



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Happy Birthday

Kelcie Hall	March 2
Sharon Koeppe	March 5
Carol Olson	March 7
Jo Roberts	March 11
Hallie Cornelio	March 12
Matthew Cornelio (5)	March 12
Colin Broders	March 16
Steve Jessen	March 18
Mona Jean Roberts	March 16
Maddie Moen	March 18
Ethan Wolfe	March 20
Devon Beed	March 22
Leonard Zechmann	March 26
Nevin Peters	March 28

Happy Anniversary

Rich & Kay Jaeger, March 12

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism of Daniel Thomas Kowalski (Feb. 23. 2020)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

Because we are God's instruments to accomplish His purpose for His Body, the Church, we must not waste or squander what He has given us. Our actions won't escape His view. Paul wrote, *"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God"* (Romans 14:12). It is God's will that we serve Him and minister to others with the gifts He has entrusted to us.

Let us remember to thank God for the gifts and abilities He has given us, and ask Him for guidance and wisdom in how we may best use them to serve Him.

MARCH WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes

1	Ethan Wolfe
8	Colin Broders
15	Austin Wolfe
22	Delilah Broders
29	Lucas Petersen

Coffee

1	Dean and Doris Hoffart
8	Rich and Kay Jaeger
15	BJ and Sharon Koeppe
22	Brad and Kathy Rogers
29	Al and Sharon Boelman

Communion Assistants

1	Michelle Anderson, Megan Phillips
8	Lonnie Svitak, Bob Lutz
15	Gary and Mary Weich
22	Linda Cyboron, Louise Skoglund
29	Margaret Svitak, Linda Shaffer

Greeters

1	Connie Atkinson
8	Steve and Darla Jessen
15	Rich and Deb Olson
22	Doug and Pat Witte
29	Mick and Doreen Kullbom

Ushers

1	Warren Bennett, Danita Broders
8	Mike and Nell Finkral
15	Steve and Julie Freese
22	Wendell Hahne, Greg Moen
29	Chuck and Jeanne Nicholson

Lectors

1	Judy Carstens
8	Emily Svitak
15	Richard Hillrichs
22	Emily Svitak
29	Michelle Anderson

My Letter to the Congregation

“The Genius of the Holy Spirit”

(Comments from The Permanent Revolution written by Alan Hirsch and Tim Catchim)

When the Holy Spirit gave gifts to the church, He did not give the same gifts to everyone. According to the apostle Paul, in his letter to the church in Ephesus, the Spirit gave “to each one of us grace . . . as Christ apportioned it.” (Ephesians 4:7) “So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and the teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 4:11-13) These five spiritual gifts have been shortened to APEST spiritual gifts. In the last two newsletters, I have tried to explain the purpose of each spiritual gift and how each spiritual gift is to function within the body of Christ. Last month I explained the danger if any one of the spiritual gifts dominates in a congregation. Each of the APEST spiritual gifts has a particular insight that is needed for the unity and mission of the church.

When one begins to understand each of these five spiritual gifts, one begins to see the genius of the Holy Spirit as He “calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth” as Martin Luther explained the work of the Holy Spirit in his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed in his Small Catechism. Each of the APEST gifts is needed for the overall fitness and maturity of the church. Below is a chart which explains and compares the strength of each spiritual gift. Please review this chart in preparation for next month’s newsletter. I will be explaining the difference between the pioneer gifts and the settler gifts (and how they can be at odds with one another if they do not understand each other’s purpose in the body).

Continually being amazed at the power of the Church when led by the Holy Spirit,

Paster Steve

The Value of APEST Ministries

	Apostle	Prophet	Evangelist	Shepherd	Teacher
Core Vocation	Custodian of DNA Pioneer Entrepreneur Architect	Guardian of the covenant Questioner of the status quo	Connector to cause Recruiter Entrepreneur Raconteur	Nurturer Humanizer Sustainer Social integrator	Mediator of wisdom and understanding Trainer-educator Theological formation
Impulse	Missional	Incarnational	Attractional	Communal	Instructional
Effect	Propagate	Incarnate	Aggregate	Integrate	Explicate
Focus	A viable future and expansion of the Christian movement	God orientation: Keeping the movement aligned with God	That people come to know God and join the movement	The community living healthily in the love of the triune God	Awareness and integration of truth, especially revealed truth
Spirituality Character Complex	Adventurous and futuristic Has an architectural/systemic sensibility with an emphasis on risk	Transcendent and existential Has a strong intuition of what is right and wrong and emphasizes integrity, obedience and mystery	Relational and communal Emphasis on novelty, sociality, playfulness and celebration	Nurturing and communal with an emphasis on healing, wholeness and community	Intellectual and philosophical with an emphasis on curiosity, learning, knowledge and the intellect
Leadership Style	Decisive Design focused Strategic	Demonstrative Motivational	Persuasive Motivational	Inclusive Collaborative	Prescriptive Analytical
Overriding concerns when making decisions	Will this help increase our capacity for mission?	Will this help us embody God's concerns?	Will this help us bring people to a point of conversion?	How will this affect the organization and people in the community?	How does this line up with theology and scripture?
Metrics for success	Healthy and systematic extension of Christianity within and beyond cultural boundaries Church multiplication	Faithfulness to God's values through visible and tangible actions and consciousness of God's character and presence	Growth through individual and group conversion and in increasing the number of adherents in the movement	People's experience of a sense of belonging, intimacy and personal transformation	Adequate engagement with, comprehension of and consistency with truth in all its forms

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How it contributes to the health of a movement	Ensuring consistency with core ideas Laying new foundations and designing systems around mobilization and extension	Anchoring the movement in God's values and providing critical feedback for constant realignment	Explicitly valuing the gospel as our core story Adding new people Sharing the message in the local vernacular	Cultivating and integrating people into a socially cohesive community that fosters relational health and discipleship	Systematizing and articulating the multi-dimensional aspects of truth Optimizing operational efficiency
Shortcomings	Driven, demanding and insensitive to others	Ideological and demanding, short-sighted, simplistic	Anything to "make the deal" Not demanding enough	Obsessive need for harmony and aversion to risk	Demand for ideology conformity and lack of urgency
Slogan	Onward and upward	Repent and believe	Join the party	Love one another	Take time to know God
Likely Myers-Briggs Personality Typing	ENTJ, INTJ, INTP, ENTP	INTP, INFP, ISFP	ENFP, ENFJ	ISFJ, ESFJ	ISTJ, ESTJ
Historical exemplars	Jesus, Paul, Peter, Patrick, John Wesley, Aimee Semple McPherson	Jesus, Jeremiah, James, St. Benedict, Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King Jr.	Jesus, Phillip, George Whitfield, Billy Graham, Rick Warren	Jesus, St. Francis, Jean Vanier, Mother Teresa, Eugene Peterson	Jesus, Apollos, Augustine, Aquinas, John Calvin, Henri Nouwen

Sunday Worship – Lent

Walking with Jesus to the Cross

Beginning with our Ash Wednesday service (Feb. 26), we have begun the season of Lent where we are invited to use the disciplines of Lent to walk with Jesus to the cross. These disciplines include repentance, fasting, prayer and the works of love to help us wage our spiritual warfare where we seek to die to self and rise to the new life we receive in following Jesus. Our lessons move us closer and closer to the final week of Jesus' earthly life when He will die for the sin of the world upon the cross. As the weather grows warmer and the earth around us comes to life, let us not forget what our Lord and Savior Jesus did for us by forsaking the glory of life (becoming an earthly king) and taking the form of a suffering servant to set us free from the power of sin, death, and the devil.

March 1 – (Matthew 4:1-11) **Lent 1**

The temptation of Jesus

March 8 – (John 3:1-17) **Lent 2**

The mission of Christ – saving the world

Potluck after worship

March 15 – (John 4:5-42) **Lent 3**

The woman at the well

March 22 – (John 9:1-41) **Lent 4**

The man born blind

March 29– (John 11:1-45) **Lent 5**

The raising of Lazarus

**Holy Week begins April 5 with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday on April 9,
Good Friday on April 10, and Easter on April 12.**

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays at 7 PM

This year we will be journeying to the cross under the theme: **“For His is Our Peace through the Cross.”** Our theme is based on the apostle Paul's words in Romans: “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1) The message of Lent is that we have peace through the forgiveness of our sins and we have the promise of life everlasting. Each family unit will be given a wooden cross on a base upon which six different objects will be placed (one per week) until we come to the week of Holy Week. At each midweek Lenten service you will be given one object to place on the cross. Each object will remind us of how we fall short of God's glory and how Jesus took that sin upon the cross. There is also a booklet with a short summary of the message which explains each object.

Here is our midweek schedule:

March 4 – Lent 1

Object: Money Bag
Theme: What's Your Price?
Text: Matthew 26:14-16

March 11 – Lent 2

Object: Purple Cloth
Theme: Hail, King!
Mark 15:16-20

March 18 – Lent 3

Object: A Single Nail
Theme: Nailed
Text: Luke 23:26-33

March 25 – Lent 4

Object: Dice
Theme: The Highest Stakes
John 19:23-24

April 1 – Lent 5

Object: A Sponge
Theme: Soaked in Love
Text: John 19:28-30

Lenten Meals

Wednesdays (served between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.)

Each Wednesday during our Lenten season, various groups will be serving a free-will offering meal in the fellowship hall before our worship which begins at 7:00 p.m. A variety of meals will be served (menus posted in advance) which will provide a time of fellowship before each midweek Lenten service. Each free-will offering may be used to support a special ministry or mission of the congregation. We hope that you will take this opportunity to get to know members of our congregation and prepare ourselves for worship. After worship there will be desserts/bars/cookies and coffee for more fellowship time!

March 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>Lent 1</i> 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship	2	3	4 2:30 confirmation 6-6:30 meal 7:00 Lenten service	5 9 Piecemakers 5 Women's gathering/tea 6:30 JOURNEY	6 6:30 Girl Scouts	7
===== MEALS ON WHEELS March 2-6 =====						
8 <i>Lent 2</i> 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 potluck <i>Daylight Saving begins</i>	9 5 Hospitality	10 4:30 Stewardship 6 Book study	11 2:30 confirmation 6-6:30 meal 7:00 Lenten service	12 9 Agape Circle 6:30 JOURNEY	13	14
===== MEALS ON WHEELS March 9-13 =====						
15 <i>Lent 3</i> 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship Mission/Ministry team mtg.	16 6:30 Council	17	18 2:30 confirmation 6-6:30 meal 7:00 Lenten service	19 2 Card Club 6 MOPS	20 Crafting 10am-12pm 6:30 Girl Scouts	21 Crafting 8am-8pm
22 <i>Lent 4</i> 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship Crafting 12-4pm	23	24 6 Bible study	25 2:30 confirmation 6-6:30 meal 7:00 Lenten service	26 6:30 JOURNEY	27	28
29 <i>Lent 5</i> 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship	30	31		HOLY WEEK--APRIL 5-12		

Membership care: Linda Miller, Jo Roberts
 Altar guild: Connie Petersen, Nell Finkral
 Communion bread: Nell Finkral

Christ the Servant Council Meeting
February 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

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

Bob Lutz opened the meeting with a devotion from Luke 2:34-35 about Simeon's prophecy at the temple at Jesus' birth/circumcision. We wait in expectance just as Mary and Simeon did for the Lord to be revealed, both in regards to eternity and in the present situations and journeys.

Receiving of Minutes and Reports

Pastor Steve mentioned that Adult Sunday school curriculum is 'set' for the next two years. As always, everyone is welcome and invited to come on Sunday mornings.

Steve Morton moved to approve the minutes and receive the reports as given. Chuck Nicholson seconded. Motion carried.

Book Study: 'The Servant Leader'

Leadership is fundamentally a matter of the heart, where we look to the interests of those we serve. Being a servant leader means having a succession plan. We make disciples who make disciples who make disciples...

What is our EGO?— *Edging God Out or Exalting God Only*

Discussion on Designated Fund Policy

Steve Jessen had some extra sources about how the IRS looks at different forms of giving. This policy will be looked at further and changed as needed in order to come to a finalized policy for the council in regards to designated giving.

Retirement Party for Pastor Steve

The congregation will be holding a retirement party for Pastor Steve on June 13-14. One day would be an open house that is open to the community/Steve's family, and the other day will be a more of a gathering for the congregation. So ... Mark Your Calendars!

Lenten Meal

Council is serving the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 25. Sharon Koeppel will head up the planning for the meal.

Committee Reports

Transition team: Steve Jessen spoke with Pastor Don Brandt (transition coach) and Pastor Dennis Riech (potential interim). Steve Jessen will be contacting LCMC to see if there are some examples of contracts to look at, and we will be looking to move forward with the process.

Steve Jessen mentioned that before we house an interim pastor, some things will need to be looked at in the parsonage to prepare for him.

Building/Grounds: Warren Bennett mentioned that there is a window in the fellowship hall that fogs over. Warren is going to go get an estimate on replacing it.

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Discipleship: Doug Witte shared that he and Pastor Steve went over the plans for how the allocated funds for education are to be used for the remainder of the year. He mentioned that what is being planned for the next year will be sufficiently covered within the budget.

Mission: Steve Morton shared about Local Benevolence. He shared monthly list of where it is given. Some changes will need to be made for the end of the year as the childcare was on the list for November.

Stewardship: Steve Freese asked if there is anything specifically that the stewardship committee could help with in the transition. Pastor Steve mentioned that they could look into how we could help with furnishings for the parsonage for the interim pastor.

Audit Committee

There is one member that has said they are willing to help with the audit as long as someone is willing to show them how to do it. Steve Jessen will approach three congregants to see if they are willing to help in this process.

Steve Morton closed with prayer. Next meeting will be March 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Svitak, Secretary