the past 18 months). A guiding metaphor diagram was explained and will be the basis of our faith formation at CTS. The first step will be a congregational small group experience using the booklet, "Growing Up," which involves 8 conversations around 3 questions: who is God, who am I, and what is God up to in my life? These conversations will begin the week of September 17 and will take on many forms and sizes. He is planning the fall schedule and having ongoing conversations as we plan our next stage without Pastor Matt. Pastor Steve will resume teaching confirmation classes.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 19

Adjournment: We adjourned at 7:45 PM

Closing Prayer was given by Deb Olson.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Pentecost 13 8:30 Bible study (no Adult S.S.) 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship Mission/Ministry mtg.	 LABOR DAY DAYCARE AND OFFICE CLOSED		WNA + W.O.W. <i>starting Sept. 13</i> Meal @ 6:00 Worship @ 6:30 Fellowship @ 7:00		1 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	2
3 Pentecost 13 8:30 Bible study (no Adult S.S.) 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship Mission/Ministry mtg.	4 LABOR DAY DAYCARE AND OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30 Childcare oversight committee 6:30 Women of CTS	6 5:00 Confirmation class 7:00 Youth group	7 9AM PieceMakers	8	9
===== Pastor Steve gone (Minnesota) =====						
10 Pentecost 14 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 Gathering (fellowship hall) 10:00 worship 11:15 potluck	11 6:30 PM Welcome & Hospitality team mtg	12	13 5P Confirmation WNA + W.O.W. 7:00 Youth group	14 9AM Agape Circle	15 newsletter deadline 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	16
17 Pentecost 15 8:30 Bible study 8:45 Sunday school 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship	18 6:30 PM Board of Administration	19 6:30 PM Board of Spiritual Oversight	20 5P Confirmation WNA + W.O.W. 7:00 Youth group	21 2PM Card Club 6:45 MOPS/MOMS	22 FALL BEGINS 	23 Pastor Matt Farewell * 2-4 p.m. gathering * 4:00 program/roast * 5:30 potluck meal
24 Pentecost 16 8:30 Bible study 8:45 Sunday school 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship Pastor Matt's last Sunday	25 7:00 PM Via de Cristo Ultreya @ CTS	26 7:00 PM Worship committee meeting	27 5P Confirmation WNA + W.O.W. 7:00 Youth group	28	29	30