



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

AUGUST 2021

August Worship Attendants

Thank you for assisting in worship. If you are unable to attend the Sunday you are scheduled, please find a replacement for that service.

Altar Guild

Julie Freese and Margaret Svitak

Membership Care

Jeanne Nicholson and Rhonda Beed

Greeters

- 1 none
- 8 Connie Atkinson
- 15 Dean & Doris Hoffart
- 22 Rich & Kay Jaeger
- 29 Chuck & Jeanne Nicholson

Lectors

- 1 Connie Atkinson
- 8 Kay Jaeger
- 15 Greg Moen
- 22 Lonnie Svitak
- 29 Richard Hillrichs

Ushers/acolytes

- 1 Michelle & Katelyn Anderson
- 8 Steve & Julie Freese
- 15 Duane & Shirley Theil
- 22 Warren Bennett, Wendell Hahne
- 29 Greg Moen, Danita Broders

Communion Assistants

- 1 Margaret Svitak
- 8 Bob Lutz
- 15 Mary Weich
- 22 Louise Skoglund
- 29 Michelle & Katelyn Anderson

Birthdays

Orlin Olson	8/3
Ella Kowalski (11)	8/11
Jim Meyer	8/16
Judy Carstens	8/17
Lonnie Sparks	8/16
Phoebe Krause (7)	8/19
Chuck Nicholson	8/21
Mary Weich	8/21
Rand Petersen (3)	8/24
Roger Young	8/29

Anniversaries

8/31 Linda and Jerry Shaffer, 37 years

Help Wanted

Marilyn Nickols is looking for someone to mow her lawn. Please call her at 379-7961 if you or someone you know can help.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30 (closed 12:30-1:30)

Friday 8:30-12:30

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August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 Bible study 10 worship	2	3	4 Church property workday @ 5 p.m.	5 9 PieceMakers	6 6:30 Girl Scouts	7
8 9 Bible study 10 worship Monthly potluck 11 youth group	9	10	11	12 9 Agape Circle	13	14
15 9 Bible study 10 worship	16 6:30 Council	17	18	19 2 Card club	20 6:30 Girl Scouts <i>Kathy on vacation</i>	21
22 10 worship 11 youth group	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10 worship	30	31				

Time

I hear people say, "I don't have **Time** to do that." And of course, "that," is whatever it is you asked them to do. The funny thing about "Time" is that it is an artificial quantifier. By that I mean the way we quantify time is arbitrary and often confusing. For instance, "What time is it?" or the ever popular "Oh, we have lots of time" or the proverbial, "I don't have time to do . . ." or "I ran out of time to get that done." Funny thing about 'Time' is that it is difficult to quantify. Time is like the water in a river. It is virtually impossible to touch the same water molecule twice because the flow of the river never allows the water to pass by the same place, in the same manner more than once. Time is like the water—once the moment has passed it will never occur again. It is said that Time has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters. But . . . maybe it is the other way around. What really matters has a wonderful way of showing us the real value of "time"—like spending time with someone we love. Sadly, I have lived a great portion of my life wasting the "time" I have listening to and living according to what other people have said or believed about me. How foolish I have been. What I have learned is that it is far wiser to listen to what God has to say about me than what other people say. The Word of God has been graciously planted in me, and my inner voice echoes that grace, giving me the courage to trust my own intuition—what God has created in me is faith built on His grace. My heart tells me to trust God's love through Jesus Christ. The years I have wasted trying to live according to what someone else believed or said about me is absolute foolishness. How dare I waste the gift of life God has given me!

That brings me back to having enough "time" to do what **you** have been asked to do. What have you been asked to do at Christ the Servant? Usher? Bake bread for Communion? Teach a Sunday school class? Serve on a committee or the council? Be a prayer partner? Serve or make coffee? Serve at the Rescue Mission or the Food Pantry or Mercy Meals? The list of things needing your time is endless. But what I keep hearing people say is, "I don't have time!" Funny thing is we all have the same amount of time each day—24 hours or 1,440 minutes or 86,400 seconds—the question is, "How do you use your time?" "Don't have time?" No—what you are really saying is that you don't want to do whatever it is you have been asked to do!

My time here at CTS will before long be coming to an end. The call committee has been diligently working, reviewing resumes, and interviewing potential candidates. It will not be long before a new pastor is recommended to the congregation for a Call. I do not believe for one minute that the members of CTS want their new pastor to come into this congregation and suddenly realize the people here do not want to do anything but leave cheek marks in the pew pads.

I believe Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is a fantastic congregation filled with people who love God and want to serve God's people every minute of every day. I am so profoundly honored and grateful that you have given me the opportunity to serve here at CTS as the Intentional Interim Pastor. Words alone do not adequately express the level of gratitude and appreciation I have for all of you.

Our Lord knows this past year has been filled with disappointment, sadness, and tragedy, and although the vast majority of us (the current population) has not seen this level of “trouble” in our lifetime, God has, and He knows exactly how difficult it has been. Even during this current resurgence of Covid-19 variants, we simply cannot give up telling ourselves now is not the right “Time.” We have already lost too much to this terrible evil that has plagued us. Now is the time to stand up and be counted—just as Christians have throughout history. Now is the time to say yes to the work that must be done for this church to survive and grow. We cannot sit back and say “let someone else do it” because there is no one else to do it. I believe all of us here at CTS want this body of Christ to be the kind of congregation a new pastor will be excited about coming to. If you are not sure what needs to be done, just give me a call—or call any of the council members or the office. We will get the information you need so you can be the spark that gets everyone fired up.

Pastor Dennis

Church property workday

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 5:00 (or earlier if available)

Hot dogs and snacks at the picnic shelter; contact Brian Anderson with any questions

Card of Thanks

Many thank-yous for all the kind words, thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy at the passing of my sister, Carol, in Iowa. We were very close and will miss her dearly.

Richard and Cherlyn Hillrichs

Upcoming Events

Ingham Okoboji annual Quilt Auction
online auction Friday, Aug. 6; live auction Saturday, Aug. 7
www.okoboji.org/quilt

Car Show for a Cure
August 15, 11 a.m.—5 p.m. at Office Max
All proceeds go to Charles Hales - Cancer Treatment

Rescue Mission Book Sale
August 19-22 at The Stables

To Norfolk With Love
Saturday, Sept. 11
tonorfolkwithlove@gmail.com.

Women of Christ The Servant

July 8, 2021

Devotion and prayer: Michelle Anderson

Approve June minutes

Treasurer Report: balance \$2,676.69

Expenses:

\$65.00 offering June gathering

\$41.00 outgoing gifts

\$30.00 Easter bracelets

Treasurer report-Motion by Brenda Beaudette, second by Kay Jaeger

New Business:

Michelle presented Bible study subscription ideas and the first book we will use is *Love Does* by Bob Goff.

Michelle Anderson, our new president for the 2021-22 year, will go to the board to present ideas to paint the library, etc.

Our Fall gathering will be held on Sept. 11 at noon. A fundraiser idea will be discussed.

No date has been set for the crafting weekend.

Fall cleaning will be Aug. 4 and Spring cleaning will be done before Easter.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Jaeger

Council Meeting

June 21, 2021

Present: Warren Bennet, Greg Moen, Brian Anderson, Chuck Nicholson, Linda Sheppard , Laura Kowalski and Pastor Dennis.

Absent: Bob Lutz, Linda Schaffer and Tara Peters.

Brian opened with prayer and devotional.

Wanda Muhs came before the board to discuss the kitchen remodel. It was decided that she should gather costs on materials for counter tops, floors and refinishing and fixing current cabinets with in the monies already collected (6100.00)

Greg gave update on budget. In the month of May giving was down \$1289. Renewal of Quickbooks and Microsoft office was in May. Greg will set up a designation fund for the stained glass window pledges as they come in.

Call committees next meeting is June 24th. Some candidate applications coming in. Plans for the west slope of the property includes filling in erosion with dirt before putting down Grotrax.

Caulking on the windows on the parsonage has been taken care of. Pastor made the council aware that the floor in the garage in is not in good shape. Also the sign leading to the property from Victory Road needs to be refurbished and cleaned up.

Pastor is going to ask Blake Olson to preach at service on July 18th.

Laura shared that she has no help and too few children to do Day Camp this year. It was decided to checkout other churches to see when they are running their programs and partnering with them for this year.

Council approved purchase of TVs for the Sunday School rooms. 32" TV (3) at \$158 per TV. Brian continues to work on the pickup box for the sound system.

The contract for the stained glass windows was reviewed and approved.

Pastor closed with prayer.

	<u>Jul 14, 21</u>
Designated Giving Checking Acct	
DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
DG Good Samaritan Fund	1,374.85
DG Memorials	11,360.91
DG Missions/Growth	4,065.71
DG Parsonage Projects(Kitchen)	1,121.02
DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	6,970.71
DG SPECIAL PROJECTS (STAIN WIND	750.00
DG Tanzania Travel	9,088.20
DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
DG Youth Checking Account	3,453.77
Interest-Designated Checking	<u>93.74</u>
Total Designated Giving Checking Acct	49,221.73
General Checking	52,694.37