

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC  
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## MARCH 2016

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

March 2, 9, 16

During the month of March we continue our mid-week Lenten journey with our final three words – **PROCLAIM, PRAISE** and **PAIN**. Our theme this year is: **Living Lent: As People of the Resurrection**. Each mid-week service will focus on one word to help us consider how to live Lent as Easter people as we listen to the parables of Jesus from Luke 15. Each service will help us see that we are always alive in Christ, who died and was raised. Each service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Lenten suppers before and coffee and fellowship afterwards. Please join us again as we journey together to Calvary with Jesus to His death and resurrection.

March 2 – Luke 15:11-32 (1 Peter 2:9-10)

This service is based on the word **PROCLAIM** where to proclaim the story of Christ is to paint a picture of God who seeks and embraces us. Our proclamation of the Savior brings faith to life.

March 9 – Romans 5:1-8 (Psalm 34:1-10)

This service is based on the word **PRAISE** where even in the midst of sorrow, we are called to celebrate the love of God and the joy that can be found only in Christ crucified, who reigns in glory now.

March 16 – Luke 15:11-32; 23:26-49 (1 Peter 2:21-25)

This service is based on the word **PAIN** where the pain of rejection and the pain of a father when a son leaves are juxtaposed against the reckless love of God revealed in Jesus, who wipes every tear from our eyes.

**\*\*\* Each mid-week service will be preceded by a free-will meal in the fellowship hall.** The meals will be served between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. by various groups and organizations in our congregation. Please join us and bring your whole family for a time for good food, great fellowship, and attend our worship service that follows.

### Holy Week

March 20-27

Holy Week (Passion Week) begins on March 20 with our Palm Sunday service and concludes with the Easter celebration (the Day of Resurrection) on March 27. Each day is important as the gospel writers spend most of their message on Holy Week. This is the week when Jesus came to fulfill the plan of salvation for the world. Please don't forget to worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper and goes to the cross to die for the sin of the world.

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#### Worship Schedule:

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.  
Mid-week Lenten service  
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.,  
meal served between 6:00  
and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. – we who know the resurrection is on the horizon welcome the King of glory, now humbly riding a donkey.

Thursday, March 24 – Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. – we watch as Jesus prays in anguish that this cup might pass from him, aware that God's plan for him is glorious.

Friday, March 25 – Good Friday at 7 p.m. – we witness the passion and death of Christ on the cross, knowing that by his death we have life everlasting.

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. – as Easter people, we rejoice in the end of the story: paradise is ours through the resurrection of Christ.

\*\*\* There will be an **Easter breakfast served after our Sunrise Service (8:00 to 9:00 a.m.)**, followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 a.m.** Bring your family, friends and neighbors!!!

### ***Sunday Worship***

Explore the Bible (Acts 1-12)

Have you ever wondered how the early church grew so fast? There were no seminaries to train pastors, no church buildings to attend, and no organized plan except the guiding of the Holy Spirit. During the next three months (March—May) our personal Bible study and sermons will focus on the first 12 chapters of the book of Acts. The first church was a vibrant, loving fellowship of believers led by the personal disciples of Jesus Christ. Acts describes how Spirit-filled believers changed their world through evangelism, missions, and mutual care. A few copies of the personal study guide are available on the back table for you to use in expanded personal and group settings during the week (suggested donation is \$5).

March 6 – Acts 1:1-11 – “Entrusted” (**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**)

Jesus assigned His followers the task of telling everyone about Him and His message.

March 13 – Acts 2:1-15 – “Empowered” (**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**)

Jesus empowers His followers to be witnesses through the Holy Spirit.

March 20 – Acts 2:41-47 – “Unified” (**Palm Sunday**)

The impact of the gospel is seen in the unity found among Jesus' followers.

March 27 – Luke 24:1-12 – “Resurrected” (**Easter Sunday**)

Salvation through faith in the resurrected Son is the message of the church.

### ***Sunday Dramas during Lent***

During the month of March in worship, we will be hearing short testimonies (3-4 minutes each) of three biblical characters who were witnesses to an event in Jesus' life when He turned His face toward Jerusalem. Members of our congregation will portray a certain character in a short engaging monologue to help us enter into the mind of each person. Please join us as we learn what it meant to walk with Jesus.

Sunday, March 6 – Simon Peter

After being put in his place, Peter recounts being called “Satan” and how he realized that the one needing saving wasn't Jesus but himself.

Sunday, March 13 – Nicodemus

He was a Pharisee, but one who wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. Listen as Nicodemus retells the conversation with Christ that helped him focus on how less really could be more.

Sunday, March 20 – One of Jesus' disciples

A disciple borrows a donkey and never hears the end of it. Listen as one of Jesus' disciples describes the atmosphere around Jesus' triumphant arrival on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday, March 24 – Simon Peter

Watch as Peter painfully recounts the events leading up to his darkest hour – his betrayal of Jesus in the courtyard during the trial of Jesus which sent Him to the cross.

## PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "THE THREE DAYS"

As we approach Holy Week and the glorious celebration of Easter (March 20-27), I was struck by Jesus' words about the "three days" SIGN He gave to some of the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 12:38-42 (READ IT). In this encounter with Jesus the religious leaders wanted Jesus to give them a "special" sign to prove His authority and demonstrate He truly was the Messiah in a unique and undeniable way. Although Jesus had been teaching with great authority and healing the multitudes, the religious rulers accused Jesus of breaking the Sabbath laws and forgiving sins (which only God can do). They were not convinced Jesus was the promised Messiah because Jesus did not fit into the "box" they had put the Messiah in. Jesus was completely out of the box and doing things only God could do (or of the devil which they also accused Jesus of being). So in Matthew 12 they confront Jesus with a "show us now or you are history" ultimatum. In typical Jesus fashion, He did not respond to these hard hearts which are already filled with unbelief. The religious leaders do not want to repent (admit their expectation of the Messiah was wrong) and follow Jesus.

However, Jesus does respond to their request for a sign by giving them a sign from the Old Testament. Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. What on earth is Jesus talking about here? What kind of sign is this? While the religious leaders do not understand its meaning now, they will when Jesus is crucified, placed in a tomb (dead, buried, and gone), and resurrected by God three days later. When Jesus is resurrected from the grave (after being dead and buried), this will be the SIGN of who Jesus is and that He is truly the Son of God (a confession made by one of the centurion guards at the cross who exclaimed when Jesus died, "Surely he was the Son of God." Matthew 27:54). Even though this Roman soldier understood who Jesus was in death, I somehow imagine he was at the tomb when the stone was rolled away and again exclaimed the same words on Easter morning.

When Jesus gives the sign of Jonah in this encounter with the religious leaders, He announces that "something greater" than Jonah will happen. Do you recall what happened when Jonah was expelled from the belly of the whale? He did what God had called him to do – go to the people of Nineveh and proclaim a message of judgment unless they repent. And to the amazement of Jonah the whole city of Nineveh (from the greatest to the least) put on sack cloth and repented. The whole city was saved. What makes Jesus' three days in the earth greater than Jonah is that Jesus' death, burial and resurrection saved the WHOLE world (not just the Jewish people). Jesus' sign to the religious leaders is a future sign – the day of His resurrection. This sign will prove to the world (the Gentiles – i.e. Nineveh) and to the religious leaders (the Jews) who Jesus truly is – the Son of God, the promised Messiah. And the question will be: "Will you (the audience of the religious leaders of our text) believe then or will your hearts remain hardened in unbelief?" Sadly, those same religious leaders who refused to believe bribed the soldiers who witnessed Jesus' resurrection with money and began to spread rumors that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus (Matthew 28:11-15). But before you begin to criticize these religious leaders, remember that at the ascension of Jesus (40 days after His resurrection) some of Jesus' own disciples still had doubts about who Jesus is (Matthew 28:17). The purpose of these three days for us is to be witnesses to our world of the saving grace, love and mercy of God through His Son, Jesus Christ (just as Jonah gave witness to the people of Nineveh).

So what is our response to Jesus' SIGN to the religious leaders of the "three days?" Sadly, many of us forget the significance of these three days. While Jesus did marvelous healings and taught as one with great authority, all of this would have only made Jesus a great historical teacher and healer. Like Jonah's message that caused an entire city to repent, Jesus' death, burial and resurrection is a greater sign. In fact, it is the greatest sign God has given to His created, yet fallen, world. Without the cross, there would be no victory over sin, death and the devil. Sometimes I think we forget this sign of God when life's circumstances are difficult, tiring and overwhelming. In those moments, look again at the cross and the three days that accompany it. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." (John 3:14-15) These two verses appear before John 3:16-17.

"THE THREE DAYS" (CONTINUED)

So this is my plea and invitation – don't forget the "three days" of Holy Week. Worship on Maundy Thursday as we observe the Lord's Supper our Lord gave to us to observe until He returns (which by the way proclaims His death) and then return on Good Friday to contemplate the "sign" of Jesus concerning these three days. Use Friday and Saturday as a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Then when you rise on Easter Sunday, you can truly celebrate the significance and glory of the resurrection from the dead – with Jesus begin the first-fruits (1 Corinthians 15:20)!

Remembering the three days with you,

*Pastor Steve*

February 16, 2016  
Joint Board Meeting

Present: Pastor Steve, Pastor Matt, Mary Weich, Linda Cyboron, Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Greg Moen, Charlie Skoglund, Joan Falke, Becky Bahnfleth  
Absent: Margaret Svitak, Ginger Beckman, Brian Anderson

Pastor Steve read from the book of Acts, then led us in open prayer.

The purpose of this meeting was to invite people to join one of the new teams that have been established, with the goal being to have the teams filled prior to Pastor Garry's return visit in March. Some people have already signed up.

The board of spiritual oversight would oversee the following teams:

Fellowship

Welcome & Hospitality

Discipleship

Lifelong Learning Team (Charlie Skoglund sent a letter to all members today)

Outreach and Service

Mission & Ministry

The board of administration would oversee the following:

Church Finance

Financial secretary

Budget review team

Audit team

Stewardship

Membership & Stewardship team

Administration & Support Staff

Staff review team

Property & Equipment

Building & grounds

Church building

Church grounds

Parsonage

In addition to the teams, there will be openings on both boards. A Nominating Committee will be formed in accordance with our constitution and bylaws. Two positions will be open on the Board of Spiritual Oversight: President/chair and Fellowship. Three positions will be open on the Board of Administration: Vice president/chair; Personnel; At-large.

## PASTOR MATT'S LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

*Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. **Isaiah 46:9***

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28***

Happy St. Patrick's Day – hope you are lucky enough to find that pot of gold. Just a month ago millions were willingly handing over their money to be lucky enough to win that obscene pot in the lottery. Everybody wants a bit of luck in their lives, we might believe that in getting lucky we might not have to work so hard at something, or maybe it will mean we won't have to work so hard any more. Even I at times wish for a bit of luck, when at the grocery when asked if I have found everything today I respond quite often, "Everything but a winning lottery ticket." In today's thought luck more often refers to an event that is out of the control of those involved and has significant repercussions, whether good or bad, but there is more to it than that.

Sometimes we handle our faith life as if we are dealing with getting lucky. We might feel that we have bad luck as well because of a series of events that run in our lives and seem to crash together all at once. The thing with luck is that often we do things to attempt to make something happen or not to happen. You might call them superstitious acts; like carrying that rabbit's foot, or repeating something, or like the youth do, rub the bald pastor's head for good luck. These acts though even if playfully in fact move us to the realm of idol worship and idolatry. In every case of worshiping idols, individuals do things, perform acts, and ritualize life so as to motivate or coerce the idol to give them something or some result. These desired results might be for the good or prevention of bad, but in every case they involve coercion of the thing.

Thankfully, God doesn't do motivation or coercion. He can't be swayed by my favor or work, my giving or my self-perceived importance. I can't buy Him off or pay Him enough to make Him work wonders for me above anyone else; and for that I am eternally grateful. God doesn't deal in luck. He deals in Proof and Truth; and neither of these can be altered or changed, manipulated or coerced any more than God can. This means that I don't have to wonder about why stuff is happening or ride the waves of luck, but now I can stand fast and know without question what His intentions are, His character is, where His justice is based, and what is happening in my life when I look to Him.

God's sovereignty involves two aspects: God's active will or sovereignty would involve something He causes to happen and God's passive will involves Him allowing, rather than causing, something to happen. Because we do not have the curtains drawn back to see what is taking place in heaven, we cannot always determine whether God's active or passive will is involved in the events of our lives, but we do know that all things that take place are under the umbrella of His will, whether active or passive, and, therefore, nothing is a matter of mere chance. When a person rolls the dice to play a board game, God may sometimes cause the dice to land a certain way, but more often than not in such inconsequential matters, He may allow the dice to land as His laws of nature would determine without any active involvement; but even when He is not actively involved, how the dice land is still under His sovereignty.

As a follower and disciple of Christ I know that He has come to reveal God to us and all the proof and truth that is needed for us to stop rolling the dice in our faith, or feeling like we are the dice and we always seem to crap out. The gift of God's Word and Spirit among us is an invitation to get off the roulette wheel and to learn in all things to place ardent and unbreakable faith in God and His presence no matter what is happening; and to see in all events God working for me to become whole in Him. The Pot O' Gold doesn't have to be looked for anymore, but God's Pot O' Gold does need to be looked in and experienced for our lives – and in that we will find all the riches that the Kingdom of God offers.

God's love to you all.

*Pastor Matt*

**THANKS A GREAT BIG BUNCH** to all of those who supported the Youth Group with their SUPER BOWL SUBS sale. You helped to raise \$140 for their work and ministry.

**We had a BLAST and set new records with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili And Soup Cook-off and Cribbage and Pitch Tournaments with Family Game Night** — 13 chili's and soups to sample, cards, card, cards, and many other games. We had guests and over 40 people this year. Hope to see you all next year, and more. Plus all together we raised \$292 for the Confirmation Class for Camps and ministry work they do. Here's a rundown of the big winners this year.

### **Cook-off - Soup**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – winner of the coveted Golden Spoon, a set of nylon cooking utensils, and a Nestlé's Crunch Bar – Brian Anderson – Lay's Rubeen Chips Ain't Got Nothin' on this Rubeen Soup.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – winner of \$5 prize and a Mr. Goodbar – Emily Svitak – I'm Coming Up With Nothing Cheesy BK Burger Soup

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – winner of Mr. Goodbar – Michela Hall Mulligatawny Stew.

Thanks also to Fern Zechmann, Margaret Svitak, Doris Hoffart, Kathy Hall for submitting soups.

### **Cook-off - Chili**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – winner of the coveted Golden Spoon, a set of nylon cooking utensils, and a Nestlé's Crunch Bar – Michelle Anderson - Best Chili You've Ever Tasted

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – winner of \$5 prize and a Mr. Goodbar – Margaret Svitak - Not Your Mama's Quinoa Chili

### **Cribbage Tournament**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – winner of the coveted Golden Deck, \$5 prize and a Nestlé's Crunch Bar – Linda Cyboron.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – winner of a deck of cards, \$5, and a Mr. Goodbar – Pastor Steve Lund.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – winner of a deck of cards and a Mr. Goodbar – Michela Hall.

Thanks also to Marilyn Woolard, Pastor Matt, Ron Hall, Korrie Hall, and Greg Moen for joining the competition.

### **Pitch Tournament**

1<sup>st</sup> Place team – winners of the coveted Golden Deck, \$5 prize, and a Nestlé's Crunch bar (each) – Connie Oberle & Connie Atkinson.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place team – winners of a deck of cards, \$5 prize, and a Mr. Goodbar – Charlie Skoglund & Warren Bennett.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place team – winners a deck of cards and a Mr. Goodbar (each) – Dean Hoffart & Margaret Svitak.

Thanks also to Emily Svitak, Leonard Zechmann, Dwight Oberle, Doris Hoffart, and Louise Skoglund.

**Sunday School Exploration of the Bible** – A time of Gathering happens from 8:45 am to 8:50 am in the fellowship hall and then all the classes break out into their learning areas. This year as we continue digging deeper in the Word we are moving our focus to look into Matthew chapters 1 – 13 for the winter, and in the Spring we will dig into the first part of Acts. We want to thank all those who are serving the kingdom giving their time and talents to pass on the faith to our youth. Please thank these individuals for their service to Our children.

**3 and 4 year olds, and Kindergarten** Korrie Hall

**1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** Becky Bahnfleth and Amanda Cyboron

**4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Judy Carstens, Kristy Rosberg, and Fern Zechmann

**Jr. High and High School** Mary Weich, Greg Moen, Charlie Skoglund, and Brian Anderson

**Experiencing God** - A new 13 week series of Experiencing God is forming. This is an invitation to learn to seek and to follow God's will for your life. **Beginning Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided.** Meeting sessions will run from 6 PM to 8 PM each Monday through May 30<sup>th</sup> with the final session being Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Pot Luck Celebration Dinner.

Over the course of the study participants will learn to participate in the Seven Realities of Experiencing God, based on the life and ministry of Moses recorded in Exodus. Each participant is invited and challenged to begin to recognize God's work already going on around them and to move to personally obeying God's will for their lives and experiencing a full life of participation with God. **Member workbook price is normally \$17.00 per person, currently they can be purchased for \$10.00 per person.** Please sign up by Sunday March 13.

**Parents of children eligible for First Communion** – Reminder that classes continue on **Wednesday Nights March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **5pm until 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.** First Communion for these students will be celebrated on Palm Sunday in worship. Please talk with them and share with them about what they are learning and what you have shared in Holy Communion.

#### Women of Christ the Servant Meeting Minutes -- February 4, 2016

Present: Michelle Anderson, President; Julie Freese, Vice-President; Kathy Rogers, Treasurer, Fern Zechmann, Secretary.

Michelle opened the meeting with a devotion, "Finding Pennies", and prayer. January meeting minutes have been approved by board members online. Kathy presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$960.22 as of today. Julie moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Fern seconded and the motion carried.

#### Old Business

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore: 12 tickets were purchased on Jan. 25 totaling \$708. The church Life Way account was used and WCTS will reimburse. Tickets can still be purchased at the price of \$69. Michelle will start to get hotel reservations made by the first of March.

Creatively Fired: 5 ladies attended the canvas painting event and had a great time.

Funeral Help: We have not had anyone step up to help at this time. Please be in prayer for someone to help.

Wine, Women, Wisdom: No one attended the January meeting. It was discussed that it may be helpful to have attendees RSVP by the Tuesday of the meeting. Another suggestion was having these less often than every month.

February 25<sup>th</sup>- Connie Atkinson, Mary Weich and Linda Shaffer

March 17<sup>th</sup> – Hostess needed

Bank Account: The WCTS account was changed by the bank to a CTS account. This got messed up when Michelle was added. It will be restored back to the WCTS account. Kathy needs to type a note saying that it is ok to have Michelle on the account. It was decided that we should go ahead and add Julie to the account to save confusion later.

Spring March 5th Gathering: The theme will be "We Are His Masterpiece". This will be a painting theme and we will paint a canvas. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10. Mary Weich has most of the supplies. We just need to purchase canvases.

Table cloths: Current ones have some stains on them. We need to look at these to see how many need to be replaced. It was suggested that free will offering from the Lenten meal be used for this.

#### New Business

Mercy Meals: February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Open to ALL of the congregation.

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Lenten Meal: March 9<sup>th</sup> WCTS will be serving Ham and Potato Casserole. Free will offering at our discretion. February 24<sup>th</sup> Altar Guild will be serving Potato Bar.

Bake Sale: Will be held on May Day.

Constitution: Discussion on whether any changes are needed. It was decided no changes are needed at this time.

## HEALTH MINISTRY

"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)

### BRAIN HEALTH AS YOU AGE: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We all want to stay healthy and independent as we get older. Along with keeping our bodies in good shape, we want to keep our minds healthy, too.

Developing a brain disease or injury as you age depends on a mix of your family's genes, your environment, and your health choices.

- Diseases and conditions that affect brain health include:
- Genetic makeup
- Certain medicines, smoking, and excessive alcohol
- Health problems like diabetes and heart disease
- Diseases like depression and Alzheimer's
- Brain injury
- Poor diet, insufficient sleep, lack of physical and social activity

Some risks to brain health cannot be controlled or prevented, like your genes. Others, like health choices, are under your control. For example, you can:

- Take care of your health
- Eat a healthy diet
- Drink alcohol moderately, if at all
- Get active and stay active
- Sleep 7-8 hours each night
- Learn new things
- Connect with your family, friends, and communities

### 12 DAILY REMINDERS

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Opinions don't define your reality
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Things always get better with time
5. Judgments are a confession of character
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness
7. Happiness is found within
8. Positive thoughts create positive things
9. Smiles are contagious
10. Kindness is free
11. You only fail if you quit
12. What goes around, comes around

### March Birthdays

2nd	Kelcie Hall
5th	Sharon Koeppe
7th	Carol Olson
9th	Susan Thompson
11th	Jo Roberts
14th	Annemarie Cyboron
16th	Colin Broders
16th	Mona Jean Roberts
18th	Steve Jessen
18th	Madelyn Moen
18th	Mary Weber
20th	Scott Greve
22nd	Devon Beed
24th	Stacy Jones
26th	Leonard Zechmann
27th	Alvina Heller

**Belated birthday wishes to Joy Potts, whose birthday was Feb. 25.**

### Anniversaries

Richard & Kay Jaeger ~ March 12  
Gaylen & Linda Grunke ~ March 18

*God's blessings to everyone celebrating this month!  
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,  
please notify the church office.*

### CARDS OF THANKS

**THANKS to all** who fill the Food Pantry cart in the fellowship hall. You are a **BLESSING** to the hungry.

**We wish to thank** you for your generous support and for joining us in our mission to feed the starving. We would not be able to do this without you! Thank you for your donation of \$118.02 [from Women of CTS]. God bless you.

Rhonda, Director  
Mercy Meals

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**MOPS/MOMSn** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month (Sept.—May) at 6:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Card Club** meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 in the fellowship hall.

**Women of CTS** Spring Gathering will be Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m.

### Sunday Night Spirit-led

**Worship** will be March 6 at 6 p.m.

**Pastor Garry Seefeldt** will be with our congregation March 9th through the 13th.

**The next CTS weekend** (Crafting Together Simultaneously) will be Friday and Saturday, March 11-12.

**The next Altar Guild meeting** will be Sunday, March 13, to prepare for Easter.

**Spring Forward** Sunday, March 13 (Daylight Saving Time begins).

**Celebrate!**  
**Celebrate!**

*Please join us for a cake reception after worship on March 20th to celebrate Mona Jean Roberts' 90th birthday (March 16).*

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### PASTORAL ACTS

Rueben Alfred Rosberg, son of Joe and Kristy Rosberg, was baptized as a child of God on January 31, 2016. Rueben was born Nov. 24, 2015. His baptismal sponsors are Cody Loughrey, Rebekah Brommer and Eric Brommer.

New Members (Feb. 21)

Bobbie Buettgenbach  
Jordan Kocian

Mike and Lacy Rehan and Izabel

## DONATIONS

### FOOD PANTRY

Following is a list of items always 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. Laundry soap (powdered or liquid) is also accepted. The Food Pantry serves an average of 325 families each month.

### BRIGHT HORIZONS

Any of the following items can be dropped off at any time during the year: Yellow ruled pads, steno pads, sticky notes; deodorant, children and adult Tylenol, cough medicine, Band-Aids, diapers (all the 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 gift cards, grocery store gift cards.

### RESCUE MISSION

Facial tissue, toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaning products, disinfectants, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, 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. Any of these items can be dropped off at any time during the year. Books can also be donated to the Rescue Mission throughout the year to be sold at their annual book sale/fundraiser.

**THANK YOU**

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 2016

	Jan 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Church Income	
Coffee Hour Donations	60.36
Member Offerings	20,333.00
Misc. Contr. & Fundraisers	468.00
Non Member Offering	946.00
Total Church Income	21,807.36
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Expense	
Administration Expense	
Pastor's Pension & Benefits	480.74
Pastor Matt- Pension	
Total Pastor's Pension & Benefits	480.74
Pastor Matt- Mileage	147.60
Total Administration Expense	628.34
Church Building & Grounds	
Bldg & Equip Maint.	
Copier Maint	40.61
Electricity	230.36
Electricity	643.41
Garbage	39.00
Insurance- Prop, Liability & WC	460.00
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	48.97
Natural Gas	258.84
Office Supplies	522.51
Telephone & Internet	303.04
Water/Sewer	45.83
Total Church Building & Grounds	2,592.57
Church Property (Parsonage)	
Basic Cable/Phone	101.91
Electricity	197.98
Garbage	25.00
Water/Sewer	76.59
Total Church Property (Parsonage)	401.48
Discipleship- Parish Ed	
Children's Ministry Lessons/Pro	53.04
Children's Ministry Supplies	0.00
Right Now Media	49.99
Vibrant Faith Milestone	38.48
Youth Bible Study Materials	59.98
Total Discipleship- Parish Ed	201.49
Fellowship & Evangelism	
Advertising	119.40
Coffee & Donuts	61.31
Mediation	197.98
Total Fellowship & Evangelism	378.69

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 2016

	Jan 16
Payroll Taxes Expense	
Disability Ins. Expense	140.22
ELCA Insurance Expense	1,565.04
FICA Taxes Expense	307.63
Life Ins. Expense- Employer	12.02
Pastor Matt- Housing	1,164.92
Pastor Matt- Qtrly FICA Taxes	0.00
Pastor Salary	7,438.34
Payroll Exp- Misc	18.60
Payroll Wages Expense	4,021.14
Total Payroll Taxes Expense	14,667.91
Worship Expense	
Wine/Grape Juice	59.96
Worship Resources/Supplies	197.59
Total Worship Expense	257.55
Total Expense	19,128.03
Net Ordinary Income	2,679.33
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Daycare Income	100.00
Daycare Donations & Grant Inc.	1,250.00
Daycare Fees Inc (From State)	245.77
Daycare Fees Inc (Other)	401.58
Daycare Food Inc. (State Reimb)	
Total Daycare Income	1,997.35
Total Other Income	1,997.35
Other Expense	
Daycare Expenses	70.00
Director Training Expense	49.99
Other Expenses	
Total Daycare Expenses	119.99
Total Other Expense	119.99
Net Other Income	1,877.36
Net Income	4,556.69



# March 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MARCH 13</b>  6 <i>Lent 4</i> 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship Fellowship 6 PM Sunday night worship	<i>Pastor Matt out of office on Mondays</i>  7  13 <i>Lent 5</i> 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship Fellowship Alter Guild meeting	1 6:30 Childcare Oversight committee meeting  8 7:00 p.m. Worship committee meeting	2 5PM FLYTE, Confirmation, 1st Communion 6PM meal; 7PM Lenten service, 8PM youth group; choir practice  9 5PM FLYTE, Confirmation, 1st Communion 6PM meal; 7PM Lenten service, 8PM youth group; choir practice	3 9 AAM PieceMakers 6PM WCTS meeting 6:30 MOPS meeting 6:30 Simple Truths  10 9 AM Agape Circle 6:30 Simple Truths  <i>Pastor Garry here thru March 13th</i>  17 2 PM Card Club 6:45 MOPS/MOMS 7 PM Wine, Women & Wisdom	4 <i>Pastor Steve out of office on Fridays</i>  5:30 Girl Scouts  11 <b>Crafting Together</b>  <i>thru March 13th</i>  18 <i>deadline for newsletter articles</i>  5:30 Girl Scouts	5 10 AM Women's Spring Gathering  12 <b>Simultaneously</b>
20 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship/First Communion <b>Cake reception for Mona Jean Roberts</b>	21 Experiencing God (6-8 p.m.)	22  29 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	23 <b>NO EVENING ACTIVITIES</b>  30 5:00 FLYTE 5:00 Confirmation 7:30 Youth group 7:30 Choir practice	24 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 p.m. Service w/ the Lord's Supper	25 <b>Good Friday</b> 7:00 p.m. Service	26  31

# March worship servants

Date	Communion Assist	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Coffee Set-up
6	Ron & Korrie Hall	Connie Atkinson	Steve & Julie Freese	Katelyn Hall	Scott Krohn	Boelmans
13	Bob Lutz, Lonnie Svitak	Doug & Pat Witte	Greg Moen, Wendell Hahne	Zachary Cordner	Connie Atkinson	Finkrals
20	Scott & Gina Krohn	Lonnie Svitak	Chuck Nicholson, Kevin Piske	Katelyn Anderson	Steve Morton	Hoffarts
27 (Easter)	Gary & Mary Weich	Roger & Karen Peters	Doug & Pat Witte	Colin Broders	Lonnie Svitak	Youth Group

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Knee and Mary Lund

Communion Bread: Mary Lund

Membership Care: Deb Olson and Meg Donovan

Offering: Doug and Pat Witte

Nell Finkral, Louise Skoglund

Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske

Korrie Hall, Darcy Metschke

# April worship servants

Date	Communion Assist	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Coffee Set-up
3	Charlie & Louise S.	Bill Thoendel & Lu Carter	Warren B., Arlynn B.	Kelcie Hall	Linda Cyboron	Jaegers
10	Becky B., Tara Peters	Linda and Amanda Cyboron	Mike & Nell Finkral	Colin Broders	Jo Roberts	Koepes
17	Margaret & Lonnie Svitak	Anderson family	Richard & Deb Olson	Katelyn Anderson	Charlie Skoglund	Mary Lund
24	Linda Miller, Linda Cyboron	Steve & Darla Jessen	Nate & Darcy Metschke	Elizabeth B., Madison M.	Margaret Svitak	Holly Heller