

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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**RALLY DAY SUNDAY!!!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!!!
COME AND JOIN THE
CELEBRATION**

It's time once again to kick off our time of Learning for ALL AGES as Sunday the 13th of September we will celebrate learning and our gift from God to get into His Word and grow together, grow stronger, and grow to serve His Kingdom. This year as the Fall Sunday School begins, we will dig deeper into the first half of the book of Genesis to see creation—and all the events that followed—in a new light. We will continue to use the Explore the Bible Program for Sunday School and for home study connected to our sermon series preaching.

On Rally Day Sunday we will celebrate those who serve to teach and those who are learning as we mark several

Ministry Milestones for Education. We will install Sunday School teachers and those who are signed up so far to help teach as a part of the Lifelong Learning Process. We wish to thank those who are sharing their gifts so that Our children and youth can grow in Christ:

- Preschool and Kindergarten – Korrie Hall
- 1st thru 3rd Grades – Becky Bahnfleth and Amanda Cyboron
- 4th thru 6th Grades – Judy Carstens, Fern Zechmann and Kristy Rosberg
- Jr. High and High School – Brian Anderson, Nate Metschke, Charlie Skoglund, Mary Weich and Greg Moen

The entire congregation is invited to bring a dish, salad, or dessert to share after worship as we want you all to be a part of the celebrations of opening the year of Sunday School with some very important recognitions. There will be three Ministry Milestones for Education celebrated on Rally Day during our brunch.

The My First Bible Adventure youth will be recognized and they will receive their Adventure Bibles and Luther’s Small Catechisms with Explanations.

The Moving Forward Youth will also be recognized for this important Ministry Milestone for Education as we will celebrate

their moving into FLYTE and deeper study about their faith and life together.

The Taking on My Faith Milestone will celebrate the youth who are moving into the Confirmation program and seeking to become alive in their faith in action.

We hope you all will be a part of this very important day for our youth as we celebrate and demonstrate the importance of Lifelong Learning in our faith. Bring a dish, bring a friend, bring your Bibles and let’s all Explore the Word of God together in this new year of learning.



**Summer Sunday Schedule
(through August 30)**

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Trek
- 10 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship

**Fall Sunday Schedule
(beginning September 20)**

- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "3-2-1: FOLLOWING JESUS IN THREES "

Friendship is one of the basic needs of life. The Bible has always been clear about our need for friends, and its teaching on the importance of friendship is very prominent in the Wisdom literature (Proverbs). In fact, the Christian life can be described as following Jesus in the company of friends. As Jesus calls us to follow Him, He also takes pains to set up a community so that His followers follow Him in the context of community. While we may agree with this premise in theory, how do we find the time to build and sustain spiritual friendships in the context of the busy lives that most of us live today?

Let me suggest a simple but powerful way. It's 3-2-1. It's three friends meeting two hours once a month. 3-2-1 is simple, doable, necessary, purposeful, and complete. Are you too busy to meet up with friends? Well, we all need to eat. Why not meet up with two other friends for a meal? We all need friends, especially spiritual friends to help us in our commitment to follow Jesus. The nature of intimate spiritual friendships means that such friendship groups will be small (Jesus had 12 disciples but He gave extra time to a group of three: Peter, James and John). So what do three spiritual friends do when they gather for two hours once a month?

- Three things: loving, supporting, challenging
- Three commitments: listening, sharing, discernment
- Three basic components: meals, spiritual conversations, prayer

- Three spiritual disciplines (as they grow in trust): confession, decision-making, vocational discernment

Because 3-2-1 is more of a relationship gathering than a program, there is no fixed template. However, if a meeting is to accomplish the goals above, there are some basic components that need to be shared. A typical meeting could look like this:

- Eating together (space allows for ample sharing)
- Connecting (share major life events since last meeting)
- Checking in (life with God, life at work, family life, life in church)
- Getting help (safe place to process life together)
- Studying together (Bible or book)
- Praying together (intercede for each other)

I have been meeting in a spiritual triad with two other pastors in Norfolk for the past two years. Our times together have been encouraging, transforming, loving, and caring as we share and pray together. At my most recent VantagePoint3 training with their third discipleship process ("Walking with Others"), I was introduced to this spiritual triad process (which is a major part of this process). In his book, Soo-Inn Tan explains this process of 3-2-1: Following Jesus in Threes in a small paperback book (I will have additional copies for you to review and understand this concept more completely). In the back of the book, Tan answers some basic questions like can your spiritual group be a

4-2-1? While three is optimum, anything beyond four in a group is less ideal as the intimacy level begins to drop. It takes longer for the group to gel, and the larger the group the harder it is to find a common time to meet together. Two hours is only a bare minimum amount of time needed for any meaningful interaction to take place, and meeting more than once a month is fine as well (my spiritual triad meets twice a month).

In her book *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*, Bronnie Ware puts "I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends" as the fourth top regret. You and I were created for companionship. It is possible to die of loneliness. Our human need for friends would be reason enough to take the pursuit of friendships seriously. Followers of Jesus have even more reason to do so. We live in a society where relationships are primarily transactional which results in increasing loneliness and individualism (especially true in church communities). You and hundreds around you are longing for simple bonds of acceptance with no ulterior motives, one that is not often met by our family of origin.

3-2-1 groups provide a simple, doable walk with friends (no matter our age or stage in life). Would you consider starting a 3-2-1 group with two or three friends? Are you interested in knowing more? Then talk to me about how to start and begin a 3-2-1 group.

Following Jesus in 3-2-1 style with others,

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.
Matthew 14: 26 – 29a

RISK. That is a scary word. To Risk means that the person sets before themselves the possibility of failure. (That is the word that really makes the word Risk scary) When you or I take a Risk with something, and mostly because of our life experiences, we know that we might be faced with failure which could mean loss in many different ways, but even more so because others will "wag their heads at us" and we will be made to or perhaps clearly do feel like a failure. We become the word and the world is more than ready to heap it upon us so that we become failure personified, even if it is only how we feel. The world hates losers, flat out! And one of our greatest fears is failing at whatever and having everyone remind us, even years down the road, that we are a failure. As Prof. Paul Harms put it, "Isn't it amazing how when you receive a paper back or a test back, and there is a big red **F** on it, every single **F** from your entire life comes screaming back at you?" We live in a culture that loves to point out our **F**'s so much so that we become the failure, and our fear limits and

prevents us from even being willing to Risk anymore.

But, Risk is what the Church and ministry is all about. Because of Christ we can Risk, or are called to Risk, everything including our very lives for Him and His kingdom. He Risked dying on the Cross to see if it was enough for each person to respond and come to Him. Risk is in fact what the stories of the servants and the talents is about; two Risked, one did not, and the two made different amounts but both were complemented because they took the Risk. Risk is in every Bible story, Abraham Risked trusting God, Joseph in prison Risked trusting God, Moses Risked trusting God, the Disciples Risked following Jesus, Paul Risked trusting God. ... To follow Jesus, to be a believer, we know and accept the Risk to Risk. But why did they do it? Why should we? They all did it out of faith, which literally means trust, in what God said He would do and because of who He was. Along the way each of them experienced failures, but they never stopped Risking.

So when Jesus walks up on a boat, out on a lake, in the middle of a storm, and all the people in the boat demonstrate fear about everything, Jesus tells Peter to come out of the boat onto the water. (I always giggle at that because Peter in His fear actually asked for it and Jesus just gave Peter what he was asking for.)

Peter at that invitation did not let his fear have the power, but he put his trust in Jesus and His invitation, "come out onto the water." Peter Risked it, and it was good for a bit, but all the possibilities of failure kept swirling around him and in him and eventually the waves won. Jesus didn't respond in the world's way, but gave him a hand up and helped him into the boat and the wind stopped.

Perhaps this message has two points. Go ahead and Risk for the same reason Peter did: Jesus' word's "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. — COME." And secondly, Risking with Jesus never has failures, it has possibilities. When we Risk it, and step out, the only voice we need to hear is the voice of truth. "Now why did you let those silly waves stop you? Take my hand, let's get up ... and keep going, and try it again." If you think about Peter after the resurrection, you certainly can see one who knew how to walk on water.

Go ahead, take the first step.

YOUTH CALENDAR

BIBLE TREK is continuing to meet as our summer Sunday School Program through August 30. We begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp and have a closing at 9:50. This Sunday School program is a thematic set of classes ranging from John the Baptist's Birthday to It isn't easy being GREEN. Each week the children will learn together with different teachers of our Sunday School to begin to TREK through the Bible and to journal about their journey. Parents and friends are always invited. The first two weeks of September there will be no Sunday School until September 20. Rally Day is September 13.

RALLY DAY SUNDAY Come together as a congregation and support the learning of all ages as we kick off this year's Sunday School and Adult Learning Time on Sunday, Sept. 13. During worship we will celebrate the installation of teachers as they begin a new year of sharing faith with our children and youth. After worship we will have a potluck lunch where there will be **3** celebrations of Ministry Milestones. We will be presenting Carter and Emilee Olson with their Adventure Bibles and Catechisms as part of the **My First Bible** classes; we will be celebrating the **Moving Forward Milestone** for children who have entered Middle School and who will be moving into the FLYTE program; as well as the **Taking on My Faith Milestone** for those youth who have entered Junior High and who are moving into the Confirmation portion of their learning. Come to worship, bring a dish, celebrate learning in our congregation, and be a part of the family of faith at Christ the Servant.

Confirmation and **FLYTE** start up again for the year beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2. There will be an introductory meeting for all families who are in Confirmation on Sunday, Aug. 30 after worship.

YOU are needed. As we begin to form the new year of learning and passing on the faith, we need YOU to help and teach a topic for our children and youth. Classes are two or five sessions long and range from 1 to 1½ hours in length. Typically a class leader would teach on Wednesday or Sunday, but each class has the flexibility of scheduling in agreement with the teachers and the parents of children. Each class has fully documented information and ideas for class time, and the pastors are here to help support and work with you as you prepare and teach. We can even participate with you to help learn the ropes of youth ministry. What is needed most is a heart for Jesus and His children and a desire to pass on your faith.

Sunday School Exploration of the Bible is beginning again with the first day of Sunday School on Sept. 20 beginning at 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. This year as we begin digging deeper into the Word we will study in the Fall the first half of Genesis, in the Winter we will look into Matthew chapters 1-13, and finally in the Spring we will dig into the first part of Acts. We want to thank all those who are serving the kingdom giving their time and talents to pass on the faith to our youth. Please thank these individuals for their service to Our children:

3 and 4 year olds, and Kindergarten Korrie Hall

1st through 3rd Grade Becky Bahnfleth and Amanda Cyboron

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

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

Fall Worship

Explore the Bible (Genesis 1-24)

September through November

During the fall months of September, October and November we will be exploring and preaching on the first 24 chapters of Genesis. Genesis is a book of beginnings—a book about our origin. The book of Genesis is critical in helping us understand who God is, why we were created, and the purpose of life. Something deep inside us yearns to know where we have come from, where we are headed, and why we exist. Such questions are central to our belief, and Genesis lays the theological foundation for the events in the New Testament. Copies of your personal study guides are on the back table (suggested donation is \$5). Please join us on Sunday mornings in worship as we return to the beginning of creation.

September 6 (Labor Day Weekend) – Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31; 2:1-3 – “God Creates”

September 13 – Genesis 2:4-9, 15-18 – “Made in His Image”

Rally Sunday beginning at 8:45 am

First Bible/Catechism Presentation Milestone (3rd graders)

Moving Forward Milestone (5th graders)

Taking on My Faith Milestone (7th graders)

September 20 – Genesis 3:1-7, 14-19 – “Humanity's Fall”

September 27 – Genesis 6:11-18; 7:11-14 – “God Saves”

The Journey Begins Again

Small Group of 6-12 people

Meet weekly for 6-8 months

Pastor Steve will be leading another Journey class this coming year, beginning in late September. The Journey is a meaningful walk with a group of adults who will explore the biggest questions in life: Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me? The Journey will meet weekly (probably on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) working through three manuals that have seven sessions each. A break will be taken between each manual and at holiday times. The Journey will provide a safe environment where thoughtful reflection, honest conversation and prayer will encourage you in your faith journey. Besides the 2-hour weekly meeting, regular study with reflection and Bible reading will require 2-4 hours at home plus the addition of a spiritual mentoring relationship with a mature believer at least twice a month. The Journey will cost \$235 for the three manuals per participant (which can be paid in three separate payments). However, if cost is a concern for you, church scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested (and watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletin).

Spiritual Warfare

Adult class during Sunday School (8:55 – 9:50 a.m.)

Beginning Sunday, September 20, the adults will be using a DVD presentation with a workbook on the topic of Spiritual Warfare. Dean Sherman, Youth With A Mission instructor, will share his insights and experiences in spiritual warfare in 12 50-minute sessions. The class will meet in the fellowship hall in the adult Sunday school room. Following the opening worship with the Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. the video presentation will begin promptly in the adult room. Pastor Steve will be leading the sessions. A workbook will be provided for each participant. After our study of the book of Revelation, this study will supplement the spiritual warfare that every Christian is involved in at all times. You will be given, not only valuable information, but practical ways to engage in the battle. Please join us before worship.

September Birthdays

9/1 Arlis Lind
 9/2 Linda Shaffer
 9/3 Lonnie Svitak
 9/5 Marie Shafer
 9/7 Dean Hoffart
 9/8 Gaylen Grunke
 9/11 Nate Metschke
 9/13 Doris Hoffart
 9/14 Arlynn Boelman
 9/15 Wendell Hahne
 9/16 Nicole Roberts
 9/23 Allen Henriksen
 9/26 Matt Morton
 9/30 Abbey Buettgenbach

September Anniversaries

Duane & Shirley Theil — September 15

*God's blessings to everyone celebrating this month.
 May your day be filled with joy!*

If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed,
 please provide the church office with your full date
 of birth or anniversary.

BRIGHT HORIZONS

Any of the following items can be dropped off at any time during the year. Thank you for your help.

Items needed: Yellow ruled pads, steno pads, sticky notes; deodorant, children and adult Tylenol, cough medicine, Band-Aids, diapers (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 and/or grocery store gift cards.

WOMEN OF CHRIST THE SERVANT

BOARD MEMBERS

Michelle Anderson, President
 Julie Freese, Vice President
 Kathy Rogers, Treasurer
 Fern Zechmann, Secretary

The Women of CTS meet the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the congregation are welcome.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Quilters of Christ the Servant Lutheran,

On behalf of **Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps**, I want to offer my sincere thanks to you for your donation to our 28th 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! We received \$60 for your quilt.

In total, we received \$50,010 in bids at the auction. This money enables the camps to continue providing excellent youth and family programs. Thank you for your investment in the work of sharing Jesus Christ with so many campers!

STEWARDSHIP

There will be a congregational Stewardship meeting in the sanctuary on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend. If you have questions; please call (402)664-3057.

In Christ,
 Joan Falke

Kitchen Update: Preliminary meetings held with fire inspector and Nebraska Department of Agriculture Food Sanitation. Contacts beginning for design layout proposals, specifications, mechanical, etc. Fund raising will begin at the Holiday Boutique on Saturday, October 24th. A designated "Kitchen" savings account has been opened. We continue to welcome your input. We continue to pray for guidance and spiritual discernment throughout this project.

In Christ,
 Joan Falke and Louise Skoglund

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

January = 371	April = 421	July = 263
February = 261	May = 460	
March = 474	June = 346	

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

EXPERT EXTRAS

Recommended by doctors, nurses and EMTs, these genius additions will take your first-aid kit (and you) from handy to heroic. Get a first-aid kit for home, car and purse. Restock after use.

Baby wipes

Say hello to your go-to cleaner-upper, great for cleaning your hands or a muddy scrape.

Kiddie pack

Little-known fact: Fun treats can not only make boo-boos seem to hurt less, but also stop kids from squirming—allowing you to take out those splinters. Easy options: bubbles, stickers or character bandages.

Info card

Write your family's insurance info, birth dates, allergies, medications and health conditions on an index card and plunk it into a plastic sandwich bag. Brownie points if you add phone numbers for poison control, your doctor and an emergency contact.

Blister pads

Look for a box that says "hydrocolloid" on the label. You can put them on any blister, even if raw skin exposed, to cut down on friction.

Garbage bag

Use it to cover a splinted limb, as a receptacle for bloody garbage or as a poncho (cut a hole for the head) when someone is hypothermic—such as when a swimmer stays in the water too long.

Afrin nasal spray

If you've still got a bloody nose after having pinched your nostrils shut for 10 minutes, spritz with this. The active ingredient, oxymetazoline, constricts blood vessels and, in turn, halts the flow.

Temporary dental filling

This putty molds to a damaged tooth, sealing it from the air and easing ache. Roll a bit into a ball, place it on the tooth and bite down firmly for a minute. See a dentist within a week or sooner if pain persists.

Store-bought water bottle with squeeze nozzle

It will guarantee that you have fresh water to clean a wound, plus the nozzle provides the "oomph" needed to flush dirt and debris. To use, simply hold the bottle a few inches from the wound and squeeze firmly.

Quart-size resealable bag

Add ice and presto! Cold pack. It can also serve as a disposable glove or a carrying case for an amputated finger or toe. (In the latter case, rinse digit and wrap in gauze; place the bag—not the digit itself—in cold water en route.)



Recycle your empty medication bottles!



DONATE BLOOD

To give the Gift of Life, contact the American Red Cross office. Appointments available every Tuesday.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	COFFEE	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
SEPT. 6	Charlie & Louise Skoglund	Steve & Julie Freese	Michelle & Micheyla A.	Katelyn Anderson	Jo Roberts	Scott Krohn & Bob Lutz
SEPT. 13	Delores Olson	Rich & Kay Jaeger	Rich & Deb Olson	Elizabeth Broders	Margaret Svitak	Tara & Becky Bahnfleth
SEPT. 20	Shirley Theil	Steve & Darla Jessen	Margaret & Lonnie Svitak	Zachary Cordner	Michelle Anderson	Linda and Amanda Cyboron
SEPT. 27	Mike & Nell Finkral	Shirley Theil	Nate & Darcy Metschke	Kelcie Hall	Connie Atkinson	Gary & Mary Weich

If you're unable to serve as scheduled, please make your own trade and notify the Church Office.

September Offering Counting Teams:		Altar Guild: Linda Cyboron, Mary Lund (paraments: green)
1st	Dean & Doris Hoffart	Communion Bread: Arlis Lind
2nd	Nell Finkral, Louise Skoglund	Membership Care Team: Deb Olson, Delores Olson
3rd	Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske	
4th	Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall	

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	COFFEE	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
OCT. 4	Holly Heller	Jo Roberts and Steve Morton	Al Boelman, Greg Moen	Elizabeth Broders	Richard Hillrichs	Charlie & Louise Skoglund
OCT. 11	Dean & Doris Hoffart	Mick & Doreen Kullbom	Warren Bennett, Roger Young	Kelcie Hall	Connie Atkinson	Katelyn & Korrie Hall
OCT. 18	Shirley Theil	Bill Thoendel & Lu Carter	Wendell Hahne, Dallas Puls	Katelyn Anderson	Lu Carter	Linda & Amanda Cyboron
OCT. 25	Rich and Kay Jaeger	Shirley Theil	Doug and Pat Witte	Madison Metschke and Zach Cordner	Kay Jaeger	Gary and Mary Weich

October Offering Counting Teams:		Altar Guild: Nell Finkral, Connie Petersen (paraments: green until Reformation Sunday (Oct. 25), then red)
1st	Dean and Doris Hoffart	Communion Bread: Doris Hoffart
2nd	Nell Finkral, Louise Skoglund	Membership Care Team: Linda Cyboron, Meg Donovan
3rd	Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske	
4th	Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall	

Board of Administration meeting August 18, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Steve, Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Joan Falke

Absent: Ginger Beckman

Reviewed July 14 minutes

Update on childcare director: Ginger told Greg that Chalyssa is doing great, working toward director certification, willing to sell her laptop to the church for \$150 which Greg suggests we take her up on. Jessen needs to know how much to pay her (same as Liz, per Ginger via text), and the credit card will need to be reissued with Chalyssa's name on it. A banner will be put up in place of WNA. Kathy will find out if Chalyssa has Liz's key.

Financial report: Jessen provided the balance sheet and profit/loss thru July 31. We are running about \$2,000 per month short. We need to take in \$5,000 in offerings every Sunday to meet our budget. Through the calendar year we're approximately \$11,000-\$12,000 short.

Jessen was unaware that CTS supports MOPS each month, therefore we haven't given them any money this year. It was felt that we need to honor our obligation, and this issue will be brought to the joint board meeting.

Per Greg, the budget review committee will meet one more time before their report will be brought to the boards next month.

Stewardship: Joan has scheduled a stewardship congregational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. She also wants to meet with each member, here or in their home. She will put something in the newsletter this week. Clarified that confirmed members are considered voting members; voting members must also have made a financial contribution this year or last year.

Joan checked with our garbage service, John's Disposal, and they would provide the receptacle and pick up our recycling at no charge; we need to be better stewards with our money and resources. She offered to take glass to Fremont for recycling. She also wants to have a dinner for new members to include board members and their spouses. Suggested Tuesday, Sept. 29, if that date works for the new members.

Property concerns: carpet in fellowship hall needs cleaned, and stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced. We still have two openings on this board for property (building/grounds and property/equipment).

Jessen has a couple of questions before he can finalize our proposed sexual misconduct policy, which is required by our insurance. He will bring this to the joint board meeting.

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Joint Board Meeting

August 18, 2015

8:15 p.m.

Present: Charlie, Greg, Joan, Linda, Mary, Pastor Matt, Brian, Margaret, Steve, Pastor Steve, Becky

Absent: Ginger Beckman

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a devotion, followed by an open prayer.

Childcare: After discussion, it was decided that CTS will purchase Chalyssa Nelson's laptop for \$150 for the childcare program, which will cost a lot less than buying a new one. Korrie Hall has joined the childcare oversight committee. We need a grant writer to find new avenues for funding the program.

Financial: We will cancel our Internet service with Cableone and go with Century Link.

November 22 is our next quarterly mission meeting, per Margaret.

Joan wants to form a stewardship committee. We used to have sponsors for new members; do we want to do that again?

MOPS: discussed catching up on our commitment in the amount of \$350. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Margaret; all in favor. Jessen will write them a check.

Reviewed the draft sexual harassment policy; response persons are senior pastor and chair of each board (titles, no names). Once finalized the board will vote whether to accept it as policy with an effective date. Once in place Philadelphia Life will increase our coverage (protection) from \$300,000 to \$1.3 million.

Discussed the Supreme Court's recent decision regarding same-sex marriage. Pastor Steve will check with LCMC. We need a committee to review our constitution; doesn't need to be board members.

Pastor Matt still needs teachers.

Pastor Steve will find out when Garry Seefeldt will be in Columbus.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.

Charlie closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

10:38 AM
08/12/15
Cash Basis

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Profit & Loss
January through July 2015

	Jan - Jul 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Church Income	136,795.38
Total Income	136,795.38
Expense	
Administration	109,351.62
Advertising - use evangelism	274.04
Church Building and Grounds	17,268.21
Church Properties - Parsonage	3,451.53
Discipleship	3,526.96
Fellowship & Evangelism	2,529.07
Outreach - Mission Beyond our C	4,400.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-33.86
Repairs and Maintenance	326.86
Service and Local Mission	3,069.22
Worship	3,654.72
Total Expense	147,818.37
Net Ordinary Income	-11,022.99
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Daycare Income	17,080.31
Total Other Income	17,080.31
Other Expense	
Daycare (Based on 6 kids)	13,389.21
Total Other Expense	13,389.21
Net Other Income	3,691.10
Net Income	-7,331.89

10:35 AM
08/12/15
Cash Basis

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2015

	Jul 31, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Endowment-4076	7,124.85
General checking	4,707.75
Savings - 4034	11,175.58
Total Checking/Savings	23,008.18
Other Current Assets	
Designated giving	
Aaron & Anna Cyboron (China)	-25.00
Brandon & Marie Cyboron (china)	-925.00
Church Property Fund	-14,464.78
Daycare Fund	-4.50
Disaster Relief Fund	-100.00
Good Samaritan Fund	-255.56
Matt Fund	-1,013.90
Memorials	-3,291.26
Military Bible Sticks	-250.00
Missions/Growth	-1,360.71
Parsonage	-3,023.73
Special Projects	-7,263.00
Tanzania (Water) Fund	-400.00
Worship Fund	-2,500.00
Total Designated giving	-34,877.44
Total Other Current Assets	-34,877.44
Total Current Assets	-11,869.26
TOTAL ASSETS	-11,869.26
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Women of Christ the Servant

August 6, 2015

Present: Michelle Anderson, Kathy Rogers, Julie Freese, Fern Zechmann, Wanda Muhs, Shirley Theil, Joan Falke, and Becky Bahnfleth

The meeting was opened with devotion and prayer, led by Michelle.

The minutes of the July meeting were presented by Fern. She pointed out that names of a couple members who were present was omitted and needed to be added. Julie moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Kathy seconded. Minutes were approved.

Kathy presented the Treasurer's report. There was some confusion with the way that Lou's does their billing. Julie talked to them and now the church has its own account there so it will be easier to keep track of our purchases. It was also advised that we should get a purchase order from Kathy before making purchases. Fern moved that we approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$3, 541.98. Joan seconded the motion and the report was approved.

Shirley Theil presented information from the bathroom remodel committee. Work on the ceiling is going well. Flooring, lighting fixtures, toilets, urinal, paint and cabinets have been selected. The partitions need to be replaced and our group does not have the funds to purchase these at this time. The board approved Shirley sending a note to the congregation members giving them the opportunity to contribute to the cost of the partitions. So far we have received a \$500 anonymous contribution. Fern moved that we allow Shirley to purchase items from Menards at discounted prices they quoted that will be honored through this week only. Julie seconded the motion and it was approved. A special meeting will be called this Sunday after the service during the lunch. This will give more members the chance to approve the purchase of the flooring, toilets, urinal and paint.

Bookmarks with our yearly verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, have been finished and 300 were ordered. 200 of these were sent with the group to Tanzania. The banner with this verse that was taken to Tanzania was finished by Mary Weich. The yearly verse for the Tanzanian women this year is: Song of Solomon 4:7. "All of you is beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you."

Fall Gathering is scheduled for September 12. Danita Broders will be hosting and it will be at 4 p.m. with an Ice Cream Social theme.

New ideas for WCTS that have been suggested are: Serve meal at mission; Mercy Meals; Journals & Journal in a jar. These were discussed and if anybody anyone who would like to do any of these or any other service project, is encouraged to let Michelle know.

The Women's Directory is being worked on and will be finished by the September Gathering.

Installation of officers will be held during the service on 8/23.

Board members have approved WCTS serving concessions at the Monson/Cyboron auction on August 8. Proceeds will go to finishing the bathrooms. Any further proceeds will go to kitchen remodeling. Nearly all items needed have been donated. We will be serving bars, cookies, pop, water, hot dogs, chips, pork sandwiches and popcorn.

Approving the minutes within the week following a meeting was brought up. This could be done electronically by the board members through e-mail. It would allow the minutes to be published in the newsletter in a timelier manner. Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes in this manner. Fern seconded it and it will begin immediately.

Joan volunteered to donate 144 small Corelle dessert plates to be used for donut holes after services and for other occasions. Joan was thanked for the donation.

Michelle announced that Beth Moore, of Living Proof Live will be speaking in Omaha April 14-16. They will also be presenting a women's leadership conference "You Lead". The cost for only the Beth Moore presentation will be \$59 and the whole conference will be \$134. If anyone is interested they can contact Michelle.

Michelle brought a bag made from one of the misprinted polo shirts that we ordered. It was suggested that we could work on these at the Craft Weekend which will be September 18 and 19. The bags could then be sold at the Holiday Boutique

2015 /2016 upcoming events are:

August 28 & 29 – Women of Faith

September 12 – Fall Gathering

October 24 – Holiday Boutique

December 5 – 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange/Decorate for Christmas

February (around Groundhog Day) – Movie discussion night

March 5 – Spring Gathering

May 7 – 3rd Annual Bless and Be Blessed

June 4 – Annual Meeting (VP and Treasurer)

The meeting was adjourned and Becky Bahnfleth led us in prayer.

Seventeen women met after church service for a brief meeting 8/9/15. Michelle gave an update on needed funds and progress for bathrooms. After discussion and motion by Amanda and second by Nell, women approved \$2932.85 to be used from WCTS fund to go toward bathroom expenses. This meeting was in addition to our WCTS held 8/6/15 to include all women of CTS in this vote.

Account balance as of 7/31/2015: \$3,541.98

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 30	August 31	1	2	3	4	5
			5 p.m. FLYTE and Confirmation 6:30 Prayer meeting 7:30 Youth Group	9 a.m. PieceMakers 6 p.m. Women of CTS meeting	<i>Kathy on vacation</i> 5:30 Girl Scouts	
6 Pentecost 15 NO Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Fellowship	7 <i>Labor Day</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7 p.m. Taking Time (church library)	8	9 5 p.m. FLYTE and Confirmation 6:30 Prayer meeting 7:30 Youth Group 7:30 Senior Choir	10 9 a.m. Agape Circle	11	12 4 p.m. Women of CTS Fall Gathering
13 Rally Sunday NO Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship, SS teachers installation Brunch, Ministry Milestones	14 7 p.m. Taking Time (church library)	15 6 p.m. Boards meet	16 5 p.m. FLYTE and Confirmation 6:30 Prayer meeting 7:30 Youth Group 7:30 Senior Choir	17 6:45 MOPS/ MOMsnext	18 5:30 Girl Scouts CTS Crafting Weekend	19 CTS Crafting Weekend
20 Pentecost 17 8:45 Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Fellowship 2:00— <i>Fellowship hall reserved for Meadow Ridge picnic</i>	21 7 p.m. Taking Time (church library)	22 7 p.m. Stewardship congregational meeting in sanctuary	23 <i>Kathy on vacation</i> 5 p.m. FLYTE and Confirmation 6:30 Prayer meeting 7:30 Youth Group 7:30 Senior Choir	24 7 p.m. Wine, Women & Wisdom	25	26
27 Pentecost 18 8:45 Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Fellowship Altar Guild meeting in sanctuary after worship	28 7 p.m. Taking Time (church library)	29 6 p.m. New Member Dinner	30 5 p.m. FLYTE, Confirmation 6:30 Prayer meeting 7:30 Youth Group 7:30 Senior Choir	October 1 <i>OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!</i>	October 2	October 3