

JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

Bible Trek — Sunday School During Summer

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Ever wondered what happens to Sunday School during the summer? Normally we take a break until September but this summer we are going to continue to meet all summer long. The format will be different as all ages will be meeting together with whoever is here on the weekends. Each Sunday we will gather in the fellowship hall at 9 am to learn about different topics and Bible stories of faith. We will track what we are learning in Our Bible Trek Journal and experience hands-on activities to help us connect the Bible to our lives. Our themes for June will be:

June 7 – The Language of Pentecost

June 14 – Faith Flag (Acolyte training after worship)

June 21 – Honey Time: John the Baptist's Birthday

June 28 – The Good Shepherd

Future topics in July and August will be: Bread of Life, Metamorphosis, Meet God's Playful Pet, God is with US, Everybody needs a ROCK, The Way, Living Water, It's NOT easy being GREEN, and God & a Photograph.

Bible Trek will take the place of Vacation Bible School this summer as we transition to a Day Camp model next summer.

Summer Worship

Explore the Bible (1, 2, 3 John & Revelation)

During the summer months of June, July and August will begin our next **Explore the Bible** sermons and bible studies. Copies of your personal study guides are on the back table (suggested donation is \$5). We will begin our messages and studies on 1st John. We will primarily be looking at 1 John where John encourages us to hold fast in the truth about Jesus and to love God and one another more deeply.

June 7 – 1 John 1:1-4 "The Truth Presented"

Installations of both Boards

Joint Prayer Service with Msaranga Mandaka Lutheran Parish and CTS

June 14 – 1 John 1:5—2:6 "Walking in the Light"

Potluck Brunch after worship

June 21 – 1 John 2:15-27 "Dangers to Avoid"

Father's Day

June 28 – 1 John 4:1-6 "Is This of God?"

Summer Brunches after Worship

2nd Sunday of each month

(June 14, July 12, August 9)

Once again we will be gathering for fellowship and a brunch after worship during the summer months. On the 2nd Sunday of each month (June, July and August), you are invited to bring an item to share for a brunch setting. We will gather in the fellowship hall for time of conversation and listening to one another. Please plan to stay after worship for each brunch and get to know your congregation better.

Last month I shared with you the ONE WORD Sabbath Rest Retreat I had with several Norfolk Pastors at the St. Benedict Center in April. My personal ONE WORD was LISTEN – listen more intentionally and pay attention to the opportunities God brings daily into my life. Since that retreat it has been amazing how many significant conversations I have had with people from all walks of life (not just Christ the Servant members). I don't know if these conversations are happening because I am paying attention more (allowing more conversation to continue) or since God gave this ONE WORD that He is bringing more people into my life. Whatever the reason, I am discovering that people are looking for an ear that will listen to them. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote these words about the need to listen more:

"The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as the love of God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. . . Many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it amongst Christians, because these Christians are talking where they should be listening, but he who can no longer listen to his brother will no longer be listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God, too. This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life, and in the end there is nothing left but spiritual chatter and clerical condescension arrayed in pious words. One who cannot listen long and patiently will presently be talking beside the point, and be never really speaking to others, albeit he not be conscious of it." (Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community, pp. 97-98.

What convicting words each time I hear these words from Dietrich Bonhoeffer (a German Lutheran pastor during the reign of Nazi Germany during WWII). The first service that one owes to others is **listening to them**. Listening is a gift to another because it requires that we stop talking (and interrupting with our story) and says, "all that matters right now is the person in front of me." Too often people live in a world of "unnoticedness" where people live in isolation with their deepest thoughts, dreams, joys, frustrations, disappointments, etc. This summer I would like to challenge you to pay attention more to the people who cross your path throughout the day (especially in the fellowship we call Christ the Servant – pay attention to people's countenance at worship and start a conversation afterwards). Don't force the conversation if it is not there but don't be in such a hurry that you cannot visit for an extended period of time or arrange a time later in the week to visit.

Here are a few practical ways you can create a conversation beyond "surface" conversation. Learn to ask open and honest questions like:

- What have been the highs and lows of your week?
- What do you find yourself persistently praying about?
- What has been sticking out to you in your readings of the Bible?
- How's your soul or heart?
- Where in your life have you been feeling most alive? Most drained?
- How are your important relationships at work and at home going?
- What are the questions you find yourself asking yourself (about God, yourself, others, the world) over the past week?
- What has become clear in your life since we last met together?

The list could go on and on, but in each visit the questions must grow out of a genuine interest in the other person. I encourage you to look for opportunities to engage in listening to others in your midst.

And the most important voice we need to listen to is the voice of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the one Jesus told us He would send to us so that we could continue to be His presence of healing and peace in the world. On Pentecost Sunday (May 24) we were reminded that all believers are given the gift of the Holy Spirit, which means the Holy Spirit is dwelling within us. Don't let the voices of this world and the busyness of your daily schedules get in the way of hearing God's voice to you. As Jesus told us, simply ask, seek, and knock and the door will be open to you.

Be in joyful expectation as to where listening to others and the Holy Spirit will lead you this summer. Please, please, please share with me the encounters God will guide you into and share some of the stories you will hear. You will be amazed and more importantly, others will experience the love of God through you!

Learning to listen long and patiently,

“But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:44

What’s the DIFFERENCE? This question has come up several times in the last month for me through devotions, Bible Study, reading in multiple sources. It seems that pastors and church leaders are all beginning to ask their congregations and the church in America the same question – Can you tell the people of the Church of Jesus Christ apart from everyone else? What’s the difference? Now if I were Dr. Seuss the answer would be easy – Put stars on their bellies just like the Sneetches! Except for the fact that in the end even that got confused in the hustle and run to be something or someone because you do or don’t have a star on your belly. Without warning, all the Sneetches were standing there with or without stars and no one remembered where or why as the one who had created all the confusion drove away with all of their money. Of course it ends well for the Sneetches because in the end the lesson

they learned is that it isn’t the label or item you wear that makes you someone unique it is the one you are to begin with that makes you special.

But in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus asks those who would follow the same question – What’s the difference? If you look at the quoted text above you can see that the answer is in the first and last sentences. To be different as a Christian we must step out of the world’s way of doing and responding and compromising; and we must be perfect as God our Father is perfect. WOW. Does that sound like the church in America is living up to its call? Author and pastor Francis Chan asks the question for us as well; when you read the Bible in the New Testament, does the church depicted there look like the church in America today? Your life? This lays a major challenge before us all. What is the Christian supposed to look like and do which makes them different than the world?

Perhaps we like the Sneetches have compromised too much, settled for the sales pitch of the Evil One too often, justified and coddled ourselves that our behaviors and actions are okay because we are Christian and forgiven, but Jesus doesn’t say any of that: He says. “Be perfect like your Father in heaven is perfect.” Satan is driving away with all our profits, we are standing still befuddled and not asking the questions of eternity because we are too busy running

around to get all the things the world says we should get to make us someone. But, the Church of Jesus Christ is not meant to run around and get nothing done. It, as Jesus tells Peter of his confession, is so powerful it is a “rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” They won’t prevail because this ROCK will be moving, breaking through the gate where Satan has gained strong holds, breaking through the fortresses of lies and deceit that trap and ensnare, breaking through the very gates of death – rolling the stones away and calling us to “Come OUT!” and live.

What is the Difference? WE are to be. Not just doing the simple, nice things that anyone including those who don’t know Jesus can do, but becoming sacrificial in our living and ways for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ; because we are baptized and have been given the Spirit of Power from Jesus and the Father, because He has shown us the example of what it means to follow Him, and because He has opened to us the door of life eternal and heaven with Him. In a sense, because we are, we then ought to be....

What’s the difference? Jesus in us. He is Risen! The Spirit is given. Alleluia.

BIBLE TREK – is the name of our Sunday School Program throughout the summer. We will begin on **Sunday June 7th** with our first class and continue through **August 31st**. Sunday School will be at 9:00 am sharp and have a closing at 9:50 with music and prayer. This Sunday School program will be a thematic set of classes ranging from John the Baptists Birthday to It isn't easy being GREEN. Each week the children will learn together with different teachers of our Sunday School to begin to TREK through the Bible and to journal about their journey. Parents and friends are always invited.

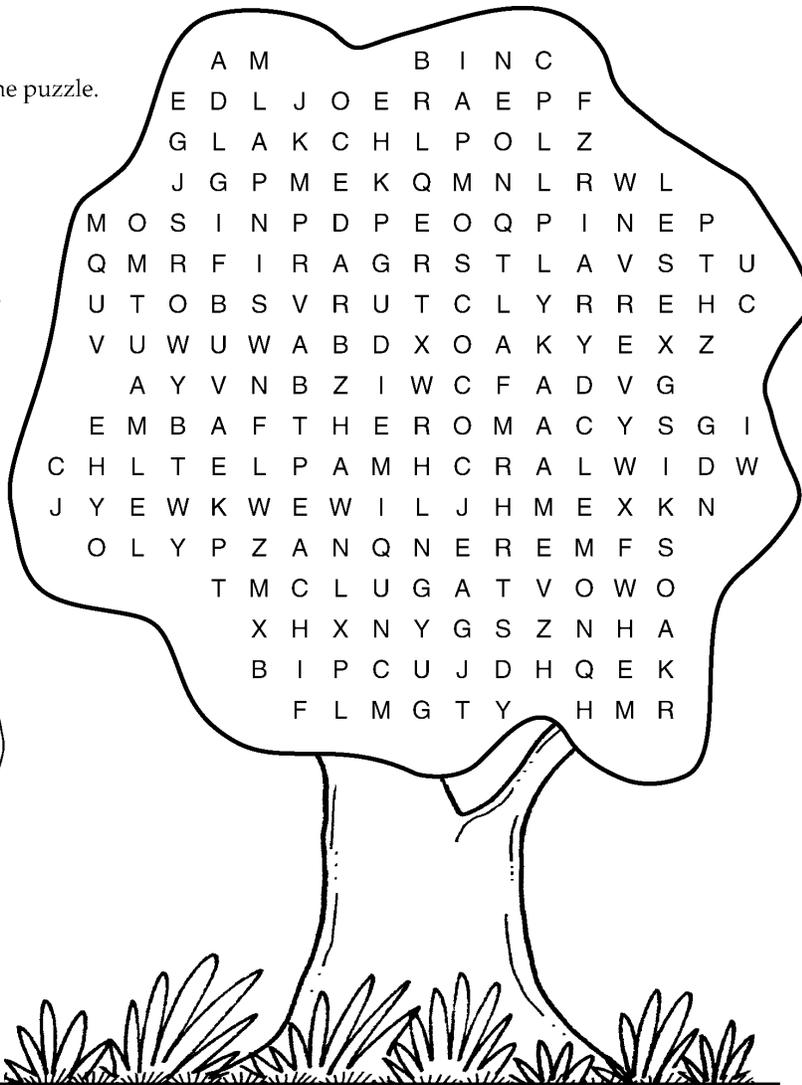
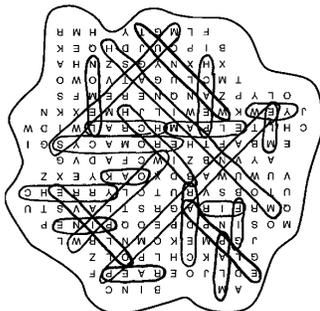
EXPERIMENT DAY – On **Saturday June 27th** leaving at **8:00 AM** we're Gonna' do a bit of Exploring in God's World! That's right CTS Children's Ministry is going to head to the Omaha Children's Museum and Exploration Center. We are going to have a field trip time with guided exploration, and then a chance to continue to look around and explore for a while longer in different exhibits and spaces like – LEGO Travel Adventure, and Fairytale Land, as well as Splish Splash Garden, Future Me and so much more. (So you want to bring some clothes to change to if you get wet.) After we're done we can head out of the Center to find some lunch and talk about our adventures. The Group Rate is \$7.00 per person and CTS Children's Ministry participants will get \$3.00 off that price for each youth. Parents are needed to be with children so we will be looking for adults to come along as well. Hope to see you there!

Word Find

Find the names of these trees in the puzzle.

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|--------------|-------------|
| Apple | Olive |
| Birch | Palm |
| Cedar | Peach |
| Cherry | Pear |
| Elm | Pine |
| Fig | Pomegranate |
| Fir | Sweet gum |
| Larch | Sycamore |
| Lemon | Walnut |
| Maple | Willow |
| Mountain ash | Yew |
| Oak | |

Answer:



"I pray that everything may go well with you, and that you may be in good health, as I know you are well in spirit." – 3 John 2

Blood Pressure Screenings:

After 1st Service
2nd Sunday of the month
 This month: June 14

VOLUNTEER FOR HEALTH
 Volunteering has long been a common ethic in the United States, with people each year giving their time without any expectation of compensation. While these volunteer activities may be performed with the core intention of helping others, there is also a common wisdom that those who give of themselves also receive. Researchers have measured the benefits that volunteers receive, including the positive feeling referred to as "helper's high," increased trust in others, and increased social and political participation.

Volunteering provides individual health benefits in addition to social benefits. Research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.

TRAVEL SMART AND HASSLE-FREE

Planning a trip? If you take medications, you'll need to plan more than your itinerary.

Make sure you have enough medication to last throughout your trip; order refills early.

Keep labeled medicines with you in your carry-on. The Transportation Security Administration permits liquid medications that exceed 3.4 ounces, but they must be declared at security checkpoints.

Remember to recycle your empty medication bottles!

3 RULES FOR KEEPING SKIN SAFE

1. The best sunscreen is one you'll actually use. You'll have to date lots of sunscreens before you find one you fall in love with. Remember, this is a long-term relationship; to prevent skin cancer, wrinkles and dark spots, you'll need to wear it every day. Prospects must provide at least SPF 30 and broad-spectrum protection.

2. Forget about the SPF in your makeup. Hey, more sunscreen is never bad, and kudos to you for stocking up on products that protect. But to get the level of SPF on the label, you'd have to cake on seven layers of foundation, BB cream, tinted moisturizer, whatever.

3. Yes, you have to reapply. The hard truth: You can't complain about wrinkles if you're not applying sunscreen with SPF 30 every morning—and it doesn't stop there. After two hours, that first layer is basically

null and void. Lots of people remember to re-up at the beach, but what about weekdays? Keep a powder sunscreen in your purse or desk drawer, and dust it on exposed skin before you step outside.

Did you know?

The most commonly missed spots are ears, hands, behind the knees, and hairline. Apply sunscreen here first so you don't feel the burn.



ENJOY SUMMER

- Ride a bike—don't forget a helmet.
- Walk the dog—fresh air is good for you. No dog? Walk with your spouse or a friend.
- Indulge in childhood nostalgia—fly a kite, blow bubbles, draw with sidewalk chalk.
- Eat outside—enjoy the breeze.
- Relax—read a book or just "do nothing."



REMEMBER TO DONATE BLOOD

To give the Gift of Life, contact the American Red Cross office. Appointments available every Tuesday.

MARCH 7 WOMEN OF CHRIST THE SERVANT SPRING GATHERING

There were 29 women in attendance, including seven guests and three children. Emily Svitak led the opening prayer.

Altar Guild: Janell Finkral will set up a meeting at which we will make some decisions about banners, altar cloths, etc.

Kitchen: In December we discussed what to do with the money from the Advent meal. Sharon Koeppel purchased new Rada knives which NEED to be hand-washed only. We also discussed updating the kitchen. Louise Skoglund will talk to the person who has been already been working on this and will report back to us.

Bathrooms: It was discussed that the bathrooms need to be updated: new floors, toilets, sinks, stalls, paint, and wall-hung changing tables. A fundraiser with the coffees and teas, etc., is in effect to help with costs. Michelle Anderson is getting info on having the floors done.

Pie Sale: Will be June 21st.

Wine, Women, Wisdom: We have met four times with great fun, fellowship and new insight on women in the Bible. A signup sheet was passed around for hostesses for the rest of the year.

Coffee: Becky and Michelle have ordered coffee from Lutheran World Relief. We will start selling March 15th. This is the fundraiser to help with the bathroom remodels.

Lent Meal: The Women of CTS will serve the Lenten meal March 25, which will be a taco bar. Mary Weich will be in charge; Connie Atkinson offered to help make phone calls.

Bless and Be Blessed: Date is Saturday, May 2nd. Be watching for fliers to come out. Start boxing up all of your treasures. Marilyn Nickols has donated her second garage stall for storing items. After discussion of where funds will go we voted on 1/2 will go towards the Children's Ministry at CTS, 1/4 will go towards the B-C-C (Building a Caring Community) school for disabled children in Tanzania, 1/4 will go to Anna and Aaron Cyboron for needed appliances they need to replace.

Funerals: Concern has been raised about having more help to coordinate winter funerals. Please let us know if you are interested.

Yearly Verse: We would like to have a yearly verse for the Women of CTS. What are some verses that you think may be nice? Let one of the board members know and we will vote on one at the Annual Meeting on June 6th.

Constitution update: It has been brought up about terms for board members. It was discussed and voted on that terms will be President one year, and Vice President one year. Treasurer and Secretary will be two years. VP will move to president second year of term. Odd years we will elect new VP and secretary. Even years we will elect new VP and treasurer, thus VP will be voted on every year.

Offering was taken as suggested by Doris Hoffart. We were reminded to bring our thank offerings in November.

Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 6th, Voting for new board members, yearly verse, reveal secret sister and more!

Becky closed with prayer.

APRIL 9 WOMEN OF CHRIST THE SERVANT BOARD MEETING

Becky opened with devotion/prayer.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved.

Treasurer report: Balance is \$2423.12.

World Trade: There are seven bars left, of 36 purchased. Two of the decaf were purchased and the remaining three were donated to the church. Michelle and Becky will order more items April 15th.

Yearly verse: Some suggestions are: Romans 8:28; Galatians 5:25; Romans: 15:13.

Funeral money: Per last month's meeting, we discussed that we would like to put funds from funeral directors into the WCTS account and pay any reimbursement needed out of that account also. Becky reports both boards were okay with this.

Bylaws were changed and approved at Spring Gathering. Kathy will purchase jump drives for each officer and copy the bylaws onto them.

Bless and Be Blessed Rummage Sale Saturday, May 2: Doris Hoffart is heading up the bake sale. We will have a sign-up sheet in church Sunday for anyone who can help. April 26-30 items can be dropped off in the Adult Sunday School area. Tanzania youth mission team will sell hot dogs to raise money for travel.

Annual meeting Saturday, June 6..

There will be no Wine, Women, and Wisdom this month. Michelle suggested a women's movie night as an idea to spark interest for women's fellowship.

Becky closed the meeting with devotion/prayer.

June Birthdays

6/5	Sharel Olson	6/20	Julie Greve
6/5	Cody Stone	6/21	Nicole Miller
6/11	Jaiden Roberts	6/21	Dana Putters
6/12	Holly Heller	6/23	Penny Henriksen
6/14	Gary Weich	6/25	Orlene North
6/15	Emily Svitak	6/26	Troy Roberts
6/18	Darla Jessen	6/28	Abigail Cyboron

Anniversaries

Nate & Darcy Metschke — June 5
 BJ & Sharon Koeppel — June 6
 Pastor Steve & Mary Lund — June 11
 Wendell & Wanda Muhs — June 14
 Dennis & Linda Miller — June 15
 Chuck & Jeanne Nicholson (40 years!) — June 20

*God's blessings to everyone celebrating this month.
 May your day, and your year, be filled with joy!*

If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed, please provide the church office with your full date of birth or anniversary.

JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31	1 6:30pm Way of Life (parsonage)	2 5:30pm The Journey (church) 7:00pm Childcare Oversight Committee meeting	3 5:30 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:00 Youth Group	4 9 a.m. Quilting 6 p.m. Women of CTS meeting/ Bible study	5	6 10a.m. Women of CTS Annual Meeting
7 9am Bible Trek 10am Worship	8 5 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting Pastor Matt at Confirmation	9 6:30pm The Journey (church)	10 5:30pm Prayer meeting 6:30pm New Member Class (no Youth Group) Camp—Okoboji (June 7-12)	11 9 a.m. Agape	12	13
14 Flag Day 9am Bible Trek 10am Worship Installation of board members Summer brunch Acolyte training	15	16 6:30pm The Journey (church)	17 5:30 p.m. Prayer meeting 6:30pm New Member Class 7:00 Youth Group	18 7 p.m. Wine, Women, Wisdom	19	20
21 Fathers Day Pie Sale 9am Bible Trek 10am Worship Summer begins	22	23 6:00pm Both boards meet	24 5:30 p.m. Prayer meeting 6:30pm New Member Class 7:00 Youth Group	25 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Pastor Steve on vacation (June 25-30)</div>	26 Fellowship Hall reserved @ 5:30 p.m.	27
28 9am Bible Trek 10am Worship <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Pastor Steve on vacation (June 25-30)</div>	29	30	July 1 Kathy on vacation	July 2	July 3	July 4

JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

One service 10:00 a.m.	COFFEE	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
JUNE 7	Michelle & Brian Anderson	Danita Broders	Chuck & Jeanne Nicholson	Elizabeth B.	Brian Anderson	Bob & Andy Lutz
JUNE 14	Arlynn & Sharon Boelman	Linda & Amanda Cyboron	Doug & Pat Witte	Kelcie Hall	Linda Cyboron	Ron & Korrie Hall
JUNE 21	Charlie & Louise Skoglund	Mary Lund	Lonnie and Margaret Svitak	Katelyn A.	Charlie Skoglund	Shirley Theil, Michelle Anderson
JUNE 28	Delores Olson	Marilyn Nickols	Rich & Deb Olson	Ethan Olson	Richard Hillrichs Kay Jaeger	Linda & Amanda Cyboron

If you're unable to serve as scheduled, please make your own trade and notify the Church Office.

JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

One service 10:00 a.m.	COFFEE	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
JULY 5	Dean & Doris Hoffart	Anderson family	_____ Wendell Hahne	Katelyn A.	Kay Jaeger Richard Hillrichs	Linda Miller, Lu Carter
JULY 12	Shirley Theil	Tara Bahnfleth	Ron & Korrie Hall	Kelcie Hall	Lonnie Svitak	Becky & Tara Bahnfleth
JULY 19	Mary Lund	Arlynn & Sharon Boelman	Greg Moen, Dallas Puls	Elizabeth B.	Michelle Anderson	Charlie & Louise Skoglund
JULY 26	Holly Heller	Mike & Nell Finkral	_____ Roger Young	Elizabeth B.	Shirley Theil	Gary & Mary Weich

June Offering Counting Teams:

1st Dean & Doris Hoffart
2nd Meg Donovan, Nell Finkral
3rd Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske
4th Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall

June Altar Guild: Margaret Svitak, Kay Jaeger

June Communion Bread: Delores Olson

Membership Care Team: Sharel Olson, Michelle Anderson

July Offering Counting Teams:

1st Dean & Doris Hoffart
2nd Meg Donovan, Nell Finkral
3rd Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske
4th Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall

July Altar Guild: Linda Miller, Jo Roberts

July Communion Bread: Fern Zechmann

Membership Care Team: Mary Lund, Shirley Theil

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT**Wednesday May 27, 2015**

Present: Pastor Matt, Pastor Steve, Margaret Svitak, Mary Weich, Linda Cyboron, Charlie Skoglund, Brian Anderson, Becky Bahnfleth, Greg Moen (present but participating in the Board of Administration meeting) Absent: None

Pastor Steve opened with devotions and prayer

CONFIRMATION PROPOSAL: Both pastors have met to discuss the proposal. Upcoming meeting on June 4 for parents of youth. Board members are asked to be there. Board members will make calls to parents to follow-up. Charlie thinks the congregation should be part of the discussion. The board decided that a discussion session will be planned for June 14 that will facilitate the discussion.

FOOD PANTRY: CTS is scheduled to help with the food pantry during the first two weeks of June. The list was passed around in worship last Sunday and is filling up, still a few positions left.

SUMMER BRUNCH: Mary reports that summer brunches are planned following worship on the following dates: June 14, July 12 and August 9.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Rotating worship styles (traditional and contemporary) will continue through Labor Day. Mary asked if we could consider an outdoor service. Brian noted that the next month with a 5th Sunday is in August. He will bring it to the worship committee for discussion. The next worship meeting is scheduled for June 8 at 5pm.

BIBLE TREK SUNDAY SCHOOL: This summer Sunday school will take on an all-ages topical format with a different topic discussed and researched each week in the fellowship hall. Summer Sunday school will start June 7 and will continue for 13 weeks. Each session will last 45 minutes with an opening and closing.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Will be held the first three Wednesdays of June. There are several new families that are signed up.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Worship services will continue the Explore the Bible series, digging into First John and Revelations beginning June 7. The series will run through August 30.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMEBERS: New and current board members will be installed during worship on June 14.

CONFIRMATION CAMP: Four students and Pastor Matt are planning to go to Ingham Okoboji June 7-11.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: The board is looking for anyone who may be interested in serving in a Eucharistic ministry of going to homes. Pastor Matt has all of the training materials.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Planned for June 14

ALTAR GUILD: It was mentioned that Nell Finkral was planning a meeting for those who have been serving on the Altar Guild. Brian will touch base with her. The worship committee would like to have someone from the Altar Guild and the Communion Guild on the committee.

PASTOR GARRY RETURN: Pastor Steve mentioned that Pastor Garry was planning to come back to CTS in August. He wasn't sure of the date. He has the questionnaire and results from his last visit. Pastor Steve said CTS would possibly need to provide Pastor Garry with a \$1,000 honorarium in addition to paying for his lodging expenses for this trip. It was noted by Charlie and Margaret that we don't have the funds in the budget to provide this. Charlie suggested that the matter should go before the congregation. It will appear on the agenda for the next quarterly mission meeting in July.

PASTOR STEVE VACATION: June 20-25 he is going to Yankton. July 3-5 he will be in Minnesota. Pastor Matt will also be gone to Omaha July 2-3, but he will be available to come back to Norfolk during that time in the event a Pastor is needed for an emergency.

TANZANIA MISSION UPDATE: July 21-August 5. The families that will be hosting CTS youth and adult sponsors have been identified and a letter of invitation has been received. Right now, we are waiting to receive the addresses of the host families so Visas can be filled out and sent to the Tanzanian embassy in Washington DC for approval. Airline tickets will be purchased soon and the group will also travel to Omaha to get shots. Pastor Matt will work with Steve Jessen next week to wire the Tanzania funds that have been donated so Msaranga Mandaka can secure the contractor and begin to prepare the build site area for the BCC. Our youth will be working alongside the Msaranga Mandaka youth to build the center. A video has been created that provides the background on the BCC, describes the mission of the CTS youth and provides the funding needs for the project to be completed. This video is available on YouTube and can be found by going to YouTube and searching for "Brian Anderson Building a Caring Community". Msaranga Mandaka is inviting CTS to join them in a day of shared prayer for our congregations, mission and God's guidance.

NORFOLK RESCUE MISSION: Bob Blank will come to CTS to speak about the mission of the Norfolk Rescue Mission on June 28.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mary is considering a July 4 congregational picnic. Mary will speak in worship this Sunday and will ask Kathy to make a slide.

There is a CTS Relay For Life team that will participate in the Relay on June 19. The group will also be doing a fundraiser.

The Teen Mom Childcare Oversight Committee is planning to meet on Tuesday, June 2 at 7pm. A banner has been created to place in the front of the church.

The next quarterly mission meeting is planned for July 19

The next Board of Spiritual Oversight meeting will be held on June 23 at 6pm. Other meetings will be held July 14 and August 18.

Pastor Matt concluded the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Present: Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Ginger Beckman

Absent: Ron Hall, Jim Meyer

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 19 board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Beckman to accept minutes, second by Moen; minutes approved.

CHILDCARE: Liz Armitage has resigned as director of the Teen Moms Infant Childcare Program effective August 1, 2015. Ginger accepted her letter of resignation. Ginger will use the list Liz provided of daily/weekly/monthly tasks to draft a job description and help-wanted ad. She requested approval by this board to begin the hiring process; permission granted. She will ask Jeff Hrouda, Korrie Hall and Joy Potts to review the parent handbook. This issue will be brought to the Joint Board Meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Members are Arlynn Boelman, Orlin and Carol Olson, Dean Hoffart, Millie Drey and Jan Puls. They will work with the Board of Administration. Greg will schedule a meeting date/time. Steve indicated that the church's bills need to be reviewed for ways to save. This is an issue that can be brought before the committee.

FINANCIALS: Year-to-date through April, we have a deficit of \$6,100. The goal is to cut expenses by \$1500-\$2000 per month. Greg suggested a haunted house as a fundraiser.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Greg will discuss with Roger Young which lights need to be replaced and get some people to help. The hail-damaged HVAC will be replaced with a heat pump. Kathy will find the job descriptions that were developed for church, parsonage and grounds.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Present: Margaret Svitak, Pastor Steve, Pastor Matt, Brian Anderson, Becky Bahnfleth, Mary Weich, Linda Cyboron, Greg Moen, Steve Jessen

Absent: Jim Meyer, Ron Hall, Ginger Beckman

TEEN MOMS INFANT CHILDCARE PROGRAM: Motion by Linda Cyboron to authorize the Childcare Oversight Committee to hire a program director; second by Brian; all in favor, motion passed.

MINUTES: Kathy was instructed to type up minutes the day after board meetings and email them to board members, who will vote to approve electronically, so they can be published in the upcoming newsletter. Currently, minutes are not published until approved, which means they are two months old before they appear in the newsletter. Brian stated he would have the minutes of the Board of Spiritual Oversight meeting done the same way.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Greg provided an update regarding hail repairs and budget review committee.

The lights in the cry room and restrooms need to be replaced, per Matt; he believes Gary Weich and Nevin Peters can do this.

Our income is \$11,500 less than budgeted through April; we spent \$5,800 less than budgeted. The budget committee will need to cut \$1,500 a month. One suggestion was a special offering once a month.

The board of administration has two openings.

MEETINGS:

The boards will meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. for the summer and possibly year-round: June 23, July 14 (due to Tanzania trip), and August 18.

The next Quarterly Mission Meeting will be Sunday, July 19.

CONFIRMATION PROPOSAL: A letter was sent out to parents, and a meeting will be held June 4 at 6:30 p.m. The outcome of that meeting will be shared with the congregation on Summer Brunch Sunday, June 14.

INSTALLATION: Board members (new and current) will be installed Sunday, June 14.

GARRY SEEFELDT: Discussed whether to have Pastor Garry return. Matt pointed out that his last presentation was two years to the day that David Anderson shared the same thing about Vibrant Faith. Recommendation is not to have him return but we will let the congregation decide.

NEW MEMBERS: Classes for those wishing to join Christ the Servant will be held the first three Sundays in June at 6:30.

TANZANIA: Matt and Brian will be wiring money to Tanzania next week.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY: Kathy provided copies of a sample policy as requested at last month's meeting. Motion to adjourn by Steve, seconded by Becky; adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Pastor Matt closed the meeting with prayer.

Board of Administration Meeting
April 19, 2015

Present: Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Ron Hall

Absent: Jim Meyer, Ginger Beckman

Reviewed minutes of the last meeting; approved.

As we do not have a quorum, we will need to pull in one of the pastors if there is an issue that needs to be voted on.

Treasurer's report: Ginger was not present to answer questions about the accrual and cash profit/loss statements.

Jessen: it will cost about \$1,000 additional to do the repairs from the hail damage as part of our deductible, plus another \$1,000 out of pocket if we replace the HVAC (heat pump) unit. There is a \$400 rebate from NPPD. We have a bid from Volkman to repair the unit; Jessen will request a bid on replacing the unit. Also need to install hail guards. Shingles: go with classic color.

There is only \$1,500 difference between ABG and Todd Borgmyer's estimates; go with TB.

Ron: A member had suggested that we install a double gate to the fenced area so the riding mower could be used, but Warren said he can mow that area with the push mower, which will fit through the opening, therefore we will stick with a single gate. Ron also reported that one sprinkler head is broken. Jessen will replace the sprinkler head and Ron will fix the tubing.

The cost to gravel the driveway is \$260 per load for driveway. The potholes will first need to be filled and packed.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL OVERSIGHT

Margaret Svitak, Chair/President of Congregation
Outreach—Linda Cyboron
Worship—Brian Anderson
Fellowship—Mary Weich
Discipleship—Charlie Skoglund
Service—Becky Bahnfleth

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Greg Moen, Chair/Vice President of Congregation
Building/Grounds—Ron Hall, Jim Meyer
Finance—Steve Jessen
Administration/Staff Support—Ginger Beckman
Stewardship—[vacant]