

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship

Explore the Bible (Acts 1-12)

During the weeks of the Easter season we will continue to look at the first twelve chapters of the book of Acts and learn how the early church grew so fast. Empowered by the Holy Spirit the church carried the message of a resurrected Jesus to the world. Nothing would stop them. Come and learn the power of these words that changed a generation of believers that continues to the change the world today. 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).

April 3 – Acts 4:1-13 –
“Courageous”

The Spirit gives believers courage to proclaim the truth.

April 10 – Acts 4:36-37; 5:1-11 –
“Integrity” Believers are to take sin within the church seriously.

April 17 – Acts 5:25-35, 38-42 –
“Faithful”

Believers must remain faithful to sharing the gospel message even when opposed.

April 24 – Acts 6:1-10 – “Selfless”
Believers honor God and further His kingdom through selfless service.

Quarterly Mission Meeting

Sunday, April 17

Our next Quarterly Mission Meeting will be held after worship in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 17. We will have a potluck dinner followed by our meeting (we hope to keep our meetings to 60 minutes or less). Our agenda will be the following: (1) Elections of President & Vice President of the Congregation and needed Board members for the Board of Spiritual Oversight and the Board of Administration, (2) Update reports on our newly formed Ministry Teams, and (3) Information on our community outreach Day Camp for two weeks this summer (led by counselors from Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp the first week, June 27-30, and by the congregation the second week, July 5-8). This Day Camp is designed for youth in grades 1-6. Please join us for this exciting meeting about what's happening at CTS!

Worship Schedule:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 Worship with communion

11:15 Coffee & Fellowship Time

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed for lunch from
12:30-1:30

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "LIVING THE RESURRECTED LIFE"

Now that we have celebrated "another" Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, what will be different this year? The resurrection of Jesus from the grave is not new news to us. We have heard this message so much that when I announced this good news on Easter with my usual greeting: "He is risen!" one person responded to me with these words: "I know." Expecting to hear the usual response, "He is risen indeed!" I was somewhat surprised by the response. This person is a strong believer so I did not doubt the response, but it began a new thought process with me. I too "know" Jesus is risen from the dead, so I started to think what this knowledge means for me (as well as for you). As I have looked again at all the resurrection narratives from the four gospel writers, I noticed how important "knowing" is for this truth to set in. The angels at the tomb in Luke's gospel told the women, who have come to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body for burial (only to find it empty), to "remember how he told you." (Luke 24:6) Later on during that same day, the two on the road to Emmaus were instructed in remembering by Jesus Himself as He opened up the scriptures to explain how the "Messiah had to suffer these things and then enter his glory." (Luke 24:26) And then Jesus continued to explain "what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." (Luke 24:27) Jesus walked with them, stayed for a meal, and then He left; it was after that the two said to each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

The response "I know" was not what I was expecting, but it is a response of deep faith and belief. I know Jesus is alive. I know Jesus has conquered death. I know my future destiny is secure in this good news. "I know" is a confession of faith based on the knowledge of who Jesus is and what Jesus' death and resurrection means for every believer today. But the story did not end with the knowledge that Jesus is alive and arose from the dead. The gospel writer, Mark, tells Peter that "He (Jesus) is going ahead of you (us) into Galilee (where we live, work, and reside)." (Mark 16:7) Once we have acknowledged and believe Jesus is alive, what is the next step? Obviously, the end of time did not come with the resurrection. There is more to do. There is more to come. There is more to experience.

I want to challenge all of you who will read this message to consider YOUR journey. Since you are reading this article it means you are still alive here on earth. Your journey has not yet finished. You still have a race to run. You have not reached the finish line yet. You can either finish strong or coast to the end (not the desired outcome Jesus wants for any one of us). I am a firm believer that if you still have breath, you can still do great things (prayer is probably the greatest untapped resource of all). Think for a moment what the gospel writer, Mark, is trying to tell us. If Jesus is a resurrected, living Lord, then He is still present with us. And if Jesus is present with us (His promise to never leave or forsake us), He is still going ahead of us in the places where we live, work and reside. Mark goes on to say that "in Galilee there you will see him, just as I told you." (Mark 16:7) Have you seen Jesus in YOUR "Galilee?" If not, you have missed the best part of the resurrection. Jesus is not a risen Lord who lives only in heaven, but He is present within us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The early disciples not only knew that but they lived it out daily knowing the power of the resurrected life.

So how did this resurrected life come to us? This resurrected life moves beyond mere head knowledge. This resurrected life moves into the very core of their being – into the depths of their heart. While this resurrected life can take many forms and directions, the book of Acts gives a very good model to follow. We are told that the early church devoted themselves to four things: (1) the apostles' teaching, (2) fellowship, (3) breaking of bread, and (4) prayer. (Acts 2:42) If you take notice of these four things, they CANNOT be done in isolation. They are done in the presence of other believers. I firmly believe the more you and I "devote" (make time – make it a priority – make it a habit), you and I will see Jesus more often in our "Galilee" settings.

You are not alone in this journey. Opportunities will be offered in all four areas of this model. The question remains for us: will it become a priority above all else? Will it become our devotion? Will it result in an atmosphere of "praising God and enjoying the favor of all people?" (Acts 2:47a) If we do, the Lord will add to the numbers of those who will be saved and create an army of resurrected, transformed lives who will literally change the world. (Acts 2:27b)

Will you join me in this resurrected life?

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

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! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Luke 24:5-8

There are many ways to look at this first announcement of the Good News. From the angels' view they deliver what God always delivers – GRACE, in all its stunning and shocking magnificence. As the women, what else could be expected, I mean, I haven't seen anyone physically raised from the dead, have you? From the hindsight of 2000 years, we look at everyone as if they were foolish and failed to understand what Jesus had been saying to them, as if it was faithlessness. As a reader of the Gospel today, as one of disconnected repetition that is a nice way to kick off the day of Easter celebration. And yet all of these ways and still others are wrapped up and intertwined in these words, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

First of all, Jesus knew what the outcome would be as he prepared for the events of what seemed His final week on earth. He knew because He knew the Father and His will and he put all of His trust and obedience in them. That's why Jesus shared this information several times with the disciples; so that as these events unfolded they would recall the truth and take on the power of this message, "He is not here; He has risen!" For the Church looking back and thinking, "Those are clearly the hardest headed people I've ever heard of; everybody knew He would rise so why don't they get it?" Would we? Would we really have understood? As for those women, laden with sorrow, grief, mourning, and the tools for burial of a dearly loved one; they were living in the moment of grief as we all so often do. They came to the tomb prepared to find death because that is what you find when you go to a tomb, there just isn't anything else. Or at least there hadn't been, until today.

In the shock of such an amazing sight as these angels, the women look down to see what they are used to, anticipating, expecting. They look again for the lifeless body of the one that was laid here Friday afternoon. But remember, they are looking for the body of the one who was making all things new. So the messengers confirm what is happening. Why are you looking for death? Death is gone, death is defeated, and death has no power or sting or victory anymore. So why are you looking so intently for death? Remember what He taught you.

When they remembered, they understood, and they left the place and they themselves became the messengers. And when they came and shared the Good News with the next group, did those people receive it with joy and excitement? No, they got up, ran to the tomb and went looking for death, because what the women were saying was "Nonsense." (Luke 24:11) So why do we keep looking for death? What is your reason? Just look at the current political circus and see those who keep dealing out death in words. Look around at this world more than anxious to fight and conquer than to bring life into every situation. Think of times when you have discarded the message of life because it seemed like nonsense, and chosen to go looking for death again. It is time for us all to hear the message again and fresh. To be amazed and changed so that we can bear what seems like nonsense into the world; because for those who receive this "nonsense" message, it is the power of salvation, to be changed, to be made new.

Bearing life into the world is challenging and messy, but it also is God's way. Imagine letting go of all of the pent-up death that you keep bearing around in your heart and soul, and clearing it out for life. Replacing the dark with the light, looking for positives instead of seeking negatives, seeking to bring in God's will rather than always being on guard to pick a fight. Not searching for ways to be hurt, but always seeing the life that has been won for and in you, and letting that light bear with the next one to help them stop looking for death.

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; He is Risen! And He is going on before you. Death is defeated. Live the victory.

YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPLORATION OF THE BIBLE

A time of Gathering happens from 8:45 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. in the fellowship hall, then all the classes break out into their learning areas. This Spring as we go deeper into the Word, 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

1st through 3rd Grade: Becky Bahnfleth and Amanda Cyboron

4th through 6th Grade: Judy Carstens, Kristy Rosberg, and Fern Zechmann

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

THE STORY OF GOD

A new 14-week series of study looking at the Story of God in the Bible. This is not a straight biblical study, but a study designed to help the participants see what the character of God is and to draw them into participating with Him. Each session will consist of a video message from the Vine church in Hong Kong followed by discussion and movement into our lives.

The first meetings need to be scheduled on different days so we can complete the work by the end of July. The proposed schedule is beginning **Thursday, April 14; Tuesday, April 26; Thursday, May 5; Sunday, May 8; and Wednesday, May 18**, then from there out **Thursdays May 26 – July 21**.

There is no cost to this study, just bring your Bible, a pen and paper. Please speak with Pastor Matt if you are interested in attending.

IMPORTANT OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY – EVERYONE IS NEEDED

Due to the overwhelming number of VBS programs that often overlap each other, a year ago we spoke of moving to a Day Camp format. We will be holding one week for sure, but also would like to try to open up a second week. The first week, leadership from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps will be here to help facilitate the week, and we are hoping to staff the second week without their assistance. This is a huge opportunity to open our doors to families and children in the community, and we will need help in every facet from food and snack production to arts and crafts.

The first week of Day Camp will be **Monday through Thursday, June 27-30**, with a hoped-for second week running **Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8**. The camp will run from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to open arms and hearts to people, many of whom may not have a congregational family. Please begin prayerfully to consider how you might be a part of this opportunity. More information will be coming shortly.

BIRTHDAYS

4/6 Hannah Roberts
4/7 Kyle Broders
4/10 Becky Bahnfleth
4/10 Tate Petersen
4/12 Blake Olson
4/13 Elizabeth Broders
4/14 Connie Petersen
4/14 Duane Theil
4/17 Jeff Hrouda
4/18 Jon Bahnfleth
4/19 Kay Skovsende
4/20 Bob Lutz
4/20 Kristy Rosberg
4/21 Mike Finkral
4/22 Katelyn Anderson
4/22 Brandon Jones
4/24 Mike Morton
4/24 Patrick Olson
4/25 Steve Freese
4/29 Galen Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

4/6 Mike & Lacy Rehan
4/16 Mick & Doreen Kullbom
4/17 Danita & Jeremy Broders
4/19 Arlynn & Sharon Boelman
4/27 Kathy & Brad Rogers
4/27 Lonnie & Margaret Svitak
4/29 Marsha & Don Burke

NORFOLK FOOD PANTRY

Our congregation is scheduled to be in charge of the Community Food Pantry during the month of June, beginning Wednesday, June 1, and ending Wednesday, June 15. Hours are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and it is recommended that there are 3-4 volunteers each day. To volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

KITCHEN FUND HAPPENINGS

Promise Participant Solicitation Sign-up for the "Auction of Promises" Kitchen Fund Raiser. Can you bake a luscious pie or awesome cookies, prepare a meal or a sit down dinner, rake a lawn, clean up a yard, help plant a flower bed or garden plot, wash windows, help with spring and/or fall housecleaning, sew something special, iron clothes, construct a building project, paint, walk a field? Be creative, you name it; anything as long as it is biblically correct, ethical, legal and moral. We need Your Name and Contact Information and Your Promise. These will be auctioned off to the highest bidder with funds going to the CTS Lutheran Church Kitchen Fund. AUCTION DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking volunteers to submit recipes and/or assist with compiling CTS Lutheran Church Kitchen Fund Cookbook. We would like to complete this BEFORE the Fall 2016 Boutique. All "past, current and new members, along with all staff and clergy" of CTS Lutheran Church as well as "friends and/or relatives of the congregation" are encouraged to submit recipes.

Seeking volunteers to help with 2016 BBQ Kitchen Fund Raiser. Please contact Joan Falke (402)664-3057 or Louise Skoglund (402)379-4268 for further information and/or any questions. Looking forward to YOUR participation for the success of these endeavors.

CARD OF THANKS

Words of thanks are not enough for the kindness shown to Dan and I this last Christmas season. It is truly a blessing to say we are a part of the family at Christ the Servant. Life has not been kind in 2015. A lot more downs than ups, but your blessings definitely brightened the path to follow.

Youth Group: The food was delicious!!

Your servants in Christ,
Dan & Nita Meyer

THRIVENT 1-HOUR WORKSHOP

April 10 — "From Me to We"

Seventy percent of married couples argue about money more than any other topic. Building a partnership that includes a strong financial foundation will help couples achieve their goals. From Me to We is highly interactive and allows each couple to gain an understanding of the values and money attitudes they bring into the relationship along with their spouse.

PASTORAL ACTS

First Communion — March 20

Colin Broders
Noah Hinrichs
Carter Olson
Hannah Roberts
Jaiden Roberts

Baptism — April 3

Seth Jeffrey Gerdes
Layton Jeffrey Gerdes
Lawson Ray Gerdes

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)

GARDENING HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

Gardening can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, get physical activity, beautify the community, and grow nutritious fruits and vegetables. If you are a beginner or expert gardener, health and safety should always be a priority. Below are some tips to help keep you safe and healthy so that you can enjoy the beauty and bounty gardening can bring.

Dress to Protect

- Gear up to protect yourself from lawn and garden pests, harmful chemicals, sharp or motorized equipment, insects, and harmful rays of too much sun.
- Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes, and long pants to prevent injury when using power tools and equipment.
- Protect your hearing when using machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm’s length away, the noise can be potentially harmful to your hearing.
- Wear gloves to lower the risk for skin irritations, cuts, and certain contaminants.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET. Protect yourself from diseases caused by mosquitoes and ticks. Wear long-sleeved shirts, and pants tucked into your socks. You may also want to wear high rubber boots since ticks are usually located close to the ground.
- Lower your risk for sunburn and skin cancer. Wear long sleeves, wide-brimmed hats, sun shades, and sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher.

Put Safety First

- Powered and unpowered tools and equipment can cause serious injury. Limit distractions, use chemicals and equipment properly, and be aware of hazards to lower your risk for injury.
- Follow instructions and warning labels on chemicals and lawn and garden equipment.
- Make sure equipment is working properly.
- Sharpen tools carefully.
- Keep harmful chemicals, tools, and equipment out of children’s reach.

Enjoy the Benefits of Physical Activity

- Gardening is an excellent way to get physical activity. Active people are less likely than inactive people to be obese or have high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, stroke, depression, colon cancer, and premature death.
- Be active for at least 2½ hours a week. Include activities that raise your breathing and heart rates and that strengthen your muscles. Help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.
- If you have been inactive, start out with just a few minutes of physical activity each day. Gradually build up time and intensity.
- Vary your gardening activities to keep your interest and to broaden the range of benefits.

AUTISM AWARENESS

April is National Autism Awareness Month, an excellent opportunity to promote autism awareness, autism acceptance, and draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year.

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- Autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the U.S.
- Autism costs a family \$60,000 a year on average
- Boys are nearly five times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

The following “red flags” may indicate your child is at risk for an autism spectrum disorder. If your child exhibits any of the following, please don’t delay in asking your pediatrician or family doctor for an evaluation:

- No big smiles or other warm, joyful expressions by six months or thereafter
- No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles or other facial expressions by nine months
- No babbling by 12 months
- No back-and-forth gestures such as pointing, showing, reaching or waving by 12 months
- No words by 16 months
- No meaningful, two-word phrases (not including imitating or repeating) by 24 months
- Any loss of speech, babbling or social skills at any age

Board of Administration
March 15, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Present: Greg Moen, president; Steve Jessen, finance; Wanda Muhs, property/equipment

The meeting was opened with prayer by Greg. A goal is to limit this meeting to one hour. Wanda has been appointed to serve on this board and will be voted in at elections. Kathy will email the job description to Wanda. It was noted that Joan Falke has resigned from this board.

The agenda was reviewed and items added. Discussed the need to recruit new board members (personnel, stewardship, at-large, president) and develop job descriptions for each position. Also discussed the need to adopt and implement the sexual misconduct policy.

Reviewed Pastor Garry's visit and meetings with the new teams that have been formed. This group will meet briefly on Sunday to respond to Pastor Garry how to interface with and empower their committees. Discussed the role of the Budget Review Team and Property Team in relation to this board. It was noted that a job description for the financial secretary is needed. Greg will continue meeting with both teams, but someone else will have to chair each. Steve will work with the Staff Review team (Richard Hillrichs and Arlynn Boelman), possibly on Wednesday evenings. Greg and Wanda will meet with the property committee (Wendell Hahne, Warren Bennett and Gary Weich), ideally before the next board meeting.

Distributed and reviewed the financial reports. Pledge cards have not been tallied yet as not everyone has turned theirs in.

Wanda reported that the 100-cup coffee maker no longer works and needs to be replaced. She was authorized to purchase a new one using the church credit card so it will be tax exempt. It was clarified that this expense falls under property, not fellowship.

Action items for next meeting:

- Job descriptions for board positions – Steve

- Plan for staff reviews – Steve will talk to Richard Hillrichs

- Plan for someone other than Steve to do payroll

- Review report by Audit Committee

 - Address property concerns: a) concrete cracking in parking lot; b) wood fascia needs to be painted; c) leak in underground sprinkler line

Next meeting: Congregational, Sunday, April 17; Board, Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Rogers

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MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP: I have resigned from the Board of Administration-Stewardship. I wish to convey my sincere, "Thank You" to those of you who took the time and made the effort to respond to my telephone calls to request your participation on the Membership/Stewardship Team.

Lord, thank you for continuing to remind me of who I am and Who I serve. You are my truth. Hold me in Your truth. Amen.

In Christ,
Joan M. Falke

Board of Spiritual Oversight

March 15, 2016

Meeting minutes

6:30 PM

Meeting opened with prayer and approval of agenda. This agenda was meant to stay within the 60 minute guideline set by Pastor Garry. The board reviewed how they felt Pastor Garry's last visit went. The board was also assigned to e mail the meeting minutes from our meeting with Pastor Garry back to him.

The ministry team meetings seemed to go well, most lasting only 20 minutes. The teams were given a few questions to define their teams and the mission of each team. Teams will need to get these emailed to Garry by the end of March. If there are any congregation members still wanting to be part of these ministry teams, please let a board member or team member know so we can get you involved.

The nomination committee will meet March 23. This committee consists of those going off of the board and other board members. Those on this committee are: Brian Anderson, Charlie Skoglund, Margaret Svitak, Mary Weich, Linda Cyboron, and Greg Moen.

The quarterly mission meeting will be held April 17th with a potluck after our church service. The agenda will include: ministry team updates, elections, and information on a Day Camp happening this summer!!

The big outreach event will be a Day Camp this summer. This camp will last two weeks with the first week to be hosted by a team from Camp Okoboji! This team will run the camp with help from our congregation. The second week will be run by Christ the Servant. The challenge has been set to the congregation to be engaged with this outreach. We no longer have a VBS as it was hard to compete with others and the workforce was declining. This camp will be during the day and will take *place June 27 – July 9. The second week will be 4 days of commitment for the community.*

Board Member Reports

Worship: Brian Anderson- The next Sunday night worship will be April 3. The Youth will be running the Sunrise service for Easter, Pastor Steve will be preaching at the 10 o'clock service. The choir will be singing. We will not be hosting the brass choir as this is an extra cost. We will be introducing a new liturgy- "Now the Feast and Celebration". Brian would like to introduce this for June worship and would like to make it part of the service rotation throughout the year. The liturgy is from the same group as Holden Evening prayer that is used during Advent. This is a more contemporary liturgy that follows our traditional service.

Fellowship: Mary Weich- This team has met and has a full schedule of great ideas! Ideas are as follows: fire pit nights, reintroducing Wednesday Night alive, floats in the parades to announce our 40th Anniversary, baseball games in Omaha or Sioux City, Christian Cross Festival picnics, New member meals, trunk or treat, Big Bang Boom picnic in our parking lot which quite a few people use to watch the fireworks, Hay rack rides, walking on the many paths in the Norfolk area, bike riding on the paths, and a dinner dance. We will be looking for people to help and take part in these events!!

Service: Becky Bahnfleth- We received information on putting together kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be working with Missions to decide how to best approach this. We are also preparing for our food pantry weeks. Please look for sign up sheets.

Outreach: Linda Cyboron- We have met and have a meeting scheduled for this Thursday and next Monday to complete our questions for Garry and to start with projects.

40th Anniversary Committee

Pastor Steve will be putting together this committee so he is looking for a chairperson and is putting together events for the months prior. Mary has people looking at cookbook ideas and putting together a church directory.

Vantage Point 3 Vista

Pastor Steve has been invited to join 6-8 other pastors to meet 3 days at a time, 3 times a year, June 2016, January 2017, and June 2017. They will meet as a think tank to design and implement a process of change to enhance the learning and maturing of adult faith development. This is basically to set up a blueprint on how to develop leaders and disciples in our churches.

The boards passed the hat to be part of an Easter message on WJAG. The message will run during Holy Week.

Pastor Matt introduced "Embrace Grace." This is a ministry for teen mothers in a small group format. We would be the only place in Nebraska to have this ministry. This will require the congregation to embrace any teenage girl that would want to be part of the program. We would supply the \$30.00 fee for each girl. The congregation would be able to be part of baby showers, mom retreats (Princess for a day), and help the girls connect with love of congregation. We would in effect be "adopting" these young women. Pastor Matt will get the information to the board so we can provide feedback after reviewing the material. This would be a *frontline ministry* of our congregation.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 19. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Bahnfleth

Women of Christ the Servant
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2016

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

Michelle opened the meeting with a devotion with the theme of "You are a masterpiece!" and prayer. February meeting minutes have been approved by board members online. Kathy presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$959.22 as of today. Fern moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Julie 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 get hotel reservations made at the Hampton Inn at 11202 Davenport.

Wine, Women, Wisdom: We are asking that ladies planning to attend RSVP the hostess by Tuesday of the week of the event. Six ladies attended the February event. There is no host yet for March. We will ask Saturday if anyone will host. On April 28th, the hostesses will be Linda Miller and Jo Roberts.

Spring March 5th Gathering: The theme will be "We Are HIS Masterpiece!" It is based on the Bible verse: "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. We will be painting canvases and other creative activities.

Table cloths: We looked at our table cloths. Some are stained and were taken home to see if they can be removed and some were thrown out. We will see how the stained ones come out and possibly purchase more with the Lenten meal offering.

Mercy Meals: This was held on February 15th. This was a cross-generational event with 10 participating, eight boxes (enough to feed 1,728 people) were packed. We made a donation of \$210 to cover the cost of the supplies and transporting of the boxes and are accepting personal donations to help cover this.

New Business

Lenten Meal: March 9th WCTS will be serving Ham and Potato Casserole. We will ask for donations of salads and money to cover the ingredients for the casseroles, which Michelle will be making. Free will offering at our discretion and may possibly be used to purchase table cloths.

May Day Bake Sale: This will be held before and after the service on May 1. Members are asked to have items priced when bringing them.

Coffee Percolator: There is apparently a problem with the 50-cup pot. This will need to be replaced.

Altar Guild: Served the Lenten meal on Feb. 24 with \$198 donated. A suggestion for this is for paraments, as plain white ones are needed. The banner room has been cleaned out and a notebook is being updated with all of the banners pictured and it will be noted what season they are appropriate for. There are many banners in need of repair.

Community Service: Discussion was held about attaining better collaboration with other church activities in this area. A suggestion was made that it might be good to have a WCTS board member attend part of church board meetings to improve communication in this area.

Members are asked to submit any suggestions for our Bible Verses for the coming year to a board member by May 1.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Micheyla Anderson.

2016 Events: March 5 – Spring Gathering
 April 15-16 – Living Proof Live with Beth Moore
 Blue Jean Sunday (cleaning) – TBA
 May 1 – May Day Bake Sale
 May 7 – 3rd Annual Bless and Be Blessed
 June 4 – Annual Meeting (VP and Treasurer election)

Women of Christ the Servant
Spring Gathering
March 5, 2015

“You are HIS masterpiece!”

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

We were very pleased to have a good turnout for this gathering. Michelle opened with a devotion about us as God’s masterpieces. Snack items and beverages were served.

Lenten Meal: We are serving the meal on March 9th. Michelle will make Cheesy Han & Potato Casserole. Members were asked to sign up to provide salads or relishes, or to donate money to help with casserole expense. Sharel and Julie offered to bring bread. Help is needed to set up and serve at 5:15.

May Day Bake Sale: We will sell baked items before and after worship. Please have your items priced when you bring them. It was suggested that we use proceeds from this to purchase changing tables for bathrooms.

3rd Annual Bless and Be Blessed Rummage and Bake Sale: Saturday May 7th – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Need help setting up Thursday & Friday evening and day of. This is not just a women event. We welcome men. Nothing is marked. People give what they want. We accept anything but clothing and are only accepting flat screen TVs. Discussion was held about what mission we want the proceeds to go to. Becky moved that we split the proceeds between the Daycare and Tanzania. Linda seconded and the motion was passed.

Wine, Women, and Wisdom: There have been a few months with nobody showing up. We are asking ladies to RSVP to hostess by Tuesday of the week. We need a hostess for March and other months. There is a sign-up sheet for this. It was suggested to try the RSVP and possibly having this every other month rather than every month.

Altar Guild: Banner room is cleaned out. There are banners needing repair. A binder is being made with all the banners pictured and the seasons to display them designated. The Lenten meal was served on Feb. 24th. Next meeting is March 13th, to start planning for Easter.

Items to be replaced: Tablecloths- Banquet, round and vinyl roll. We are currently washing the following to see if stains come out: 5 round gingham, 1 round strip, 1 round ivory floral, 2 6-ft. strips, 1 season lace rectangle, 1 Lord’s Supper lace rectangle, 2 white under cloths. 3 round lace plastic – were thrown away. We can possibly purchase new tablecloths with Lent meal offering after the tithe.

Coffee percolator – Wanda is looking into and Sharel is willing to check online.

It was suggested that we develop a “Needs List”, so people can purchase needed items if they wish.

Yearly Meeting: New Vice President and Treasurer election. (PRAY to see if you are being called). Bible Verses need to be submitted to board members by May 1.

Emily moved that the meeting be adjourned. JaNell seconded and the meeting was adjourned. Ladies then participated in a variety of creative activities which were very enjoyable and resulted in wonderful creations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday TBA – Blue Jean Sunday (cleaning)

Sunday, May 1 – May Day Bake Sale

Saturday, May 7 – Bless & Be Blessed Rummage and Bake Sale

Saturday, June 4 – Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 3 – Cookie Exchange Gathering/Decorate Sanctuary

April worship servants

Date	Communion	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Coffee
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	Koeppes
17	Margaret & Lonnie Svitak	Anderson family	Kevin Piske, Dallas Puls	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
APRIL			MAY			
Altar Guild: Korrie Hall, Michelle Anderson Communion Bread: Korrie Hall Membership Care: Jo Roberts, Linda Miller			Altar Guild: Linda Miller, Jo Roberts Communion Bread: Doris Hoffart Membership Care: Mary Lund, Shirley Theil			

May worship servants

Date	Communion	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Coffee
1	Linda Cyboron, Linda Miller	Broders family	Dennis & Linda Miller	Elizabeth B.	Lu Carter	Andersons
8	Ron & Korrie Hall	Steve & Darla Jessen	Richard & Deb Olson	Katelyn Hall	Kelcie Hall	Boelmans
15	Becky B. and Tara Peters	Scott & Gina Krohn	Steve & Julie Freese	Colin Broders	Michelle Anderson	Finkrals
22	Bob Lutz, Lonnie Svitak	Mick & Doreen Kullbom	Nate & Darcy Metschke	Zach Cordner, Madison M.	Amanda Cyboron	Holly Heller
29	Michelle & Micheyla A.	Steve Morton & Jo Roberts	Gary & Mary Weich	Katelyn Anderson	Becky Bahnfleth	Hoffarts

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pastor Matt out of office on Mondays	Staff meeting Tuesdays @ 10:30			1 Pastor Steve out of office on Fridays 5:30 Girl Scouts	2
3 Easter 2 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship, baptisms; 11:00 fellowship; 6:00 Spirit-led worship	4 6 p.m. Experiencing God 6:30 Walking With Others	5 6:30 Childcare oversight meeting	6 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation class 7:30 Youth group; Senior choir practice	7 9:00 PieceMakers 6:00 Women of CTS 6:30 MOPS meeting	8	9 Private baptisms
10 Easter 3 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 11:30 Thrivent workshop, "Me to We"	11 6 p.m. Experiencing God 6:30 Walking With Others	12 7 p.m. Worship committee meeting	13 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation class 7:30 Youth group; Senior choir practice	14 9:00 Agape Circle	15 Deadline for newsletter articles 5:30 Girl Scouts	16 Fellowship hall re-served (K. Rogers)
17 Easter 4 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship 11:15 Potluck/quarterly meeting	18 6 p.m. Experiencing God 6:30 Walking With Others	19 6:30 Board meetings	Pastor Steve at Vantage Point ² Retreat 20 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation class 7:30 Youth group; Senior choir practice	21 2:00 Card Club 6:45 MOPS/MOMS next	22	23
24 Easter 5 8:45 Sunday school 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship	25 6 p.m. Experiencing God 6:30 Walking With Others	26	27 Kathy out of office 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation class 7:30 Youth group; Senior choir practice	28	29 6 p.m. Senior Dinner	30 Pastor Matt and Confirmation Class at Confirmation Recharge Camp through Sunday