



# CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

## AUGUST 2020

### Happy Birthday

8/1	Austin Wolfe (15)
8/3	Orlin Olson
8/11	Ella Kowalski (10)
8/16	Jim Meyer
8/17	Judy Carstens
8/19	Phoebe Krause (6)
8/21	Chuck Nicholson
8/21	Mary Weich
8/24	Rand Petersen (2)
8/29	Roger Young

### Happy Anniversary

8/31	Linda & Jerry Shaffer
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### Meeting Notice

Semi-annual congregational meeting  
Sunday, August 9, following worship

### Attention Worship Servants

We continue to seek two teams to count offerings once a month. Training will be provided. Contact the church office.

A volunteer schedule will be published when DHMs are eased/lifted. To volunteer, contact the office.

Coffee service will no longer be included in the volunteer schedule. Leave a note in the office if we are running low on something.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30, and 8:30 to 12:30 on Fridays.

### Thank You

Dear Members,

Thank you for always remembering the riders at S.M.I.L.E. and their families. Your donation is greatly appreciated and needed. Very grateful!

God's Blessings,  
Patty Prauner

### Thank You

To Christ the Servant Church:

My daughter Margo and I attended your service on July 12. We were to meet a friend Judy up the road a little way at her church, but Margo being one of my four children I am always running late despite the helpful husband I have, so when we arrived 5 minutes until 10 a.m. I called Judy and said we were staying with you for service this morning.

The awkward feeling I had quickly dissolved when an elderly gentleman greeted us warmly--be sure he knows he is the ULTIMATE welcoming committee--we even embraced at the service end. I noticed he was there with his wife with a walker and it must take them some effort to get out and show up but so glad you did! Pandemic or not, a hug, a greeting are needed.

The Sower Parable was also like a message God had hand-picked just for me but shared with all of us:). Despite all the blessings and good soil, life can get very difficult, but my hour with you this Sunday--a real live service was just what I needed. The soil jokes from the pastor, greetings from Steve and Julie (Steve is my boss HA!) and love from a fellow Christian will carry me very happily . . . even blossoming into this next week.

Continuing to serve alongside,  
Monica Schnebel

P.S. Margo "the ornery twin" thanks you also--she especially loved the woman actively praising in the back. God Bless!

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Pentecost 9 10 Worship (traditional)	3 6:00 Worship committee	4	5	6 9:00 PieceMakers	7 6:30 Girl Scouts	8
9 Pentecost 10 10 Worship (contemporary) 11 Congregational meeting	10	11	12	13 9:00 Agape Circle	14	15
16 Pentecost 11 10 Worship (traditional)	17 6:30 council meeting	18	19	20 2:00 Card Club	21 Kathy (vacation) 6:30 Girl Scouts	22
23 Pentecost 12 10 Worship (contemporary)	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Pentecost 13 10 Worship (traditional)	31					

Altar guild: Margaret Svitak, Mary Ann Knee

Membership care: Jo Roberts, Linda Miller

## The Perfect Pastor

I hope this spoof on the perfect pastor will give you a good chuckle and maybe a little food for thought. *Pastor Dennis*

A few years back I received an email from a friend telling me that he was just elected chair of the pastoral call committee. The congregation was seeking a new pastor and in an effort to find out what members believed were important attributes in a new pastor he decided to ask them to complete a survey. Here is what he learned from the congregational survey.

The members preferred a pastor who would preach exactly ten minutes and the worship services would be no more than fifty-nine minutes. The new pastor would firmly condemn sin but never hurt anyone's feelings. He or she would work from eight o'clock a.m. until midnight seven days a week and would also take care of all the duties of the church custodian. The perfect pastor should receive \$50 per week salary, always dress neatly, drive a good quality economical car, have a substantial library of theological books, and give \$30 per week in offering to the church. The new pastor will be no more than 29 years of age and will have no less than 40 years' pastoral experience. The perfect pastor will have a burning desire to work with youth and teens, will visit the schools daily, have infinite patience with young children, and spend most of his or her time each day with senior citizens. The pastor will always have a smile but will keep a straight face because although the pastor has a fantastic sense of humor he or she is seriously dedicated to the church being served. The new pastor should make at least fifteen home visits a day and is always in the office in order to be seen when needed. The perfect pastor always has time for church council and all of its committees, and never misses a meeting of any church organization. And finally, the new pastor should always be busy evangelizing the unchurched.

My friend quickly realized the perfect pastor always seemed be at the neighboring church! In an effort to figure out how to get the best pastor possible, my friend decided to visit with that neighboring "perfect pastor." The neighboring pastor said the congregation will find the perfect pastor when it realizes that there is no such thing as a "perfect pastor" just as there is no such thing as a "perfect congregation," which by the way, the "perfect pastor" is always looking for! However, the imperfect pastor and the imperfect congregation can work together to become one in love and service and that results in what God sees as the "perfect" body of Christ. The neighboring pastor then gave my friend the following advice:

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other churches that are tired of their pastor, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him or her to the church at the Top of the list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.

*"The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it's difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine."*

~ Abraham Lincoln

Christ the Servant Council Meeting

June 22, 2020, 6:30pm

Present: Pastor Dennis, Steve Jessen, Warren Bennett, Emily Svitak, Sharon Koepp, Chuck Nicholson, Brian Anderson, Tara Peters, Laura Kowalski, Linda Shaffer, Charlie Skoglund (worship committee)

Steve Jessen opened the meeting with a devotion from 'My Utmost for His Highest' that spoke on having the full realization of who Christ is in order to build up the whole body of Christ, not an organization. We must seek to know Jesus himself, not only what He has done for us.

Minutes/Financial Reports

Brian Anderson moved to receive the minutes and financial reports as presented. Sharon Koepp seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Steve Jessen offered Tara Peters as treasurer to finish out Jan Puls' term. Chuck moved and Sharon seconded to accept Tara into this position. Motion carried.

The semi-annual meeting will be announced this Sunday, which will result in the meeting being held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the new members of council will be 'officially' voted onto the council.

- Discipleship – Laura Kowalski
- Stewardship – Linda Shaffer
- Building/Grounds - Warren
- Fellowship/Evangelism – Chuck Nicholson
- Local mission/Outreach – Sharon Koepp
- Worship – Emily

Transition Team – Emily Svitak shared that the transition team has been meeting each Sunday for prayer. Pastor Dennis has joined in on these meetings and has been bringing forward questions of why we do what we do and how we move forward through our transition well.

Building/Grounds – Warren Bennett shared that there are some issues that have been found at the parsonage that will need to be taken care of. Warren will do some price checking to see what it will cost to update/fix these things.

Worship – Worship committee met last week and will be starting to gather before each church season to plan ahead.

Audit – Nevin Peters and Mary Ann Knee have been contacted and will be getting together with Susie Lutz and Greg Moen to complete the audit soon.

September 13<sup>th</sup> will be our celebration of Pastor Steve. Due to COVID, celebrating Steve during the last weeks he was in Norfolk was hindered, so during Rally Sunday week we will celebrate his ministry here.

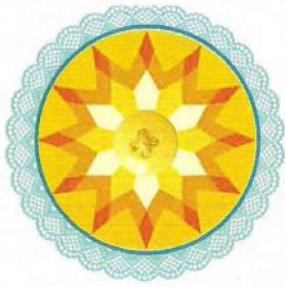
Brian Anderson shared about plans to purchase video equipment to use as the equipment that is being currently used is being borrowed from the college. Having this equipment will open more opportunities to reach people/spread work via social media. Brian quoted around \$3,200 for the equipment. It is possible that the funding for this is covered through special giving. It would not have to come from the budget. Bob Lutz moved to authorize the memorial fund committee to purchase the recording equipment per Brian Anderson's recommendation. Warren Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Charlie Skoglund shared about concerns about how communion as it has been happening. The little cups have been difficult for some people to open and are prone to spills. He brought forward some suggestions about how we could move as much 'back to normal' as we could. We would need ushers that are seating people with adequate space. Communion would be continuous with assistants using gloves/hand sanitizer/masks. We would go to using wafers and disposable wine cups that are spaced adequately.

Pastor Dennis mentioned that state regulations concerning dispersing items like communion are still in place until July 31. Discussion followed about the struggles and concerns about the possibilities of finding some normalcy in communion, as well as the enforcing the wearing of masks. In all of this discussion, the council wants to make sure that through all decisions made, we don't want to create division within the church. We want to be able to follow guidelines and offer a place where people feel comfortable to come to worship. In going forward, we will continue with the guidelines and communion procedures as we have been doing. This will be re-evaluated weekly and at the next council meeting. Worship committee will be meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and can discuss possibilities according to updated guidelines at that time. Brian Anderson is going to write up a statement from the council about what we have discussed. This will be emailed to the congregation and put in the bulletin this week.

Pastor Dennis shared his report. He has been meeting with the transition team and getting to know more about the church through that. He will also be joining the worship committee on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to plan worship through the end of the church calendar year.

Warren Bennett closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup>.



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# Quilt Auction



**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

**Quilt Preview in Gym: 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**ONLINE AUCTION:**

**Thursday 4:00 PM– Sunday 6:00 PM**

Found on website at [www.okoboji.org/quilt](http://www.okoboji.org/quilt).

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

**Quilt Preview in Gym: 1:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Scandinavian Feast: 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Please make a reservation to help with social distancing between group sizes. Reservations can be made at [www.okoboji.org/quilt](http://www.okoboji.org/quilt) or by calling 1-800-OKOBOJI.

**Glenn Henriksen Concert: 7:00 PM** (free will offering)

Circle of Hope Amphitheatre on Okoboji Beach Front

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

**5K Run/Walk-Virtual 5K: 8:00 am**

Register at [www.okoboji.org/5k](http://www.okoboji.org/5k).

**Quilt Preview in Gym: 9:00 - 11:30 am**

**Lunch in Dining Hall: 11:00 am– 12:30 pm**

**Board Member Elections- 11:30 am**

**LIVE AUCTION: 12:00 (NOON)**

Please view our website for extended health and safety measures being taken. Find a link to check out this year's quilts & items at: [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org).

**PROXY BIDDING IS AVAILABLE: Call the Camp at 1-800-OKOBOJI**

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