

## NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### Thanksgiving Volunteer Celebration

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for the many blessings one has received from God and to celebrate the joyous harvest of the Kingdom of God. It also is a time to celebrate and give thanks for those of this congregation who volunteer their time, talents, and gifts to help the Kingdom grow through CTS. Please join us for a meal and presentation of thanks for our volunteers on **Saturday, November 21, at 5:30 p.m.** The main items of the meal are provided, but we ask everyone to bring a salad or dessert to share. Please come and be present with us.

### Fall Worship

#### Explore the Bible (Genesis 1-24) September through November

We conclude our sermon and congregational study on the first 24 chapters of Genesis during the month of November. We still have some important stories to cover in the life of Abraham and Sarah in Genesis: the renaming of Abram and Sarai, the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah, the birth of Isaac, the faith test at Moriah, and God's provision of a lamb for the sacrifice (all which foreshadow the coming of Jesus). We still have a few copies of the personal study guide on the back table (suggested donation is \$5). Past personal study guides from previous biblical books are located on the shelf in the library. Consider building yourself a biblical study library at home by using these quarterly study guides.

Nov. 1 – Genesis 17:1-8, 15-22 – “A New Name”

All Saints Sunday  
(remembering all those who have died in the Lord)

Nov. 8 – Genesis 18:20-25; 19:12-16 – “Where Wickedness Rules”

Nov. 15 – Genesis 21:1-8 – “Keeping His Promise”

Nov. 22 – Genesis 22:1-14 – “The Faith Test”

Christ the King Sunday  
(celebrating the Lordship of Jesus)

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Nov. 29 – Genesis 24:1-17 – “God Provides”

First Sunday in Advent (a time of anticipation and preparation)

### Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 25, 7 p.m.

On the eve of Thanksgiving the family of Christ the Servant will gather together for an evening worship service entitled “**Grateful for God’s Gifts.**” In this service we will be reminded that all things are gifts from God—undeserved blessings for which we are eternally grateful. Join us for a time of thanksgiving as we pause to give thanks for all His daily blessings through the reading of scripture, song, prayer, and reflection. Our service will include the GREAT THANKSGIVING (Lord’s Supper). Following the service you are invited into the fellowship hall as Pastor Steve, Mary and their family continues their annual pumpkin bars in appreciation for your continued partnership in the Gospel!

### Season of Advent

#### Beginning Sunday, November 29

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds three expressions during the four Sundays of Advent: (1) Jesus’ first coming in a humble birth (Nativity), (2) Jesus’ second coming to reign (Parousia), and (3) Jesus’ weekly real presence in the word and supper (Sacrament). On the first Sunday in Advent we place an Advent wreath by the pulpit with five candles: 3 blue, 1 pink, and 1 white. Each week a candle is lit to help us prepare for the birth of Christ. Each week a different banner with a key word will be hung to help us know how to prepare for each “coming” day. Four different families will help us light each candle with a special reading of preparation and be involved in our worship service. Note: Mid-week Advent services will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays in December (2, 9, 16) at 7 p.m. Our theme this year will be: “Seeing Christ in Christmas” or “**Seeing in Christmas.**” Do we see Christ in our Christmas celebrations or have our celebrations hidden Christ in our midst? Besides hearing the usual Advent/Christmas scripture readings, we will be getting some guidance from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Each Wednesday we will hear weekly message plus be given an insert with daily suggestions for ways you can see Christ in **Christmas** in the coming week and beyond. A booklet of suggestions will also be available for the entire Advent season.

## PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "A FEW ABSOLUTELY VITAL QUESTIONS"

After having you address a few questions last month, I thought I would continue in the same matter this month. Socrates long ago said that the unexamined life is not worth living. Yet tragically most people today simply glide through life without any serious self-reflection or intense introspection. Too many people keep themselves occupied with entertainment and trivial pursuits instead. Our schedules have become so busy that we rarely stop to reflect, ponder and ask hard questions. (That is why I am seeking to take 6-12 people at a time through The Journey and training others to do the same with 6-12 people.)

The Bible is full of questions, and many of them are of utter importance to all of us. How we answer such questions will impact us greatly—not only in this life but in the life to come. The great tragedy I fear is that many will not get around to such questions until it is too late. Advent is about the "coming" of Jesus again to claim His church and His followers to the kingdom of heaven. However, in His first coming Jesus came to save and prepare for the second coming. So Jesus asked some hard, important and vital questions of us all. Here are a few questions Jesus asked that determine how we live, not only in this life, but in the life to come.

**One. "What is truth?" (John 18:38)** Here we have one of the most important questions ever asked, and it was asked by the most important person who ever lived. At His trial before Pontius Pilate, Jesus was asked this question by Pilate for Jesus had just told Pilate that this is the very reason He was born and came into the world—to testify to the truth (John 18:37). The amazing thing about this scene is that Pilate did not stick around to hear the answer. The great philosophers of the earth would have died for such a meeting, but not Pilate. Talk about a wasted opportunity. Regardless of Pilate's lack of concern for an answer, this is no mere rhetorical question, but a fundamental question that impacts us all. We all should be seekers of truth, and when you have someone claiming to be God incarnate saying: "I am the way, the truth, and the life," we had better stand up and take notice.

**Two. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17)** Talk about an absolutely vital question. When the rich young ruler told Jesus what he had done so far, he rattled off the 10 commandments and said he had observed them since his youth. But when Jesus countered him with the "you lack one thing—sell everything and give it to the poor—and then you will have treasure in heaven," he became very sad because he was very rich. Jesus made it clear that the cost of being His disciple was everything. If you are not willing to leave all for His sake, then you could not be His disciple. Again, following Jesus is not a half-hearted approach: it was either all or nothing to be on God's side.

**Three. "For what good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?" (Mark 8:36)** Once again we have a question featuring a very stark contrast: we either live for self, or we live for Christ, but we can't do both. To live selfishly and look out for Number One means we are not a disciple of Christ. Like the rich young ruler it is crystal clear that we must ask ourselves what is really important in life. Where is our real priority in life?

**Four. "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)** This may be one of the most important questions believers today can ask of themselves, given the overwhelming watering down of the gospel and the flood of cheap grace and hyper grace teaching that abound. Far too many churches are either downplaying or ignoring altogether the whole concept of the Lordship of Christ. They think we can have Jesus as Savior, but making Him Lord is just an optional extra. Sorry, it does not work that way. It is a package deal and Jesus cannot save us if He is not Lord over us. The whole concept of salvation is the transfer of ownership and obedience from self to God. We declare that we are no longer lord of our own life, but Christ is.

**Five. "However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8)** When Jesus returns (theme of the first Sunday in Advent), will He find us—you and me—strong in faith? Will each one of us stand strong, continue in prayer and faith, and stay the course until Jesus returns, or until we breathe our last breath? This can be a very intensely personal question which we all need to keep asking ourselves.

It is quite interesting how many vitally important questions are asked of us in the Bible, and especially by Jesus. These questions are not asked of us to condemn or worry us into despair but to awaken our faith and journey with Jesus in this life. Jesus came to give us life in the fullest way. May we all prayerfully take time to ask these questions of ourselves and form answers that will be pleasing to our Lord.

Open to conversation,

## PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

*“David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David,”* **2 Samuel 6:14 – 16a**

*“A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance”* **Ecclesiastes 3:4**

*“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’”*

**Matthew 11:16-17**

I have to say after this past weekend as Tara was married to her Nevin that I understand David's need to dance before the Ark of the Lord more fully. Now not that I am saying the two events are equal in nature, but they are the same in that something of a once in a lifetime event was occurring and it needed to be paid attention to with a fullness of self. David, centuries after the Ark had been created, and many years after it was lost to the children of Israel in battle, was returning the Ark (through God's grace) to the city of David. God, and the most tangible part of their faith that they could see the Ark, was coming back to be present with His people. David was so overcome with joy and merriment that he stripped down to his loincloth so he could expend all his energy in praising and worshiping God as He entered into the city again in the Ark. This was clearly a time to dance. God was coming to be present once again.

Not everyone looked fondly upon David and his actions though, as Michal his wife and the daughter of Saul look at him with repulsion and anger, perhaps even embarrassment. She perhaps may be more like the generation described by Jesus who wouldn't sing and wouldn't dance, even with Jesus present; these would be the ones standing outside and judging others for their celebration, missing the value and moment of the event that was occurring around them. Sadly there are some who refuse to dance, but what I experienced in my daughter's wedding was likened in reflection to faith.

I usually get very frustrated at events such as this because you want to spend time with family, and talk to so many people, to touch everyone... but you just can't. At this wedding I wrestled all the way to the day of the event and on that day I just said to myself, I am going to have fun and not worry about it. What an amazing night. People even came and said things about the comfort and relaxing sense of the whole day, and commented that, “Your family just likes to have fun.” Others said they wished they could do that... We didn't do anything, we just celebrated. How could you not? My daughter was marrying a fantastic man, God had blessed us and was present and woven into the night. He had come to see the wedding just as Jesus did in Canaan. We just had to dance.

When an event that is life changing, forming, and fulfilling happens you have to stop and give notice. Your whole heart should be in it to even push your body to get up and move. There should be joy and merriment. And for the Christian life this event happens over and over each week in worship. God comes to us in Word, song, fellowship, bread and wine, water and preaching. Do you dance up the aisle as you come into worship because God is present? Do you dance and sing the songs of praise to celebrate God's presence? Do you feel after communion as if you could just break out into praise because God has come to you to be with and in you and to assure you in faith of His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ's death?

Sure there will be some who are like Michal, but I encourage all to take stock in the moment of celebration and joy because God each week has come home to His house to be with His people and to say again – I love you. You are mine. Let's Dance – for together we are free.

After all it is a wedding we are celebrating each week, a marriage forged on a cross and bound in a tomb, and sealed with life in the Resurrection.

God and his people

Forever. XXXO

## YOUTH CALENDAR

**Confirmation** and **FLYTE** have begun again and this year we have six in the FLYTE program as well as five in Confirmation. Please pray for these young people to diligently study God's word for them and for their well-being.

**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** — A time of Gathering happens from 8:45 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. in the fellowship hall and then all the classes break out into their learning areas. This year as we continue digging deeper into the Word we are studying 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

**1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**—Becky Bahnfleth and Amanda Cyboron

**4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**—Judy Carstens, Kristy Rosberg and Fern Zechmann

**Junior high and high school**—Mary Weich, Greg Moen, Charlie Skoglund, Nate Metschke and Brian Anderson

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FUNDRAISER** — Thanks to all who came and supported the Confirmation class fundraiser. Over \$400 was raised to help them do the work they do in the year. Already last week the Confirmation and FLYTE groups combined forces to provide dinner for the homeless at the Norfolk Rescue Mission.

**Congratulations to the Youth of our congregation who have received their Ministry Milestone Marks in Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism** — Maddie and Blake Moen, Blake Olson, Micheyla Anderson, Katelyn Hall, Devon Beed and Hailey Jo Roberts. As well, Patrick Olson will be affirming his vows and taking on the call to be faithful in growing with God as he moves through life. They publicly shared their faith papers on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Great Job Madison Metschke and Delilah Broders** for sharing the 10 Commandments with the congregation on October 18<sup>th</sup> in worship. Thanks also to teachers Shirley Theil and Nell Finkral for your effort and love for sharing with the youth. Other learners preparing on the Lord's Prayer in the Life Long Learning process are **Dylan Hall** and **Lucas Petersen**.

**CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January through September 2015

	Jan - Sep 15
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Church Income	176,586.39
<b>Total Income</b>	176,586.39
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	137,104.77
Advertising - use evangelism	274.04
Church Building and Grounds	20,430.05
Church Properties - Parsonage	4,224.10
Discipleship	4,991.83
Fellowship & Evangelism	2,949.29
Outreach - Mission Beyond our C	6,000.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-37.11
Service and Local Mission	3,597.69
Worship	4,338.70
<b>Total Expense</b>	183,873.36
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-7,286.97
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Daycare Income	17,580.31
<b>Total Other Income</b>	17,580.31
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Daycare (Based on 6 kids)	14,408.68
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	14,408.68
<b>Net Other Income</b>	3,171.63
<b>Net Income</b>	-4,115.34

**Profit & Loss**  
 September 2015

**Balance Sheet**  
 As of September 30, 2015

	Sep 15
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Church Income	15,882.67
<b>Total Income</b>	15,882.67
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	14,958.11
Church Building and Grounds	1,372.81
Church Properties - Parsonage	489.16
Discipleship	1,319.61
Fellowship & Evangelism	132.62
Service and Local Mission	17.47
Worship	129.90
<b>Total Expense</b>	18,419.68
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-2,537.01
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Daycare Income	500.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	500.00
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Daycare (Based on 6 kids)	574.02
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	574.02
<b>Net Other Income</b>	-74.02
<b>Net Income</b>	-2,611.03

	Sep 30, 15
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Endowment-4076	7,128.42
General checking	12,610.82
Savings - 4034	11,178.91
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	30,918.15
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Designated giving	
Aaron & Anna Cyboron ( China)	-45.00
Amanda Cyboron	25.00
Brandon & Marie Cyboron (china)	-450.00
Church Property Fund	-21,341.63
Daycare Fund	-4.50
Disaster Relief Fund	-100.00
Good Samaritan Fund	-256.41
Memorials	-3,291.26
Military Bible Sticks	-250.00
Missions/Growth	-1,630.71
Parsonage	-3,023.73
Special Projects	-7,263.00
Tanzania ( Water ) Fund	-400.00
Tanzania Youth Missiom Fund	-50.00
Worship Fund	-2,500.00
<b>Total Designated giving</b>	-40,581.24
Jared & SauMan Weich	-20.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	-40,601.24
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	-9,683.09
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	-9,683.09
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	0.00

## WOMEN OF CHRIST THE SERVANT MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2015 – 6 p.m.

Present: Michelle Anderson, President; Julie Freese, Vice President; Fern Zechmann, Secretary; Wanda Muhs.

Fern opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. She presented the September minutes. Julie moved that they be accepted. Wanda seconded the motion and it carried. The Treasurer's report was presented showing a balance of \$500.06. Fern moved that the report be accepted and Julie seconded it. Motion carried.

### Old Business

- Bathroom Committee: This project has been completed. The Agape Group donated towards the project.
- Fall Gathering on Sept. 12: There were 13 in attendance including 2 children and a couple guests.
- Living Proof Live: Beth Moore in Omaha April 15 -16. Just the presentation is \$59. Michelle called a couple of motels and is waiting to hear back from them.
- CTS Crafting: A few new faces were in attendance and it was a great time. Bags were started and are being finished by Wanda Muhs and Nell Finkral. All bags have been sold so there will not be any available for sale at the Boutique.
- Wine, Women & Wisdom: October 22nd- Wanda Muhs hosting and Donna Young presenting; November 19th – Julie Freese hosting and presenting; December 17th – Michelle Anderson hosting and presenting
- Bulletin Board: A Women of Christ the Servant Bulletin Board is up in the fellowship hall. Watch it for upcoming events.
- War Room Bible Study – This study started last night with 16 people signed up.
- Creatively Fired – This night out was held Tuesday night with 11 ladies in attendance for an enjoyable evening.
- CTS Cleaning Day: This will be held this Sunday, October 4, after worship.

### New Business

- Pastor Appreciation Month: Plans were made to provide treats for everybody after worship on October 18th to celebrate this event. Mary Weich will be preparing gifts for the Pastors' wives. Julie moved that we allow her to spend \$25 for each gift. Fern seconded the motion and the vote passed.
- Magnet Fundraiser: Michelle had pictures of magnets for Christmas and Easter which remind us of the true meaning of these holidays. She also had information about selling these for a fundraiser for our group to build up our treasury after the expenditures for the bathrooms. The cost of the magnets is \$300 for 200. These can be sold for \$5. It was suggested that we could sell these at the Boutique. Fern made a motion that we order 200 of the Christmas magnets. Julie seconded the motion and it carried.
- Carpet Cleaning: Wanda brought it to our attention that the church carpeting needs cleaning. A couple of estimates have been received with Renner having the lowest estimate of about \$600 and he is willing to move items. Our profits from the polo shirt bags will be about \$315 and it was suggested that we use this to pay for half of the carpet cleaning cost. Michelle will check to see if the church council will pay for the other half. Julie moved that we contact Renner to set up a time to get the carpet cleaned with WCTS paying for half and finding another source to pay the other half. Fern seconded the motion and it carried.
- Mercy Meals: Julie Freese will be lining this up for January.

2015/2016 Events:           October 4 – Jeans Day, Cleaning church building and grounds  
                                  October 24th – Holiday Boutique  
                                  November 15th – Creatively Fired Ornament Day – All invited  
                                  December 5th – 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange/Decorate for Christmas  
                                  January – Mercy Meals (TBA)  
                                  February (around Groundhog's Day) – Movie/discussion night  
                                  March 5th – Spring Gathering  
                                  April 15th & 16th – Living Proof Live with Beth Moore  
                                  May 7th – 3rd Annual Bless and Be Blessed  
                                  June 4th – Annual Meeting (VP & Treasurer election)

Meeting was adjourned.

Women of Christ the Servant  
Fall Gathering  
September 12, 2015

Michelle called the meeting to order. Danita Broders hosted the meeting and the fellowship hall was decorated using an ice cream social theme. Ice cream with toppings was served.

### Old Business

- Bathrooms: Everything is nearly done with just the finishing touches left. We would like to thank Shirley Theil for coordinating, along with Mary Lund, Margaret Svitak, Darla Jensen, Nell Finkral, Wanda Muhs and Gina Krohn, along with many men who helped with the remodel.
- Wine, Women, and Wisdom: This is now held on the 4th Thursday of the month, except for November and December, when it is held the 3rd Thursday because of the holidays. If you have not attended one, please consider doing so. We sent a sign-up sheet around for hostesses in 2016.
- Women's Directory: A new and smaller directory will be put in each member's box when it is complete.
- Constitution Update: Everyone should have received an update of our Constitution with proposed changes noted. Copies were also available for members to reference. The executive board proposed the changes that are noted. Most of the changes are for clarification purposes and to more closely reflect how things are actually being done now. A copy of this print-out is enclosed. Presently, the Constitution does not have Chapters 7 and 8 so the chapters were renumbered so it doesn't look like something might be missing. The changes were presented and discussed. Linda Miller moved that we accept the changes to the Constitution as they were presented. Becky Bahnfleth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Michelle called attention to the bulletin board in the fellowship hall that we have been allowed to use. This has the mission statement which the Constitution states that we are to promote awareness of. Also posted is the yearly verse and the officers.
- CTS Crafting Weekend: Another great weekend is planned for September 18-19 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend this, whether you want a table or would like to come and join in fellowship. It is a great time. There is information available at the back, or you can contact Margaret Svitak. We will be working on making bags out of the misprinted polo shirts.

### New Business

- Living Proof Live: Beth Moore will be in Omaha April 15 and 16, 2016. The event cost is \$59 plus the cost of your hotel room. It starts on Friday at 7:00 pm and concludes on Saturday at 12:15 pm. Michelle will be getting rooms for the night and tickets for the event. If you would like to attend, please contact her. She will need your commitment with payment by November 1. Tickets and hotel should be less than \$100. Some members shared information about some motels that they would recommend. Once Michelle gets confirmation from the hotel on the price, she will make that available. Michelle also announced that Sheila Walsh will be at Baxter Arena next year.
- War Room Bible Study: This movie was shown at our local theater and many of our members saw it and had rave reviews. Michelle will be presenting a 5 week study and which will be held on Wednesdays at 7 pm at the church. It is open to everyone; men, women and couples. The cost of the study book will be less than \$10. She will order one for you or you can get one yourself. The study will start Wednesday September 30 and end on October 28. If you would like Michelle to order a book for you, please let her know by September 16.
- 1st Women's Night Out: An evening out at Creatively Fired has been planned for September 29. We will be meeting at 6 pm to paint pottery and have fellowship. You will get to pick what you want to paint during the evening. You paint it, they will glaze and fire it, and then you can pick it up when it is done. The prices range from \$10-\$50.
- CTS Cleaning Day: Be watching for information about the CTS cleaning day. This will be for everyone; men, women and youth. Cleaning will be done inside and out. Kathy Rogers will be organizing this.
- Mercy Meals: We would like to have a women's night of packing mercy meals. To have one line we need to have at least 10-12 people. If someone would like to line this up it could be another Women's Night Out. Let Michelle know and she can get you the contact information. Becky Bahnfleth also announced that the annual Pack Away Hunger event this year will be held on October 18th at Divots. Starting times are 10, 12 and 2 and there is a charge of \$100 for each table.
- Thank Offering: This will be collected in the first part of November. We will vote on where this will go in December.

Michelle invited everyone to the monthly meetings that are held the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm. The meeting was adjourned and Becky Bahnfleth closed in prayer.

## 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*

*The holidays, when visiting with family, are a good time for this discussion. Let your family know your wishes.*

### PLAN AHEAD WITH ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

**Now and then**, an anguished family's debate over the care of a terminally ill loved one makes the news. If that sort of story has left you wondering about your own care in a similar situation, you may want to think about putting some advance directives in place. Advance directives are legal documents that state the types of medical care you do or don't want in case you can't speak for yourself—either temporarily or permanently.

You may have strong feelings about being dependent on a ventilator to breathe, or perhaps you don't want to leave stressful medical decisions to loved ones. Having advance directives may give you some peace of mind.

There are two common types of advance directives: a living will, and a medical power of attorney.

#### **Living will**

A living will is specifically for end-of-life care. It spells out the measures you do and don't want to be taken to prolong your life if you can't make your own decisions and there is no hope that you'll recover from the condition.

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, you don't need a lawyer's help to write a living will. It's considered legal as soon as you sign it, although most states require the signature of a witness or a notary public. But it's probably a good idea to discuss with your doctor what you might want to put in a living will before preparing one. Your doctor can go over common treatment options available during end-of-life care, such as resuscitation if your heart stops or artificial nutrition and hydration if you can no longer eat or drink on your own.

#### **Medical power of attorney**

Also known as a health care proxy or a durable power of attorney for health care, a medical power of attorney lets you select someone to make decisions about your health care when you can't.

Unlike a living will, this document isn't only for treatment at the end of life. It also can be used when your medical condition is temporary. As soon as you're sufficiently recovered from your illness or injury, you're back in charge of your own care.

As with a living will, you don't need an attorney to name a health care proxy.

In some states, the two directives are combined into a single document.

#### **Carefully choose your proxy**

You should put careful thought into who you want to be your health care proxy (also known as a health care agent). It's important to remember that this person may at some point make decisions about your medical care.

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the American Hospital Association, a good choice for your health care proxy is:

- Someone you trust, whether that's a family member or a friend.
- A person who understands and respects your medical wishes.
- Someone other than your doctor or a professional caregiver.

**Remember to save and bring your empty pill bottles to church. They are being sent to Malawi Project (please remove labels).**



#### **DONATE BLOOD**

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

### Birthdays

11/6 Jeremy Broders  
11/6 Ron Hall  
11/6 Charlie Skoglund  
11/11 Pat Sinkbeil  
11/12 Rich Jaeger  
11/14 Meg Donovan  
11/17 Julie Freese  
11/19 Zach Cordner  
11/21 Donna Young  
11/22 Wanda Muhs  
11/22 Dallas Puls  
11/24 Micheyla Anderson

11/25 Dennis Miller  
11/26 Joan Falke  
11/27 Riley Petersen  
11/27 Heather Quaid

*God's blessings to everyone celebrating  
this month. Wishing you a joy-filled day!*

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

### Anniversaries

Robert & Rhonda Beed — 11/16  
Mike & Nell Finkral — 11/20  
Ben & Marcy Kratochvil — 11/26  
Doug & Pat Witte — 11/27

**Belated anniversary wishes to  
Jeff and Connie Petersen, who  
celebrated 19 years on Oct. 5.**

**I would like** to thank all those who made anonymous monetary donations and to also the following people who served on the committee, who donated items, and those who gave of their time and labor towards the fellowship hall bathroom project. Darla Jessen, Mary Lund, Margaret Svitak, Scott Krohn, Roger Young, Nevin Peters, Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Warren Bennett, Bob Lutz, Don Knee, Lonnie Svitak, Arlynn Boelman, Wendell Muhs, Steve Lund, Nell Finkral, Gina Krohn, and Wanda Muhs. Please forgive me if I missed someone along the way. May God bless you all for the generosity and obedience that you have displayed doing mission work within our church.

God bless and thank you again,

Shirley Theil, Bathroom Project Chairman

**Bright Horizons** would like to thank everybody who made such generous donations of diapers and wipes to our agency during our 2015 Diaper Drive. Because of your kindness, Bright Horizons was able to collect 6,767 diapers and 23 packs of wipes for our clients 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.

Jamie Drahota, Fiscal Manager

**To the congregation** of Christ the Servant: Thank you so much for your support of our MOPS group! It's our way of touching other moms with the love of God!

MOPS Steering Committee

**Kitchen Fundraising** — We are participating in the Bon-Ton Stores' Community Days 2015 event (Herbergers, Younkers, and other stores). Coupon booklets are available in the church office for \$5, and 100% of each booklet sold goes to the kitchen fund. Make checks payable to CTS Kitchen Fund, memo "coupon booklet." If you'd like to help sell these booklets, call Louise Skoglund (379-4268) or Joan Falke (664-3057). Coupons good at participating stores on purchases Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 11 to 14, ONLY.

**"Taking Time" WILD CARD** will be held during months that have five Mondays. The next 5th Monday will be November 30 at 7 p.m. Joy Johnson from the Centering Corporation in Omaha will be with us to share about grief and their bereavement resource center. Watch for what is coming on 5th Mondays.

## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	COFFEE	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
NOV. 1	BJ & Sharon Koeppe	Mary Lund	Charlie & Louise Skoglund	Elizabeth B.	Scott Krohn	Lonnie & Margaret Svitak
NOV. 8	Brian & Michelle Anderson	Linda & Amanda Cyboron	Mike & Nell Finkral	Katelyn A.	Amanda Cyboron	Ron & Korrie Hall
NOV. 15	Al & Sharon Boelman	Danita Broders	Steve & Julie Freese	Zachary C.	Charlie Skoglund	Scott Krohn and Bob Lutz
NOV. 22	Mike & Nell Finkral	Nate & Darcy Metschke	Rich and Deb Olson	Madison M., Ethan Olson	Connie Atkinson	Charlie & Louise Skoglund
NOV. 29	Dean & Doris Hoffart	Doug and Pat Witte	Ron & Korrie Hall	Kelcie Hall	Brian Anderson	Linda & Amanda Cyboron

**If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please make your own trade and notify the Church Office.**

<p><b>November Offering Counting Teams:</b></p> <p>1st Dean &amp; Doris Hoffart</p> <p>2nd Nell Finkral, Louise Skoglund</p> <p>3rd Marsha Burke, Rhonda Piske</p> <p>4th Darcy Metschke, Korrie Hall</p> <p>5th Dean &amp; Doris Hoffart</p>	<p><b>Altar Guild:</b> Margaret Svitak, Kay Jaeger (Paraments white Nov. 1, 26 green Nov. 8, 15, 22 purple Nov. 29 (Advent))</p> <p><b>Communion Bread:</b> Margaret Svitak</p> <p><b>Membership Care Team:</b> Jo Roberts, Linda Miller</p>
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### PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding  
Saturday, October 17, 2015  
Tara Bahnfleth and Nevin Peters

Confirmation/Affirmation  
Sunday, October 25, 2015

Micheyla Anderson  
Devon Beed  
Katelyn Hall  
Blake Moen  
Maddie Moen  
Blake Olson  
Patrick Olson  
Hailey Jo Roberts

### MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

January = 371  
February = 261  
March = 474  
April = 421  
May = 460  
June = 346  
July = 263  
August = 419  
September = 322