



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

NOVEMBER 2019

Happy Birthday

Brenda Beaudette	Nov. 1
Ron Hall	Nov. 6
Charlie Skoglund	Nov. 6
Rich Jaeger	Nov. 12
Richard Hillrichs	Nov. 15
Andy Wolfe	Nov. 16
Julie Freese	Nov. 17
Donna Young	Nov. 21
Jerry Beaudette	Nov. 22
Wanda Muhs	Nov. 22
Dallas Puls	Nov. 22
Micheyla Anderson	Nov. 24
Dennis Miller	Nov. 25
Riley Petersen	Nov. 27
Heather Quaid	Nov. 27

Happy Anniversary

Rich & Deb Olson (Nov. 6)
Mike & Nell Finkral (Nov. 20)
Doug & Pat Witte (Nov. 27)
Bill Thoendel & Lu Carter (Nov. 30)

Thank Offerings

Thank offering jars will be collected by the Women of Christ the Servant beginning Sunday, Nov. 10, through Sunday, Nov. 24. Contact Julie Freese or Margaret Svitak with questions or for more information. Extra jars will be available in the back of the sanctuary.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes

3	Colin Broders
10	Katelyn Anderson
17	Delilah Broders
24	Austin Wolfe

Coffee

3	Mary Lund
10	Mike & Nell Finkral
17	Al & Sharon Boelman
24	Brad & Kathy Rogers

Communion Assistants

3	Michelle Anderson, Megan Phillips
10	Bob Lutz, Lonnie Svitak
17	Gary & Mary Weich
24	<i>Pastor gone, no communion</i>

Greeters

3	Judy Carstens
10	BJ & Sharon Koeppel
17	Dean & Doris Hoffart
24	Rich & Kay Jaeger

Ushers

3	Doug & Pat Witte
10	Chuck & Jeanne Nicholson
17	Warren Bennett, Danita Broders
24	Steve & Julie Freese

Lectors

3	Connie Atkinson
10	Emily Svitak
17	Linda Cyboron
24	Emily Svitak

My Letter to the Congregation: "The HOW of Disciplemaking"

The "how" of discipling is simply this: incarnational mission.

Incarnational means "in the flesh." The key word here is "**with**." It means that we are **with** people, in their context, listening to them and being **with** them.

Mission comes from the word "missio" which means "**sent**." It means that we are a sent people – not a people who are comfortable with those around us not knowing Jesus, but a people who are willing to go out and be uncomfortable in order for others to become more like Jesus.

We see then that mission is not merely an activity of the church. It is the result of God's initiative, rooted in his desire to restore and heal creation. Mission means "sending" and is the central biblical theme describing God's action in human history. This sending is embodied and lived out in the missional impulse. It is the outward movement rooted in God's mission that compels the church to reach a lost world.

The central thrust of the incarnation was that by becoming one of us, God was able to achieve redemption for the human race and radical identification with all that it means to be human. If God's way of reaching his world was to incarnate himself in Jesus Christ, then our way of reaching the world (i.e. discipling) should likewise be incarnational. We need to exercise a genuine identification with those we are trying to reach so that they may come to know God through Jesus. The following framework is an example of how Jesus relates to us through the incarnation and how we can relate incarnationally to others.

Keys to Understanding

- ◆ We are a community that is sent outwardly into the world, and deeply into culture.
- ◆ We are individually inspired and energized by the mission of God.
- ◆ Our community practices a genuine identification with those we are trying to reach.
- ◆ We have an active expectation that we engage frequently with those around us.
- ◆ Our "Christian community" constantly adapts to surrounding culture and way of life.

So, effective disciplers have a framework for incarnational mission – they intuitively understand that discipling is incarnational mission. So they make disciples like the 1st Century Apostles did, not extracting people from their context and relationships by making them busy with Christian programs and activities, but coming alongside and helping them to apply the gospel in the context of their relationships.

Effective disciplers engage in the ministry of presence, and live in incarnational community. They have a community of disciplers around them to help them live out a life of effective discipling. And so they are always discovering new ways to sustain that incarnational community

Effective disciplers are not enamored with "what's next" but count the cost to commit to the long-term. They are willing to stay among a people, neighborhood or community long enough to know their stories, their pain, their frustrations, and their dreams. Effective disciplers are willing to die among a people if necessary in order for them to know the gospel.

Seeking to walk alongside those God brings into my daily life,

Pastor Steve

Fall Sunday Worship

As we worship in the month of November, we come to the close of another church calendar year. During the past year we have been walking with Jesus in the gospel of Luke. This month we close our walk with Jesus as He enters Jerusalem and encounters the religious leaders for the last time. The church year concludes with Christ as King – His coronation with a crown of thorns on a cross – and a Kingdom that will never end! Join us as Luke concludes his gospel with us. Advent begins on December 1 as we begin our walk with Jesus in the gospel of Matthew.

November 10 – (Luke 20:27-38) **Pentecost 22** (contemporary worship)

Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Thankoffering Sunday – potluck

November 17 – (Luke 21:5-19) **Pentecost 23** (traditional worship)

Suffering for Jesus' sake
Baptisms – Wesley and Willow Sarah

November 24 – (Luke 23:33-43) **Christ the King** (contemporary worship)

Jesus is crucified with two thieves
The church year ends in the gospel of Luke

December 1 – (Matthew 24:36-44) **Advent 1** (traditional worship)

The sudden coming of salvation
Advent begins with the lighting of the Advent wreath

Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting is set for **Sunday, November 24**, after worship in the fellowship hall. There are several items of business this year besides passing a budget for 2020 (this proposed budget will be placed in your mailbox by November 10 and will be mailed out to those who do not pick them up). Our agenda will include the following items:

- ◆ Discussion and vote on the 2020 Budget
- ◆ Presentation of Memorial Fund Committee By-laws
- ◆ Transition Team and Call Committee process
- ◆ Selection of Audit Committee
- ◆ Consensus on how to proceed with kitchen remodel (options)

Plan to join us as we discuss and discern our future as Pastor Steve retires in June.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 27, 7 PM

Gather together this Thanksgiving Eve before you head off to observe your Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends. Our theme this year is "Count Your Blessings." Thanksgiving is a time for thanks. Paul exhorts us to "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18). During this service you will be given the opportunity to give thanks to God using the letters of the alphabet to guide our thanksgiving. Each person will be given a handout of the alphabet with which to begin counting your blessings. Pastor Steve and Mary will be sharing their pumpkin bars after worship in thanksgiving for all the ways they have been blessed by you – the body of Christ. "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song" (Psalm 95:1-2).

Holiday Boutique

Our 24th annual Holiday Boutique was another great success. The soups and pies raised \$1,728.50 and the Women of CTS raised several hundred dollars. Thank you to all who provided homemade pies and breads for the event. A BIG thank you to those who made the soups and all the volunteers who helped serve and clean up. We could not do this every year without your help. Funds raised will be given toward special mission projects. A special note: if you purchased soup in one of our quart jars, we would appreciate it if you returned them to the kitchen to use again next year. We sold 120 quarts of soup, so every returned jar helps.

Mid-week Advent Service
December 4, 11, and 18
Meal at 6:00 p.m., service at 7:00

Once again we will be gathering in worship during the Advent season for a mid-week service on Wednesdays (Dec. 4, 11, 18) beginning at 7:00. Our theme this year is "Arise and Shine" as we welcome the Christ child, who is the light of the world. We will look at a different aspect of the light of Christ each week. We will reflect on how we may shine the light of Christ for all the world to see the brightness of His love. Each week we will illustrate a different way in which we are enlightened by Jesus to shine in our dark world. A free-will offering meal will be served between 6:00 and 6:30 in the fellowship hall before worship.

December 4 – **Rising Light** (Isaiah 60:1)

Living in the light of Jesus, we prepare to celebrate His birth. Repenting of our sins, we put away the works of darkness and dress in the armor of light.

December 11 – **Reflected Light** (Zechariah 9:16)

During Advent we remember the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world. We reflect His light in our daily lives.

December 18 – **Healing Light** (Malachi 4:2)

With repentant joy we anticipate the birth of our Savior. We listen to His Word and live according to it until He comes again.

Adult Sunday School
Beginning November 17
"That the World May Know"

Pastor Steve will begin a new class during Sunday school for any adult who may never visit the Holy Land, but through the Holy Land trips by teacher and Jewish scholar, Ray Vander Laan, you will walk with him to the actual places where the stories of the Old Testament and New Testament took place. As an expert teacher, Ray Vander Laan will teach these stories each week and then conclude with a faith lesson. These DVDs are excellent as Ray uses archaeology, history, and Biblical study as tools to explore the Biblical text ever more deeply. Ray's gifts and expertise qualify him to bring the Biblical message in very practical ways that apply to our lives today. Each DVD is about 20 minutes long followed by group discussion. Please note: each Sunday is a separate teaching so come whenever you can. You will be blessed and glad you came! The class starts at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday.

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 gives God the opportunity to supply us with more to give.

God wants us to be his channels. God's love, mercy, and grace flow through us. He never stops giving to us, and he wants us to share our blessings with others and to extend his kingdom. Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:8 wrote, "*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*" In verse 11 we read, "*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.* God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others through our generosity.



November 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1						1 6:30 Girl Scouts	2
3 All Saints Day (w) 8:30 Adult study 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship	4 Packing quilts for shipping	5 6:00 Bible study/ potluck, Who Broke My Church chs. 1-4	6 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Transition team meeting	7 9:00 PieceMakers 6:30 The Journey	8	9	
10 Pentecost 23 (g) 8:30 Adult study 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 potluck	11 5:00 Hospitality	12 4:30 Stewardship	13 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 Transition team meeting	14 9:00 Agape Circle 6:30 The Journey	15	16	
17 Pentecost 24 (g) 8:30 Adult study 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship/1st fruits auction Mission/Ministry	18 6:30 Council mtg.	19 6:00 Bible study/ potluck, Church Acts chs. 5-8	20 6:00 Confirmation	21 2:00 Card Club 6:00 MOPS	22 6:30 Girl Scouts	23	
24 Christ the King (w) 8:30 Adult study 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship/ congregational meeting	25	26	27 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve service	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving (office closed)</i>	29	30	

Membership Care Team: Julie Freese, Linda Cyboron
Altar Guild: Julie Freese, Michelle Anderson
Communion bread: Michelle A.
Paraments: G (green), R (red), W (white)

Christ the Servant Council Meeting
October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Steve, Emily Svitak, Doug Witte, Steve Freese, Bob Lutz, Sharon Koeppel, Warren Bennett
Absent: Steve Jessen, Jan Puls

Bob Lutz opened the meeting with a devotion based on Psalm 46:1-3. The devotion touched on the truth that God is our rock and foundation in the ever-present storms of our lives. This truth is something we need to cling to and let drive out all of our fears.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Witte moved to approve the minutes from the September 16th minutes. Warren Bennett seconded.
Motion carried.

Steve Morton moved to approve the minutes from the special budget meeting on October 7th. Sharon Koeppel seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The financial report was the same from last month's meeting. The report was received by the council.

Transition Team

Pastor Steve shared a bit about Don Brandt. Bob, Pastor Steve, and Steve Jessen were able to meet with Pastor Don at the LCMC gathering. He visited the congregation and met with the transition committee to begin the transition process.

The transition team is in place to help give recommendations to the call committee and aid in other responsibilities during transitioning when they arise.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Steve shared about the sessions he went to at the LCMC gathering.

The church is to go out and get to know your neighbor.

Keep it simple. Share life together.

What are you willing to risk for the one lost sheep?

Pastor Steve met with the seniors and will continue to meet with them using 'Sticky Faith'.

Pastor is also going through the Journey with several groups.

Pastor is looking to be gone December 8, January 5, and January 19.

Old Business

2020 proposed budget needs to be mailed out by November 10.

Some corrections were made to the proposed budget which will be amended and sent to the congregation by November 10.

Steve Morton moved to approve the proposed budget with the corrections made. A note that will be made to the congregation is an increase in salary for Pastor and administrative assistant. Steve Freese seconded.

Motion carried.

Doug Witte will have by-laws for the Memorial Fund Committee ready to be sent with the proposed budget. A report on this will be given at the semi-annual meeting.

Kitchen remodel: A report on the possible kitchen remodel will need to be made at the semi-annual meeting. Bob Lutz will work on putting together a recommendation from the council for the meeting. It will be presented at the next council meeting.

Doug Witte asked the question of needing an audit committee. This will be put on the semi-annual meeting agenda that the council will be looking for two people to be a part of this committee.

New Business

Bob Lutz shared about the LCMC Gathering. He encouraged everyone to go when the chance arises.

The transition team presented post for the LCMC site for a pastoral opening. The team is seeking approval for the post in order to start the process in receiving applications and putting out name out there. Doug Witte moved to approve the post. Warren Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Call Process: It was suggested that the November Council Meeting would be a good time to start the conversation of who would be asked on the call committee. At the congregational meeting, a report will be given as to the intentionality of forming a call committee with a diverse mixture from the different demographics of the church and the rationale of the process.

Filling the open council seat will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Upcoming Events

October 26 – Holiday Boutique

November 24 – Congregational Meeting after worship

December 1 – Advent begins

Future agenda items for discussion

Call committee members

New council member

Audit committee

Warren Bennett closed with prayer. Next month's meeting will be November 18. Bob Lutz adjourned the meeting.