



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

OCTOBER 2021

October 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 Nell Finkral

Membership Care Lu Carter, Doreen Kullbom

Acolytes

10/3 usher
10/10 Delilah
10/17 usher
10/24 Lucas
10/31 usher

Greeters

10/3 Chuck & Jeanne
10/10 Connie
10/17 Dean & Doris
10/24 Rich & Kay
10/31 Michelle & Katelyn

Lectors

10/3 Linda
10/10 Kay
10/17 Lonnie
10/24 Richard
10/31 Connie

Ushers

10/3 Duane & Shirley
10/10 Danita & Greg
10/17 Warren & Wendell
10/24 Chuck & Jeanne
10/31 Duane & Shirley

Communion Assistants

10/3 Margaret
10/10 none (Pastor gone)
10/17 Michelle & Katelyn
10/24 Bob
10/31 Mary

Birthdays

10/1 Danita Broders
10/11 Wendell Muhs
10/12 Kay Jaeger
10/14 Vernon Krause
10/16 Delilah Broders, 13
10/16 Mary Ann Knee
10/17 Cherlyn Hillrichs
10/20 Pat Witte
10/22 Ethan Olson
10/31 Jerry Shaffer

Anniversaries

10/2 Steve & Julie Freese, 17 years
10/5 Jeff & Connie Petersen, 25 years
10/17 Nevin & Tara Peters, 6 years
10/24 Dean & Doris Hoffart, 68 years
10/25 Orlin & Carol Olson, 63 years
10/26 Jeremy & Sharel Olson, 25 years

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

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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 Girl Scouts Crafting Together Simultaneously	2
3 9 Sunday school 10 worship	4 6 book study	5 First Tuesday Bible study Potluck at 5:30 Study at 6:00	6 6 Confirmation	7 9 PieceMakers	8	9 fellowship hall reserved
10 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 potluck 11 youth group <i>Richard preaching</i>	11 6 book study	12	13 6 Confirmation	14 9 Agape Circle	15 6:30 Girl Scouts	16
17 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fall clean-up	18 6 book study 6:30 Council	19 <i>Kathy vacation day</i>	20 6 Confirmation	21 2 Card club 6 MOPS	22	23
24 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 youth group	25 6 book study	26	27 6 Confirmation	28	29	30 Holiday Boutique
31 9 Sunday school 10 worship <i>Guest preacher Doyle Karst</i>						

Lessons of the Heart

My maternal Grandfather was a wise man—not necessarily well educated—but wise, none the less. When I was in sixth grade a classmate of mine died from meningitis. He was kind of an awkward kid who was bussed to Hayward Elementary from what, at the time, was called “Huskerville.” Which was the military family housing at the Lincoln Air Force base. When my classmate died, I told my grandpa that the kid was really weird. He asked me how so and I told him I didn’t really know, just that he was different and acted in a clumsy and awkward way. My grandpa was not only wise but also very loving and compassionate. I think a lot of that had to do with the fact that he saw his father and grandfather (my great grandfather and great-great grandfather) murdered by the Bolsheviks when he was a young man. My great-grandfather hid his two sons in the wood pile to make sure the Bolsheviks would not find them. Because they would not join the Bolsheviks, and because they were German not Russian, both of the men along with their wives were murdered. He told me he could not understand how people could be so cruel to others who were different than they were. This is, of course, where my very hard lesson on humility and compassion began! My grandfather never raised his voice or scolded me, and never spanked me. But I could tell he was disappointed about how I viewed my classmate—and that hurt more than any spankings ever could have! I have tried to remember this lesson, but I will admit my grandfather was a better man than I am.

My grandpa said to me, “Bennie, we are part of something far greater than just you or me . . . we are all connected together like our grape vine (he had a row of grape vines that were intertwined and woven together like one plant) and when part of the vine suffers, the whole vine suffers. When one grape takes too much water it will eventually kill another grape. If the first vine becomes too large and blocks the sun or uses too many nutrients from the ground, the other plants pay the price . . . and eventually even the first vine will suffer. When people take the lives of other people because they are different, or they don’t believe the same things as the other, or they won’t do what the other wants . . . or they simply don’t like the other people, then the whole world suffers and we all become less human. When we mistreat and hurt other people who are different than we are—then we are also hurting ourselves. The day my family was killed, a little part of me died with them because I wanted to kill the men who did it. Do you see? Every act of violence makes us a little less human—a little less than what God created us to be. If we don’t live each day of our lives cherishing all that God has given us—including those who are different—then our lives become a home for the devil. A home filled with hatred and tears; that, by far, is worse than death! Bennie, (that was the nickname he gave me) live everyday of your life like there is no tomorrow, because you never know when there won’t be one to say or do what you should have said or done today.” ☞

Moving Help Needed! On Friday evening and Saturday, October 22 & 23, I need help loading a U-Haul truck to move our things back to Lincoln. We are moving the majority of our household items back to Lincoln now rather than having to move during the winter (because I can guarantee if we have to move during the middle of the winter there will be ten feet of snow on the ground to have to move around—I kid you not!) We have reserved a 15' truck so we won't need to be master packers. I will remain here until the congregation either calls a new pastor or the council decides to give me a pink slip. Donna will be here as often as possible—barring that 10 feet of snow I mentioned earlier. At our age we just don't want to have to move our possessions during the winter—we have done that before and it was a terrible experience. So please, come and help, we will have plenty of water, tea, soda, and pizza & fried chicken for lunch. And, while I am on this subject, I want each and every one of you to know how grateful I am for you allowing me to serve here as your interim pastor. Words cannot express how truly thankful I am for all of your love and compassion—and your acceptance of a pastor who is bent over and walks like a duck—or shall I say waddles like a duck! Thank you!

I know when a new pastor is called—he or she—will be loved and appreciated. And more than that, they will be truly blessed by God to be here with all of you as part of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

Pastor Dennis

Council Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2021

Members present: Brian Andersen, Laura Kowalski, Bob Lutz, Linda Shaffer, Linda Sheppard, Greg Moen, Warren Bennett, Tara Peters

Linda Sheppard opened the meeting with devotion and Prayer.

Board received the resignation of Chuck Nicholson. Chuck and Jeanne are moving out of town. Board approved the resignation. Warren moved to accept and Linda Sheppard seconded.

Greg moved to accept the minutes of the July meeting and Tara seconded.

Financial Report: giving was down again. There was an extra pay period in August. Financials are down five thousand dollars.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor brought forth a suggestion to set up an information table that would be staffed before and after worship. This would have various information and be staffed so that questions could be answered.

Worship service at Skyview Park was a great success.

Call Committee: Brian informed the council that one of the candidates withdrew from consideration.

Building And Grounds: Warren is going to talk to a homeowner who may buy some of the dirt that is in the parking lot. Still need help to weed eat the weeds and fill in the gullies on the hillside. Will have to wait for the right weather to apply the grass.

Laura reported that Rally Day is September 12th.

New Business: The Council discussed setting up a Seminary Scholarship fund as a way of supporting Blake and others. Giving then could be designated for that from whoever wanted to give.

Tara closed meeting with Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

	Sep 6, 21
Designated Giving Checking Acct	
DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
DG Good Samaritan Fund	1,474.85
DG Memorials	11,360.91
DG Missions/Growth	4,115.71
DG Parsonage Projects(Kitchen)	1,121.02
DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	8,970.71
DG SPECIAL PROJECTS (STAIN WIND	750.00
DG Tanzania Travel	9,088.20
DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
DG Youth Checking Account	3,382.65
Interest-Designated Checking	96.32
Total Designated Giving Checking Acct	51,303.19
General Checking	50,183.74

Women of Christ The Servant

September 11, 2021

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.

Devotion/Prayer Michelle Anderson

Treasurer report-Margaret Svitak

Current balance \$2676.69

Treasurer report approved-Michelle Anderson

Old Business

Library update will consist of painting by the Women's group and paid for by the Women's group. Chairwomen of this project are Michelle Anderson and Margaret Svitak.

Michelle Anderson has purchased 10 books for the Love Does Bible Study and Michelle will be the presenter. The Bible study will begin on Sept. 20 at Christ The Servant. Meetings will be held on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, and run for 6 weeks.

CTS crafting will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Please contact Margaret Svitak if you want to attend.

New Business

Fall cleaning will be Oct. 17 following worship.

Oct. 23 is the date set for the Women of the Word workshop held in Fremont. Invitations are available on the church back table. A carpool will be available.

Oct. 30 is the Holiday Boutique. We will again have soup, pies etc. for sale and will have vendors inside and outside the church.

Respectfully submitted by: Kay Jaeger