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Mid-Week Lenten Services in March

The Upper Room Discourse: "When Jesus Has Your Heart"

During the month of March on our Lenten journey to the cross we are being invited to surrender our hearts to Jesus as He shares His heart with us. In the Upper Room in Jerusalem on the night He was betrayed Jesus gathered His disciples to share one last discourse with them. In John 13-16, the gospel writer records these last words of Jesus (not just to His disciples but to His Church in every generation). Each Wednesday evening (7:00 p.m.) during March we will be gathering to hear Jesus' words again. Please join us as Jesus will be present among us as the Holy Spirit will be our teacher.

Wednesday, March 4 – "A Heavenly Heart" (John 13:33–14:14)

Wednesday, March 11 – "A Strengthened Heart" (John 14:15-26)

Wednesday, March 18 – "A Peaceful Heart" (John 14:27-31)

Wednesday, March 25 – "A Fruitful Heart" (John 15:1-11)

Join us for a free-will offering meal in the fellowship hall between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Explore the Bible

The Minor Prophets – March through May

International conflict. The need for social reform to attend to the needs of the poor. A call for spiritual renewal and a focus on leadership ethics. Displaced refugees. The disintegration of the institution of marriage and the concept of covenant in general. Sounds like a page out of today's news? Certainly! But these dynamics also jump off the pages of the Minor Prophets that our sermons and personal study guides will be for the next three months as we continue to explore the Bible together. The prophets are all about relationships, our relationship with God and how it should shape our relationships with others. In these shorter Old Testament books lies the answer to what is hammered through our news outlets today. The Minor Prophets call for faithfulness to God's covenant and impending consequences if people don't repent. They speak as the freshest, the wisest of counselors, for they ultimately point us to Jesus.

Be sure to pick up your personal study guide on the back table as we begin to study (with others) the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. Our themes in March will be:

March 1 – "God Is" (Nahum 1:1-8)

March 8 – "Everyone Accountable" (Zephaniah 1:1-11)

March 15 – "Our Great Salvation" (Zephaniah 3:8-17)

March 22 – "Compassion for Lost People" (Obadiah 1-4, 10-17)

March 29 – "The Promised Messiah" (Zechariah 8:1-8; 9:9-12)



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Sunday Service Times

8:30 a.m.

Traditional worship
with communion

9:40 a.m.

Sunday school for all ages
Coffee & Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

Contemporary worship
with communion



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notify the Church Office.

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "THE PURPOSE OF A MENTOR"

Recently I have realized the importance of having a spiritual mentor in your life. A couple of years ago I ran across a disciple-making process through VantagePoint3 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In my ministry I often ask God to lead me to resources that will enhance my spiritual life as well as my ministry with you. Over the years I have been amazed at how these resources have literally fallen into my lap (I have discovered that if you pray, watch and pay attention God will show up in your life more than you can ever imagine). But you must pay attention and listen for the voice of God! VantagePoint3 (which I have been leading several members through the past two years) is a three-year process of discipleship much like Jesus disciplined His own disciples. Through the three-year journey, each participant is encouraged to find a mentor to guide them through the process by being a listening ear and a good questioner. A local pastor and I have been meeting every other week to speak into each other's lives. The time together has truly been amazing and a blessing from God to me.

Timothy, in the Bible, had as his mentor the apostle Paul. Can you imagine having Paul as your mentor in your spiritual journey? Think of all the things you would learn from Paul as one who personally encountered the resurrected Christ on the way to Damascus with the blinding light. One of the amazing aspects of reading the Bible is that it is the recorded personal experiences of many people who were changed by the presence of the living God. Some of their words cry out for us to

read, to hear, to learn, to know, to discuss with others. One of the firm convictions of VantagePoint3 is that faith is learned and formed in community (one of the principles of Vibrant Faith), not in isolation or individually in one's own home. The Bible is to be read and discussed with others!!! That is why having a mentor is so important in our faith development.

During this Lenten season I would encourage you to read about the mentorship and discipling that young Timothy had with his mentor, the apostle Paul. In the New Testament Paul wrote two short letters to Timothy (one 6 chapters long and the other 4 chapters long). Paul challenges Timothy at the level of personal character. In 1 Timothy 4:7-8, Paul writes to Timothy these words: *"Have nothing to do with godless myths, and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."* In these two letters Paul gives Timothy lots of instruction on living out the Christian faith.

As we explore the Bible together I would encourage you to find a mentor to discuss the books of the Bible upon which Pastor Matt and I are centering our sermons every Sunday. Pick up one of the personal study guides and commit yourself to digging into the word of God richly. Then discuss your discoveries with another person or two on a regular basis (at least twice month over coffee). Share what God might be saying to you and what He might be up to in your life. Take advantage like Timothy did by having another person

(Paul) speak into your life. Look for someone whom you see as maturing in their faith and let them lead you into deeper discovery of who is God, who you are and what is God up to in your life. This person may be someone at Christ the Servant or someone you know in the community. Pick up an extra personal study guide and ask them to meet with you to share aloud. Again, if we only study alone we will either begin to stop reading and reflecting or we will miss out on the wonderful opportunity to share faith aloud. As Ecclesiastes says, *"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up... Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three is not quickly broken."* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12)

Jesus never sent His disciples out alone. He always sent them two by two. So if Jesus never sent His disciples out alone, why do we think we can grow in our faith all alone? This Lenten season make it your new discipline to find at least one other person (if not a spiritual mentor) to meet on a regular basis to grow spiritually together. You will be amazed at the difference it will make and you will discover that you will never want to go back to being alone again!

On the road together with others,

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

And taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes, and laying His hands upon him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" And he looked up and said, 'I see men, for I am seeing them like trees, walking about.' Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly. And He sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

Mark 8:23–26 New American Standard Translation

This last nine months has been interesting and informative to my faith process. As many know I lost my hearing just before leaving for Tanzania in August and it remained so for nearly 13 weeks. After ear surgery I continue to have times when my ears are muffled. This has taught me a great deal. First, I have, as one always does when they walk in someone else's shoes, learned an appreciation for and attentiveness to those who have hearing impairments. I found in those initial 13 weeks I was having great difficulty coping and my own stress levels were very high. When you can't communicate and can't participate you feel very much isolated; so it must be for all who can't hear.

Secondly, in times when my ears are more muffled and pressure is built up I hear differently. Though I recognize the pressure and the low level sounds, I also hear what others miss. In the shower because my feet are on the floor, I can hear the water running in the pipes. When driving I hear the sound of the tires as they move over the street, the constant

buzzing of that friction. I hear my heart beating. I hear the sounds, as if vibrations, of equipment preparing to turn on. There is a whole world of deeper sounds than we ever get to hear when we are "fully hearing." These sounds, always there, are not noticed and we miss them when the ear is able to hear "perfectly."

So why tell you this? In my reflection on this difference in hearing I have begun to see that it is like the life of faith. It brought to mind the story of the blind man brought to Jesus whom he had to heal twice. That's right, twice. This story is indicative of the life of faith for all of us at times. Jesus brings to us in baptism our initial healing. We are claimed, we are called, we are loved with no merit or worthiness or achievement on our part; but by the grace of God we are made His. But, for most we never really move from this point. We can be believers, love Jesus, and be a follower in His Church, but in reality we only see partially. We see men who look like trees walking around; seeing as the world sees, but not as Jesus sees. This cloudiness is clear enough for us to move and to go, but also enables us to see without seeing around us. Jesus longs for us to see completely, so after our first healing He is always looking to provide for us His second; where He touches us again, and all becomes different. Where we can't go back to where we were because now we see clearly, like Jesus. But note what Mark says, "he (the blind man) [now] looked intently and was restored."

This is the work that I believe God has been seeking to do now for two years since the A.W. Tozer study for Lent. God has been seeking to touch us again. To open our eyes and ears to what is always around us, but is not seen and heard because we see and hear "perfectly fine." God has been working here, in this place, but we must look intently, we must listen carefully. A part of Harold Arnold Walter's writing struck me today as I was led to write this letter:

Strangely he stares. "What do you see?" they cry. "I see men walk as trees." Again the cool hand strokes each aching eye, the last dim shadow flees: Not moving shapes but live men, drawing nigh. Now far and clear he sees. To each he tells how God's own Son came by and healed his dire disease.

Dungeoned by self, we too besought His hand our shuttered eyes to free. His touch bestowed, dumb, stricken crowds we scanned, and guessed their misery. Lord Christ, Your second touch our hearts demand, *each separate soul to see*. His wounds to salve, his wants to understand, and to lead him home to Thee.

May this Lent open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to see His heart, and to begin to conform ours to His.

Journey forward.

Sunday School is out in deep exploration this year – as we begin a new session of Exploring the Bible we are all going to be looking at the books of Esther, Ezra, and Nehemiah and what it is speaking to us still today. If you haven't been a part of classes yet, come on in and join the exploration adventure. Head out into the wilderness of God's Word to see what He has in store for you and where He is calling your life to join him in this Bible Adventure.

3 and 4 year olds, and Kindergarten are studying the Story Book Bible as an overview.

1st through 3rd Grade is a class group taught by Becky B. and Amanda C.

4th through 6th Grade is a class group taught by Judy C. and Susan T.

7th and 8th Grade is a discussion group led by Nate M. and Brian A.

High School and College is a discussion group led by Mary W., Greg M., Charlie S., and Linda M.

Wednesday Night ALIVE! Once again is being replaced from its usual format for Lenten Soup suppers and worship all through Lent. Come and join the family of Christ the Servant as we gather to share food for our bodies and our souls together. Soup dinners begin at 6 p.m. with Lenten worship beginning at 7 p.m. This year's theme for Lenten Worship – When Jesus Has Your Heart. Youth group will follow each week for a short time from 8 until 9:30 p.m. Confirmation and FLYTE will gather from 5 until 6:15 p.m. Come and walk with CTS as we Follow the Savior.

Thanks to all who came and made the 4th Annual CHILI, SOUP & CARD PLAYIN' time a night to remember. So many were here to taste amazing chilis and soups and play either in the tournaments or as the family of CTS as games, laughter, and fun filled the fellowship hall.

Here are the winners –

Cribbage Tournament

Michaela Hall 3rd place winner of a deck of cards and a Mr. Goodbar.

Linda Cyboron 2nd place winner of a deck of cards, \$5 prize and a Mr. Goodbar.

Natalie Hall 1st place winner of the Golden Deck, \$5 prize and Nestle's Crunch Bar.

Pitch Tournament

Jon and Ron Hall 3rd place each winners of a deck of cards and a Mr. Goodbar.

Leonard Zechmann and Dean Hoffart 2nd place each winners of a deck of cards, \$5 prize and a Mr. Goodbar.

Lorialei Thunker & Mike Finkral 1st place each winners of the Golden Deck, \$5 prize and a Nestle's Crunch Bar.

Chili Cook-off

Michelle Anderson 1st place winner of the Golden Spoon, a nylon cook set, and a Nestle's Crunch Bar.

Soup Cook-off -

Doris Hoffart 3rd place winner of a Mr. Goodbar. (Best Darn Beef and Barley Soup)

Fern Zechmann 2nd place winner of \$5 prize and a Mr. Goodbar. (Italian Sausage and Potato Soup)

Kathy Hall 1st place winner of the Golden Spoon, a nylon cook set, and a Nestle's Crunch Bar (Basil Chicken Noodle Soup that I brought because the chili I made was too hot to eat)

Thanks to everyone who cooked, voted, played, and shared a night of fellowship together. We raised \$100 for the Confirmation Class for their activities and learning.

Thanks to all who supported the Youth Group through the SUPER BOWL SUBS Sale. You helped raise \$400 for the youth to take part in their work and mission this year.

VIBRANT FAITH CORNER The Vibrant Faith page on our website isn't just for parents. Godparents, grandparents and step-parents have tools and ideas provided so that Vibrant Faith can be shared with the children in every direction. If you are a grandparent and want to grow closer in faith to your grandkids, all you have to do is start at the Vibrant Faith @ Home link on our web page. You can also go to Vibrantfaith.org and look at blogs and Learning Exchange for other things to ponder.

"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 Screening:

After 1st Service
2nd Sunday of the month
 This month: March 8

HOW SERIOUS IS YOUR SYMPTOM? Stomachaches, gas, heartburn and other digestion problems can be uncomfortable, but most of the time they are not serious. Sometimes, though, these symptoms may signal a digestive disorder. Talk with your doctor if you think you might have one of these common digestive conditions.

Chronic constipation—Most people become constipated every now and then, but constipation that lasts a long time needs a doctor's attention. Treatment options may include diet and lifestyle changes, medications, and surgery.

Diverticular disease—Sometimes small pouches can form in your colon and become inflamed. This is known as diverticular disease. Roughly half of people ages 60 to 80 have this condition, which causes symptoms such as bloating and constipation. You may also feel pain in your lower abdomen.

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)—If you have heartburn or acid reflux more than a couple of times a week, you may have GERD. GERD is a condition in which stomach contents such as food or acid leak back up into your throat. Over time, this can cause serious damage to your esophagus.

Hernia—A hernia occurs when a weak part of a muscle allows tissues or an organ, such as the intestines, to poke through. At first you may notice a round, bulging area of skin. Hernias can get bigger and cause serious problems, so talk with your doctor. Surgery may be necessary.

5 STEPS TO A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE Starting a fitness program may be one of the best things you can do for your health. Physical activity can reduce your risk of chronic disease, improve your balance and coordination, help you lose weight, even improve your sleep habits

and self-esteem. And there's more good news—you can do it in just five steps. You probably have some idea of how fit you are, but assessing and recording baseline fitness scores can give you benchmarks against which to measure your progress. To assess your aerobic and muscular fitness, flexibility and body composition, consider recording:

- Your pulse rate before and after you walk one mile
- How long it takes to walk one mile
- How many pushups you can do at a time
- How far you can reach forward while seated on the floor with your legs in front of you
- Your waist circumference as measured around your bare abdomen just above your hipbone
- Your body mass index

It's easy to say that you will exercise every day, but you will need a plan. As you design your fitness program, keep these points in mind:

- Consider your fitness goals. Are you starting a fitness program to help lose weight, or do you have another motivation, such as preparing for a marathon? Having clear goals can help you gauge your progress.
- Create a balanced routine
- Go at your own pace
- Build activity into your daily routine
- Plan to include different activities
- Allow time for recovery.
- Put it on paper: A written plan may encourage you to stay on track.

Now you're ready for action!

- 1) Start slowly and build up gradually
- 2) Break things up if you have to.
- 3) Be creative.
- 4) Listen to your body.
- 5) Be flexible.

Retake your personal fitness assessment six weeks after you start your program, and then again every three to six months. If you lose motivation, set new goals or try a new activity. Exercising with a friend or taking a class at a fitness center may help, too.

TEEN MOM INFANT CHILDCARE PROGRAM UPDATE

The Teen Mom Infant Childcare Program has increased our enrollment from 3 to 5 children in one month! Our third child started in the first week of February, our fourth the third week of February, and our fifth is due to be born in March. This is a very exciting time for us as we grow in numbers. This also means we will be growing in staff/volunteers in the coming months as well. We have four trained mentors and have had five more mentors apply to become part of our program. They have completed interviews and will be doing the necessary training to become a mentor for our program.

In this season of growth for the program, we ask that you pray for wisdom and discernment for myself and the mothers. It is such a blessing to see how this program is helping those in need. We continue to work toward our goal of bringing Jesus into the lives of these young women and their children. Thank you for all of your prayers and support!

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'." Acts 20:35

In Him,
 Liz Armitage



**American
 Red Cross**

REMEMBER TO DONATE BLOOD

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

Birthdays

Kelcie Hall — March 2
 Sharon Koeppe — March 5
 Carol Olson — March 7
 Susan Thompson — March 9
 Jo Roberts — March 11
 Annemarie Cyboron — March 14
 Colin Broders — March 16
 Mona Jean Roberts — March 16
 Steve Jessen — March 18
 Mary Weber — March 18
 Scott Greve — March 20
 Marcy Kratochvil — March 20
 Devon Beed — March 22
 Stacy Jones — March 24
 Tyler Bowers — March 26
 Leonard Zechmann — March 26
 Alvina Heller — March 27
 Trisha Bowers — March 28

Anniversaries

Rich & Kay Jaeger — March 12
 Gaylen & Linda Grunke — March 18

*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 let us know so we can change our records. For
 accuracy, we need the full date of birth or anniversary.*

Volunteers Needed

The Teen Mom Infant Childcare Program is looking for part-time volunteer staff. The hours will vary. Volunteer staff must be or be willing to become CPR and First Aid certified and must complete 6 hours of in-service annually. If you are interested in being a part of our ministry please contact Liz Armitage at 379-2477, teenmomprogram@gmail.com or www.teenmomprogram.wix.com/norfolk

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Youth Group and Pastor Matt for coming to see me over the holidays, for the food and the singing. I enjoyed it very much!

Kay Skovsende

Did You Know?

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is now a member of the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce! Their Red Coat Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Teen Moms Infant Childcare Program on Wednesday, February 11.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Christ the Servant Lutheran Family:

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Rudolf on our recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,

The Food For The Poor Family

NORFOLK FOOD PANTRY

Items needed: Soda crackers, snack crackers, canned soup, canned vegetables, beans (dry or canned), rice, tomatoes, canned meat, tuna, chicken, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, peanut butter and jelly.

NORFOLK RESCUE MISSION

Items needed: Facial tissue, toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaning products, disinfectants, dish soap, laundry soap, fabric softener, dryer sheets, diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, shampoo, band-aids, Tylenol, antibiotic ointment, coffee, creamer, sugar, disposable plates and cups, sugar, salt, pepper, flour, cornstarch, ketchup, mustard, chili powder.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

Items needed: Yellow ruled pads, steno pads, sticky notes; deodorant, children and adult Tylenol, cough medicine, band-aids, diapers (larger sizes); disinfectants, paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue; napkins, hair picks, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets; gas cards, phone cards, Wal-Mart and/or grocery store gift cards.

MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 Traditional worship 9:40 Sunday school/fellowship 10:45 Contemporary worship Untangled (12:45-2:15 pm)	2 7 p.m. Childcare Oversight committee meeting (library)	3 6:30 p.m. The Journey (church)	4 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer mtg 6PM Meal 7PM Worship 8PM Youth group; choir practice	5 9AM PieceMakers Quilting 6 PM Women of CTS meeting 6:30 PM Way of Life (parsonage)	6 5:30 Girl Scouts	7 10 a.m. to 12 noon — Women of CTS Spring Gathering
8 Daylight Saving Time begins 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Sunday school 10:45 Contemporary Untangled (12:45-2:15 pm)	9	10 6:30 p.m. The Journey (church)	11 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer mtg 6PM Meal 7PM Worship 8PM Youth group; choir practice	12 9AM Agape Circle 6:30 PM Way of Life (parsonage)	13 Women Crafting Simultaneously Together	14 Women Crafting Simultaneously Together
15 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Sunday school 10:45 Contemporary worship Untangled (12:45-2:15 pm)	16 6:30 p.m. The Journey (church)	17	18 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer mtg 6PM Meal 7PM Worship 8PM Youth group; choir practice	19 6:45p.m. MOPS/MOMSnext 7 PM Wine Women & Wisdom	20 Spring begins 5:30 Girl Scouts	21
22 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Sunday school 10:45 Contemporary worship Untangled (12:45-2:15 pm) Board meetings 5:30, 6:30, 7 p.m.	23 6:30 p.m. The Journey (church)	24 6:30 p.m. The Journey (church)	25 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 5:30 Prayer mtg 6PM Meal 7PM Worship 8PM Youth group; choir practice	26 6:30 PM Way of Life (parsonage)	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Sunday school 10:45 Contemporary worship	30	31	April 1	April 2 Maundy Thursday	April 3 Good Friday	April 4

MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE/ 8:30 A.M.	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
MARCH 1	Mike & Nell Finkral	Arlynn Boelman, Wendell Hahne	Katelyn Anderson	Brian Anderson	Charlie & Louise Skoglund
MARCH 8	Dean & Doris Hoffart	Steve & Julie Freese	Katelyn Anderson	Richard Hillrichs	Michelle & Micheylna Anderson
MARCH 15	Rich & Kay Jaeger	Charlie & Louise Skoglund	Katelyn Anderson	Tara Bahnfleth	Becky & Tara Bahnfleth
MARCH 22	Nate & Darcy Metschke	Doug & Pat Witte	Katelyn Anderson	Charlie Skoglund	Michelle & Micheylna Anderson
MARCH 29	Marilyn Nickols	Mike & Nell Finkral	Katelyn Anderson	Brian Anderson	Charlie & Louise Skoglund

DATE/ 10:45 A.M.	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
MARCH 1	Roger & Trish Bowers	Lonnie & Margaret Svitak	Elizabeth Broders	Linda Cyboron	Linda Cyboron, Lu Carter
MARCH 8	Steve & Darla Jessen	Warren Bennett, Chuck Nicholson	Katelyn Hall	Connie Atkinson	Ron & Korrie Hall
MARCH 15	Steve Morton & Jo Roberts	Gary & Mary Weich	Elizabeth Broders	Steve Morton	Bob & Andy Lutz
MARCH 22	Linda & Amanda Cyboron	Rich & Deb Olson	Ethan Olson	Blake Olson	Lonnie & Margaret Svitak
MARCH 29	Brian & Michelle Anderson	Ron & Korrie Hall	Kelcie Hall	Lonnie Svitak	Gary & Mary Weich

Coffee Servers:

March 1 ANDERSONS
 March 8 BOELMANS
 March 15 FINKRALS
 March 22 Holly Heller, Katelyn Hall
 March 29 HOFFARTS

Communion Bread: Michelle Anderson

Altar Guild: Linda Cyboron, Mary Lund

Offering Counting Teams:

March 1 Dean & Doris Hoffart
 March 8 Meg Donovan, Nell Finkral
 March 15 Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske
 March 22 Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall
 March 29 Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall

Membership Care Team: Peg Hoffman, Marcy Kratochvil

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Profit & Loss
January 2015

	Jan 15		
Ordinary Income/Expense		Discipleship	
Income		Adult Education	269.91
Church Income		Childrens ministry	
Coffee Hour Donations	36.56	Lessons/Programs	75.00
Interest (General Fund)	1.16	Total Childrens ministry	75.00
Member Contributions	15,261.00	Confirmation Supplies/Retreats	78.48
misc. contributions	55.00	Home Devotional Publications	12.12
Non-member Contributions	1,132.63	Parish Education	
Wednesday Night Alive	268.00	RightNow Media	49.99
Total Church Income	16,754.35	Sunday School	352.37
Daycare Income		Total Parish Education	402.36
Daycare donations/grants	5,200.00	Youth	
Daycare fees (based on 6 kids)	324.55	Wednesday Night Alive	86.82
Total Daycare Income	5,524.55	Youth - Other	63.48
Designated giving		Total Youth	150.30
Aaron & Anna Cyboron (China)	70.00	Total Discipleship	988.17
Amanda Cyboron	545.00	Fellowship & Evangelism	
Brandon & Marie Cyboron (china)	500.00	Coffee and Donuts	53.87
Church Property Fund	73,661.78	Paper Supplies	109.49
Confirmation	680.50	Fellowship & Evangelism - Other	39.88
Daycare Fund	4.50	Total Fellowship & Evangelism	203.24
Disaster Relief Fund	100.00	Outreach - Mission Beyond our C	
Good Samaritan Fund	205.56	Prison Ministry Gifts	75.00
Holiday Boutique Fund	1,150.97	Total Outreach - Mission Beyond our C	75.00
Jared & SauMan Weich	20.00	Payroll Expenses	13,038.47
Lund	-650.00	Postage and Delivery	355.67
Marissa Lee	100.00	Service and Local Mission	
Matt Fund	2,000.00	Good Samaritan Fund	69.88
Memorials	3,211.26	Total Service and Local Mission	69.88
Military Bible Sticks	250.00	Worship	
Missions/Growth	1,290.09	Supplies	
Parsonage	3,023.73	Worship Resources/Supplies	89.93
Special Projects	7,263.00	Supplies - Other	49.07
Tanzania Fund Mission	100.00	Total Supplies	139.00
Tanzania Youth Mission Fund	27,076.67	Total Worship	139.00
WELCA Fund	0.00	Total Expense	23,650.84
Worship Fund	2,500.00	Net Ordinary Income	123,907.43
Youth Fund	2,213.31	Net Income	123,907.43
Total Designated giving	125,279.37		
Total Income	147,558.27		
Expense			
Administration			
Pension/Benefits	4,163.91		
Total Administration	4,163.91		
Advertising	204.58		
Church Building and Grounds			
Church Building - Equipment			
Church Copier	115.18		
Total Church Building - Equipment	115.18		
Church Building Maintenance	199.85		
Church Office Supplies & Postag	424.51		
Church Snow Removal	66.00		
Church Telephone & Internet	347.78		
Church Utilities			
Electricity	1,146.55		
Garbage	144.19		
Natural Gas	683.14		
Total Church Utilities	1,973.88		
Cleaning of Rugs	58.21		
Total Church Building and Grounds	3,183.41		
Church Properties - Parsonage			
Parsonage - Utilities			
Basic Cable	100.00		
Electricity	298.72		
Natural Gas	136.00		
Water/Sewer	65.10		
Total Parsonage - Utilities	599.82		
Parsonage Improvement	421.76		
Total Church Properties - Parsonage	1,021.58		
Daycare (Based on 6 kids)			
Advertising	16.63		
Food and supplies	25.48		
Operating Expenses	18.00		
Telephone	147.82		
Total Daycare (Based on 6 kids)	207.93		

Minutes of the December 4, 2014, Women of Christ the Servant Meeting

Present: Michelle, Becky, and Julie

Absent: Kathy

Treasurer Report: Balance: \$3,330.91

Old Business Paper products: Julie and Linda will start stocking kitchen with paper products in January.

December 6th Winter Gathering/Cookie Exchange: Michelle gives update on plans

Plans to decorate the sanctuary following the cookie exchange Dec. 6th. Michelle and Becky will be getting some new Christmas ornaments for the Christmas tree.

Jonathan Swenson: Michelle will be asking ladies to donate cookies/candies

Thank Offering: Where do we want money to go? Will further discuss next meeting.

World Trade Coffee: January fundraiser.

WCTS (Women Crafting Together Simultaneously) was Nov. 14th & 15th. 11 ladies joined in the fun during 2 days. There will be another one planned in the Spring.

Funeral Money: more discussion next meeting

New Business: Painting Bathrooms: Plans to do soon

Closed with prayer

Minutes of the January 8, 2015, Women of Christ the Servant Meeting

Present: Becky Bahnfleth, Michelle Anderson, Kathy Rogers

Absent: Julie Freese

Michelle read a devotion from "Joy for the Journey." Becky led the opening prayer.

We reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Michelle made a motion to approve the minutes, Kathy seconded. There being no corrections, the minutes of the December 4, 2014, meeting were approved.

Cookie exchange: see Michelle's report. Corrections were noted, which Michelle will make, and her report will then be published in the next newsletter. Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2014, cookie exchange, with corrections; Michelle seconded. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: There was \$2,455.65 in the Women of CTS account as of today's date. Michelle made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Becky seconded. Treasurer's report approved.

Paper products: Linda Miller and Julie Freese are meeting tomorrow regarding this. Beginning with Linda this month, they will alternate months keeping the kitchen stocked with disposable plates, cups, napkins and tableware.

World Trade Coffee: Becky and Michelle will be ordering some items on Sunday to be sold as a fundraiser in January. The church credit card will be used to purchase the items, and WCTS will reimburse the church.

Funeral money: Michelle will discuss this with Pastor Lund.

Painting bathrooms: We discussed painting and updating both bathrooms in the Fellowship Hall. Michelle and Becky will write something up for the bulletin and the newsletter.

We still need to decide on a Bible verse for this year.

We closed the meeting with prayer.

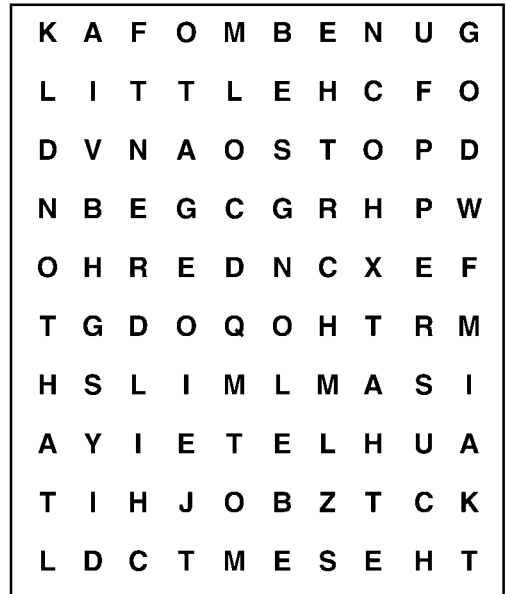
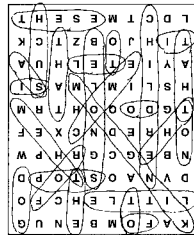
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Write the words from Mark 10:14b in the blanks and then find as many of these words as you can in the Word Find.

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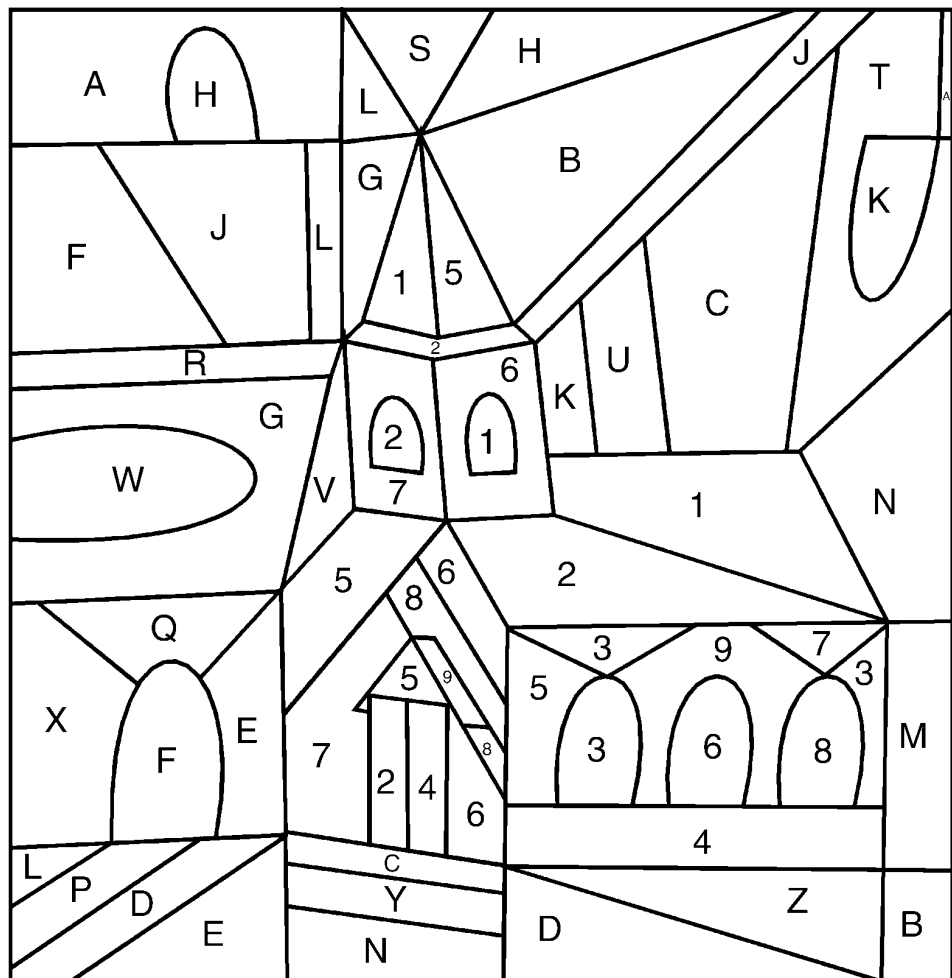
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Mystery Picture

Use a blue crayon to color all the spaces that have a letter in them. What do you see?

Here's a hint: in Hebrews 3:6, it says, "Christ, however, was faithful over God's house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope."



UNTangled — Let the Savior lead you out to See the Lights!

A 4-Week Children's Ministry opportunity for children pre-school through 4th grade

"Untangled" is going to untie your knots, clean you up, and get you ready for this Easter with Jesus. This 4-week Children's Ministry Event will be focused on the weekly themes:

Sunday, March 1	Getting a trim
Sunday, March 8	Brushed and combed
Sunday, March 15	Wash and shampoo
Sunday, March 22	unTangled

Lunch will be served quickly after second worship each week with UnTangled from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.

Bible stories, skits and other activities will help us to get ready to meet a Living Savior and to get out of the bondage where we have been locked away. Come and see how Jesus can show us to feel his love and share that with the world. If you would like to be part of these weeks of sharing, help out, or have your children participate, please contact Pastor Matt or Kathy in the office as soon as possible. Children from pre-school through 4th grade are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open for this 4 Week Opportunity

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