



# MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER



## May Sunday Worship

The month of May is a BIG month for worship as we continue to celebrate the Seven Sundays of Easter and conclude with Pentecost Sunday and Holy Trinity Sunday. We often forget that the church has looked upon Pentecost as one of the BIG THREE festivals (Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost). Like every month, life is busy, but May has the most variety of them all this year. Please take note of the Sundays below and the special attention each Sunday will bring in worship.

May 6 – (John 15:9-17) – **Easter 6**

Christ, the friend and lover

Guest preacher: Joe Rystrom (Youth With A Mission)

May 13 – (John 17:6-19) – **Easter 7**

Christ's prayer for His disciples

Mother's Day

May 20 – (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15) – **Pentecost**

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

High School Graduation – giving of quilts

May 27 – (John 3:1-17) – **Holy Trinity**

Entering the reign of God

Memorial Day Weekend

## Honoring Our Graduating High School Seniors

Family Meal and Quilt

Christ the Servant will be honoring its two high school seniors who will be graduating from Norfolk Senior High on May 20. We will honor them with a special meal and gift presentation with their parents and honored guests on May 6. The congregation will also present our graduates with a special quilted blanket by PieceMakers on Sunday, May 13. Each quilt will have their confirmation verse on it. Please congratulate our seniors this year:

**Katelyn Hall**, daughter of Ron and Korrie Hall. Katelyn plans to attend Northeast Community College this fall and will major in agronomy.

**Maddie Moen**, daughter of Greg Moen. Maddie plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha and will major in pre-law or philosophy.

Congratulations Katelyn and Maddie!

Pastor Stephen J. Lund

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Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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Sunday school at 9:00 for all ages

## Wednesday Night Alive

Meals served between 6:00-6:30 PM

Wednesday Night Alive meets during the school year and will meet for the last time for a meal and time of fellowship before our worship on May 23. WNA will take a break for the summer months and begin again on Sept. 5. During the month of May we will conclude our worship theme on the **Significance of the Resurrection**. Now that we have celebrated another Easter, the question we need to ask is not whether the resurrection happened, but whether it “matters” that it happened. Each week we will explain how the resurrection resonates with our human condition in a way that no other distant event does or could do. The resurrection is the mainstay of our Christian assurance regarding our past, our present, and our future. You are invited to join us on any Wednesday. The weekly themes will be:

May 2 – The Symbol of Power

May 9 – The Conquest of Death

May 16 – The Resurrection of the Body

May 23 – Our Living Hope

## Summer Wednesday Night Worship

Beginning May 30 at 6:30 PM

During the summer months (the Wednesdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day), you are invited to worship mid-week on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The service and message will be different than Sunday mornings. Whether you are out of town on the weekend or are looking for a spiritual lift during the week, please join us on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary for a time of worship and reflection. Following each service there will be an opportunity for coffee and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

## Community Food Pantry

June 1-15 (9:30 to 11:30 AM)

Each year Christ the Servant volunteers to help with the Community Food Pantry for the first half of June (June 1-15), no matter how the days fall. This year June 1 falls on a Friday and June 15 falls on a Friday. So we will need to cover 11 days. Each day we need at least 3-4 people to work (one at the computer and 2-3 in the back to pack up the meals). A sign-up sheet is located on the back table. If you can help on any day or days, please help us fill up our volunteer sheet as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Pastor Steve's Letter: **"That Power is Still the Same"**

Do you sometimes feel like you have lost most of your strength and power? Do you feel like you are running on empty most days? Do you long for renewed strength and power again in your life? In these days following Easter, I have found my mind wandering (or wondering) toward the renewed strength and power that the disciples exhibited after the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and His sudden return to the heaven 40 days later (Ascension Day). How did that happen? What was now different than before? How did these scared, frightened disciples move beyond their locked doors into the world with renewed purpose and vigor? I realize seeing Jesus alive would be a major motivator, but the risen Christ was not with them long (only 40 days). What was the key to their renewed faith and hope? The key was Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives! After Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus told His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5). Then we are told, **"they all joined together constantly in prayer"** (Acts 1:14). And when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, well, you know the rest of the story.

Scholars have debated about the day of Pentecost ever since. Some have suggested this power was given only to the early church. Others have suggested only parts of it have continued to this day. Still others believe this same power is available to every believer in Christ today (this is my belief). So if this Holy Spirit is still present in our world, why don't others see His works and power more often around us? Well, the simple answer would be this: we have not called upon the Holy Spirit in prayer to show us God's purposes and ways and we have relied far too often on our own strength and efforts. And human strength will only take us so far. And tragically today, the world is watching to see if any God-explained things are happening in and through us. You see, you and I are meant to be channels of the Holy Spirit in this world. The fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control) are to be more evident in our lives each and every day. If not, we are not producing the much fruit which brings glory to God (John 15:8).

So here is my prayer for all of us. It is the same prayer that Paul said for the church in Ephesus. Listen again to his prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what you need to hear in it today as you read it.

"<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

Did you hear and understand what Paul said in his prayer? He is praying that the church in Ephesus (post-Easter and post-Pentecost) would be able to comprehend this incomparable great power that raised Jesus from the dead. This power is available to all who believe and are seeking to be "in Christ." Paul is praying that we may be given this same "spirit of wisdom and revelation" and that the "eyes of our heart may be enlightened." It is in this power and in this revelation that we are given the very power of the Holy Spirit to do great things for God and His Kingdom.

As we move into the summer months of activity, may your bodies be refreshed and renewed. May you come to worship seeking to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. May you "keep on asking" God the Father to give you this "Spirit of wisdom and revelation." The summer months are part of the longest season of the church year – the Pentecost Sundays – i.e., seeking to live and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Seeking my own renewal in the Spirit,

*Pastor Steve*

## **Congregational Meeting**

June 3 following worship

Our leadership boards (Spiritual Oversight and Administration) have reviewed and approved a new constitution for the congregation of Christ the Servant. This new constitution has been mailed to every household for your review. The main reason for a new constitution is, after governing with two separate boards since 2010, both boards have concluded our congregation would be best served by having only one board which will be called the Congregation Council. This Council would be composed of four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), six At-Large Congregation Council members, and the Senior Pastor. All members of the Congregation Council would be elected by the congregation. If this new constitution is approved on June 3, the new Congregation Council would be elected on July 1 and begin its term of office immediately following the July 1 vote.

Please read through the new constitution before our June 3 meeting. Nearly everything in the new constitution is the same as the old constitution except those chapters which relate to Officers (Chapter 14) and Congregation Council (Chapter 15). Once the congregation decides on a constitution, the Nominating Committee will meet and present names needed for our election. Please note: the congregation will have the opportunity to give names to the Nominating Committee in addition to their list.

Board of Administration Meeting  
March 20, 2018  
9:05 p.m.

Present: Richard Hillrichs, Warren Bennett, Steve Freese, Jan Puls, Wanda Muhs, Pat Witte

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting by Steve, second by Jan; motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Parsonage deck fund: activity in this account has fallen off. Richard would like to close this account and transfer the money to the general fund. Motion to close parsonage deck fund by Wanda, second by Warren; all voted in favor, motion carried.

No word yet from T&H Drywall, per Warren. Wanda would like names and phone numbers of painters if anyone knows someone.

Warren is still looking at lawnmowers. The least expensive is John Deere. Cost would be \$3,900 for zero-turn 48" deck (same size as what we have, which fits in the shed). He suggested a fund for the mower like we did for the deck; this could be put in the bulletin. Warren will pursue this, as \$5,500 was budgeted. Motion to approve purchase of new lawn mower by Wanda, second by Steve; all voted in favor, motion carried.

#### REPORTS

- Membership/Stewardship: Pat's committee is looking at doing another Neighborhood Welcome in April. Doris will talk with Pastor about calls as well as inactive members.
- Personnel: Steve's committee will meet with Kathy and Pastor Steve at 3:00 Thursday.
- Property: Wanda will show Richard where the carpet needs to be stretched. Richard suggested we look at remodeling the unisex bathroom.
- Financial report (attached): Motion to accept by Steve, second by Warren; all voted in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve payment of \$1,347 for copier maintenance by Steve, second by Jan; motion carried. This item was not in the budget but should have been included.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m. Next meeting: April 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church			
2018 Income & Expenses			
	March	YTD	
<b>Income</b>			
Member Offerings	14,902.50	43,584.23	
Non Member Offering	225.00	685.00	
Coffee Hour Donations	48.05	141.80	
Misc (WNA, books, flowers, reimburse)	107.49	756.54	
Designated Church Property	400.00	900.00	
Designated Memorials	2,115.00	2,140.00	
Designated Missions	300.00	710.00	
Designated A Cyboron	70.00	170.00	
Designated B Cyboron	50.00	150.00	
Designated Weich	20.00	20.00	
Designated Day Care/income	4,185.40	13,462.50	
Designated Good Samaritan	50.00	150.00	
Designated Tanzania & Travel	3,784.00	5,074.00	
Total	26,257.44	67,944.07	
Interest Income	3.87	8.32	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,261.31</b>	<b>67,952.39</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	11,604.09	28,062.86	
Church Building	3,640.80	10,972.04	
Parsonage	363.39	1,110.97	
Discipleship	204.31	738.98	
Fellowship/Evangelism	203.33	564.27	
Church Mission Giving	1,200.00	4,100.00	
Local Benevolence	340.91	937.36	
Worship	201.96	1,182.61	
Misc (WNA, books, flowers, reimburse)	321.49	530.60	
Day Care	7,691.47	16,781.93	

Income Statement		
	March	YTD
General Income	17,851.91	48,240.89
Less General Expenses	18,080.28	48,199.69
Church General Income	(228.37)	41.20
Day Care Income	4,185.40	13,462.50
Less Day Care Expenses	7,691.47	16,781.93
Net Day care Income	(3,506.07)	(3,319.43)
<b>Net Church Total Income</b>	<b>(3,734.44)</b>	<b>(3,278.23)</b>
Day Care Income & Expenses		
	March	YTD
<b>Income</b>		
Donations & Grants	2,500.00	3,100.00
Other (private fees)	1,685.40	5,008.90
State Reimbursement(fees & food)		5,353.60
Total Income	4,185.40	13,462.50
Expenses		-
Payroll Wages	6,645.00	14,091.48
FICA Expense	508.34	1,071.53
Food & Supplies	410.63	1,231.50
Training		50.00
Other	127.50	337.42
Total Expenses	7,691.47	16,781.93
<b>Day Care Net Income</b>	<b>(3,506.07)</b>	<b>(3,319.43)</b>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 Childcare	2 5:30 confirm 6:15 meal 7:00 worship 7:45 youth	3 9:00 quilting 6:30 MOPS steering	4 Set up for rummage sale	5 8AM~3PM Rummage sale 6:30 Joe Rystrom
6 <i>Easter 6</i> 9:00 S. school 10:00 worship Potluck 6:00 Sr. meal	7	8 6:30 WCTS 6:30 Exp. God	9 6:15 meal 7:00 worship 7:45 youth	10 9:00 Agape	11	12
13 <i>Easter 7</i> 9:00 S. school 10:00 worship Senior quilts Fellowship	14 5:30 Hospitality 6:00 Ultreya	15 6:30 Spiritual Oversight	16 6:15 meal 7:00 worship 7:45 youth	17 2:00 card club 6:45 MOPS	18 6:30 wedding rehearsal	19 2:00 Yott, Beaudette wedding
20 <i>Pentecost</i> 10:00 worship Fellowship	21 6:30 Board of Administration	22 6:30 Exp. God	23 6:15 meal 7:00 worship 7:45 youth	24	25	26
27 <i>Holy Trinity</i> 10:00 worship Fellowship	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> (office and daycare closed)	29 6:30 Exp. God	30 6:30 worship 7:30 youth	31		

## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 *Jeff & Janet Hrouda*

5/6 Karen Peters

5/9 Robert Beed

5/12 Fern Zechmann

5/15 Linda Cyboron, Louise Skoglund

5/17 Brad Beed

5/20 *Don & Mary Ann Knee*

5/24 Marsha Burke

5/25 *Brian & Michelle Anderson*

5/26 Margaret Svitak