



JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 40 years

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Congregational Mission Meeting

Sunday, July 10, after brunch in the fellowship hall

Our next Congregational Mission Meeting will be July 10 following worship after we share a potluck brunch in the fellowship hall. Our agenda will include reports from our Ministry Teams with their goals and objectives, a report on plans for our 40th anniversary on Nov. 19-20, a report by Pastor Steve on his invitation to participate with Vantage-Point3 on developing a plan for faith development for adults (see his letter for more information); report from Garry Seefeldt on goals/objectives of Ministry Teams, and discussion of worship and Sunday school schedules. Our goal is that meetings do not last more than one hour.

Summer Brunches after Worship

2nd Sundays of each month (July 10 and August 14)

Our first potluck brunch of the summer was a great time of fellowship and food. The fellowship hall was so full that we had to add another table or two! It was a great experience as the fellowship hall was buzzing with caring conversations across the generations. If you were in attendance, you experienced a great morning after worship. For those of you who could not attend or had to leave after worship, you missed a great opportunity of sharing and caring. We will have two more summer potluck brunches (2nd Sunday of July and August). Mark your calendar now and plan to return or join us the next time!

Change the World School of Prayer

2nd Monday of each month – 7 PM
(July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14)

Several members are gathering on the 2nd Monday of each month for a time of learning and prayer as we listen to the teachings of Dick Eastman (founder of Every Home for Christ). Dick has taught his "Change the World School of Prayer" for 40 years and is putting his teaching sessions online. We gather at the church to listen to his teachings each month and pray after each of his three segments. We have participated in two of his seven teachings. You are welcome to come to any of the teachings. If you cannot attend, you can watch his teachings online at www.ehc.org/CTWSOP and click "Watch on Demand" and listen to each session. You can either download a lesson or order a student book. We are watching these videos in preparation for our 40th anniversary as a congregation. (We also encourage you to take a postcard in the back of the church and begin praying for revival in our congregation and region.)

Pastors on Vacation in July

(Please notice)

Both Pastor Steve and Pastor Matt will be taking some vacation during the month of July. Neither one of them will be gone at the same time but notice the dates they will be on vacation in July.

Pastor Steve: July 1-4 (annual family vacation over the 4th of July in Minnesota) and July 14-19 (annual vacation in Yankton).

Pastor Matt: July 22-30 (family vacation in Kentucky).

Summer Preaching Series

Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120-134)

During the summer months we are preaching and learning the 15 Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120-134) which the people of God in the Old Testament memorized and sang as they journeyed to Jerusalem to attend their major festivals and feasts. These psalms (songs) helped them to continue to walk faithfully with God by *refreshing* their memories of God's saving acts, by *renewing* their commitments as God's covenant people, and by *responding* as a blessed community to the best God had for them. As we journey through the summer months, let these psalms strengthen your faith walk with God. If you miss a Sunday, you can listen to these sermons on our website.

A supplement book, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction," written by Eugene Peterson, is available for purchase for \$10. If you would like a book, contact Pastor Steve and a book will be ordered for you.

July 3 – Psalm 125 – "Security"
"God Encircles His People"

July 10 – Psalm 126 – "Joy"
"We Laughed, We Sang"

July 17 – Psalm 127 – "Work"
"If God Doesn't Build the House"

July 24 – Psalm 128 – "Happiness"
"Enjoy the Blessing! Revel in the Goodness!"

July 31 – Psalm 129 – "Perseverance"
"They Never Could Keep Me Down"

Worship Schedule:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:15 Coffee & Fellowship

PASTOR STEVE'S LETTER: "BECOMING A GROWING DISCIPLE"

By now most of you realize I have been working with VantagePoint3 in Sioux Falls, S.D., in faith development with adults. Over my many years in the ministry I've been introduced to several excellent courses in Christian education (Life with God, CROSSWAYS, Experiencing God, etc.) and have experienced living with others in community with other committed Christians who are seeking to grow in their faith and walk with Jesus (Via de Cristo, retreats, continuing education, etc.). While all of these courses and experiences have yielded fruit, I've always been looking for a process or model that would not only produce a disciple of Jesus (a person who is constantly growing and maturing) but a process or model that would teach others how to disciple others. If your experience has been similar to mine, I haven't had many models of discipleship in my life. My models have been certain people, experiences and opportunities that have come across my path. What if there was a model or process that could be created at Christ the Servant that would take a person at any stage of their faith journey with a template that would move that person further on their faith journey? This process would not be "one size fits all" but rather a process that models the style that Jesus used with His disciples. The VantagePoint3 processes help a Christian move further down their faith road. VantagePoint3 has three processes to help you mature in your faith and walk with Jesus with the simple directive: **Pay Attention**. Year One is called **The Journey** which seeks to invite you, along with a group of fellow travelers, into a personal exploration of three primary questions in your life: *Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?* Year Two is called **A Way of Life** which encourages greater attention to and alignment with God's gracious way in your life, your community and the world. Three overarching themes structure learning: *Friendship with God, Community with Others, and Mission on the Way*. Year Three is called **Walking with Others** which builds on your discoveries from The Journey and A Way of Life as a challenge to invest in others as the next step in your faith development. I've been involved with several members in all three processes for the past three years.

Because of my involvement with VantagePoint3 the staff has invited me to become part of a *Vista Cohort*, an adult cohort learning opportunity to help a local church think more clearly and practice more effectively regarding the development and maturing of adults within their setting. *Vista* helps churches assess their existing structure and processes to determine if they provide the most effective means of adult faith formation. I have accepted their invitation and have joined five other pastors across the nation (Atlanta, Dallas, Denver and Calgary) who have utilized the discipleship processes of VantagePoint3 much longer than I have. We are meeting three times over an 18-month period to do three things - to *think, design, and implement* creative ways to enhance adult discipleship in each of our settings. We are meeting in Sioux Falls (at VantagePoint3 headquarters) where I just completed our *think* module (begin to think clearly about my setting and what I find myself truly caring about in adult faith formation). Our next two modules will take place in January 2017 and June 2017 where we will begin an analysis to create a design which will result in building and implementing a plan that will cultivate an on-going process of adult discipleship and formation at Christ the Servant.

As a result of my first *Vista Cohort* meeting, I will be creating a guiding coalition or team of 3-5 CTS members who will meet with me for the next 12 months to begin an analysis of our current adult faith formation process with the goal of creating a design to lead us in the next phase of our congregation as we celebrate the good work of 40 years. Our first task will be to define a joint statement on discipleship for our congregation. I will be explaining more of this process at our next Quarterly Congregational Mission meeting on July 10. The reading materials and preparation work with *Vista* is excellent as it reflects the work of those who have been paying attention in adult faith development and formation for many years. In summation, J. Robert Clinton writes: *"The process of spiritual or character formation can be seen as the development of the inner life of a person of God so that the person (1) experiences more of God, (2) reflects more God-like characteristics in personality and everyday relationships, and (3) increasingly knows the power and presence of God in ministry."* (The Making of a Leader, 1989:255)

The end result of a process of adult faith formation at CTS would be the prayer given by Dallas Willard – *"That you would have a **rich life of joy and power, abundant and supernatural results, with a constant clear vision of never ending life** in God's world before you, and of the **everlasting significance** of your work day by day."* I've put in bold letters the result of such a spiritual formation. "Joy" and "power" with "abundant and supernatural results!!!" And a life with "constant clear vision" with a "never ending life" that leaves an "everlasting significance" for self and others! Can you even imagine such a life? Is such a life even possible? Is such a rich life possible for you and me? I would answer each question with an emphatic YES if you are open, willing, and desire such a life.

Seeking a life of joy and power with you!

PASTOR MATT'S LETTER

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." And he hurried and came down, and received Him gladly. ... And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:5-6, 8-10

Standing in line at the checkout of any grocery store, occasionally you end up behind someone who is a coupon clipper of biblical proportions. You know the one I mean; they have a special case in hand, divided either alphabetically or by product or by date of expiration or even all of the above. They have meticulously plotted their course through the store, which as of late I am sure is a challenge as Hy-Vee has seen fit to shake up the shopping universe by relocating everything in their stores. They have, with cat-like-precision, loaded the cart with one hand while pulling coupons with the other and somehow tabulating the total of the basket before they get to the cashier. Like winning the Showcase Showdown on "The Price is Right," they celebrate the victory and euphoria of the moment as the cashier hands them their receipt and says, "You saved \$64.35 today and you have \$1.20 off in fuel-saver dollars." All of us in line quietly say to ourselves, "OOOOO and AAAAA" as if we were watching the grand finale of Big Bang Boom. We look at them with longing amazement in our hearts wishing to celebrate their euphoria amidst a massive *coup de gras* of shopping excellence. We feel this way as every time we try to attempt this feat the clipping takes too long, to remember to bring the coupons can be a challenge, mapping out the store is too hard, and we don't have one of those cool little coupon suitcases to store all of our stuff. Of course if we did have one we would be easily successful.

Standing in the midst of the church of Jesus Christ can sometimes feel like standing in the checkout. Some seem to have all the angles and all the bonuses. They have the cool tools and they seem to make it look easy to make a killing and celebrate savings because they have done all the right things to make it happen. We look longingly at them with amazement in our hearts because every time we try this it seems like we don't have the tools, or the time, or the gifts, or the "intelligence" to make it work out as easily for us as it did for them.

Jesus came into the line of life that we are standing in for the clippers and the wishers; the people it all seems to work for and those who seem to look longingly with a desire for it all to work out easily for them. In line they are all the same as we all are today. For those it seems easy for no one sees or knows the struggles, the longings, that they wrestle with because they work so hard to make it look easy. Even the drive to make it seem so easy can be part of the struggle. Ever wonder how much energy was spent looking at ads? For the others in the line, we focus on the wrong things and seemingly the "What we don't have" that make one feel like something is missing in our life and we degrade the gift God has made in us and judge it unfit because we can't make it look easy.

So what does Jesus do? He comes into the line, looks us all in the eye, and says, "I must stay at your house," in other words the dwelling of your heart. What is our response? If we are one of the clippers who work so hard to make it look good, hopefully it is the Zaccheus response to hurry down and receive Him gladly. Perhaps we will let go of all that work we do to seem as if it's all together, and we will rest in Him. We might even, like Zaccheus, see when Jesus enters in that there are amends we need to make and get to the work of apology and forgiveness. If we are the bystander who longs to have what others seem to have hopefully it is the Zaccheus response to hurry down and receive Him gladly. We might even, like Zaccheus, see when Jesus enters in that we have focused our eyes on things other than God and seeking to know how much we mean to Him. Even better, perhaps we will realize all together that we are standing in the same line, and Jesus has come into it with us, and we will see each other in a different way, for we are all the lost that He has come to save.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Summer Sunday School is underway and this year our theme is CEREAL, using as our guiding text Psalm 34:8 — “Taste and See that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.”

Coming up in July –

Lucky Charms – Don’t rely on superstitions, but rely on Jesus for all of our needs.

Trix – Christians need the Fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

Cinnamon Toast Crunch – Sometimes we have to give up something to obey Jesus.

Apple Jacks – God wants us to grow closer to Jesus.

Each week we gather as A multigenerational Sunday School to share the CEREAL of the day and some fruit for a good breakfast, and our time of learning begins around 9 a.m. All are welcome to come and join in for a sweet time of learning about Jesus. So come on down and grab a bowl. Jesus is waiting to fill it and YOU up.

Summer Day Camp - RELEASED

Thanks to all who have been a part of preparation and planning of the Day Camp for this year. It is and has been a learning lesson to try to grow us to be a bigger day camp in the future. Thanks for all those who have been praying and who have volunteered to work and gather and to bring supplies. Day Camp starts June 27–30 and we are praying that God will touch these young live and perhaps help us to lead some to Jesus who don’t really know Him.

Wednesdays at the Pit

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — **July 20th** is an adjusted date for the Youth Group hosted Wednesday Night at the Pit. We will get a fire burning, play games – all sorts, have a cookout potluck and the ENTIRE congregation is welcome to join us. As we meet again the Youth Group will be providing burgers, brats, and dogs in some combination and the condiments and buns. We ask those who come to chip in with a potluck side or dessert. There will also be water and tea available, but all are welcome to BYONAB (that’s Bring Your Own Non-Alcoholic Beverage). We will be firing up at 6 p.m., and we are going to be working to get a movie showing each evening as a bonus feature. Come and join us! Bring some chairs.

Youth Group will be meeting to determine what we will be doing for our overnighiter in July, so please be present for those discussions. We are hoping to get to Kansas City for a game and park or two parks . . . you will be the determining factor.

FUTURE DATES to be aware of:

Sunday, July 31 & August 7 – **My First Bible Class** after worship for parents and children who are entering the 3rd grade. Bibles and Catechisms will be presented as a part of Rally Day on September 11.

August 14 – **Potluck Sunday and Blessing of the Back Packs**

September 11 – **Rally Day Sunday and the sharing of Ministry Milestones**

October 30 – **Rite of Affirmation of Faith**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st Kathy Rogers
3rd Amanda Cyboron
6th Jesse Meyer
16th Brian Anderson
23rd Lu Carter
24th Sam Cordner, Bill Thoendel
26th AJ Beckman
27th Michelle Anderson
27th Linda Miller
27th Todd Weber
30th Connie Atkinson
31st Susie Lutz

ANNIVERSARIES

July 20 Charlie & Louise Skoglund (42 years)
July 27 Dallas and Jan Puls (20 years)

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

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely appreciate the delicious salads, condiments, desserts, cakes, bars and relishes you donated to our Mother's funeral lunch. Your generosity and hard work is greatly appreciated. Mom would have enjoyed this food so much. We sincerely thank God for the kindness and love you have bestowed upon our Mother. Your love and devotion were Mom's saving grace over all these years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The family of Delores Olson

KITCHEN FUND

Thank you to everyone who purchased pies from the Village Pie Maker. We will be selling pies again in October in conjunction with the annual Holiday Boutique. Again, thank you for your support and participation in our kitchen fundraiser. Check out our display; many items available for birthdays, weddings, showers, and other events.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH with Dynamite Duo and the Sparklers! The free-admission concerts will be held Sunday, July 3, at 7 p.m., and Monday, July 4, at 2 p.m. at Norfolk's First Baptist Church (404 W. Benjamin). In a celebration of traditional American values, the concerts will feature patriotic, sacred, Broadway and Sousa tunes performed by local musicians on "The Mighty Wurlitzer" organ; grand piano, band, stringed and percussion instruments. Also featured will be sing-along numbers, readings, costumed characters, youth performers and a magnificently decorated sanctuary. First Baptist Church is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible. Doors open one hour prior to performance times. The concerts are free, and all are welcome.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the following 11 volunteers who let God guide their hearts to serve at the Norfolk Food Pantry. Doug & Pat Witte, Pastor Matt Bahnfleth, Dennis & Linda Miller, Doris Hoffart, Micheyla Anderson, Nell Finkral, Danita Broders, Pastor Steve Lund, and Shirley Theil. From June 1 to June 15, you helped serve 79 households: 28 retired people, 96 working age people, 33 school age children, 10 preschool age children, and 10 veterans. "The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matthew 23: 11,12
God's richest blessing to all who served!

Shirley Theil, (volunteer) for Becky Bahnfleth,
Board of Spiritual Oversight, Service

BRIGHT HORIZONS

(Drop off any time): Yellow ruled pads, steno pads, sticky notes; deodorant, children and adult Tylenol, cough medicine, Band Aids, diapers (all the 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 gift cards, grocery store gift cards.

RESCUE MISSION

(Drop off any time): Facial tissue, toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaning products, disinfectants, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap, shampoo, Band-Aids, Tylenol, antibiotic ointment, coffee, creamer, sugar, disposable plates and cups, sugar, salt, pepper, flour, cornstarch, ketchup, mustard, chili powder.

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)

If you want your blood pressure taken, ask Linda Miller -- she'll gladly take it!

Take Five

If you find yourself eating because you're bored, sad, or even happy, psychologist Susan Albers, PsyD, has your back. Her book, *50 More Ways to Soothe Yourself Without Food*, is packed with solutions. Her 5-5-5-5-5 strategy will prepare you for the next time you're tempted to eat your emotions. First, write down the following:

- Five people you can call when you need to vent
- Five ways you like to relax (taking a shower, stretching, watching a funny video)
- Five places where you feel calm (a private room, your bed, the park)
- Five mantras to say to yourself (“I am stronger than this.” “This too will pass.”)
- Five activities to distract yourself (start a puzzle, run an errand, do a crossword)

Hang this list somewhere visible--your fridge, bathroom mirror or cubicle--as a reminder of all the things you can do instead of reaching for a snack the next time you have a craving.

Do You Drink Too Much Water?

Drinking enough water to keep your body hydrated is essential for health, but too much can make you sick if your body can't process all the fluid. Here's a quick guide to know you're drinking the right amount:

- You're drinking enough water if your urine is light-colored and you rarely feel thirsty -- doctors say you should expel about 6.3 or more cups per day.
- If you're exercising, try to drink before and during exertion so you don't drink too much at once. Too much fluid too quickly can deplete your body's salt levels. A sports drink with electrolytes can help replenish the lost salts, but the real danger is too much water. Drink only when you feel thirsty.
- More than one liter of water an hour is too much for most people. You can buy a liter water bottle and keep that with you during the day to better monitor your water intake.

Thinking Positively Can Make You Healthier

How you approach life can affect your health, according to several studies by medical professionals. Positive people tend to have fewer health problems and live longer than pessimists. The good news is if you're not typically the bubbly type, you can learn an optimist's skills to help improve your health and how you feel.

How to do it:

1. First, determine the things that make you feel the happiest. It might be spending time with positive friends or favorite family members, walking the dog, or watching a funny TV show. Helping others tends to help you feel better, too.
2. Next, schedule one of those things in every day's agenda. Make it a necessary part of your day.
3. Focus on positive thoughts. When a negative thought arises, pause and find a way to spin it to the positive. Even if you don't believe it at first, just thinking it or saying it aloud can affect your outlook. For example, change “No one wants to talk to me” to “I'll find a way to talk to others at least once today.”
4. Make being healthier a priority. Exercise boosts your mood and has been proven to reduce stress, which can increase negativity in your life. A healthy diet makes your body and mind feel better, making it easier to be positive.
5. Avoid negative people. Nothing sidetracks a positive day like someone who always has something negative to say.

It won't happen overnight, but after practicing positivity for a few weeks, you're sure to have a better outlook.

Board of Administration Meeting
May 24, 2016

Present: Greg Moen, Steve Jessen, Richard Hillrichs, Wanda Muhs, Warren Bennett

Absent: Jan Puls

Membership and Stewardship Ministry Team: Doris Hoffart, Judy Carstens, Pat Witte

Agenda: Job descriptions
Sexual abuse policy
Teams
Financial information
Staff reviews
Property

Steve shared with team members the job description that has been developed for the Membership and Stewardship Ministry Team. The team's recommendations are:

Visitor cards need to be updated; they will work on it next week and get it to Kathy; they also suggested cards be in the pew railing.

Who sends cards to visitors? (currently, no one)

Who sends letters to inactive members? This committee can do so, if they wish. Kathy has the responses from the last time these were sent out and will provide to this team

What about the Time & Talent sheets? (No one is doing these)

Pledge cards need to be done annually, and earlier (September)

Doris invites everyone in her neighborhood to the boutique; she suggests we do that once a year on a larger scale to invite people to church.

Doris will be speaking with Rick Benson about the grass and trees he destroyed on our property when he built a house for his daughter.

Job descriptions done by Greg and Steve will be emailed to board members for stewardship, financial secretary/bookkeeper, church finance/treasurer. Carol Olson has resigned as financial secretary/bookkeeper, per Greg, and her resignation was accepted. An option is to hire someone from outside. Cost would be approximately \$4,000 annually for payroll and bookkeeping to go with Christensen, Brozek & Faltys. Motion by Richard to contract with CBF through the end of 2016, second by Wanda; motion carried. Steve will get this process started.

Financial reports were distributed and discussed.

The proposed sexual misconduct policy and Policy & Procedures addressing sexual misconduct were distributed. Motion to accept by Richard, seconded by Warren; motion carried. Kathy will email these documents to Greg, who will forward to Jeff Hrouda for review; any revisions will be brought to the next board meeting.

Kathy will email the audit committee's recommendations to board members; this will be on the agenda next month.

Church property issues: One sprinkler on the church grounds is still leaking, per Warren. Also, the cable wire from the pole to the church is frayed.

Parsonage: leak around shower in parsonage; vanity, surround & flooring need to be replaced; cost \$3,169. Also need to replace 3 basement windows and repair one slider; cost is \$1,560.

Warren offered a motion to approve the repairs to the parsonage, second by Doris; motion carried. The issue now goes to the Board of Spiritual Oversight; Greg will email them and then let Wanda know so she can order materials.

Richard offered a motion to adjourn, second by Steve; motion carried. Doris closed the meeting with prayer.

Board of Spiritual Oversight Meeting
May 24, 2016

Meeting opened at 7:13 pm by Margaret Svitak. Opening Devotion from My Utmost for His Highest. Garry Seefeldt is scheduled to return July 7 – 10 to meet with Teams. We currently have \$600 from initial offerings in spring, still short about \$700 to bring him here. Committed to raise \$5,000 for coverage of each trip and an honorarium. So we are still needing to raise \$3,000. The members of the Boards will foot the remainder of need for this next visit. Final visit is scheduled for November and will be seeking to raise the remainder through the congregation. As a congregation we determined that we wanted to complete this process, and as a congregation we need to complete the funds.

Day Camp - Charlie Skoglund

Posters have been distributed around town. Others, like Marie Shaffer are talking to groups like her card club and passing along invitations to children of members. Others passing out individual invitations. We need everyone to help to get the word out and to help make this event one that can help draw people to Christ and to hopefully help some to come and be a part of this community. Still needing volunteers and seeking college and mature youth to be group leaders. JUNE 15 – 5 – 8 at Culver's – from all proceeds in that period CTS Day Camp will get a percentage of 5% of profit. If they have \$4,000 or more in sales we would get 8%.

Worship – Brian Anderson Absent

Final part of the Now the Feast will be introduced on May 29. Booklets and Larger print booklets are being produced as a response to people's comments to help them see wording more clearly. Print on screen cannot really be changed as it is working from a scan. In June all weeks of worship will be Now the Feast and Celebration and then beginning in July it would fall into third week as part of the traditional line up.

Summer Preaching – Pastor Steve

Sermon Series on the Songs of Ascent (Psalm 120-134) Linda will design a banner for the study.

Outreach – Linda Cyboron

Mission and Ministry Team has joined with Life Long Learning to help prepare for the Day Camp. Notes of the meeting were passed to all board members and Linda will submit to the newsletter. Concern of duplicating responsibilities, hopefully Garry will be able to help, but need to find who may have been doing certain things and roll those things and people into Mission and Ministry Team. Hoping that all team leaders will be able to come together to help make job descriptions for the team to make sure all areas are covered without overlap.

Service – Becky Bahnfleth

Food Pantry is coming up in June. Shirley Theil has taken on organization for that and all slots for service have been filled. Thanks to the congregational members who signed up to help in this ministry. Thanks to Shirley for her help.

Fellowship – Mary Weich

Looking at pricing for a bus to take a group to a baseball game in Omaha. Christian Cross Festival is coming soon. Decided against a tent because of cost. Want to still mark an area for Christ the Servant to gather for the concerts and such. People will be passing out individual invitations for Day Camp. Congregation is invited to join in. Working on parade banner for 4th of July, Tara Bahnfleth is looking into cost. They will be hosting a July 2nd Picnic and fire the night of the Big Bang Boom. All are invited. Summer pot luck brunches will be held the second Sunday of each month.

As a fund raising idea it was suggested that we not cut the majority of the grass to the south, except around the area of the fire pit and such that will be used. At the end of the season we could have a farmer come and bail the cut grass and sell it as a fund raiser.

For all teams to make sure there are updates of what is happening with each team – members need to get their notes or information to Kathy by the third Friday of the month.

Discipleship – Charlie Skoglund Pastor Matt

Summer Sunday School will be themed Cereals – Seeking people who would like to help in places during the summer to be a part of teaching. Each week the cereal of the day will be provided for children from 8:45 am to 9 and then the lessons will be presented. Looking for people to help teach, do skits, run activities. It is open to all ages.

Pastoral Update – Pastor Steve

On retreat June 14 – 16 with VP3 training. Decades meetings have begun to meet. 20's Decade was very positive. School of Prayer had first meeting and had 12 attend. Meets second Mondays of the Month.

Pastoral Update - Pastor Matt

Confirmation Camp June 12 – 17. Last Wednesday of each month Youth Group is sponsoring Wednesdays at the Pit and the congregation is encouraged to join. Youth provide burgers, dogs, and brats everyone else bring a dish or dessert to share. Reminder to bring chairs and outdoor games. Fire – S'mores – Worship- Games – Fellowship and we are hoping a movie eventually. Began bible study with Youth – Not a Fan by Kyle Idelman and so far have had a very positive response. Will be working on an overnight to KC with youth for work this summer. Hoping to get a tanking trip organized.

Pastor Matt's surgery is hoped to be in early August and he will be out for six weeks. Life Long Learning and others will have to plan and provide, Blessing of the Back Packs, Rally Day Sunday, Ministry Milestones, Installation of New Officers and Team Members will be held during worship on June 5th. All team members and board members are asked to be present.

Quarterly Mission Meeting is scheduled for July 10 – while Garry is here to help provide direction to boards, and because the rest of the weeks pastors are out on vacation.

An Ice Cream Cake was provided by Margaret to celebrate and thank outgoing board members Margaret Svitak and Mary Weich.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm

July worship servants

| | Communion Assistants | Greeters | Ushers | Acolytes | Lector | Coffee |
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| 3 | MARGARET and LONNIE SVITAK | BOELMANS | WENDELL H., DALLAS P. | KATELYN & ELIZABETH | BRIAN A. | ANDERSONS |
| 10 | LINDA MILLER and BOB LUTZ | HOFFARTS | WARREN B., KEVIN P. | ZACHARY & COLIN | CONNIE A. | HOLLY H. |
| 17 | LINDA CYBORON, LOUISE SKOGLUND | JAEGERS | MILLERS | KATELYN & ELIZABETH | RICHARD H. | HOFFARTS |
| 24 | NEVIN and TARA PETERS | FINKRALS | NICHOLSONS | ZACHARY & ETHAN | BLAKE O. | BOELMANS |
| 31 | MICHELLE and MICHEYLA A. | KOEPPES | THEILS | ELIZABETH & COLIN | LONNIE S. | FINKRALS |

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please make your own trade, then notify the church office. Thank you!

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| Altar Guild: Connie Petersen, Shirley Theil Communion Bread: Shirley Theil Membership Care: Deb Olson, Kathy Rogers | Altar Guild: Nell Finkral, Julie Freese Communion Bread: Arlis Lind Membership Care: Mary Lund, Shirley Theil |

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| <p>Missions and Ministry Team Update - Summary points</p> <p>Prayer and Listening to God a Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What areas are covered by other teams or groups and what should our role be as well as working along side the other teams. • Eucharistic Ministry - Information to be presented at the next Church Quarterly meeting. • Infant Teen Mom's Day Care - Engaging CTS in supporting our Day Care Mission through prayer, volunteering, Mentor Mom, support and encouragement. • Day Camp - June 27-30 being lead by group from Okoboji - a ministry to reach youth in our community. CTS members assisting in helping to make Jesus known. • Joe Rystrom - We were blessed with Joe's sharing what God is doing through missions in the nations. • Aaron Cyboron and family (doing missions in China) will be in Nebraska June 11 - 19. • Next meeting we will explore ways CTS can better engage with and support our Tanzania connection. <p>We ask for prayer and seeking God in how to be His church, looking for where He is working and joining Him in what He is doing. Our role as the Missions and Ministry team will be to encourage and challenge our members in actively serving God as part of their daily life.</p> |
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| | MONDAYS=Pastor Matt's day off TUESDAYS=Staff meeting @ 10:30 FRIDAYS=Pastor Steve's day off | | | | 1 OFFICE CLOSED Stormo-Voigt wedding 5 PM | 2 6PM Picnic in the Parking Lot |
| 3 Pentecost 7 845 Sunday school 10 Worship 1115 Fellowship 6PM Spirit-led Worship | 4 OFFICE CLOSED | 5 6:30 Childcare Oversight meeting | 6 9:30 Membership/stewardship mtg 7PM 70s decade 7PM Youth group | 7 9AM PieceMakers 6PM Women/CTS 6:30 Board of Spiritual Oversight | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Pentecost 8 845 Sunday school 10 Worship Potluck/quarterly mission meeting | 11 7PM School of Prayer 7PM Walk & Talk | 12 7PM Worship committee meeting | 13 7PM 80s/90s decade meeting 7PM Youth group | 14 9AM Agape Circle | 15 Deadline for newsletter 5:30 Girl Scouts | 16 |
| 17 Pentecost 9 845 Sunday school 10 Worship 1115 Fellowship 12 Beed reunion | 18 6:30 Board of Administration 7PM Walk & Talk | 19 | 20 6PM Wednesday @ the Pit | 21 2PM Card Club 6:45 MOPS | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Pentecost 10 845 Sunday school 10 Worship 1115 Fellowship | 25 7PM Walk & Talk | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Church reserved for wedding rehearsal | 30 Piske-Maly wedding 3PM |
| 31 Pentecost 11 845 Sunday school 10 Worship 1115 Fellowship <i>My First Bible class (following worship)</i> | | NOTES: Pastor Garry returns July 7-10 (meets with ministry teams & boards) Pastor Steve on vacation July 1-4 and July 14-19 Pastor Matt on vacation July 22-30 | | | | |

Ministry team leaders: please make sure your meetings (date/time/location) are on the calendar (notify the church office).