



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN  
NOVEMBER 2020

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 6 Rich & Deb Olson
- 14 Dan & Nita Meyer
- 20 Mike & Nell Finkral
- 27 Doug & Pat Witte
- 30 Bill Thoendel & Lu Carter

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Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who sent us cards and words of comfort for my brother Darrell's death.

*Don Knee*

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, November 8, after worship

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Volunteer Corner

We need three teams of two persons to count offerings once a month. Training will be provided. Call or stop in during office hours for more information or to sign up.

Office hours

Monday--Thursday 8:30 to 4:30  
(closed for lunch 12:30-1:30)  
Friday 8:30 to 12:30  
phone 379-1775

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# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints <i>Daylight Saving ends</i>  9 Sunday school 10 worship	2  7 Boy Scouts	3  6 Bible study	4  6 Confirmation	5  9 PieceMakers	6  6:30 Girl Scouts	7
8 9 Sunday school 10 worship Annual meeting Potluck	9  7 Boy Scouts	10	11  6 Confirmation	12  9 Agape Circle	13  Girl Scouts overnighter	14
15 9 Sunday school 10 worship Thank offerings	16 6:30 Council 7 Boy Scouts	17  6 Bible study	18  6 Confirmation	19 2 Card club 6 MOPS	20  6:30 Girl Scouts	21
22  9 Sunday school 10 worship	23  7 Boy Scouts	24	25  7 Thanksgiving Eve service	26  Office closed	27	28
29 Advent 1  9 Sunday school 10 worship	30  7 Boy Scouts					

Altar guild: Kathy Rogers

Membership care: Doris Hoffart, Kay Jaeger

## The Promise of the Seasons of Hope

Autumn has always been my favorite time of year. The combination of colors and smells, warm days and cool nights blend together to make the season a veritable banquet for the senses (and allergies). Autumn is filled with wonder and change, death and new life, but most of all, autumn is filled with hope. Look around! That which only months earlier was so filled with life now seems to be fading away; and at the same time, one only has to look out at a field of freshly sprouting winter wheat to see that which had faded away only months earlier is now filled with new life. The squirrels, rabbits and birds are busily preparing for that which is to come.

Autumn signals not only the coming of winter, but the promise of spring. I think of autumn as a sign from God, kind of like the rainbow in the story of Noah, a promise of what is to come. The cross is a sign like that as well. It is a sign of death—the death of our Lord—but it is also a sign of life—the life given to us through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Our lives are filled with signs from God; some remind us of life and some remind us of our mortality.

Sometimes it is difficult for us to understand the significance of these “signs” until time has passed and we are able to look back with clarity. For instance, the death of a loved one, especially when the loved one is young and seemingly has their whole life in front of them. Their passing causes us to ache and even sometimes burn with anger—and often that anger is directed toward God. But as time passes, hopefully that anger and pain begin to subside and that is when we can look back and see something beautiful—the blessing of love through the very presence of that loved one in our lives. The death of a loved one is never easy, but just think about how blessed we are simply by the fact that we had them in our lives—even if that time was far too short. Signs like these from God remind us of what was, what is, and what will be.

When I was on internship in North Canton, Ohio, I remember looking out my office window across the cemetery to a field of newly sprouted winter wheat. There was a fresh dusting of light snow on the ground and the trees were in their glory dressed in an array of beautiful colors. The contrast of the headstones, the trees, the snow, and the green blades of wheat brought me to a moment of complete awe in the “works of God’s hands.” Later that day while preparing for a meeting to complete the planning of our advent season, I was struck as I read the words from Isaiah, chapter 40:

*“prepare the way of the LORD . . . then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.”*

Autumn and Advent are inextricably connected; joined not only by their position on the calendar but by their purpose—hope! Prepare, watch, and wait with excited anticipation for the promise of new life.

As we journey our way through this beautiful autumn season and turn our face toward the cold winds of winter, remember, God’s promise of new life will never fail us. Look closely! See the signs of hope? They’re all around us—the colors and smells, sunny days and very cold nights, sprouting crocus and buds on the trees. Prepare, watch, and wait. May your Thanksgiving be filled with gratitude and your Advent be filled with the promise of new life and the excited anticipation of Christ’s return. May God’s Peace be with you all.

Faith, Hope, & Love,

*Pastor Dennis*

November volunteer schedule

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please make your own trade.

Sunday	Acolyte	Usher	Lector	Communion
11/1 (traditional) All Saints color: white	<b>Katelyn Anderson</b>	<b>Mike Finkral</b>	<b>Kay Jaeger</b>	<b>Michelle Anderson</b>
11/8 (contemporary) Pentecost 23 color: green	<b>Ethan Wolfe</b>	<b>Steve Freese</b>	<b>Lonnie Svitak</b>	<b>Megan Phillips</b>
11/15 (traditional) Pentecost 24 color: green	<b>Delilah Broders</b>	<b>Danita Broders</b>	<b>Richard Hillrichs</b>	<b>Louise Skoglund</b>
11/22 (contemporary) Christ the King color: white	<b>Lucas Petersen</b>	<b>Warren Bennett</b>	<b>Connie Atkinson</b>	<b>Margaret Svitak</b>
11/29 (traditional) Advent 1 color: blue	<b>Emilee Olson</b>	<b>Rich Olson</b>	<b>Greg Moen</b>	<b>Mary Weich</b>

**Board Meeting Women of CTS**

**September 22, 2020 – 6:30 PM**

**Board Members**

President	Julie Freese
Vice President	Michelle Anderson
Secretary	Tama Krause
Treasurer	Margaret Svitak

**Minutes**

President: Called Meeting to Order.

Vice President: Devotion "Whatever You Do..." based on Col 3:23

Make God a part of your day...a part of your "whatever" each day.

President: Shared the Bible verse for this year, Col 3:23-24 and that is the goal to make this verse the basis for our Member Gatherings. Margaret Svitak distributed copies of the verse for Board Members to post at home.

Treasurer: Treasury Report

**Current Balance 09/22/2020: \$ 1585.54**

Of that balance \$ 303.30 are designated for the Church Kitchen Fund

Secretary: In lieu of reading the minutes, board members reviewed the topics of the previous meeting agenda.

President: Bank Account Access

The signature on Bank Account will be updated.

**Prayer Sisters**

President and Vice President will be participating this year and in the future.

Announcement will be made in church this coming Sunday, September 27 extending the sign up until the first Sunday of the month, October 4.

Steve Freese will then assign and notify the respective Prayer Sisters for the upcoming year.

**November Thank Offering Sunday**

Roles that women could participate in during this service were discussed and will be shared by the President with Pastor Dennis. Possible roles were to have church women read Bible verses, deliver the Sermon, lead the prayers, and provide the music.

#### Church Fall Decorating

It was suggested that the church be decorated for Fall earlier than what has been done in previous years.

Discussion was held regarding decorations that could be used with some members volunteering to donate additional decorating items. The church storage shed will be checked for other fall items. It was announced that all decorations will need to be at church by Thursday October 29.

This topic as well as setting a date next spring to clean and reorganize the Church shed will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 4:30 PM.

#### Member Gatherings

It was agreed that there will be no Fall Gathering this year primarily due to the ongoing COVID regulations and the fact that the group will be taking over the Holiday Boutique duties for the first time.

There will be a December Gathering with the date to be decided at the upcoming Board Meeting October 20.

#### Holiday Boutique

The Board was unanimous in its decision to assume all of the duties previously completed by Mary Lund for the past 25 years in relation to the Holiday Boutique:

**The Women of Christ the Servant are assuming the all the administrative responsibilities for the Annual Holiday Boutique in terms of planning and directing the event and overseeing all of the financial aspects of this fundraiser.**

It was announced that Tara Peters will be creating a new sign for the event and coordinate using it for the Church Website and Face Book page.

Darla Jessen has agreed to be the Cashier again.

The Board agreed that there will only be Take-Out Service for food items and that pre-orders for soup will be taken.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that \$250.00 will be available from the treasury for ordering supplies.

Discussions were held related to multiple aspects of planning this event.

It was agreed that the President and Treasurer will be meeting separately to coordinate and finalize specific event details including newspaper advertising, contacting members for work assignments, quantities of soup to be prepared, determining what take out containers will be used and ordering those items, purchasing food items, contacting vendors, obtaining bottled water, etc.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and the Vice President delivered a closing Prayer.

Christ the Servant Council Meeting  
October 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Dennis, Steve Jessen, Warren Bennett, Sharon Koepp, Brian Anderson, Tara Peters, Laura Kowalski, Linda Shaffer, Chuck Nicholson, Emily Svitak, Bob Lutz

Linda Shaffer shared a devotion from *Jesus Calling* that spoke about the importance of knowing God personally and walking in true relationship and light with Him.

Minutes/Reports

Tara Peters moved and Laura seconded to accept the minutes and financial reports as received. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Confirmation has started. Pastor is hoping to focus on biblical knowledge.

Sunday school has been going well. Pastor will be teaching a class on Martin Luther's "The Freedom of a Christian" as a special Reformation class.

The transition team will be having one last cottage meeting on October 25.

Worship planning for the coming church seasons will be happening soon.

Team Reports

Transition Team: The team will be holding one more cottage meeting to try and catch those who have not been able to attend a meeting. After the meeting, the transition team will work to put together a report to present to the congregation and council in order to continue moving forward.

Building/Grounds: The parsonage has received its updated stove and dishwasher. There has been mention of the need for fresh paint in some rooms of the church building. The gutters also need to be cleaned. Bob Lutz will be looking into what it would take to be done.

Local Mission/Outreach: Sharon checked with the Salvation Army about when they are needing help. There are opportunities to help during day times. Steve Jessen also shared that the Good Samaritan Fund has a balance that is able to be used. There are several possibilities/ways this can be used.

Discipleship: Laura shared that the Sunday school teachers recently met to prepare through the end of the year. They are planning to have a Christmas Breakfast in December as an event for the children.

Stewardship: Bob Lutz looked into electronic giving. Venmo could be used for free. He also stopped in at First National Bank and they recommended a secure payment site that has a \$100 setup fee and \$30/month fee to add a link to our website. This link could be used for one-time gifts or periodic giving. These options will continue to be looked into.

Review of Proposed Budget

Council members met on October 18 to prepare a proposed budget. Several changes were made to last year's budget. Brian Anderson moved to move forward with the budget as presented. Tara Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Bob closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Svitak, Secretary

Designated Giving Checking Acct		
	DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
	DG Good Samaritan Fund	2,085.43
	DG Memorials	10,193.86
	DG Missions/Growth	3,815.71
	DG Parsonage Projects(Kitchen)	560.01
	DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	5,080.21
	DG Tanzania Travel	8,643.20
	DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
	DG Youth Checking Account	3,357.77
	Interest-Designated Checking	80.74
	<b>Total Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	<b>44,759.75</b>
	<b>General Checking</b>	<b>65,806.73</b>