



# CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### *Happy Birthday*

Arlis Lind	9-1
Linda Shaffer	9-2
Lonnie Svitak	9-3
Chris Smith	9-6
Dean Hoffart	9-7
Blake Moen	9-7
Doris Hoffart	9-13
Al Boelman	9-14
Wendell Hahne	9-15
Nicole Roberts	9-16
Abbey Buetgenbach	9-30

### *Happy Anniversary*

Andy & Carmen Wolfe	9-13
Duane & Shirley Theil	9-15
Richard & Cheryl Hillrichs	9-18
Gary & Chris Smith	9-19

### *Pastoral Acts*

#### Baptism

8-4	Maverick Gerdes
8-11	Serenity Newman
8-25	Cooper Hopkins

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>		<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	
1	Austin Wolfe	1	Rich & Kay Jaeger
8	Delilah Broders	8	Rich & Deb Olson
15	Katelyn Anderson	15	Dean & Doris Hoffart
22	Colin Broders	22	Doug & Pat Witte
29	Austin Wolfe	29	Rich & Kay Jaeger
<b><u>Coffee</u></b>		<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	
1	Rich & Kay Jaeger	1	Doug & Pat Witte
8	BJ & Sharon Koepe	8	Warren Bennett, Danita Broders
15	Mary Lund	15	Mike & Nell Finkral
22	Al & Sharon Boelman	22	Steve Morton & Jo Roberts
29	Brad & Kathy Rogers	29	Wendell Hahne, Greg Moen
<b><u>Communion Assistants</u></b>		<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	
1	Gary & Mary Weich	1	Michelle Anderson
8	Margaret Svitak, Linda Shaffer	8	Judy Carstens
15	Linda Cyboron, Louise Skoglund	15	Emily Svitak
22	Duane & Shirley Theil	22	Richard Hillrichs
29	Michelle Anderson, Megan Phillips	29	Emily Svitak

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# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pentecost 12 (T) Worship 10 Fellowship 11	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	3 7pm Worship committee	4 7:00 Sunday school teachers meeting	5 9:00 PieceMakers	6 5:30 Girl Scouts	7
8 Pentecost 13 (T) <b>Rally Day</b> Sunday school 9 Worship 10 Potluck 11	9 5pm Hospitality 6pm Bible study (Genesis)	10 4:30 Stewardship	11 6:00 Confirmation	12 9am Agape Circle	13	14 9am Women's Fall Gathering
15 Pentecost 14 (C) Adult class 8:30 Sunday school 9 Worship 10 Fellowship 11 Mission/Ministry	16 6:30pm Council meeting	17	18 6:00 Confirmation	19 2pm Card Club	20 CRAFTING WEEKEND 1pm--midnight	21 CRAFTING WEEKEND 8am--8pm
22 Pentecost 15 (T) Adult class 8:30 Sunday school 9 Worship 10 Fellowship 11	23 6 pm Bible study (Genesis)  <b>THE JOURNEY begins</b> →	24	25 6:00 Confirmation	26	27	28
29 Pentecost 16 (C) Adult class 8:30 Sunday school 9 Worship 10 Fellowship 11	30	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</b>				

Worship: T = traditional  
C = contemporary  
Parameters = green

Membership Care Team: Linda Miller, Jo Roberts  
Altar Guild: Margaret Svitak, Mary Ann Knee  
Communion bread: Margaret Svitak

## My Letter to the Congregation "The HABITS of Highly Effective Disciplemakers"

There are faithful disciples of Jesus being made each day around the world. Millions are coming to Christ and multiplying other disciples in discipling movements around the world today.

But...today, the gap between effective discipling and ineffective discipling could not be wider. We've got to eliminate that gap and see that every disciple of Jesus becomes an effective discipler. A leader of a discipling movement in northern India that's seen disciples come to Christ and multiply other disciplers by the hundreds of thousands said it this way:

The fruit of a mango is not another mango – the fruit of a mango... is a mango tree.

In the same way, the fruit of a disciple is not another disciple. The fruit of a disciple... is a discipler. So our goal is not just more disciples – our goal is more effective disciplers.

We're going to look at what's broken in our efforts to make and multiply disciplers and let you be honest about where you NEED to grow.

More importantly, we're going to look at what's working and help you integrate it into your everyday life so that discipling stops being a frustrating series of false starts and failures.

Effective discipling isn't a myth or something only a select few can do. It's the call of every disciple, and the habits for effective discipling are God's provision to us to make it real and robust in our lives.

An effective plan requires effective habits. You see, the right plans and goals are useless without the right habits. Ineffective habits will undermine an effective plan all day long. And effective habits will put you on the path to ultimately realizing your dream to make a difference.

Not only is it important for you to have effective individual habits, but you also need to be surrounded by a community of disciplers who can encourage, help, support and, at times, correct you.

Effective disciplers practice these habits:

- ◆ Make Jesus central in everything
- ◆ Use God's strategy for identifying disciples (Luke 10:1-12)
- ◆ Share their faith in culturally relevant ways
- ◆ Make discipling a rhythm, not just a meeting
- ◆ Use simple patterns and practices
- ◆ Intentionally apply the art of hospitality
- ◆ Are empowered by the Spirit

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Here are some habits of effective discipling communities:

- ◆ Build a culture of discipling
- ◆ Encourage simple, repeatable practices
- ◆ Know what they are not
- ◆ Practice discipling rhythms (know the story, listening, celebrate, eating, bless, recreate)
- ◆ Are the priesthood of all believers
- ◆ Apply the gospel to everyday life
- ◆ Live as a diverse family
- ◆ Live as sent missionaries

Future topics will be:

October – “The Process of Discipling”

November – “The ‘How’ of Effective Discipling”

Continuing on the journey of learning how to become effective disciplers,

*Pastor Steve*

## Fall Sunday Worship

As our summer comes to an end, we begin to formulate a more regular routine. One of those routines to begin is regular worship and learning opportunities to grow and share our faith together and with each other. Worship is the “worth” we give to our God on a weekly basis. We gather to praise God for all His blessings and to receive instruction and encouragement to live out our faith as a daily witness. Pay attention to the people God puts in your path and look for opportunities to share with and invite them.

September 8 – (Luke 14:25-33) **Pentecost 13** (traditional worship)

Give up your possessions  
Rally Day – Potluck

September 15 – (Luke 15:1-10) **Pentecost 14** (contemporary worship)

Lost sheep and lost coin  
Adult class begins (Letters to 7 Churches – Revelation 2 & 3)

September 22 – (Luke 16:1-13) **Pentecost 15** (traditional worship)

Serving God or wealth

September 29 – (Luke 16:19-31) **Pentecost 16** (contemporary worship)

Poor Lazarus and the rich man

## The Journey

Begins the last week of September (Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings)  
*“What does God desire to do through your life?”*

Before I retire next June I would like to lead one or two more groups who want to explore and seek the question above to join in a life-changing process with 6-12 others in a process called **The Journey**. Joining a Journey group requires a commitment to meet weekly for two hours for 22 sessions, prepare for each session with 2 hours or more of readings, and commit to \$250 for materials (scholarships available for those who need assistance). By the time we finish you will have a clearer understanding of three primary questions: *Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?* These are questions we NEVER grow out of along the way of following Jesus (no matter our age)—in reality, we grow *into* them.

A key question exists: *What is it to be a follower of this Jesus today?* In our time together we are each invited to *pay attention*: to our lives, to our neighbors' lives, and to God's life in this world. If we take the time together to pay attention, we will soon discover that God's Spirit is already up to something in our lives—giving shape to Christ-like lives, the servant-leader-Jesus -authority sorts of lives that are destined to be released for God's kingdom purposes. But discovering this is not an easy task in today's world. It requires much reflection, prayer, guidance, and friendship. Much must be unlearned as well as learned within this fellowship with Jesus. Any sort of surface level approach to our lives and character and leadership will not sustain us for the long-term if we are to remain faithful to Jesus. The world needs deep people; people who will live faithfully from the inside out, men and women who will attune their hearts to Jesus in the uniqueness of their lives and communities, people who will follow Jesus' way.

This Jesus way takes place best in small groups, not in isolated individualistic or mass worship settings. We learn best with others. So I am inviting you to consider entering into a year of learning, processing eagerly together with other like-minded people, who will be surprised by God's already present actions in our lives and communities. If you are interested, please sign up on the back table or talk to Pastor Steve for more information or with questions you may have. The Journey will first meet on either September 24 or September 26.

### **3-2-1 Small Groups**

3 People Meeting for 2 Hours Once a Month  
Form your own small group

For those who cannot commit to a 6-7 month process like The Journey, a 3-2-1 small group would be ideal for you. The concept is simple. Three people (or four but no more than four people) commit to meet once a month for two hours (usually over a meal) for at least six months. There is a small paperback book on the back table which explains the process and rationale. Another way to describe this group is for you to experience a spiritual friendship with others. It is your responsibility to invite two or three friends to join you in this experience together.

### **Holiday Boutique**

Saturday, October 26

Plans are being made for our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Once again, we will have many crafters along with homemade soups, pies, and breads. Look for sign-up sheets in the back for volunteers to provide food items for the soups along with homemade pies and breads. Also, there will be a list for volunteers to help on the day of the boutique. Sign up soon so plans can be set in advance. Margaret Svitak will be working with Mary Lund this year as co-coordinators for this annual event which many in our community look forward to every year.

Christ the Servant Council Meeting  
August 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Jessen, Jan Puls, Emily Svitak, Warren Bennett, Al Boelman, Pastor Steve Lund, Doug Witte, Steve Morton, Mike Finkral, Bob Lutz, Steve Freese; Special Project Representative (Kitchen): Wanda Muhs

Jan Puls opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer about times of difficult decisions. We may be called to wait until we get to the corner, or in other words, wait until the Lord brings to completion what He has called us to.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Witte moved to approve July 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Al Boelman seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The financial report was handed out and received by council members.

Old Business

Steve Jessen handed out a written report on Daycamp. Doug Witte moved to accept the report as given. Jan Puls seconded. Motion carried.

Wanda Muhs shared about the kitchen project. She approached the women's group and asked what would be hoped for as the project was approached. She shared some floor plans. Options included plans either to expand or to just update the space. Wanda will look to make a larger print of the floor plan so that the congregation can be presented with plans/suggestions.

Doug Witte suggested that the kitchen remodel needs to be discussed more at the next monthly meeting so that it can be placed on the agenda for the semi-annual meeting in November.

Members were given an email from our insurance agent on some options in approaching the renewal in October.

Doug Witte and Al Boelman presented a rough draft of 'Memorial Fund Committee By-Laws'. It detailed the role of the committee and their responsibilities. Some areas that were suggested for direction of funds were stain glass for the sanctuary, new tables, updating for the signage outside, seating for aging/handicap. More discussion followed. Some questions raised were terms of the committee members, the make-up of the committee members, and the length given per memorial area before the funds would be sent. Doug Witte asked the chairperson for permission to take the draft, make changes/corrections and bring back for approval/voting at the September meeting. This will be revised and sent to the council to be voted on at the September meeting.

New Business

Mike Finkral sent the council a letter of resignation earlier in the month. He expressed his willingness to help on a special committee to come with the coming changes. Doug Witte moved to accept Mike's resignation at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, and to move forward with asking Sharon Koeppel to carry out the rest of the term for the position. Steve Freese seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Jessen shared about his contact with different avenues about the next steps in the transition process. It has been recommended that there should be a transition team (5-8 persons) that would approach the congregation with questions to lay the foundation of what the congregation is looking for in the next pastor. After this, a call committee would be formed to go through the process of calling an interim pastor and eventually a full-time pastor, with new information in hand.

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Steve Morton moved to give Steve Jessen permission to contact Lutheran CORE - Churches in Transition ministry (CiT) in order to start moving ahead with the transition process. Al Boelman seconded. Motion carried. The process that follows this is forming the transition and call committee. This will need to happen before the CiT leader would come.

Timeline for 2020 Proposed Budget: A proposed budget needs to be ready by the end of October. Steve Morton suggested having the Annual Meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Notice will be given November 10<sup>th</sup> to members of the congregation.

Property issues: Warren Bennett brought three estimates for carpet cleaning. Doug Witte moved to approve having Renner clean the carpets for \$500. Al Boelman seconded. Motion carried.

Doug Witte moved to approve Pastor’s request to support/help couples financially should they wish to go through the Journey Course, up to \$500. These funds would be taken from the Discipleship section of our 2019 budget Adult Education line item. \$500 is the maximum approved if needed.

Future Agenda Items

- Security of building/services
- Transition process

Upcoming Events

- September 4 – Confirmation starts
- September 8 – Rally Sunday
- September 29 – October 2 – LCMC Gathering in Omaha
- October 26 – Holiday Boutique

Emily Svitak closed with prayer. Next council meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup>. October 7<sup>th</sup> was suggested as a special meeting night for budget matters. Warren Bennett moved to adjourn. Jan Puls seconded. Motion carried.

	<b>Sep 4, 19</b>
<b>Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	
DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
DG Disaster Relief Fund	100.00
DG Good Samaritan Fund	905.00
DG Holiday Boutique Fund	2,426.70
DG Memorials	12,018.42
DG Missions/Growth	3,520.71
DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	4,620.21
DG Tanzania Travel	1,521.00
DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
Interest-Designated Checking	25.88
<b>Total Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	<b>36,080.74</b>
<b>Total General Checking</b>	<b>47,889.87</b>