



# NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



## November Sunday Worship

### A Deeper Look Into the Book of Leviticus

During the month of November we will be looking at the worship life of the people of Israel in the Old Testament by reading some key passages from the book of Leviticus (see your Explore the Bible study book). If you are like most people who begin to read through the whole Bible from beginning to end, we usually struggle through the book of Leviticus with all its sacrificial offerings and elaborate purification instructions. And yet this book is important in our faith development, especially in our worship. While Exodus describes how God set His people free, Leviticus describes how His redeemed people are to live. As we look more closely at this book during the month of November, we will come to appreciate the final sacrifice of Jesus as the atonement of all sin. May you come and deepen your understanding of worship with us!

#### November 5 – (Leviticus 1:3-9; 2:1-3; 3:1-5) “Set Before”    **All Saints Sunday**

God is pleased when His people show Him gratitude and devotion.

On this Sunday we will remember all our loved ones (“saints”) who have gone before us in death. During the service you will be invited to come forward and place a candle in memory of a loved one. Votive candles will be available, but we encourage you to bring your own.

#### November 12 – (Leviticus 9:15-24; 10:1-3) “Set Apart”    **Consecration Sunday**

God’s people are to live as a set-apart priesthood.

On this Sunday, we will bring our faith promises forward for next year’s budget and the women will bring forward their Thank offerings.

#### November 19 – (Leviticus 16:3-10, 29-30) “Set Free”

God promised a way for His people to be free from the guilt of sin.

#### November 26 – (Leviticus 26:3-16, 40-45) “Set Futures”    **Christ the King Sunday**

God promises to bless those who are faithful to Him and discipline those who are not.

On this final Sunday of the church year we hear the gospel of Jesus’ great story of the separation of the sheep from the goats when we, the sheep, will reign with Christ our King forever!

## WNA+WOW

New messages in November

WNA+WOW will continue through the month of November on the first three Wednesdays (Nov. 1, 8, 15) with a meal at 6:15 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m. After looking at the seven marks of the church in the seven churches in the book of Revelation, we will hear messages on the Lord's Prayer. We will not meet on Nov. 22 as we will have our Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 7 p.m. Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 29, we will use the Holden Evening Prayer for our mid-week Advent services (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20) as we look at the wonderful names given to our Savior: Jesus, Lamb, Shepherd, and Emmanuel.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 7 p.m.

On the eve of Thanksgiving the family of Christ the Servant will gather together for an evening service entitled **"For the Beauty of the Earth."** In this service we will have the opportunity to pause and truly give thanks to God for the beauty of this earth and all the blessings He continues to bestow on us. We will gather with song, scripture, prayer and reflection before we gather with family on this Thanksgiving weekend. Our service will include the GREAT THANKSGIVING (Lord's Supper). Following the service you are invited into the fellowship hall for Pastor Steve and Mary's annual pumpkin bars in appreciation of your continued partnership in the Gospel!

### Holiday Boutique

Another successful mission fundraiser

We want to thank all the members of Christ the Servant who helped with our 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Boutique on October 21. Thanks to all who provided food (whether items for our soups, pies, breads, or baked goods). A special thanks to those who volunteered their help on the day of the boutique. It continues to be a great success as we sell out all our soups and pies each year. This year we raised \$2,500 (minus some advertisement bills).

## Pastor Steve's Letter: "Five Pillars of the Reformation: #4 "Christ Alone"

Historians and theologians have long recognized that at the heart of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation were five declarations ("solas" = "alone") that distinguished the movement from other expressions of the Christian faith. Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation this fall (Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517), we live in a different time with fresh challenges to our faith. Yet these rallying cries of the Reformation continue to speak to us, addressing a wide range of contemporary issues. During the next five newsletters I will be writing on each "sola" (alone): Grace Alone (salvation as a gift of God) - August newsletter; Faith Alone (the doctrine of justification) - September newsletter; God's Word Alone (the authority of scripture) - October newsletter; Christ Alone (the uniqueness of Jesus as Savior) - November newsletter; and God's Glory Alone (the majestic heart of the Christian faith and life) - December newsletter. Zonderan Publishing has published a 5-volume book series on each sola in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This month we look at Christ Alone: The Uniqueness of Jesus as Savior with some of the main points of this volume of work by Stephen Wellum.

In our interviews with Dr. Martin Luther on Sunday mornings, we learned three importance solas ("alone"). Grace alone (sola gratia). Faith alone (sola fide). Word alone (sola Scriptura). All three of these "solas" are grounded through Christ alone (sola Christus). In order to guard any of these three solas (grace, faith, Word) from danger and distortion, the reformers expressed that Christ alone remains the critical bulwark against that danger. Sola Christus expresses the biblical conviction that there is "one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim 2:5), and that therefore, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "Christ's identity is absolutely exclusive and His work entirely sufficient. We have no need, then, for any other prophet to provide us with a new revelation, any other priest to mediate between us and God, or any other king to rule Christ's church. Christ alone stands at the center of God's eternal purposes, Christ alone is the object of our saving faith, and therefore Christ alone must stand at the very center of our theology." (page 13)

So important is Christ alone that He alone is the linchpin of faith alone, grace alone, and Word alone. Think for a moment if we did not have the person and revelation of Jesus in our faith development, what would grace, faith and the Word mean for us? While we are saved by faith alone, Jesus is the object of our saving faith. We put our trust in His life and saving works for us to save. The purpose of God's saving grace leads us to and culminates in the redemption work of Jesus on the cross. And despite the diversity of human authors in writing the Bible, Jesus is the unifying thread throughout all Scripture. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus explained the Scriptures by pointing out that His death and resurrection

placed Himself at the focal point of God's revelation. As followers of Jesus, we confess Christ alone as the person around whom all history pivots and He alone is the focus of all God's work in the world.

Thus Christ Alone is not a slogan; it is the center of all the solas by which we receive God's grace and declare the glory of God (next month's newsletter). The apostle Paul understood the supremacy of Jesus as the One who holds everything together, in heaven and on earth. To the church in Corinth Paul wrote:

“<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

As the apostle Paul continues to write to the church in Ephesus, Paul wanted this congregation (and all future congregations) to know the mystery of God, set forth in Christ. Paul's goal matches mine for you:

“<sup>2</sup>My goal is that you may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that you may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that you may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossian 2:2-3)

Think of the power and influence we as a congregation could become if we began to live as Paul desires - “full of complete understanding of the mysteries of God” set forth by Christ alone in our lives. Won't you let this Christ into your hearts and minds?! Imagine how God's grace, our faith, and God's Word living daily and deeply in our lives would change our world. I can only imagine and continue to pray as Paul has informed us.

Living a “Christ alone” life,

Board of Administration  
October 16, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Richard Hillrichs, chair; Steve Freese, personnel; Warren Bennett, at-large; Pat Witte, stewardship; Jan Puls, finance; Wanda Muhs, property; Greg Moen, financial secretary

This meeting was called to order, and Jan offered the opening prayer. The minutes of our last meeting were reviewed, and Warren offered a motion to approve, seconded by Jan; motion carried.

**Old Business**

CableOne will install the new phone lines next Monday.

We will look into whether our insurance covers members involved in an accident while driving others to a church event.

Work on the parsonage deck is now complete.

**Bills to be paid**

Green Line Equipment (mower parts) \$43.07

Century Lumber (parts & materials) \$5,725.15

Wanda Muhs (reimbursement for building permit) \$58.24

Steve offered a motion to approve all bills, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

**Reports**

Jan: checking account balance as of September 30th was \$19,675.77.

Pat: Response to our pledge drive has been slow. Doris is working with Pastor Steve on a list of members who haven't been visited. This committee has sent cards to some inactive members.

Steve: The personnel committee met October 3rd (Linda Miller, Arlynn Boelman and himself). They reviewed what has been done and what they will be doing. They will meet individually with Pastor Steve and Kathy beginning at 3:00 p.m. on November 7.

Warren: G&B Sprinklers will blow out the underground sprinklers next week (after the Harvest Festival) and the water will be turned off at that time.

Greg joined the meeting at 7:15 with handouts showing fund balances, bank account balances, and his suggestions as to what the balance of each fund should be. More research needs to be done prior to implementing these changes.

There being no further business, Jan offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Warren. Next meeting will be November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church			
2017 Income & Expenses			
	September	YTD	
<b>Income</b>			
Member Offerings	14,641.35	158,730.28	
Non Member Offering	270.00	4,630.94	
Coffee Hour Donations	60.84	397.74	
Designated Church Property	50.00	75.00	
Designated Reimburse, Church use, misc	500.00	2,517.89	
Designated Day Camp	-	468.85	
Designated Missions	425.00	3,925.00	
Designated A Cyboron	-	225.00	
Designated B Cyboron	-	4,125.00	
Designated Weich	20.00	160.00	
Designated Day Care/income	6,391.18	46,638.05	
Designated Good Samaritan	50.00	450.00	
Designated Tanzania	-	913.00	
Total	22,408.37	223,256.75	
Interest Income	3.00	28.49	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,411.37</b>	<b>223,285.24</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	15,476.23	141,254.49	
Church Building	614.74	22,960.62	
Parsonage	328.59	3,576.40	
Discipleship	284.10	4,223.45	
Fellowship/Evangelism	341.17	4,281.10	
Church Mission Giving	1,425.00	4,295.00	
Local Benevolence	701.91	3,604.29	
Stewardship	-	-	
Worship	437.78	1,617.13	
Day Care	5,162.02	49,043.60	

Income Statement			
	September	YTD	
General Income	15,575.19	166,830.34	
Less General Expenses	19,609.52	185,812.48	
Church General Income	(4,034.33)	(18,982.14)	
Day Care Income	6,391.18	46,638.05	
Less Day Care Expenses	5,162.02	49,043.60	
Net Day care Income	1,229.16	(2,405.55)	
<b>Net Church Total Income</b>	<b>(2,805.17)</b>	<b>(21,387.69)</b>	
<b>Day Care Income &amp; Expenses</b>			
	<b>September</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Donations & Grants		250.00	
Other (private fees)	1,526.29	11,188.95	
State Reimbursement(fees & food)	4,864.89	35,199.10	
Total Income	6,391.18	46,638.05	
Expenses		-	
Payroll Wages	4,060.53	39,936.74	
FICA Expense	310.64	3,055.17	
Food & Supplies	745.85	4,548.50	
Training	45.00	140.00	
Other		1,363.19	
Total Expenses	5,162.02	49,043.60	
<b>Day Care Net Income</b>	<b>1,229.16</b>	<b>(2,405.55)</b>	

Board of Spiritual Oversight Meeting  
October 12, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Jessen, chair; Doug Witte, discipleship; Brian Anderson, worship; Deb Olson, fellowship; Linda Cyboron, outreach; Pastor Steve

Devotion/opening prayer: Linda, Ephesians 1:18

Bible study on Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus; this month is Ephesians 1:15-23

Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Doug offered a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Deb; motion carried.

Pastor inquired how the congregational oversight groups are going and encouraged those present to pray Ephesians over them.

Reports

Financial: not available

Pastor Steve shared that there will be a meeting of key financial people regarding accounting on Monday, Oct. 16, at 5:30. Doug pointed out that our bylaws state our annual meeting is to be held in November, with a semiannual meeting in April. Deb requested a detailed report on hospitality and fellowship expenditures for the year.

Discipleship: Doug is part of a Growing Up small group study and is enjoying that. Pastor reported that he has received study guides for "A Life Beyond Amazing" for adult Sunday school, which begins this coming Sunday at 9:00 in the youth room.

Pastor's report (handout).

Worship: Brian shared that WNA+WOW is going well. Worship will return to our alternating format in November (first and third Sundays traditional, second and fourth Sundays contemporary).

Youth: As there has been no feedback received to this board's letter to members regarding youth activities, there will be a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, Nov. 5, and this board will meet prior (Oct. 30 at 6:30). Deb suggested that we find out what was spent on these activities.

Outreach: A group is planning to go to Tanzania next summer and have begun meeting. They have a couple of dates in mind and are starting to get commitments so people can start fundraising. One group will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro; there will be a women's group and a climbers group (15-20). Brian shared that they will be climbing to raise money for the center, and will be there for 2 weeks. Linda plans to meet with Pastor to discuss the Eucharistic Ministry.

Doug asked if the church has a comprehensive policy that would cover parents driving kids to events over and above the parents' insurance policy. Pastor Matt always had them sign a waiver. Steve believes we do; he will contact our agent to confirm and will follow up on this at our next meeting.

Fellowship: Deb reported that there will be a Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 4:00, which will include a bonfire and the Hospitality group will be serving soups. On Nov. 10 at 6:30 there will be a Thanksgiving Movie Night with popcorn in the fellowship hall. Although the event is geared toward kids, everyone is welcome. Second Sunday potlucks will continue, and we will have donut holes during the fellowship hour on Sundays except when there is a potluck.

Doug offered the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

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## LITTLE SERVANTS CHILDCARE

*The Lord said, Let the little children come to Him!*

Happy Fall!

In August I submitted a form talking about the childcare and what the mission of it was to the Norfolk Home Realty, and in October I received an email that our childcare was chosen for the \$150 that they give away each month to different organizations. Pastor Steve, Amanda, Lisa and I went to the office on October 19<sup>th</sup> to receive the check and get our picture taken.



Also in October we started a Little Disciples curriculum with the kids. They are so excited to show their parents what they worked on and learned that day.

We currently have 13 kids enrolled and a waiting list of 5.

We are accepting donations of Kleenexes in November.



**BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11-6 Ron Hall, Charlie Skoglund
- 11-6 *Rich & Deb Olson*
- 11-11 Pat Sinkbeil
- 11-12 Rich Jaeger
- 11-15 Richard Hillrichs
- 11-16 *Robert & Rhonda Beed*
- 11-17 Julie Freese
- 11-19 Zach Cordner
- 11-20 *Mike & Nell Finkral*
- 11-21 Donna Young
- 11-22 Wanda Muhs, Dallas Puls
- 11-24 Micheyla Anderson, Rueben Rosberg
- 11-25 Dennis Miller
- 11-26 Joan Falke
- 11-27 *Doug & Pat Witte*
- 11-27 Riley Petersen, Heather Quaid
- 11-30 *Bill Thoendel & Lu Carter*

God’s blessings to everyone celebrating this month!  
 If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please  
 provide the office with the month, day and year.

**CARD OF THANKS**



Bright Horizons would like to thank everybody who made such generous donations of diapers and wipes to our agency during our 2017 Diaper Drive. Because of your kindness, Bright Horizons was able to collect 5,104 diapers and 73 packages of wipes for our victims and their families! Our staff truly appreciates all of the continued support, as this makes it possible for us to continue to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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On behalf of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps, we want to offer our sincere thanks for your donation to our 30th annual quilt auction. The work, time, and creativity that you put into each item is truly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in giving to this ministry. In total, we received \$52,224 in bids and other gifts on Quilt Auction weekend. This money enables the camps to continue providing excellent youth and family programs. Thank you for your investment in the work of sharing Christ with so many campers!

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| <p><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ushers</li> <li>◆ Communion assistants</li> <li>◆ Offering counters</li> <li>◆ Coffee servers</li> </ul> <p>(sign-up sheets on back table)</p><br><p><b>ATTENTION PARENTS</b></p> <p>Please make sure the church office has your college student’s current mailing address and e-mail.</p><br><p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p>Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30<br/>             (lunch 12:30-1:30)<br/>             Friday 8:30-12:30</p> | <p><b>Photo Directories Available</b></p> <p>Contact Tara Peters (750-9814 or ntpeters1017 @gmail.com).<br/>             Cost is \$8.00.</p><br><p><b>Local Benevolence</b><br/>             (2% of giving)</p> <p>September<br/>             Norfolk Rescue Mission<br/>             \$299.03</p> <p>August<br/>             Mercy Meals<br/>             \$363.39</p> <p>July<br/>             Salvation Army Soup Kitchen<br/>             \$347.05</p> | <p><b>If you notice</b> that we are low on supplies for fellowship or communion, <b>PLEASE</b> leave a note in the office (there is a “shopping list” notepad on the refrigerator). Let Julie Freese know if we are low on paper or Styrofoam products for the kitchen. Thank you!</p><br><p><b>Altar Flowers</b></p> <p>There are 2 Sundays in both November and December available to sponsor flowers. Bouquets are \$10 each, plus tax (the florist will bill you). The flower chart is on the office door. Please sign up!</p> |
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# NOVEMBER 2017

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                              | MONDAY                                                                                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                       | WEDNESDAY                                                                                               | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                         | SATURDAY                                                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                                     | Office Hours<br>Monday--Thursday 8:30 to 4:30<br>(closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:30)<br>Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.<br>(Pastor Steve's day off) |                                                               | 1<br>1:30P Growing Up<br>5:30 Confirmation class<br>7:30 Youth group<br><b>WNA + W.O.W.</b>             | 2<br>9AM PieceMakers<br>6:30 MOPS committee<br>7PM Growing Up                                                                                          | 3<br>5:30 PM Girl Scouts                                       | 4                                                                                                                  |
| 5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i><br><b>Daylight Saving ends</b><br>8:45/9:00 Sun. school<br>10:00 worship<br>Congregational mtg.<br>Mission/Ministry mtg. | 6                                                                                                                                               | 7<br>6:30 Childcare comm.<br>6:30 Women of CTS                | 8<br>1:30P Growing Up<br>5:30 Confirmation class<br>7:30 Youth group<br><b>WNA + W.O.W.</b>             | 9<br>9AM Agape Circle<br>7PM Growing Up                                                                                                                | 10<br>6:30--10PM Holiday<br>Movie Night (fellow-<br>ship hall) | 11<br><b>Veterans<br/>Day</b><br> |
| 12 <i>Consecration<br/>Sunday</i><br>8:45/9:00 Sun. school<br>10:00 worship<br>Thank-offerings<br>2nd Sunday potluck                                | 13<br>6 PM Via de Cristo<br>Ultreya @ CTS<br>6:30 Welcome & Hospi-<br>tality meeting                                                            | 14                                                            | 15<br>1:30P Growing Up<br>5:30 Confirmation class<br>7:30 Youth group<br><b>WNA + W.O.W.</b>            | 16<br>2PM Card Club<br>6:45 MOPS/MOMS                                                                                                                  | 17                                                             | 18                                                                                                                 |
| 19 <i>Pentecost 24</i><br>8:45/9:00 Sun. school<br>10:00 worship<br>Fellowship<br><i>Decorate altar for<br/>Thanksgiving service</i>                | 20<br>6:30 Board of Admin-<br>istration                                                                                                         | 21<br>6:30 Board of Spiritual<br>Oversight<br>7 PM Growing Up | 22<br>1:30 Growing Up<br>7:00 Thanksgiving Eve<br>service (pumpkin bars<br>afterwards)                  | 23<br><br><i>Happy<br/>Thanksgiving</i><br>Office, childcare closed | 24                                                             | 25                                                                                                                 |
| 26 <i>Christ the King<br/>Sunday</i><br>8:45/9:00 Sun. school<br>10:00 worship<br>Fellowship                                                        | 27<br>7 PM Via de Cristo<br>Ultreya @ CTS                                                                                                       | 28<br>7 PM Growing Up<br>7 PM Worship comm.                   | 29<br>1:30 Growing Up<br>5:30 Confirmation<br>7:00 Holden Evening<br>Prayer service<br>7:30 Youth group | 30                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                | <b>WNA + W.O.W.</b><br>Meal @ 6:15<br>Worship @ 7:00<br>Fellowship @ 7:30                                          |