

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Summer Preaching Series

Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120-134)

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, we will be looking at the Songs of Ascents – the 15 psalms that the people of Israel memorized and sang as they traveled to Jerusalem to attend their three major festivals or feasts (Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles). As they traveled for these feasts they used these times to remind themselves not to follow the “lies” of the world and to continue their “pilgrim” journey with God. These feasts helped them continue to walk faithfully with God by *refreshing* their memories of God's saving acts, *renewing* their commitments as God's covenant people, and *responding* as a blessed community to the best God had for them. During the summer months as we travel for times of refreshment and renewal, may we use these ancient psalms as a means to keep faithful to God and turn our back on the lies of the world. If you would like to learn more about each psalm there is a book entitled “*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*”, written by Eugene Peterson, which is available for purchase for \$10. If you would like a book, please sign your name on the back table and a book will be ordered for you.

<u>May 29</u> – Psalm 120 – “Repentance	“I’m Doomed to Live in Meshech”
<u>June 5</u> – Psalm 121 – “Providence”	“God Guards You from Every Evil”
<u>June 12</u> – Psalm 122 – “Worship”	“Let’s Go to the House of God”
<u>June 19</u> – Psalm 123 – “Service”	“Like Servants . . . We’re Watching & Waiting”
<u>June 26</u> – Psalm 124 – “Help”	“Oh, Blessed Be God! He Didn’t Go Off & Leave Us”

Change the World School of Prayer

2nd Monday of each month – 7 PM

(June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14)

Just a reminder that we are gathering on the 2nd Monday of each month to be instructed in how to pray the “change the world” prayer. We will gather for 90 minutes with teachings from Dick Eastman (founder of Every Home for Christ who has taught this teaching for 40 years). The evening is divided into three parts with times for prayer at the end of each teaching. Last month we had 10 people (with 2 absent due to conflicts). We would love to expand our prayer group. Prayer is not easy for many of us so we are learning and practicing prayer together. A resource book to take notes will be provided, along with pages for ponder points and prayer points. As a congregation, we will be praying every month up to our 40th Anniversary weekend (November 19-20).

Summer Brunches after Worship

2nd Sundays of each month

(June 12, July 10, August 14)

Once again we will be gathering for a potluck brunch after worship during the summer months. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, bring an item to share with others for a time of fellowship. This is a great time of community building where we sit by others and get to know not only our names but importantly our stories. Mark your calendars now so you can attend!

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Celebrating 40 years

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Worship Schedule:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:15 Coffee & Fellowship

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "A CHALLENGE FOR REVIVAL – 5 KEY FACTORS"

On Sunday, May 22, we had a great time with Joe Rystrom (former CTS member who has been in leadership with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) in Hong and Southeast Asia for 30 years). Many of us gathered with him for an evening of conversation and prayer on Saturday and then he delivered our message during worship on Sunday. During his message Joe challenged us to move beyond our safe ethnic-centric groups and circles and listen to where the voice of God is moving us. Our text was from the 10th chapter of the book of Acts where Peter had a vision that moved him beyond his Jewish circles into the whole world. Joe reminded us that we (CTS) have been given the same vision and we are free to go and obey or stay where we are and not move. It was a moving and challenging sermon about a great God who wants to be great things in His people!

After the service we had a potluck meal with Joe and then he shared a message of God with us. Since his return to the States (he now comes home twice a year), he has noticed an exciting moving of God. Everywhere he has been invited to speak this time, the topic of revival has arisen. All along Highway 81, people are seeking revival and asking Joe how it happens. Joe, in reflection, has been doing a lot of research and reading on the great revivals in America over the past 100 years. As Joe read and prayed, he noticed five key factors that were evident in every revival: (1) a deep thirst and hunger for God, (2) a deep love for each other, (3) a deep desire for Bible study, (4) a cry out to God for greater power and influence, and (5) a sincere and deep humility. Right now, Joe said, it is evident that God is looking to bring revival to His Church in America (and especially in this area as evidenced by all the meetings people are requesting of him).

Then Joe put out a challenge of invitation to those of us who stayed for the potluck and sharing time. Joe asked, "Do you want revival in CTS and in this area?" Our answer was an emphatic "yes!" Then Joe asked us if we would commit ourselves to these five factors needed for revival. Again, every hand went up with an emphatic "yes!" So, whether you realize it or not, some 30 people at CTS have committed themselves to pray for revival, seeking to live faithfully to these five factors. So my question to you -who were not there, will you do the same? Will you . . .

1 – Ask God for a deepening hunger and thirst for Him. Jesus promised us in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, they will be filled." (Matt. 5:6) Do you want a revival for God in your life (meaningful, real, personal), then begin a hunger and thirst to know God better (ask and you shall receive).

2 – Develop a deep love for each other. Jesus said, 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' (John 13:35) Do you love everyone at CTS? Are you uplifting each other, encouraging one another, praying for one another? Or are you exhibiting a spirit of division, of gossip, of putting down another? Is there anyone at CTS that you are avoiding and refusing to speak with for any reason? If so, we are failing in our love for each other and our witness to others is preventing revival. Above all, CTS should be known as a community that has a deep love for each other.

3 – A deep desire for Bible study. The book of Hebrews says, "For the word of God is alive and active." (Hebrews 4:12) and Peter wrote, "All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training." (2 Timothy 3:16). Are you in the Word? Do you have a Bible that you are bringing to church and opening up during the week to read, meditate, and listen for the voice of God? Revival requires that we ask God for a deep

Pastor Steve's Letter (continued)

hunger to read His Word. Our Bible studies should be full with members gathering for study both in church, in homes, and in our private times.

4 – A cry to God for greater power and influence. Imagine if our desire was to let God move in powerful and great ways in our congregation and our lives. Imagine how God would move and be pleased when His people desired His power of God at work in our congregation and in the lives and those people we would touch as a result of His power. Or are we satisfied with the God we worship now? Paul says that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to *his power within us.*" (Ephesians 3:20.

5 – Seek sincere and deep humility. What is humility, you may ask. Joe stated that humility is the opposite of pride. Pride seeks its own way and looks to its own interests first, ahead of others. Peter again wrote (a victim of pride most of his life), "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (1 Peter 5:6) Look at your life right now. What spirit is prevailing within you – pride or humility? Without humility, God can never bring revival because revival is about God's purpose and will being done in and through us. And if we are not seeking the above five factors, we are destined to remain where we are – static, safe, unmoved and not in tune with God.

So here's the important question for you. Do you want revival at CTS? Do you want CTS to become a mission-minded congregation that grew and reached out into the community 40 years ago? Or do you like where we are right now? I will be putting a large poster board in the back of the church with these five factors for revival on it. There you will find a postcard with the five factors needed for revival. If you want revival, take a postcard and commit yourself to these five factors. Once you take a postcard, begin practicing these five factors in your life and watch for the power of God to come upon us like the mighty wind of Pentecost.

Praying for revival,

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

The simple touch of a hand, human contact; this can mean the world and bring in the kingdom of God. Visiting a member who is ill and perhaps even dying, they lay in the bed unresponsive, unawake, and unknowing perhaps that anyone is there. And yet, the first thing I always do is to reach out and hold a hand, touch a shoulder, to speak a word of greeting to let them know I am there; and better yet that Jesus is also. In fact He would be present with anyone who walks in for a visit; pastors don't have the corner on the market. I just stand or sit there and hold their hand. I think of Job and his misery and how the best thing his three friends did was to come and sit with him for days, in silence, amongst the ashes of his life. They just sat with him, as if to say we are here to walk this with you, we can understand your pain. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians that we comfort others with the same consolation that we ourselves have been given. In truth, we are all the same.

We all have dreams and desires, hopes, sadness, failures and guilt, shame, longing, and loneliness. We don't share the same experiences but we all do know all the feelings and the residual emotional responses. We are all the same: broken, lost, hurting, and looking for something to help remind us that we are not alone in what we go through. In suffering we do have to go alone through things in some way, especially death, but it is very different to go alone with others walking with you to the very end. Job's friends were a great support just sitting there...until they began to try to figure it out and make sense of the situation. In speaking so often we say things that if we really thought about them, we would hope no one would ever say those things to us. But our presence, our holding on, our crying with or just holding someone says far more and does so far better than when we speak.

The speaking that means the most: the reminder of the Good News of Jesus; the truth of God's love which has been poured out for us and in it we see the reality of suffering beyond compare that made life possible. The writer of Hebrews points us to the throne of God to state that we can approach it with confidence because the one seated there knows what it is to walk life in a broken world. In every time of suffering He invites us to the throne, to be seated with Him on His lap, to be held and strengthened as He shows us His pierced hands and side borne in a body that can never die again. The promise. The proof.

And yet so often we feel alone. Even walking through everyday life we can feel so alone. We reach out for the hand of Jesus, but it comes to us in the hand of others. In a previous ministry, I visited a woman I served for years who lived in the care center. She repeated the same stories and was hard to communicate with and she had been there for 6 years. One day I came to visit with her. I asked her if there was anything I could do for her? She held out her hand and said, "Hold my hand and let me know that someone knows I'm here." Visitors had been few, she knew isolation and loneliness. All she wanted was for someone to come and hold her hand, and in that touch God would be there reassuring her that He knew she was there. God's love for us is what we are to share with the simplest of touches and words, and yet we fail so often.

We also can't expect someone to come if we haven't shared our need, and that perhaps is the hardest of all things; when someone sits in isolation and doesn't receive the touch that brings the kingdom because they won't share their need. Hold my hand and let me know that someone knows I'm here. Jesus always knows we are there, and if in need we must let someone know.

Perhaps that is what happens in Holy Communion. We come kneeling or standing in a continuous line, everyone with empty hands, longing to have someone remind us that they know we are here. I have never yet seen hands go away empty. God always knows. Perhaps a cure to our loneliness is to come and to go, to sit with and to hold a hand. God is there. He knows.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday School Exploration of the Bible

Thank you, thank you, thank you for our special teachers in Sunday School this year who shared the Gospel and loved our children and the stories of Jesus opened the door to them to come to God's kingdom. You are all appreciated greatly for your gifts.

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

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 man 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 – Thursday June 27th – 30th with a hoped for second week running from Tuesday through Friday July 5th – 8th. The camp will run from approximately 8:30 a.m. – 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.

Summer Sunday School

Come and Taste and See that the Lord is good. This summer we will be using a curriculum entitled CEREAL – learning about God's love through a connection to cereals we eat. This Sunday school will be a joint class again so all ages will be together and will run the same time as Sunday school during the year. Each child will be fed, not just with the love of Jesus, but as a part of the class each student will get a bowl of the cereal of the week, fruit, and milk to get them ready to worship and have more time with Jesus. So come on down and grab a bowl. Jesus is waiting to fill it and YOU up.

Acolyte Training

Any youth who are wishing to be a part of the ministry of the congregation will need to attend a short acolyte training after worship on Sunday June 12th. This will be for all acolytes to discuss new directions and to talk about this important ministry of the congregation. Please let Pastor Matt know that your child will be attending.

Wednesdays at the Pit

Every fourth Wednesday in May, June and July, the Youth Group will be hosting Wednesdays at the Pit. We will get a fire burning, play games – all sorts, have a cook out potluck and the ENTIRE congregation is welcome to join us. Each time, the youth group will be providing burgers, brats, and dogs in some combination and the condiments and buns, we ask those who come to chip in with a potluck side or dessert. There will also be water and tea available but all are welcome to BYONAB with you. (that's Bring Your Own Non Alcoholic Beverage) We will be firing up at 6 p.m., and we are going to be working to get a movie showing each evening as a bonus feature. Come and join us! Bring some chairs.

BIRTHDAYS

Doreen Kullbom	June 1
Sharel Olson	June 5
Cody Stone	June 5
Jaiden Roberts	June 11
Holly Heller	June 12
Gary Weich	June 14
Mike Rehan	June 15
Emily Svitak	June 15
Darla Jessen	June 18
Julie Greve	June 20
Orlene North	June 25
Troy Roberts	June 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Nate and Darcy Metschke	June 5
BJ and Sharon Koeppe	June 6
Pastor Steve and Mary Lund	June 11
Wendell and Wanda Muhs	June 14
Dennis and Linda Miller	June 15
Chuck and Jeanne Nicholson	June 20

Congratulations and God's blessings to everyone celebrating this month!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office. For accuracy of our records, we need the month, day and year.

April 17, 2016 Quarterly Mission Meeting

Agenda: Elections; Ministry team updates; Day camp/summer outreach (37 voting members present)

Greg Moen called the meeting to order at 11:45 p.m. Pastor Steve offered the devotion and opening prayer.

Elections: Greg would continue to serve as president of the Board of Administration but is term-limited by our constitution. Motion by Richard Hillrichs to suspend that rule, seconded by Charlie Skoglund. There being no opposition, the motion carried. The nominations were read, and Mary Weich made a motion to accept the slate of nominations, seconded by Millie Drey. A voice vote was taken in favor, there being none opposed; motion carried.

Results:

Board of Administration: Greg Motion, president; Steve Jessen, vice president; Jan Puls, finance; Richard Hillrichs, staff support/personnel; Warren Bennett, at-large. Board of Spiritual Oversight: Michelle Anderson, fellowship. A voice vote was also taken to elect Wanda Muhs to the Board of Administration in the property role to which she had been appointed. Motion by Michelle Anderson, seconded by Jan Puls, to elect Wanda; motion carried.

Greg expressed our thanks and appreciation to those board members whose terms have ended: Mary Weich, Margaret Svitak, Ginger Beckman, and Joan Falke.

Team updates: Mary Weich shared what the Welcome & Hospitality committee has planned; Charlie shared regarding the Lifelong Learning and Living Team (note their new name), and shared on the day camp; let him know if you can help. Linda Cyboron shared regarding the mission and ministry team. Richard shared regarding the staff support team, which includes Linda Miller, Arlynn Boelman and Steve Jessen.

Meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ADDENDUM: Following the quarterly mission meeting, the Board of Administration (Jan Puls, Steve Jessen, Greg Moen, Richard Hillrichs and Wanda Muhs; Warren Bennett, absent) met to approve the appointment of Carol Olson as Financial Secretary of the Budget Review Committee. Richard offered a motion to approve Carol's appointment, seconded by Jan. All voted in favor; motion passed. Greg directed those present to check their mailboxes for copies of the audit report recently completed.

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Recycle your empty medicine containers with Rhythm Rx. Bottles must be clean, transparent, labels removed, and have matching lids. A collection container will be set up.

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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism of Gabriel Tyler Olson (May 15)
Confirmation of Kelcie Hall and Ethan Olson (May 15)
Senior Quilt Milestone: Brandon Jones (May 15)
Memorial Service for Delores Olson (May 28)

BRIGHT HORIZONS

(Drop off any time): 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

(Drop off any time): 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.

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)

MOSQUITO BITE PREVENTION

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Type of mosquito: Aedes aegypti, Aedes albopictus

Viruses spread: Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika

Biting habits: Primarily daytime, but can also bite at night

Type of mosquito: Culex species

Viruses spread: West Nile

Biting habits: Evening to morning

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM MOSQUITO BITES

Use insect repellent

Use an EPA-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

DEET (Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon)

Picaridin, also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and icaridin (Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard

Plus)

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) (Repel)

IR3535 (Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart)

Always follow the product label instructions. Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.

- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

Natural insect repellents (repellents not registered with EPA)

- The effectiveness of non-EPA registered insect repellents, including some natural repellents, is not known.
- To protect yourself against diseases like chikungunya, dengue, and Zika, the CDC and EPA recommend using an EPA-registered insect repellent.
- When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective.

If you have a baby or child

- Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age.
- Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs, or cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Do not apply insect repellent onto a child’s hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.

Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child’s face.

- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children under 3 years of age.

Treat clothing and gear

Treat items such as boots, pants, socks, and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

- Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
- If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

Mosquito-proof your home

- Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use air conditioning when available.
- Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.

Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.

Board of Spiritual Oversight
April 19, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Pastor Steve shared a devotion from 1 Peter 5, then opened with prayer.

Motion by Steve to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Becky; motion carried.

Day camp will be one week only, per Pastor Matt, who gave an update on where we're at, what we need, and the cost. Current focus is on advertising, marketing, and bodies. Cost will be \$20 per child (\$5 per day x 4 days). 30 people are needed in variety of areas. This is for children who will be in 1st through 6th grades in the upcoming school year. Sponsorships may be available for those in need.

Linda shared that Joe Rystrom will be here the weekend of May 21-22. She will host an informal gathering at her home on the 21st for anyone who wishes to attend with Joe and to pray over him. On the 22nd, Joe will be preaching. There will be a potluck meal, and Joe will teach on missions.

Becky shared regarding the food pantry. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary; so far, six people have signed up. She will make an announcement on Sunday.

Mary shared that her team will head up planning the 40th anniversary. The community will be encouraged to attend this family-friendly celebration. Tara and Amanda have volunteered to compile a pictorial in September. Linda suggested they collect stories from people, including Joe Rystrom while he is here. Greg suggested creating a slideshow with historical photos to be displayed during the celebration. Steve has some ideas from Inspiration Hills that he will share with Mary. He suggested we have Second Sunday brunches during the summer as we've done in the past. It was also suggested that we could sign kids up for day camp during the Christian Cross Festival, which would require us to push back the registration deadline a couple of days.

Matt shared the theme for summer Sunday school is cereal. Every child who attends will get cereal, fruit and milk for breakfast, and the lessons will connect cereal to life and faith

Steve will be doing training with Vista June 14-16 with six others (adult formation and development). He will be gathering with "decades" (members in their 20s, 30s, etc.) . He will also hold a monthly 90-minute meeting the second Mondays on "Change the world through prayer." He will share a brochure that he received from Matt on Eldersiversity (age 55 and older) which will be June 6-7. He will also be preaching on the psalms of ascent this summer.

Matt will be gone this weekend to confirmation recharge with three youths. Kelcie Hall and Ethan Olson will be confirmed May 15, and Brandon Jones will be presented with his graduation quilt. Confirmation camp is scheduled for June 12-17. The senior banquet for Brandon Jones will be Friday, April 29; Mary's ministry team will help. Faith paper presentations will be shared May 11 at 6 p.m. (meal provided); board members are invited. Installation of new board members and commissioning of ministry teams will take place during worship on June 5.

Worship committee: A third type of worship service, "Now the Feast and Celebration," will be introduced in May, to be added to the rotation of traditional and contemporary services. We will use it throughout the month of June to become familiar with it.

Linda distributed a prayer for Christ the Servant.

Greg summarized the Board of Administration's meeting that was held a week ago.

Margaret closed this meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rogers

Women of Christ the Servant
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016

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

Michelle opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. April meeting minutes have been approved by board members online. Kathy presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1081.53. Fern moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and Julie seconded. Motion carried

Old Business

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore: Julie reported on the weekend. Those who attended had favorable comments and were inspired to "Grow up in our faith."

Bake Sale: May Day Bake Sale was very well received and \$321.50 was raised. It turned out to be an enjoyable event which even included an unplanned auction. Our tithe from the event (\$32.15) will be donated for this year's Day Camp.

Bless & Be Blessed: Saturday May 7th. Set up for this has begun and items will be added until it begins on Saturday. Proceeds will be donated to the Child Care and Tanzania.

Blue Jean Sunday: This was held the weekend of 4/23 and 4/24. A list is still available with tasks remaining to be done. Please contact Kathy for more information.

New Business

Annual Meeting: This will be held on June 4, from 10-12 and hosted by Michelle and Shirley Theil. Please pray for who God is calling for VP and Treasurer.

Bible Verses: Three Bible verses will be voted on to select the verse for our 2016-2017 year. They are: Romans 8:28, Psalm 105:4 and Galatians 5:25.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

2016/2017 Events: May 7 – 3rd Annual Bless and Be Blessed
 June 4 – Annual Meeting (election of VP and Treasurer)
 September 10 – Fall Gathering
 December 3 – Cookie Exchange/Decorate Sanctuary
 March 4 – Spring Gathering
 May 6 – Bless & Be Blessed Rummage Sale
 June 3 – Annual Meeting

June worship servants

Date	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Coffee
5	Duane & Shirley Theil	Chuck and Jeanne Nicholson	Steve Morton & Jo Roberts	Katelyn A., Elizabeth B.	Margaret Svitak	Skoglunds
12	Becky Bahnfleth, Mary Weich	Judy Carstens	Greg Moen Lonnie Svitak	Zach Cordner, Colin Broders	Kay Jaeger	Koepfes
19	Scott & Gina Krohn	Shirley and Duane Theil	Mike and Nell Finkral	Katelyn A., Elizabeth B.	Greg Moen	Jaegers
26	Charlie & Louise Skoglund	Doug and Pat Witte	Jeremy & Sharel Olson	Zach Cordner, Ethan Olson	Connie Atkinson	Mary Lund

JUNE	JULY
Altar Guild: Margaret Svitak, Kay Jaeger Communion Bread: Margaret Svitak Membership Care: Arlis Lind, Marilyn Nickols	Altar Guild: Connie Petersen, Shirley Theil Communion Bread: Shirley Theil Membership Care: Deb Olson, Kathy Rogers

Did you know that there are hundreds of options associated with your Social Security retirement benefits?

Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for an informative presentation hosted by Thrivent Financial representative Jeffrey Jensen. We will explore how to sort through the various choices and help ensure the decisions you make are ones you can live with — for the rest of your life. Please sign up at the church or contact Jeff Jensen (402-750-9009) or Jaylene Miller (402-860-9456) to RSVP. No products will be sold at this event.



June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 PM Youth Group 7 PM 40s decade meeting	2 9AM PieceMakers 4PM Story of God 6PM Women/CTS 6:30 WWO/VP3	3 5:30 Girl Scouts <i>Pastor Steve's day off</i>	4 10AM Women of CTS annual mtg
5 Pentecost 3 8:45 Sunday school 10AM Worship/Installation 11:15 Fellowship 6 PM Spirit-led worship	6 6PM Experiencing God 7PM Walk & Talk	7 9:30 Stewardship committee meeting 10:30 staff meeting 6:30 Childcare mtg	8 7 PM Youth Group 7 PM 50s decade meeting	9 9AM Agape Circle 4PM Story of God 6:30 WWO/VP3	10 <i>Pastor Steve's day off</i>	11 6PM Experiencing God wrap-up/pot-luck
12 Pentecost 4 8:45 Sunday school 10AM Worship 2nd Sunday Potluck Acolyte training Thrivent workshop	13 7PM Walk & Talk 7PM School of Prayer <i>Pastor Matt's day off</i>	14 FLAG DAY 10:30 staff meeting 7PM Worship mtg <i>Pastor Steve in Sioux Falls 14th-16th</i>	15 7 PM Youth Group	16 2PM Card Club 4PM Story of God 6:30 WWO/VP3	17 5-9 PM Fellowship hall reserved (Hespe neighborhood picnic) <i>Pastor Steve's day off</i>	18
19 Pentecost 5 FATHERS DAY 8:45 Sunday school 10AM Worship 11:15 Fellowship	20 Summer begins 7PM Walk & Talk <i>Pastor Matt's day off</i>	21 10:30 staff meeting 7PM Board mtgs	22 6PM Wednesday @ the Pit 7 PM 60s decade meeting	23 4PM Story of God 6:30 WWO/VP3	24 5:30 Girl Scouts <i>Pastor Steve's day off</i>	25
26 Pentecost 6 8:45 Sunday school 10AM Worship 11:15 Fellowship	27 9-2 Day Camp 7PM Walk & Talk <i>Pastor Matt's day off</i>	28 10:30 staff meeting 9-2 Day Camp	29 9-2 Day Camp 7 PM Youth Group 7PM 70s decade meeting	30 9-2 Day Camp Church reserved-- wedding rehearsal PM camp closing	<i>Kathy out of office</i> Alisha Stormo wedding <i>Pastor Steve's day off</i>	