



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

JUNE 2021

Birthdays

6/1 Doreen Kullbom
6/5 Sharel Olson
6/10 Linda Sheppard
6/14 Gary Weich
6/17 Derek Kowalski
6/18 Darla Jessen
6/20 Greg Moen
6/25 Orlene North

Anniversaries

6/6 Sharon and BJ Koeppe
6/10 Laura and Derek Kowalski
6/14 Wanda and Wendell Muhs
6/20 Jeanne and Chuck Nicholson

Card of Thanks

Thank you for the cards, words of encouragement and prayers during the loss of my sister. It was a source of comfort and strength to me. God bless.
Greg Moen

Just to say thanks for the prayers and cards that were sent at the time of my sister-in-law's death. Your support at that time was greatly appreciated.
Mary Ann Knee

Thank you very much for your generous contribution of \$262.22 [local benevolence] to Orphan Grain Train for Where Most Needed.
Rev. Ray Wilke, president

Thanks to all who donated items and helped with the garage sale on May 1st! Proceeds will go toward the Kitchen Fund. Total for the day was \$810.50.

PLEASE NOTE:

The church office will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Sparklight is retiring CableOne email accounts. New email addresses for Christ the Servant are:

office: ctsnorfolkoffice@gmail.com

pastor: ctsnorfolkpastor@gmail.com

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9 PieceMakers	4 6:30 Girl Scouts	5
6 10 worship	7	8	9	10 9 Agape Circle 5:30 WCTS annual meeting	11	12
13 10 worship/ installation of officers 11 potluck	14	15	16	17 2 Card club 6 MOPS	18 6:30 Girl Scouts	19
20 10 worship	21 6:30 Council	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 worship	28	29	30			

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter
Usher
Lector
Communion
Acolyte

June 6

Broders
Greg M.
Michelle A.
Lonnie S.

June 13

Jaegers
Chuck N.
Linda S.
Shirley T.
Delilah B.

June 20

Andersons
Warren B.
Connie A.
Bob L.

June 27

Hoffarts
Danita B.
Kay J.
Louise S.
Lucas P.

Julie Freese and Marilyn Nickols, membership care team

Kay Jaeger, altar guild; Doris Hoffart, communion bread

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

Time: one of the few things all people have in common regardless of where you live or the language you speak or how tall or short you are or anything else. Each of us has the same amount of time every day—86,400 seconds or 1,440 minutes or 24 hours—no matter how you count it, it's all the same.

Have you ever heard someone say they wanted to get something done but didn't because they ran out of time? I know I have heard people say that; in fact, I have said it myself. But in reality, we don't run out of time, we just plan too many things! There is that old saying, "time flies when you're having fun," and maybe that is why we over plan. Although I think procrastination would rate right up there with having fun on the list of reasons people give for running out of time. But I'll wait and check that out tomorrow!

I am always amazed when people tell me they don't have time to do something. I hear that a lot when asking people to volunteer to do something at the church. I would argue that a person will never have time to do something if they don't want to do it. The truth is if they truly wanted to do something they would take the time to do it. That not only goes for those things at the church but at home or work or anywhere else. If a person's heart is in it, then they will take the time to do it—in fact, they will make time to do it!

Some people say it is simply a matter of priorities or choices or time management. Frankly, I believe it is a matter of the heart—it is a spiritual matter. What is your heart's desire? Your family? Your community? Your job? Your possessions or status? Maybe it's just plain greed or sex or drugs or alcohol. For some people, their heart's desire becomes an obsession or even worse becomes an addiction; for instance, religion. Being a person of faith and being engaged in the life of a faith community can be very beneficial. However, if a person becomes obsessed or addicted and they display behaviors of compulsivity and/or rigidity about their faith, that can be extremely unhealthy. Especially to the extent they feel they must force their views or practices on other people demanding adherence to their standard of religiosity.

But, sometimes when people dig down deep inside of themselves the question of their heart's desire isn't so easily answered. I know for me personally, when I was forced to carefully examine my inner compass, I discovered it was pointed in the wrong direction. That discovery was both shocking and depressing! I realized that my heart's desire was driven by my own insecurity and fear of failure. When I did finally dig down very deep inside myself, it was obvious that my compass was pointing back at me instead of toward God. My heart's desire was to be happy, but I was looking the wrong direction. Nothing I could do would create true happiness. True happiness comes from a relationship with God that assures me I am OK just the way I am—there is nothing I can do to make God love me more. The unconditional love that God offers to us is greater than we could ever imagine.

You see, when your heart is in the right place and your compass is pointed toward God then you are probably headed in the right direction—toward freedom. Real freedom allows us to live life to the fullest—not ruled by possessions, wealth, greed, addictions or obsessions; and not overwhelmed by the demands and commands of others; we are not smothered by guilt or depression; and we are not imprisoned or cast out because of some other person’s determination of our worth. When our compass is pointed in the right direction toward God then there is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from God’s love through Jesus Christ. God paid a great price for each and every one of us; and as the saying goes, “God doesn’t make junk.” Knowing how much God loves us and what a great price he paid, how can we waste one second of the time God has given us?

You’ll have to excuse me now; I have 44,218 seconds left today and I know there are people right here in Norfolk that need some of God’s grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. There’s no time to waste! Oh, by the way, do you know what time it is?

Pastor Dennis

Fellowship & Hospitality Events

Tanking down the Niobrara/Smith Falls Saturday, July 24, all day. We will meet at the church parking lot and leave as a carpool early in the morning. Cost is \$60 (approx.) due by June 26; sign up with/pay Mary Weich (649-6452).

BBQ in the church parking lot Saturday, July 3, 6 to 11 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and s’mores will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Christian Cross Festival

17th annual event Saturday, June 12, from 2 to 11 p.m. at Skyview Lake. To volunteer, go to christiancrossfestival.org.

To Norfolk With Love

4th annual event Saturday, Sept. 11. Registration and check-in begins at 8 a.m. with project kick-off at 9:00. Register by Sept. 1 and get a free T-shirt. Contact tonorfolkwithlove@gmail.com.

Save the Date

CTS Daycamp July 11-15