

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Congregation Votes to Have One Worship Time

May through Labor Day Weekend at 10:00 a.m.

At our first Congregational Quarterly Mission Meeting on Sunday, April 26, the members gathered voted unanimously to have only ONE worship time on Sunday mornings. For the sake of unity and growing together the congregation agreed it would be best to meet as one body (until our sanctuary is overflowing). The time set for one worship time will be 10:00 a.m. with a Sunday school hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. all summer long and evaluate this change at our next Quarterly Mission Meeting (either in July or August). The congregation decided to rotate our worship format instead of trying a blended format. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays we will worship using our Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) with liturgy and hymns using the organ. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we will follow the format of our contemporary service using the piano, guitar and singers with contemporary songs. On any 5th Sunday we may use an alternative format (or blend the two). Our Worship Committee will be in charge of the services during this time. Sunday school will conclude on May 10.

Worship in May

We will conclude our sermons and personal Bible study in the Minor Prophets. We will our study with the prophets Haggai and Malachi.
May 10 – Haggai 1 & 2 – “Seek Him First”

Mothers Day with special recognition for our Sunday school teachers and staff.

May 17 – Malachi 1 – “True Hope”

High School Seniors Day with special quilting rite with their families.

May 24 – Malachi 2 – “Faithful”

Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend

May 31 – Malachi 3 & 4 – “A Pure People”

Holy Trinity Sunday

In June we will begin our next 3-month “Explore the Bible” study on the books of 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation.



Christ the Servant
Lutheran

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Sunday Worship

9 a.m. Sunday School
(school year only)

10 a.m. Worship
(1st & 3rd traditional,
2nd & 4th contemporary)
Fellowship following worship

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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]

Two weeks after Easter several pastors from the Norfolk Ministerial Association gathered at the St. Benedict Retreat Center just north of Schuyler to attend a 28-hour Sabbath rest retreat. Dick Dungan (from Norfolk) along with two of his staff led us in learning and practicing Sabbath rest (both at the retreat but more importantly, as a discipline in our faith journey). During our quiet times we listened to God speaking to our hearts. During these quiet times we were asked to share ONE WORD that we sensed God was speaking to us. At our closing time each pastor was asked to share their ONE WORD with the group and explain what that ONE WORD meant for them. Then we prayed for each pastor. It was a powerful time for all of us to share and pray with each other.

The purpose for centering on ONE WORD is that it is more manageable to remember and use on a daily basis. ONE WORD is better than a resolution because most resolutions we make are too long and usually abandoned or forgotten in a short time. But one word can stay with you all year long. For example, if your word was "simplify," each day you could look for concrete ways to simplify your life that day. So off I went to listen to God. One of the problems with taking only a day Sabbath is that it usually takes a full day to clear your mind from the daily routine you left behind. So on the first quiet time my mind was focused on ministry at Christ the Servant. The ONE WORD that kept coming to me during this time was "EQUIP." I had a strong sense that God was telling me to focus on "equipping" more and more of you for the works of ministry that God has already prepared beforehand in you. The scripture verse given to me was Ephesians 4:12 which reads: *"to equip his people for works of ser-*

vice, so that the body of Christ may be built up." As a pastor it is so easy to do the works that so many of you could be doing. Our ministry is a shared ministry and each of us has a part to share, and when I or someone else does it for you, the body is diminished and members of it feel devalued or under-appreciated or under-used. So I will be focusing more on how I can EQUIP more and more of you in ministry gifts.

Once I received this word I asked God to give a personal word for me. In the following quiet times the ONE WORD that came to me over and over was "LISTEN." One of my greatest gifts is the gift to listen. I was trained by many aunts on my Mom's side in listening. They all loved to talk so being one of the youngest nephews I would listen in on their conversations. I love to visit with people in small groups or one-on-one, face-to-face encounters where I can listen more carefully. We live in a day and age where fewer and fewer people truly stop and listen to each other in a very personal way (not on the Internet, Facebook, smart phones, etc.). We are living in a time as one person has phrased it—an age of "unnoticedness." By that I mean we are living or standing in a large group of people every day, but no one truly knows who you are—nobody knows your story. Each person is unique in this world and has a story to tell—one that requires a listener (not a problem-solver or a judgmental attitude). Jesus was a great listener as you read the Gospels in the Bible. Think of all the personal encounters He engaged with people along the way of His daily life. People like Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman caught in adultery, individuals who came for healing and wholeness, the dying thief on the cross, etc.

God clearly spoke to me to begin "listening" again to those around me—in the church, in our community, in my family, in my friendships, to anyone who might step into my office or in my journey throughout each day. As I have often said, "Jesus did not have a daily planner. He did not have on this daily planner one day these words: 'Remember to speak to the woman at the well today at noon.' No, Jesus let His Father in heaven bring those in need of healing and a listening ear to Him daily." I call these encounters "divine appointments." I believe God is reminding me to pay more attention to those I meet (wherever they are) or whoever God may bring to my mind to "listen" to with their lives and bring the presence of Jesus into their lives and our conversations.

I would encourage all of you to take some extended time to be with God alone and ask Him to give you ONE WORD to guide you for the next season of your life. You will be amazed at the ONE WORD God will bring to you (if it does not come readily, continue to be with God until He gives it to you). I would love to hear the ONE WORD God gives to you (maybe we might post these ONE WORDS on a board at church for others to see). My two words that will be guiding me in the coming months will be: EQUIP (my ministry word) and LISTEN (my personal word).

I look forward to "equipping" you for the works of service God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10) and having some great one-on-one conversations where I can "LISTEN" to you in a safe, caring, confidential environment.

Walking in the Father's love,

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! . . ." Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. **Luke 24: 1-12***

There is such a variety in the telling of the Easter story by the Gospel writers. The experience at the tomb is highly similar, but when it comes to the revelation of Jesus there are different experiences. The women come and leave afraid and telling no one in Mark. John has Jesus being untouchable because He hasn't returned to the Father. Matthew has a simple meeting and message moment with Jesus as He sends the women off to tell the disciples. And then there is Luke, where Jesus appears and offers the disciples to touch His wounds, to know He isn't a ghost. He even asks for some food, and who wouldn't after three days without it, and they give Him broiled fish and He eats it before them.

Luke perhaps is my favorite gospel for the simple fact that Luke writes it and Jesus lives it as if participation is necessary. It bears a note of preferential treatment of the poor and calls the people to action. Jesus isn't standoffish and distant after the resurrection, He is real, offering contact and bringing proof demonstrating life in what should be for all accounts a lifeless body. There is a real sense of what I would call wonder and work; miracles, special stories, and views of Jesus also come out of Luke that don't seem to be anywhere else, and parables . . . oh the difference in Jesus' teaching through parables.

Looking again at the Easter resurrection in Luke, we have the women going to the tomb. We have the men hiding somewhere. The women go expecting to find death, a body decaying, an unfinished work before them, and one REALLY big stone to get out of their way to encounter it all. But as they get close to this place of sadness and despair, one thing after another is rolled out of their way to reveal the power, mystery, and wonder of God. The stone—it's gone; the body of death and decay—not here. The darkness and weight of a tomb—replaced with brilliant light like lightning. The sadness and the despair—overcome by awe, wonder, fascination, disbelief, and amazement not to mention the joy of the possibility of it all being true. Now that's a story worth passing on, and so they did pass it on to the disciples.

What I find interesting, in any gospel which mentions a second look at the tomb, is that Peter seems to be the only one who is overcome with possibility and who rises up and runs to see for himself; well, except for John where he puts himself in chasing Peter. This story—which is not story

but truth, fact, witnessed reality—is one that invites us over and over to be the women and see that despite what we expect to find in this world, Jesus has rolled it all out of the way offering us a different possibility of experience. And to be Peter, who despite the message that seems like nonsense and everyone else's nonchalant response, gets up, runs to it, gets into it, finding out for ourselves in experience so that now we walk away having seen, with wonder and possibility in our heart and life.

Life is never the same; how can it be with such a revelation as the crucified and buried Jesus risen forever, overcoming death, grave, evil and anything else seeking to bring our life to sadness. The resurrection is just as powerful for everyone else sitting in that room who didn't seem to stir at the message; but for Peter who is in the mix and the mess of it all, always risking and often failing, but always learning and wondering with Jesus as he grew to lead and share the Good News, what an amazing experience he had.

HE IS RISEN! RISEN INDEED!

Sunday School Exploration of the Bible is coming to an end. Sunday May 10th will be the last day of Sunday School until our Fall kickoff. We want to thank all those who gave of their time and talents to pass on the faith this last year. Please thank these individuals for their service to Our children.

3 and 4 year olds, and Kindergarten Sharel Olson

1st through 3rd Grade Becky Bahnfleth and Amanda Cyboron

4th through 6th Grade Judy Carstens and Susan Thompson

7th and 8th Grade Nate Metschke and Brian Anderson

High School and College Mary Weich, Greg Moen, Charlie Skoglund and Linda Miller

Wednesday Night ALIVE! is closing down for this year on Wednesday May 13th. Come be a part of saying farewell to our Wednesday Night time as we share one last time of worship and study together. With it comes the end of FLYTE and Confirmation for this year as well. 6:30 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for worship, Youth Group to follow. Youth group will be extending its time as always for the summer so we will gather each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:30 and going to 11:00 as a close. Our first summer gathering will include time around the bonfire and sharing of songs and worship. All members of the congregation are welcome to come and sing along.

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the **UNTangled Children's Ministry Event**. It was a lot of fun learning about Jesus and how He has untangled us from the mess of sin. Special thanks to Becky Bahnfleth, Amanda Cyboron, Emily Svitak, Adrienne Kruger, Linda Cyboron, Katelyn Hall and Micheyla Anderson for extra assistance and support. Without you all, we could not have done it for Jesus.

There's a **SAFARI** coming and you don't even have to go to Africa to be a part of it, as the **CTS Children's ministry** is going to go to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on **Saturday May 30th** and we are **INVITING** the **WHOLE CONGREGATION TO JOIN US**. We will be departing for the Zoo at 8 a.m. and returning in early evening.

				If we get a group of 40 pre-registered
Rates for the trip are	3 to 11 yrs	\$11.95	3 – 11 yrs	\$ 8.95
	12 +	\$16.95	12 +	\$12.95
	Seniors	\$15.95	Seniors	\$11.95

If you are family of the CTS Children's Ministry, the ministry will be paying \$4.00 per child to support your participation. We will be meeting in the lunch pavilion together around 12:30 to talk about the sights and sounds we have seen on that day as we share a pre-made Boxed Lunch. If you would like a lunch the cost will be \$5.50 including a beverage. Please fill out an order form for Pastor Matt prior to May 27th. Register on the sign-up outside the main office door or call 402-750-8327 to register with Pastor Matt and 402-379-1775 with Kathy. Friends are **always** welcomed and encouraged to join us.



Congratulations to our four High School Graduates for 2015

Justin Jones—Norfolk Public **Andy Lutz—Lutheran High Northeast**
Cody Stone—Norfolk Public **Patrick Olson—Randolph Public**

May God continue to be your strength and your guide as you all move on to the next part of your journey. You have all done well.

Acolyte Training/Refresher Course

Following worship on **Sunday, June 14**, Pastor Matt will offer training to any child who would like to serve the church in that way, as well as a refresher for those who are already serving as acolytes. The course will take about an hour.

"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: May 10

DISPOSE OF MEDS SAFELY
 Don't flush pills and liquids down the toilet. Get rid of your medications safely with these tips:

Remove the medication from its container. Mix with used coffee grounds, other wet garbage, or unused cat litter. The goal is to contaminate the drugs so they're not usable. Then seal the mixture in a plastic bag or container and throw it in the trash.

Rip off or black out prescription labels. Making the medicines unidentifiable will stop people from misusing them, or finding your personal information.

Norfolk citizens looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can visit the permanent drop-off location at the Norfolk Police Department (202 North 7th Street). Medications can be conveniently dropped off in the lobby of the police department 24 a day, 7 days a week. Syringes ("sharps") and certain other items that are not accepted are listed on the Med Return Drug Collection Unit.

REUSE MEDICINE BOTTLES

We throw them away, they go to a landfill. After all, what can we use them for after the medicine is gone? There must be something.

There is! You can boil water and clean off the labels and glue, and send them to Malawi. Oftentimes



in small rural hospitals, medicine is dispensed into small torn pieces of newspaper for transportation to village homes. Then where to put them? Where will they be safe?

Where will they be out of the reach of children? Where will they stay clean?

Place your used medicine bottles in the designated container in the Fellowship Hall. They will be mailed to the Malawi Project.

KEEP YOUR FEET HAPPY

Consider keeping an extra pair (or two) of shoes at work, and another in the car. That way you can alternate between different kinds of footwear—ones with a low heel, ones with no heel, loafers, lace-ups, etc.—throughout the day. Switching shoes allows you to exercise different muscles in your feet and minimize pressure caused by wearing just one type of footwear. You'll also avoid corns and calluses.

WEEKLY WEIGH-IN

The best day to weigh yourself is Wednesday, according to a Finnish study. Because people tend to eat more on the weekends, you'll have fewer fluctuations midweek than near Saturday and Sunday, making it easier to gauge your true progress.

COMFY STADIUM SEATING

Pick up a special cushion to help make arena seating more comfortable. Some styles clip onto bench seats and even provide a back for you to rest against. They are also lightweight and easy to carry, so you can use them anywhere you need outdoor seating.

PUMP GAS MORE EASILY
 Keep one of those round rubber disks you use to open a jar lid in the car—it'll make it a cinch to twist off your gas cap.

SLIDE IN AND OUT OF YOUR CAR WITH EASE

Try a beaded seat cover. It not only helps you "roll" in and out of your seat, the wooden beads also provide cushioning and give a light massage to your back and legs as you drive.

Go vinyl. It's easier to slide in and out of vinyl or leather car seats. If yours are cloth, look for vinyl seat coverings at an auto parts store.

No smooth seating? Put a large trash bag on the seat to help you slide in and out.

WHICH SNACK IS BETTER FOR YOU—CANDY OR POPCORN?

Popcorn, hands down.

Because it's high in fiber, popcorn has at least some nutritional value and you'll stay satisfied and full longer. Candy is just sugar and empty calories. Order the smallest size available, without butter.



REMEMBER TO DONATE BLOOD

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- May 3 Joann Lenser
- May 4 Anna Cyboron, Brandon Cyboron
- May 6 Karen Peters
- May 9 Robert Beed, Ella Sheppard
- May 11 Dale Bittner
- May 12 Josh Banhfleth, Fern Zechmann
- May 14 Christian Morton
- May 15 Linda Cyboron, Louise Skoglund
- May 16 Megan (Lund) Hopkins
- May 17 Brad Beed
- May 20 Orville Heller
- May 22 Sarah Sheppard
- May 23 Caitlyn Shaffer, Cody Shaffer
- May 24 Brooklynn Beckman, Marsha Burke,
Geneva Sinkbeil
- May 26 Angela Lee, Margaret Svitak

Anniversaries

- Ted & Arlene Longe — May 3
- Jeff & Janet Hrouda — May 4
- Galen & Susan Thompson — May 4
- Bob & Peg Hoffman — May 5
- Joel & Dana Putters — May 19
- Brian & Michelle Anderson — May 25
- Aaron & Ginger Beckman — May 25

*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 ac-
curacy, we need the full date of birth or anniversary.*

MARCH 6, 2015 WOMEN OF CTS MEETING

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were approved. There is \$2,322.37 in the Women's Account.

World Trade Coffee was ordered Feb. 28 and should be here by March 9. Funds from sales will go toward the bathroom remodeling project.

We plan to choose a Bible verse to be our verse for the year. We will pick a verse at the annual meeting in June.

The women's group will serve the Lenten meal on March 25. We will discuss this tomorrow at our Spring Gathering.

Funeral money: We discussed that we would like to put the funds from the funeral directors into the WCTS account and use such to reimburse for funeral grocery shopping from our account. This will go to Board of Administration and Board of Spiritual Oversight for approval.

Mary Weich and Amanda Cyboron will head up our Spring Gathering tomorrow

We don't have a hostess for the March "Wine, Women & Wisdom"; will discuss tomorrow.

The Bless and Be Blessed Rummage Sale will be Saturday, May 2.

Items can be stored in Marilyn Nickols' garage until time to set up for the sale.

Annual Meeting Saturday, June 6: will review constitution tomorrow. Need to elect a vice president this year.

Meeting adjourned; closed in prayer.

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**TEEN MOMS CHILDCARE PROGRAM UPDATE**

We are excited to have 5 children in our program this month! I am also so grateful to have 3 volunteers that come help me out on different days of the week. It has been such a blessing and relief to have an extra set of hands around!

We are working on putting in the fence which was a requirement from DHHS. It will be used a lot in the coming years as we have more infants in the 12-18 month range. They will love being able to run and play in the nice weather.

Thank you to all of you who have come in to encourage me in this ministry! Your words have meant so much and have gotten me through some stressful times! God has used you already in this ministry! We are currently trying to find new ways to connect these moms to Christ the Servant. If any of you have any ideas on ways that I can connect them or ways that you would be willing to help connect them, that would be great! I'm always open to suggestions and new ideas.

As the school year comes to a close, I am beginning to think of plans for next year. My hope is that next year we will be doubled in numbers! My prayer is that we will all come together and work as a team, united under Christ to push this ministry forward! It is an honor and privilege to work with Christ the Servant in this ministry.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

*Liz Armitage*

**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, 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.



# MAY 2015



| SUNDAY                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                               | TUESDAY                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                             | SATURDAY                                                                                               |
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|                                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                             |                                                                                                     |                                                                                               | 1<br>5:30 Girl Scouts                              | 2<br>8 AM to 3 PM<br>Bless & Be<br>Blessed<br>rummage and<br>bake sale                                 |
| 3<br>9 AM Sunday<br>school<br>10 AM Worship<br>12:45 Un-Tangled                                                      | 4                                                    | 5<br>5:30 The Journey<br>7pm Childcare<br>oversight meeting | 6<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT<br><b>Alive</b><br>5:30 prayer mtg<br>7:30 choir practice<br><b>(last one)</b> | 7<br>9am PieceMakers<br>6:30pm Way of<br>Life (parsonage)<br>6pm WCTS mtg/<br>7pm Bible study | 8                                                  | 9                                                                                                      |
| 10 Mothers<br>Day<br>9 AM Sunday<br>school <b>(last one)</b><br>10 AM Worship<br>6p.m. Seniors<br>Celebration Dinner | 11<br>Pastor Matt at Society of the Holy Trinity     | 12                                                          | 13<br>WEDNESDAY NIGHT<br><b>Alive</b><br>5:30p.m. Prayer<br>meeting (library)                       | 14<br>9am Agape Circle<br>6:30pm Way of<br>Life (parsonage)                                   | 15<br>5:30 Girl Scouts                             | 16                                                                                                     |
| 17<br>10:00 Worship<br>Senior Quilt<br>Presentation                                                                  | 18<br>6:30 The Journey                               | 19                                                          | 20<br>5:00 p.m. Teen<br>Moms Program<br>party<br>5:30p.m. Prayer<br>meeting (library)               | 21<br>6:45 MOPS/<br>MOMSnext<br>7pm Wine, Women<br>& Wisdom (hostess:<br>Jo Roberts)          | 22<br>Church office<br>closed<br>Kathy on vacation | 23                                                                                                     |
| 24<br>10:00 Worship<br>2 PM Pohlman<br>memorial<br>service<br><br>31<br>10:00 Worship                                | 25<br>Memorial<br>Day<br><br>Church office<br>closed | 26                                                          | 27<br>5:30p.m. Prayer<br>meeting (library)                                                          | 28                                                                                            | 29                                                 | 30<br>8a.m. Children's<br>Ministry Zoo<br>Safari<br><br>10:30AM Diane<br>Paulsen memori-<br>al service |

**MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

| <b>One service<br/>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>COFFEE</b>            | <b>GREETERS</b>             | <b>USHERS</b>             | <b>ACOLYTE</b> | <b>LECTOR</b>   | <b>COMMUNION<br/>ASSISTANTS</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| MAY 3                             | Mary Lund                | Connie Atkinson             | Roger Young,<br>Jim Meyer | Katelyn A.     | Connie Atkinson | Charlie & Louise<br>Skoglund    |
| MAY 10                            | Holly Heller             | Jo Roberts,<br>Steve Morton | Linda & Dennis<br>Miller  | Elizabeth B.   | Jo Roberts      | Margaret &<br>Lonnie Svitak     |
| MAY 17                            | BJ and Sharon<br>Koepppe | Lu Carter, Bill<br>Thoendel | Rhonda & Kevin<br>Piske   | Katelyn A.     | Amanda Cyboron  | Gary & Mary<br>Weich            |
| MAY 24<br>(Memorial<br>weekend)   | Rich and Kay<br>Jaeger   | Darcy & Nate<br>Metschke    | Julie & Steve<br>Freese   | Elizabeth B.   | Greg Moen       | Becky & Tara<br>Bahnfleth       |
| MAY 31                            | Mike and Nell<br>Finkral | Pat and Doug<br>Witte       | Sharel & Jeremy<br>Olson  | Ethan Olson    | Blake Olson     | Linda Miller,<br>Lu Carter      |

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

**JUNE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

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

**May Offering Counting Teams:**

1st Dean & Doris Hoffart  
 2nd Meg Donovan, Nell Finkral  
 3rd Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske  
 4th Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall  
 5th Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske

**May Altar Guild:** Julie Freese, Korrie Hall

**May Communion Bread:** Sharon Koepppe

**Membership Care Team:** Doris Hoffart, Marilyn Woolard

**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

## February 22, 2015, Board of Administration Meeting

Present: Pastor Steve, Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Ron Hall, Jim Meyer, Ginger Beckman

- 1) Reviewed the financial information [profit-loss] included in this month's newsletter as provided by Jessen. It was requested that Kathy provide weekly offerings (general, designated) at the next board meeting.
- 2) Jessen: There are four accounts that he has to reconcile; can we have one savings and one checking account? We earned \$70 last year on our savings account.
- 3) Endowment fund: Greg will discuss with Doug Witte and Jeff Hrouda.
- 4) Jessen set up overdraft protection with the bank using our savings account. The bank also had been charging us \$45 per month "administrative fee" so we have a different type of account now so that fee will no longer apply.
- 5) Jessen recommends getting a credit card with a set limit that Liz can use to purchase supplies for the childcare program.
- 6) Per Greg, we have a deficit of \$7,000 for the year; still able to operate, per Jessen. No money thus far had to be taken from savings. Ginger recommended letting it ride another month.

## March 22, 2015, Board of Administration Meeting

Present: Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Ron Hall, Ginger Beckman

Absent: Jim Meyer

- 1) Reviewed and discussed the minutes of the last board meeting, profit/loss and balance sheet, and daycare expenses. Members can request of the church office to see the complete report; a synopsis will be included in the monthly newsletter.
- 2) Reviewed and discussed monthly church property duties and members to invite to serve on the property committee. Ron will get a quote on two loads of gravel for the back driveway. Cracks in the parking lot need to be patched; will check with Guarantee Roofing about this.
- 3) Ginger reported that Pastor Garry Seefeldt has an evaluation process, called a commitment evaluation, that we can use for paid staff. She will bring a recommendation next month for board approval.
- 4) Steve reported that the church has two credit cards, one in his name, one in Liz's, both with a \$500 limit, to be used instead of the debit card.
- 5) Ron questioned why the phone bill for the childcare program is so high.
- 6) Inspection of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers needs to be set up with Heartland, per Greg. Fire extinguishers will be inspected monthly at this board meeting.

## April 26, 2015, Quarterly Mission Meeting

Pastor Steve led the opening devotion. Please fill out the questionnaire for Pastor Garry and give to Pastor Steve.

Liz Armitage gave an update on the Teen Moms Infant Childcare Center.

Voted to receive Pastor Garry Seefeldt's report and recommendations.

**Budget:** Greg Moen shared where we are at financially. Voted to authorize borrowing up to \$10,000 from the property fund, to be repaid as a loan as funds become available.

**Worship Committee:** Brian Anderson is the chair; all are welcome to attend committee meetings.

**Worship Time Consideration:** voted to have one worship only at 10:00 a.m. beginning May 3 through Labor Day, and assess same at the next Quarterly Mission Meeting.

**Extending Terms of Office:** Voted to extend by one year the terms of board members whose terms were to end in June. Ron Hall declined, so his seat on the Board of Administration will be vacant, as is the seat vacated last year by Bob Hafer. Board members stood and introduced themselves, noting their position on the board on which they serve.

**Age of Communion Assistants:** Charlie Skoglund clarified this. Pastor Matt will schedule a training/refresher course.

**Confirmation Curriculum:** Pastor Matt shared his proposal for consideration. Congregation acceptance and vote of ownership will take place at the next quarterly meeting.

Pastor Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

**CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of April 30, 2015

|                                   | Apr 30, 15        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                     |                   |
| Current Assets                    |                   |
| Checking/Savings                  | 7,123.09          |
| Endowment-4076                    | 8,255.20          |
| General checking                  | 49,058.75         |
| Savings - 4034                    |                   |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>     | <b>64,437.04</b>  |
| Other Current Assets              |                   |
| Designated giving                 |                   |
| Amanda Cyboron                    | -545.00           |
| Church Property Fund              | -20,656.78        |
| Daycare Fund                      | -4.50             |
| Disaster Relief Fund              | -100.00           |
| Good Samaritan Fund               | -205.56           |
| Matt Fund                         | -1,013.90         |
| Memorials                         | -3,211.26         |
| Military Bible Sticks             | -680.71           |
| Missions/Growth                   | -3,023.73         |
| Parsonage                         | -7,263.00         |
| Special Projects                  | -639.00           |
| Tanzania ( Grand parents ) Fund   | -500.00           |
| Tanzania ( Water ) Fund           | -1,274.31         |
| Tanzania Fund Mission             | -140.00           |
| Tanzania Travel                   | -28,033.67        |
| Tanzania Youth Missiomn Fund      | -2,500.00         |
| Worship Fund                      | -70,041.42        |
| <b>Total Designated giving</b>    | <b>-70,041.42</b> |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b> | <b>-70,041.42</b> |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>       | <b>-5,604.38</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>               | <b>-5,604.38</b>  |

A detailed Profit & Loss report is available for review in the church office upon request.

**CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through April 2015

|                                        | Jan - Apr 15     |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense                |                  |
| Income                                 |                  |
| Church Income                          | 72,012.00        |
| Member Contributions                   | 6,200.18         |
| Non-member Contributions               |                  |
| Other Church Income                    | 75.00            |
| Church Use Income-fellowship ha        | 129.95           |
| Coffee Hour Donations                  | 50.00            |
| Growth & Mission Fund                  | 3.40             |
| Interest (General Fund)                | 98.00            |
| Lenten Meal Income                     | 387.00           |
| misc. contributions                    | 697.90           |
| Wednesday Night Alive                  | 791.00           |
| <b>Total Other Church Income</b>       | <b>2,232.25</b>  |
| <b>Total Church Income</b>             | <b>80,444.43</b> |
| <b>Total Income</b>                    | <b>80,444.43</b> |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                   | <b>84,678.60</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>             | <b>-4,234.17</b> |
| Other Income/Expense                   |                  |
| Other Income                           |                  |
| Daycare Income                         | 9,195.00         |
| Daycare donations/grants               | 5,583.56         |
| Daycare fees (based on 6 kids)         | 394.44           |
| Daycare food reimbursement             |                  |
| <b>Total Daycare Income</b>            | <b>15,173.00</b> |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>              | <b>15,173.00</b> |
| Other Expense                          |                  |
| Daycare (Based on 6 kids)              | 526.34           |
| Director Payroll Tax                   | 6,601.90         |
| Director Salary                        | 176.66           |
| Electricity                            | 1,427.83         |
| Food and supplies                      | 66.66            |
| Gas                                    | 18.00            |
| Operating Exp - *use food & sup        | 20.00            |
| Telephone                              | 20.00            |
| Water/Sewer                            | 838.24           |
| Daycare (Based on 6 kids) - Other      |                  |
| <b>Total Daycare (Based on 6 kids)</b> | <b>9,695.63</b>  |
| <b>Total Other Expense</b>             | <b>9,695.63</b>  |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>                | <b>5,477.37</b>  |
| <b>Net Income</b>                      | <b>1,243.20</b>  |