



# JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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## Summer Sunday Worship – The Season of the Spirit Walking with Jesus in the Book of Matthew

During the summer months (June, July, August) we are rotating two different styles at our 10:00 AM worship time – one being the Service of the Word from the Lutheran Book of Worship and the other our contemporary format singing contemporary music. Both services may use music from our Renew songbook. Each service will include the Lord's Supper followed by a time of fellowship. As the Holy Spirit is given to all believers, we are reminded that we have been commanded by our Lord to “go” and “make disciples” of all nations and all peoples. Our texts will encourage and empower us to go in the Name of Jesus with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Then we will examine three parables (teachings) of Jesus concerning how the Kingdom of heaven grows.

- July 2 – Matthew 10:34-42 **Patriotic Freedom Sunday**  
Celebrating our true freedom from sin (Romans 6:12-23)  
We will be singing our favorite patriotic hymns during worship
- July 9 – Matthew 11:25-30 **5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The easy and light yoke of discipleship
- July 16 – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 **6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The parable of the sower and the seed
- July 23 – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 **7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The parable of the weeds
- July 30 – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 **8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
The parables of the mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure, pearl, and net

In next month's newsletter we will be talking about having conversations around three important questions: (1) Who is God? (2) Who am I? and (3) What am I to do with my life? These three questions and conversations will take place in the months of September, October and November. You will be invited to take part in a series of 8 conversations using a resource book entitled “Growing Up”. You will hear more about this congregational venture in next month's newsletter with more details and ways to become involved as we as a congregation address these three critical questions.

## W.O.W. Worship (Worship on Wednesdays) Summer months (6:30 PM)

Our W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays) will continue during the months of July and August at 6:30 p.m. Our theme is the “Very truly I tell you” sayings of Jesus in the gospel of John. The worship format includes 2-3 songs, a responsive psalm reading, a scripture reading, prayer, and a short message. This service and message will be different than our Sunday worship so you are invited to come if you are out-of-town on the weekends or if you would like a boost during the middle of the week. We hope that many of you will join us for this special, informal and weekly worship!

## PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER — "Where Is Your Parish?"

I recently completed my adult faith development plan with VantagePoint3 in Sioux Falls, SD, by personal invitation in a yearlong process called Vista (meeting for 3 days at 3 different times every six months). I have been meeting with three other congregations across the nation (Denver, Dallas and Canada) to share our interest and passion in discipleship (making disciples of Jesus Christ who then make disciples of Jesus in other people). We have been sharing our dreams, reading materials, and designing our own plans in our own unique settings. I will be sharing this process with the Board of Spiritual Oversight and with the congregation at our next congregational quarterly mission meeting in August. At our last meeting in June, we were asked to watch a 30-minute video entitled "The Pace of Being Known". This video has got me to thinking about how we do church and how we may be called to do church in the future in America.

In the past it was assumed if you built a church and put a sign outside with the times of worship people would come. Like the saying in the movie, "Field of Dreams", if you build it, they will come. Well, that was true for many generations as Lutherans arrived in America and looked for a Lutheran church in their native tongue and then a certain denomination as their descendants were born. Without having to give you any statistics, it doesn't take long to see that this method is no longer working. In fact, most church growth comes through transfers where a certain church is able to attract others because of its worship style or programs. What if we approached church in a different way? What if we began to see the "parish" not as the congregation that gathers on Sunday but the people we encounter and see during the week where we live and travel?

The impetus for this month's letter comes from this short video by Pastor Matt Canlis who began his first call in Scotland at an "end of the road" parish called Methlick. (You can watch the whole video at [www.livegodspeed.org](http://www.livegodspeed.org)). Pastor Matt soon realized when he arrived in Methlick that his parish was not simply the people who came to his congregation but all the people in the town he would get to know by face and name. Eugene Peterson (author of The Message Bible) says, "Nobody in America gets known very much." Pastor Matt begins this video by stating, "I've been running for most of my life - running through life to get to someone else. The thing about running is that you miss things, many things. And if I kept running I was going to miss everything!" As I heard him say these words about running through life, I said "Amen!" Most of us are constantly on the run to somewhere. We rarely are living in the present moment and enjoying the day which the Lord has given to us. And since life is a marathon, running at full speed will never help us finish the race. As the prophet Isaiah warned us by stating, "Even youths will grow tired and weary, and young men will stumble and fall, but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31-32a)

As Pastor Matt slowed his pace in Methlick he learned an important lesson. In Methlick, houses have names; in America, houses have numbers. In Methlick, houses have stories of the people with names; in America, people are faceless with unknown stories in houses with their decks in the backyard where no one will bother them. The end result is a society of lonely people with nobody knowing who they are and what their lives are all about. Pastor Matt read a book entitled "The 3 MPH God" where the author reminds that Jesus traveled by walking (a walking pace is 3 mph) and that we need to slow down to a 3 mph pace if we are going to catch up with God. While it has been centuries ago and miles away since Jesus walked on this earth, He still calls to walk at the pace of being known. I can still remember when I was growing up that Sunday was the day of neighboring and visiting. Often we went to my Mom's family in Clarion, Iowa, (45 miles from my hometown), but it also included visiting people in town. Now it seems Sunday is one of the busiest days of the week.

Pastor Matt also said that we have become a “tourist” generation, always on the run so that we avoid being known. We have become a “rootless” people versus a people who slow down and go deeper. One of the reasons we stay hidden from others is because we are afraid that if others knew us they would not like us. What a great opportunity to know others and their stories we have today. We have a God who welcomes us and seeks to help us “soar on wings like eagles.”

So where is your parish where you are being encouraged to walk 3 mph? Every one of us has their own personal parish where we travel during the week. Will you slow down enough to look into the faces you encounter and begin a conversation with them? I have discovered that most people are longing to be known, to have someone else know their name, and most importantly, to know their story. (My wife, Mary, recently walked across our street to deliver “welcome” muffins to our new neighbors. She got to know their names, hear a little bit of their story, and a chance to extend an invitation to attend Day Camp and worship. If they come, great; if not, Mary has a name to a person in “her” parish.) As Ezekiel inquired: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Ezekiel 6:16)

Sadly, Ezekiel saw a nation of Israel, called into existence by God for such a purpose, who said, ““But you said, “We will not walk in it.”” What will be our response as the church in this day and age? Will we heed the call to go into our own parishes and get to the names (and stories) of people we meet or will we say “I will not walk in it”? If we are willing to do so, it will require that we slow down to walk as Jesus did – 3 miles per hour!

Slowing down to walk the pace of Jesus,

*Pastor Steve*

## PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

*Jesus - "I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one." John 17:9-11*

*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:1-6*

**Quicumque vult salvus esse: ante omnia opus est, ut teneat catholicam fidem.** (*Whosoever will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith*) - **Opening line of the Athanasian Creed in original Latin text.**

First off let me say this was a blessing for me to do and it might be a bit challenging for many who might read this newsletter article...but that's okay as it may very well be the beginning of challenging change which can only grow faith and the Church.

I sat with Dean and Al after Holy Trinity worship and they looked at me and said, "Hey Pastor, what's all this catholic stuff in the creed today?" Now in one way that question demonstrates something to me, and it opens a door for me to do what I am called to do as a pastor. The "motivation" for most of the challenge behind the use of the word catholic in the creeds is that we are Lutheran – not Roman Catholic. In fact, in the Lutheran Church many of my dealings with people over the last 20 years of ministry has often been people who say, "We don't do that because it's too Catholic." Why are people making the sign of the cross (that's Catholic)? Why are people dipping their finger in the font and then making the sign of the cross (that's Catholic)? Why the robes? Why private confession? Why... You may have a couple to add here. So I am going to try to tackle two issues here as best and as briefly as I can (but you are more than welcome to come and talk so we can go into depth).

Specifically in all three of the Ecumenical Creeds that as Lutherans we confess to be significant and informative to our faith the word catholic is used. Note: not Catholic. The word is used in its original writing as an adjective modifying or describing the word faith; and is NOT a noun describing a thing which is the Roman Catholic church. The meaning of the word catholic is "universal" -- the commonly agreed on faith of the Christian Church, but also the Church as it has been and will be in time and space. It is not a denial or acceptance of the Roman Catholic faith or the Christian faith, but it is a statement that the faith expressed in the creeds is the universally agreed upon faith of the Church (that's Holy Apostolic).

The inclusion of the word catholic in the Athanasian Creed has been in our church body's last two hymnals, as well as the LCMS hymnals. In the LCMS it is to be found on page 134 of the most recently used hymnal, the blue covered *Lutheran Worship*. This creed was also to be found on page 53 of the older hymnal *The Lutheran Hymnal*. (Which I have a copy of and you can come look at.) Should you look in these hymnals, please note that in both of those hymnals the word catholic is specifically used; so since at least 1941 (the date that *The Lutheran Hymnal* was first published) this specific language has been regularly used within Lutheran publications including in the LCMS.

We use the term because it describes the Church - which is another challenge altogether. When I talk of the Church I mean the CHURCH universal, Christ's Body, perfected and not. When I speak of this place – it is our congregation; where we come to worship, it is not the church, it is our congregation, in the Church. I am the Church, you are the Church, and we are the Church TOGETHER (there is a song there I believe). It is the Body of Christ: living, at rest, and as yet unborn brought together by the working of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus to be His body in the world, begun in Baptism, fed and nourished at His table, and grown and

learned through works, study, giving, service and a lifetime of molding by God. We have to come to a place where we will be willing to grow, again, and face the fact that we and several generations ahead of us have made the Church, knowingly or not, in our image, locked it away in a building, and turned the world against it by how we act with and as one another. (In short, does the world see Jesus in your actions, words, ways? Really?) If you can come to grips with that, the rest can fall into place.

So why all the catholic stuff? One of the greatest challenges for the Church, in this congregation, city, state, and America, if not the world, is that most people cannot tell you what we ARE. They can tell you what they ARE NOT. We are not Catholic, we don't do those things, we don't believe in that... But, did Jesus not pray that all of His children would be ONE, unified (in Him and His will), together. Do we not clearly use the term the Body of Christ to describe the Church, or are we talking about only us and those who believe exactly as we do? If we are doing that we are severely limiting God and amputating the Body of Christ. *"The eye can't say to the hand, I don't need you"* (**1 Cor 12:21**)...But isn't that what the Lutherans and Catholics have done for over 100 years because of American denominationalism? I am a Christian (catholic believer in Christ) who happens to worship in the Lutheran denomination because the teachings and writings of Martin Luther best help me to understand my faith as it is laid out in Holy Scripture. (Thanks, Hilda Crosley, for helping me learn that as a youth.) I don't hold the corner market on knowledge – each part of the Church has something to learn from the other: the Baptists, the Catholics, the Presbyterians and any other TRULY Christian faith group that is a part of the Body and not a cult or heretical group.

Why do I do things that my brothers and sisters in the Catholic denomination do? Because Martin Luther said those things shouldn't be lost to us. Look at your Catechism, look at the Lutheran Hymnal – daily prayer, making the sign of the cross, other parts were never meant to be lost; but we have lost them trying not to be something and at the same time we have diminished our witness, divided the Body, and shown the world something that IS NOT JESUS.

And as to the joke about others thinking they are the only ones in heaven (heard it from Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians). What did Paul remind us of and call us to in lieu of Jesus' prayer – *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* The One Church – our strength lies in the Oneness Paul states, and in its division lies our demise (not only outside in the world, but inside in the congregation).

We must begin to learn again, to study, so that no matter our age we help hold one another on the right path of trajectory to meet the True Christ of the Bible, the One God in Three Persons – who is the very reason we are to be one, unified and catholic in faith. Can you tell people what you are and not "what you are not"? Can you tell people with clarity of experience where you have personally encountered the living, resurrected Christ? Can you face the truth that you (and we all are in that) have made faith something of our own personal creation and dismissed the truth of the God who is met in the Bible because we have forgotten who He is because we haven't read His Word? **Romans 1:22ff** warns us that *"Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man...exchanging the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the created things rather than the Creator."*

*What's all this catholic stuff – it is the ONE TRUE FAITH, in JESUS CHRIST, in the statement of our belief through word and action that claims unity and holds us together as the Church, and that is meant to be our strength and our springboard to bringing others to meet Jesus.*

PEACE

*Pastor Matt*

## YOUTH CALENDAR

### **July Special Youth Prayer needs:**

**Remember Blake Olson** as he continues to let his experiences and learning from the Nexus Institute work with in him and as he formulates a path to do ministry and bring God's story to the people around him.

**Remember those who will be going on Mission to Minneapolis, Minn., for a Week of Hope: Colin Broders, Elizabeth Broders, Emilee Olson, Carter Olson, and Becky and Pastor Matt** as they prepare and travel to serve others and God. Pray for safety of travel and for their safety while there. Pray that they might learn more completely God's love for all in creation and how to reach out to others to serve and to share God's love. Finally, pray most of all that they would come back changed for a lifetime through a life giving encounter with the God of all creation.

**Remember Who YOU ARE: Baptism – a Model for Christian Life** – A SUNDAY MORNING Bible study and look into Baptism and what it means to us for our lives. This is an 8-week study held on **Sunday Mornings BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM** that began JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>. There is a book that corresponds to the class and the cost of the book is \$12.00 including shipping. Please let Pastor Matt know as soon as you can so that a book can be secured for you. This study is intended to be for a mixed group of learners, youth and sage alike. Please sign up outside the main office door to participate.

## Board of Spiritual Oversight Meeting

June 20, 2017, 6:30 PM

**Attendance:** Brian Anderson, Doug Witte, Deb Olson, Steve Jessen, Pastor Steve, Pastor Matt.

**Absent:** Linda Cyboron

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Steve welcomed the new Board members (Doug, Deb, Steve) and stated he is looking forward to having new members on the Board with new ideas and insights. He then shared a devotional on the purpose of the church from Ephesians 4:1-16.

**Approval of May 16 minutes:** Brian motioned and Doug seconded that the minutes be approved with two corrections. The FLYTE mission trip is July 9-15 instead of June 18-24 and a typographical error under Quarterly Mission Meeting – “wither” should read “either.”

**Board Agenda** was approved with one addition – Update on Tanzania mission trip. Next Board meeting will be July 18.

**Financial Report:** the report was received from the Board of Administration (Greg Moen is producing the reports each month). Income is \$9,665.27 behind expenses through May.

**Board Responsibilities and Direction:** Pastor Steve read aloud Chapter 4 from our bylaws which describe the Board of Spiritual Oversight’s purpose and responsibilities. The Board’s overall purpose is the spiritual oversight of the congregation and its members. Pastor Steve will be dividing the congregation into 5 intergenerational family unit groups which will be overseen by the 5 Board members. We will discuss and define this process at next month’s meeting.

**Adult Faith Development:** Pastor Steve shared his final Vista Cohort meeting with the Board regarding a process of members to enter into a growing and maturing faith. He presented a metaphor diagram centered on three triad words (Called -Transformed-Sent; Father-Son-Holy Spirit; Abide-Alive-Abound) and three questions: (1) How are you hearing the call of God upon your life? (2) How are you growing? (3) How are you serving and investing in others? He will be sharing this development plan with the congregation at the next Quarterly Mission Meeting on August 13.

**Discipleship:** There are two adult Sunday school classes meeting during the summer – Pastor Matt on Baptism at 8:30 AM and Pastor Steve on the Secrets of the Vine (John 15) at 9 AM. Day Camp will be held on June 26-29.

**Worship:** Summer worship is held at 10 AM with a rotation between Service of the Word (LBW) and contemporary. W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) begins at 6:30 PM for those gone on the weekends and also as a spiritual lift during the week. Discussion on Sunday worship will be one of the topics at our next Quarterly Mission Meeting on August 13.

**Outreach:** Linda was absent but positive review of Missions Sunday on June 18.

**Fellowship:** Summer potlucks will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of each month (July 9, August 13). Bus trip to the Omaha Zoo on June 24. There will be bonfire gathering on Saturday, July 1, at 5 PM at the church shelter area before Big Bang Boom fireworks. CTS will have a float again the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Pastor Matt:** Informed new members of his Faith Webbing training and how it works in a congregation. Shared his trip with Blake Olson to NEXUS at Grandview University in Des Moines, IA, (held June 11-16) which helps youth discover their ministry and purpose in life. Will take four youth (FLYTE) to Minneapolis, MN, on a mission trip organized by GROUP which is entitled “A Week of Hope” (July 9-16). Gave an update on Day Camp (June 26-29).

**Pastor Steve:** Already shared his adult Sunday class that is meeting during the summer months and a short presentation of his adult faith development process at CTS (presented fully on August 13). He is scheduling visits with certain congregational members to ask individuals 4 questions: (1) How do you see your life purpose now? (2) What do you do best? (3) What role would you love to have? (4) How would like to be remembered? He will be gone on two family vacations in July.

**Quarterly Mission Meeting:** The Board set the next Quarterly Mission Meeting for Sunday, August 13. Topics for discussion: Sunday Worship, Faith Development: Faith Webbing and Adult Faith Development.

**Update on Tanzania Mission Trip:** The trip originally scheduled with women from CTS traveling to Tanzania this summer has been postponed to next summer and the women will join the youth who will be going.

**Adjournment:** We adjourned at 8:05 PM

**Closing Prayer** was given by Steve Jessen.

Board of Administration meeting  
June 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Richard Hillrichs, chair; Warren Bennett, Wanda Muhs, Jan Puls, Doris Hoffart  
ABSENT: Steve Freese

Richard called this meeting to order and offered the opening prayer. Tonight's agenda was reviewed and there were no changes. Last month's minutes were reviewed and there were no changes. Jan offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Warren. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Old business:

Richard asked Wanda for an update on replacing the deck on the parsonage and the fascia on the church building. Wanda reported that Roger Haselhorst will be here Thursday morning to give us an estimate on the labor to replace the fascia, as the estimate she has is for materials only. Richard asked Wanda to bring this to the board as soon as she receives it. It is our intention to have the work done yet this year.

The bid from Century Lumber to replace the parsonage deck is for composite materials. Richard asked Wanda to get an estimate from Century Lumber for the cost of wood materials. Wanda was also asked to get estimates from Menards for wood and composite materials for a deck the current size and one slightly smaller. It is our hope that we can rely on volunteers from our membership to remove and replace the deck versus hiring it done. Jan offered a motion to table this discussion until we have all of the information requested, seconded by Doris. There being no further discussion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

It was decided last month to purchase rugs instead of continuing to rent them from Appera. After some discussion, it was decided to go with charcoal gray, which Wanda will order.

Richard shared that Greg has agreed to continue to prepare our financial reports. Jan offered a motion to appoint Greg as financial secretary for Christ the Servant. This will be a new position as it is not in our constitution. Warren seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

New business:

It was brought to Kathy's attention that the Norfolk Public Schools will be selling used teacher laptops and technology on July 7. The laptop in the church office needs to be replaced, and it is Kathy's understanding that the highest price for one of these would be \$100. Wanda offered a motion to purchase a used laptop from NPS, seconded by Jan. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Kathy was instructed to research making this purchase.

Bills for approval:

G&B Sprinklers \$288.00. Wanda offered a motion to approve paying this bill, seconded by Warren. There being no further discussion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Reports:

Financial report (see attached). Richard noted that offerings were down quite a bit in May.

Membership/Stewardship: Doris asked if we are going to do pledges again in September. We didn't last year, as the year before pledges did not come close to actual giving. They sent one visitor card this past month. They will continue to discuss online giving. Pastor Matt schedules his own visits, and Pastor Steve has been gone quite a bit lately.

Personnel: no report. Linda Miller and Arlynn Boelman will continue to serve on the personnel committee.

Next meeting: Monday, July 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m. Warren noted that he won't be here that day as he will be in Alaska.

There being no further business, Warren offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doris. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church						
2017 Income & Expenses						
	January	February	March	April	May	YTD
<b>Income</b>						
Member Offerings	18,818.80	18,795.25	18,229.10	19,349.53	15,427.34	90,620.02
Non Member Offering	400.00	800.00	367.86	550.00	590.00	2,707.86
Coffee Hour Donations	32.45	33.00	31.15	44.00	48.40	189.00
Holiday Boutique	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Reimburse, Church use, misc	225.47	411.42	120.00	629.00	345.00	1,730.89
Designated Day Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Missions	305.00	490.00	295.00	100.00	185.00	1,375.00
Designated A Cyboron	25.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	-	125.00
Designated B Cyboron	475.00	475.00	975.00	25.00	1,050.00	3,000.00
Designated Emily Svitak	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Weich	-	-	20.00	100.00	-	120.00
Designated Rystrom	-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Day Care/income	6,034.89	3,980.41	5,388.90	5,976.24	5,261.28	26,641.72
Designated Good Samaritan	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	250.00
Designated Tanzania	-	-	171.00	417.00	50.00	638.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,366.61</b>	<b>25,060.08</b>	<b>25,698.01</b>	<b>27,265.77</b>	<b>23,007.02</b>	<b>127,397.49</b>
Interest Income	4.50	2.35	4.17	2.42	2.45	15.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,371.11</b>	<b>25,062.43</b>	<b>25,702.18</b>	<b>27,268.19</b>	<b>23,009.47</b>	<b>127,413.38</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administration	14,432.48	16,258.46	19,410.69	14,199.29	14,247.66	78,548.58
Church Building	2,826.39	3,529.70	3,427.50	2,065.71	3,025.58	14,874.88
Parsonage	593.67	310.69	351.69	188.54	621.18	2,065.77
Discipleship	126.65	228.35	348.48	49.99	856.66	1,610.13
Fellowship/Evangelism	1,178.60	253.50	309.98	316.68	532.72	2,591.48
Church Mission Giving	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	2,000.00
Local Benevolence	384.79	431.44	452.18	393.09	20.00	1,681.50
Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worship	-	288.24	259.57	82.85	417.25	1,047.91
Day Care	4,180.58	4,239.68	8,623.32	5,173.97	5,182.85	27,400.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,123.16</b>	<b>25,940.06</b>	<b>33,583.41</b>	<b>22,870.12</b>	<b>25,303.90</b>	<b>131,820.65</b>

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Administration	14,432.48	16,258.46	19,410.69	14,199.29	14,247.66	78,548.58
Church Building	2,826.39	3,529.70	3,427.50	2,065.71	3,025.58	14,874.88
Parsonage	593.67	310.69	351.69	188.54	621.18	2,065.77
Discipleship	126.65	228.35	348.48	49.99	856.66	1,610.13
Fellowship/Evangelism	1,178.60	253.50	309.98	316.68	532.72	2,591.48
Church Mission Giving	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	2,000.00

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & MORE

### BIRTHDAYS

7-1 Kathy Rogers  
7-3 Amanda Cyboron  
7-6 Jesse Meyer  
7-16 Brian Anderson  
7-22 Jerry Hayes  
7-23 Lu Carter  
7-24 Michelle Anderson  
Sam Cordner  
Bill Thoendel  
7-27 Linda Miller  
7-30 Connie Atkinson  
John Lund  
7-31 Susie Lutz

### ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie & Louise Skoglund July 20  
Dallas & Jan Puls July 27

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### WEDDING

*May 27, 2017*

Bobbie Buettgenbach and Seth Gerdes

#### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*June 4, 2017*

Katelyn Anderson  
Haleigh Roberts  
Hannah Roberts

#### INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

*June 11, 2017*

Steve Jessen  
Richard Hillrichs  
Steve Freese  
Deb Olson  
Jan Puls  
Warren Bennett  
Wanda Muhs  
Brian Anderson  
Linda Cyboron  
Doug Witte

### CARD OF THANKS

Dear Family of CTS,  
Many and sincere thanks for all the visits, cards, and food given to my son and me during my recent illness in the hospital and Bel Air Nursing Home. Also my thanks to those who gave me rides to therapy. It is hard to describe what a big help it was. It's times like these when you know how many friends you have. This is a wonderful church family I have the privilege of which to be a part. Thank you all again and God bless you.

Love, Marilyn Woolard

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to work at the Norfolk Food Pantry June 1st through 15th. We served 174 clients.

Dennis and Linda Miller, Nell Finkral, Wendell Hahne, Pastor Steve Lund, Doug and Pat Witte, Merlin and Kris Lee, Linda Cyboron, Doris Hoffart, Darla Jessen, Louise Skoglund, and Shirley Theil.

*May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this. Ruth 2:12*

You all are a special blessing to me for volunteering. Thank you again!

Shirley Theil, coordinator

Thanks for all of you who filled our Food Pantry cart again. They need soda crackers. God blesses us when WE are a blessing to others!

Dear Members, thank you for the generous cash donation [Local Benevolence]. We appreciate that you thought of us. It is support like this that allows us to assist our clients.

Sincerely, Bright Horizons staff

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Heather Quaid  
1201 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street #8, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57108  
(as of 6/24/2017)

PLEASE NOTE: Medicine containers will no longer be collected as we have no place to send them.

# JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:30 Bible study (no adult S.S.) 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship Mission/Ministry mtg.	3 <i>Pastor Steve vacation (Minnesota)</i>	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 6:30P W.O.W. worship 7-10:30 Youth Group	6 9AM PieceMakers	7 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	1 8
9 8:30 Bible study 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 worship 11:15 potluck	10 6:30 Welcome & Hospitality team meeting	11 6:30 Childcare meeting 6:30 Women of CTS	12 6:30P W.O.W. worship 7-10:30 Youth Group	13 9AM Agape Circle	14 <i>Pastor Steve vacation (Yankton) thru July 18</i>	15
16 8:30 Bible study (no Adult S.S.) 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship	17 6:30 PM Board of Administration	18 6:30 PM Board of Spiritual Oversight	19 6:30P W.O.W. worship 7-10:30 Youth Group	20 2PM Card Club	21 <b>newsletter deadline</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	22
23 8:30 Bible study 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship	24 <i>Pastor Steve vacation (Yankton) thru July 18</i>	25 7:00 PM Worship Committee meeting	26 6:30P W.O.W. worship 7-10:30 Youth Group	27	28	29
30 8:30 Bible study 9:00 Adult S.S. 10:00 worship 11:15 fellowship	31	<p>Mondays = Pastor Matt's day off Fridays = Pastor Steve's day off Tuesdays = staff meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p>				