



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

JULY 2019

Birthdays

7-3 Amanda Cyboron
7-6 Jesse Meyer
7-11 Tama Krause
7-16 Brian Anderson
7-19 Harold Dunlap
7-22 Jerry Hayes
7-23 Lu Carter
7-24 Michelle Anderson
7-24 Bill Thoendel
7-27 Linda Miller
7-30 Connie Atkinson
7-30 John Lund
7-31 Susie Lutz

Anniversaries

7-20 Charlie & Louise Skoglund
7-27 Dallas & Jan Puls

PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals

Myron Falter, June 3
Robert Beed, June 22

Baptism

Calvin Alton Nicholson, June 9

Confirmed June 9

Elizabeth Broders
Carter Olson
Austin Wolfe

Installation of Congregation Council

June 23

Warren Bennett
Mike Finkral
Bob Lutz

JULY WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes

7 Elizabeth Broders
14 Katelyn Anderson
21 Delilah Broders
28 Austin Wolfe

Coffee

7 Dean and Doris Hoffart
14 Rich and Kay Jaeger
21 Mike and Nell Finkral
28 Mary Lund

Communion assistants

7 Michelle Anderson, Mary Weich
14 Linda Cyboron, Louise Skoglund
21 Bob Lutz, Gary Weich
28 Lonnie and Margaret Svitak

Communion bread

Shirley Theil

Greeters

7 Broders family
14 Doug and Pat Witte
21 Judy Carstens
28 Steve and Darla Jessen

Lectors

7 Connie Atkinson
14 Emily Svitak
21 Elizabeth Broders
28 Emily Svitak

Ushers

7 Steve Morton and Jo Roberts
14 Duane and Shirley Theil
21 Rich and Deb Olson
28 Steve and Julie Freese

Offering counters

7 Doug and Pat Witte
14 Nell Finkral and Louise Skoglund
21 Marsha Burke
28 Doug and Pat Witte

Sunday Worship – Sundays in Pentecost

We continue with the longest season of the church year – the season of Pentecost. During this season we look at the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church and in the life of the individual. It is a time to be both invited and challenged to continue allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our life. One of the Holy Spirit's role is to create faith and mature us in a growing faith as long as we live. We never fully arrive or mature which makes this work with the Holy Spirit a constant growing and exciting time. May you worship with us while the Holy Spirit becomes our teacher and guide.

July 7 – (Luke 10:1-11, 16-20) **Pentecost 4** (traditional - Service of the Word)

Jesus sends out seventy disciples
Charlie Skoglund preaching

July 14 – (Luke 10:27-37) **Pentecost 5** (contemporary worship)

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

July 21 – (Luke 10:38-42) **Pentecost 6** (traditional - Service of the Word)

Choosing the better part
Emily Svitak preaching

July 28 – (Luke 11:1-13) **Pentecost 7** (contemporary worship)

Jesus teaches prayer

Pastor Steve on Vacation in July

Pastor Steve will be on his two annual vacations in July:

- 1) July 3-7 to his brother's cabin in Minnesota where his brother and sister and their families gather to celebrate the 4th of July each summer. Charlie Skoglund will be our preacher on July 7.
- 2) July 18-23 to the cabins in Yankton by the Marina by the dam. Emily Svitak will be our preacher on July 21.

July 2019

*Pastor out of office on Friday
Office hours 8:30-4:30 Mon-Thur,
Fri 8:30-12:30

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | *Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 <i>Kathy vacation</i> 5:00 Women of CTS meeting | 2 | 3 <i>Pastor vacation July 3-7</i> | 4  OFFICE CLOSED | 5 5:30 Girl Scouts | 6 |
| 7 Pentecost 4 (g) 10 worship (T) 11 fellowship | 8 5pm Hospitality 7pm Bible study | 9 4:30 Stewardship | 10 | 11 9:00 Agape | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Pentecost 5 (g) 10 worship (C) 11 potluck | 15 6:30 council mtg. | 16 | 17 | 18 <i>Pastor vacation July 18-23</i> 2p Card club | 19 5:30 Girl Scouts <i>Newsletter deadline</i> | 20 |
| 21 Pentecost 6 (g) 10 worship (T) 11 fellowship Mission/Ministry team meeting | 22 6pm potluck 7pm Bible study | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Pentecost 7 (g) 10 worship (C) 11 fellowship | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

Worship: T = traditional (Service of the Word)
C = contemporary
Paraments: (g) = green

Membership Care Team: Marilyn Nickols, Arlis Lind
Altar Guild: Shirley Theil, Mary Lund
Communion bread: Shirley Theil

Thank you to Marsha Burke, Nell Finkral, Dennis and Linda Miller, Julie Freese, Doris Hoffart, Mary Weich, Steve and Jo Morton, Kandace and Alison Stineman and Shirley Theil. God's blessings to everyone who served June 1 thru 15 at the Norfolk Food Pantry.

Chairperson, Shirley Theil

Volunteers needed: We are looking for two teams of two to count offerings once a month; training will be provided. Please contact the church office.

Thank you to all who gave toward the making of breakfast burritos. This fundraiser will go toward bringing members of Msaranga Mandaka to Christ the Servant in 2020. There will be burritos for sale, \$10 for a bag of 5. Contact the Andersons, Skoglunds, Svitaks or Weichs if you would like to purchase any.

REMINDER: When giving to one of the following funds, please make checks payable to CTS Designated Giving: Tanzania, Good Samaritan, Memorials, Missions/Growth, Kitchen/Special Projects, Worship, Holiday Boutique, Emergency Fund, Disaster Relief.

Cats and kittens, free to good homes; contact Brad or Kathy Rogers (379-9341).

Stewardship Thought

Giving is an important part of being a Christian. There are many reasons to give, and the following will help people understand the importance of giving:

Giving helps break the power that money can have over us. By nature, we are selfish people, and money can become overly important to us. Jesus warns us in Luke 12:15: *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* We are to possess our possessions rather than let them possess us. Through our faithful giving, we are empowered by God to overcome our desire to hoard what he has given to us.

My Letter to the Congregation: "The BARRIERS of Effective Disciplemaking"

We continue our series on Disciplemaking – the command of Jesus to “go, make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20). This month we look at some of the barriers which hinder effective disciplemaking. Whether hidden or in plain sight, barriers can cripple our disciplemaking efforts before they really start. Sometimes we encounter them and sometimes we can create them. It's crucial for an effective disciplemaker to acknowledge and understand where they exist, how to overcome them, and how to avoid building even more barriers along the way.

Here are some of the barriers as defined by some leading Christian leaders:

“We live in a day where it means almost nothing to be a Christian. According to research, almost four out of every five Americans identify themselves as Christians. Four out of five. But, in this group of self-proclaimed Christians, less than half of them are involved in church on a weekly basis. Less than half of them actually believe the Bible is true. The overwhelming majority of them don't have a biblical view of the world around them.”

“I don't think people even understand what discipleship is. (Ideas: practice spiritual disciplines, leading someone to Christ, helping people become mature in Christ.) Everyday people don't know what it looks like.”

“Disciplemaking requires putting time into someone's life when we're already busy with family and friends. Also, we can spend a lot of time with an individual and then that individual ends up going astray and you're thinking, 'Man, I just wasted hours and hours and hours of investment.'”

“The three greatest barriers to discipleship in American churches are: consumerism, individualism, and materialism.”

“The way we do church doesn't focus on disciplemaking. It's rather on entertaining people.”

“The biggest barrier that you are going to face is your commitment and your time.”

“People just want to attend church, just be constantly taught and not put themselves into the situation to pour their life into other people.”

“Most of us have not been discipled. We ourselves have never been disciples in a holistic sort of apprenticeship model.”

“If we don't disciple, then the culture sure will, and it's doing a good job of it. You cannot build a church on consumers. They desert you at a moment's notice because they have no commitments beyond their own needs.”

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"Maybe one of the reasons so many people in the church aren't making disciples of all nations is because they are not really disciples in the first place."

"I think the greatest barriers to discipleship are the two core expressions of human sin, and they are fear and laziness."

Future topics will be:

August – "The 'What' of Effective Disciplemaking "

September – "The Habits of Highly Effective Disciplemaking"

October – "The Process of Disciplemaking"

November – "The 'How' of Effective Disciplemaking"

Seeking to remove my own barriers,

Paster Steve

Christ the Servant Council Meeting
June 17, 2019

Present: Steve Jessen, Jan Puls, Emily Svitak, Warren Bennett, Al Boelman, Pastor Steve Lund, Doug Witte, Steve Morton, Mike Finkral, Bob Lutz

Absent: Steve Freese

Pastor Steve opened with a devotion from *For All the Saints* and prayer. The devotion was written by C.S. Lewis about how the knowledge and understanding of God, without action of living it out, falls short of walking fully as followers.

Approval of Agenda Items

Doug Witte moved to accept the agenda as presented. Jan Puls seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Witte moved to approve the minutes as presented. Warren Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

There was no report given because there were no bank statements at the moment. Pastor Steve will send out a report when Greg Moen has them done.

There was a bill for the repair of the motor of the HVAC. The bill is for \$1,140.90. Steve Morton moved to pay the bill from the emergency fund in the designated fund account. Al Boelman seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Steve touched on summer being a time of focus and direction. He will be starting to put together a discipleship team. Areas of discipleship that are being planned for are youth, adult Sunday school class, The Journey, and confirmation.

Pastor Steve invited all to take part in Day Camp if they have opportunity to.

He touched on the confirmation and baptism that took place on Pentecost. He also shared about the coming seniors of 2020, and the intention to go through a course called 'Sticky Faith'.

Pastor Steve has completed his online Disciplemaking course and is looking forward to putting what he has learned into action with the help of the discipleship committee.

Pastor Steve has vacation from July 3-7, and July 18-23.

Old Business

Steve Jessen gave an update on Day Camp. He also encouraged all to invite children, and he invited the adults to participate as well.

Update on summer planning groups:

Memorial Fund: Doug shared about the hope to have a 'committee' ready to go with procedure in place by August.

Policy for Special Funds: More to come in coming months.

Kitchen remodel: Warren shared that Wanda Muhs agreed to head the remodel committee. It will be shared with the women group, and progress will be shared as it comes.

Installation of newly elected council members will be held June 23rd during service.

New Business

A letter from Sandy Edwards (Program Specialist Nutrition Services) was shared. It deals with the food program from the childcare and the lacking documents pertaining to a reimbursement. Emily Svitak moved to pay the \$649.59 bill out of the emergency fund (designated fund) by June 28, 2019. Steve Morton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Steve Jessen will call Greg Moen in order to send the check to close the account.

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Discussion on Breakthrough Strategies 3 & 4 (*Who Broke My Church?*)

How do we get ourselves from ‘worshipping only’ to growing and ‘doing/being more’?

Relationship is key. How do we grow in relationship?

Upcoming Events

Day Camp Eat Out Fundraisers (June 18,19)

Installation of Day Camp Helpers – June 23

Installation of new council members – June 23

Potluck for Okobojo Day Camp Counselors – June 23 at 5pm

Day Camp – June 24-27

Pastor’s Sunday on vacation – July 7 & 21

The next meeting will be July 15th at 6:30 p.m. Steve Jessen closed the meeting with prayer. Al Boelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Warren Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

**Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
Income Report
May 2019**

| | May 19 | Jan - May 19 |
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| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| Church Income | | |
| Designated Offerings | 275.00 | 4,846.02 |
| Interest Income | 13.58 | 58.99 |
| Lent/Advent Member | 0.00 | 1,574.00 |
| Lent/Advent Non Member | 0.00 | 168.00 |
| Lenten Meal Income | 147.00 | 164.00 |
| Member Offerings | 13,542.00 | 70,993.00 |
| Misc. Contr. & Fundraisers | 1,065.00 | 1,721.25 |
| Non Member Offering | 1,060.32 | 8,193.44 |
| Total Church Income | 16,102.90 | 87,718.70 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 0.00 | 5,358.25 |
| Total Income | 16,102.90 | 93,076.95 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 16,102.90 | 93,076.95 |
| Other Income/Expense | | |
| Other Income | | |
| Daycare Income | | |
| Daycare Donations & Grant Inc. | 0.00 | 655.00 |
| Daycare Fees Inc (From State) | 0.00 | 3,547.58 |
| Daycare Fees Inc (Other) | 0.00 | 612.68 |
| Total Daycare Income | 0.00 | 4,815.26 |
| Mission Funds Flow Through Inc. | | |
| Income From... | 0.00 | 450.00 |
| Mission Funds Flow Through Inc. - Other | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| Total Mission Funds Flow Through Inc. | 0.00 | 475.00 |
| Total Other Income | 0.00 | 5,290.26 |
| Net Other Income | 0.00 | 5,290.26 |
| Net Income | 16,102.90 | 98,367.21 |

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
Expenses by Class
May 2019

| | May 19 | Jan - May 19 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Administration | 8,270.87 | 42,821.72 |
| Church Building & Grounds | 2,739.33 | 15,152.51 |
| Daycare | 0.00 | 1,323.51 |
| Designated Giving | 289.66 | 2,414.00 |
| Discipleship | 109.63 | 436.89 |
| Fellowship & Evangelism | 170.93 | 604.55 |
| General | 692.00 | 6,077.00 |
| Mission Outreach | 800.00 | 4,400.00 |
| Parsonage | 353.43 | 1,938.78 |
| Service and Local Mission | 266.78 | 1,238.05 |
| Stewardship | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Worship | 243.12 | 1,611.42 |
| Unclassified | 2,994.80 | 3,742.42 |
| TOTAL | 16,930.55 | 81,760.85 |

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
Bank Account and Fund Balances

May 24, 2019

May 24, 19

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| Designated Giving Checking Acct | |
| DG Church Emergency Fund | 10,409.84 |
| DG Disaster Relief Fund | 100.00 |
| DG Good Samaritan Fund | 1,505.00 |
| DG Holiday Boutique Fund | 2,426.70 |
| DG Memorials | 11,643.42 |
| DG Missions/Growth | 3,245.71 |
| DG Special Projects (Kitchen) | 4,246.02 |
| DG Worship Fund | 2,323.47 |
| Interest-Designated Checking | 1.38 |
| Total Designated Giving Checking Acct | 35,901.54 |
| Total General Checking | 38,260.55 |