



# CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

## FEBRUARY 2022

*Please note: there was no newsletter in January.*

### January Birthdays

Jan. 6 Warren Bennett  
Jan. 15 Emilee Olson (15)  
Jan. 16 BJ Koeppe  
Jan. 17 Tara Peters  
Jan. 22 Tammy Buckendahl  
Jan. 25 Lucas Petersen (14)

### January Anniversaries

Jan. 17 Lonnie & Judy Sparks

### Pastoral Acts

Jan. 2

First Communion: Ella Kowalski, Riley Petersen, Tate Petersen, Brooks Seagren, Isabelle Seagren, Kyle Broders

Jan. 9

New members: Lonnie and Judy Sparks

Jan. 16

Dedication of stained-glass windows

Feb. 4

Funeral of Gary Weich

### February Birthdays

Feb. 8 Doug Witte  
Feb. 11 Dagney Petersen (7)  
Feb. 12 Jeremy Olson  
Feb. 18 Millie Drey  
Feb. 19 Rhonda Beed  
Feb. 20 Deb Olson  
Feb. 23 Nell Finkral  
Feb. 25 Joy Potts  
Feb. 27 Jan Puls  
Feb. 28 Carter Olson (17)

### February Anniversaries

Feb. 2 Vern & Tama Krause  
Feb. 2 Bob & Susie Lutz  
Feb. 20 Roger & Donna Young

DAYCAMP DIRECTOR needed

June 27-30

Will need to be on-site for the entire day during daycamp as well as help with promotion and planning. Deadline is Feb. 28. Please let Laura Kowalski know if you are interested (402-750-5116).

Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 (closed 12:30-1:30)

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# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 230 confirmation	3 9 quilting	4 630 Girl Scouts	5
6 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship	7 Pastor's day off	8 530 potluck 6 Bible study	9 230 confirmation	10 9 Agape	11	12
13 9 Sunday school 10 Guest Pastor Cindy Cone 11 potluck Youth group	14 Pastor's day off <i>Kathy out @ 12:30</i>	15	16 230 confirmation	17 2 card club 6 MOPS 6:30 council	18 630 Girl Scouts	19
20 9 Sunday school Forgiveness class 10 worship 11 fellowship	21 Pastor's day off	22	23 230 confirmation	24	25	26
27 9 Sunday school Forgiveness class 10 worship 11 fellowship Youth group	28 Pastor's day off		<i>March 2 Ash Wednesday 7 pm service</i>	CTS crafting weekend March 3, 4, 5		

## An Awesome Blessing

Ministry is like a multifaceted gemstone. No matter which facet you look at there is always something beautiful to see. And, like a gemstone no two are alike; each has its own natural characteristics. For me, one of the most rewarding parts of ministry are the blessings given and received. What I mean by that is simply when a person—pastor or lay—does something that another person needs, both of them are blessed. But, I believe there is something far greater than simply the two individuals receiving a blessing. I firmly believe there is a third person involved in that “transaction.” You probably know where I am going with this and you are quite right. That third person is, of course, God. In the midst of one person doing a good deed to the benefit of another person, I sincerely believe God is present.

No doubt you will say to me, “Well, Duh! That’s what the Bible says—'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.' ” (*Matthew 18:20*) Matthew 18 gives us good advice about how to handle problems when they arise in the church. But, in my opinion that 20<sup>th</sup> verse says so much more about how we are to treat our sisters and brothers. This brings me to my point about blessing one another. When I came to Christ the Servant as the Interim Pastor most of us thought it would probably be six months and then a new pastor would be called. My job was to help you move from the time of Pastor Lund to that new pastor—and that hasn’t changed—but the time frame has. Those first six months proved to be a huge blessing to me—you accepted me as a pastor, and despite my walking like a duck with a broken foot you accepted me, strengthened me, encouraged me, and most importantly you blessed me. I pray that I have been a blessing to you as we journeyed through these days of “doing” church in a completely different way due to the pandemic. Never in a million years did I ever think this past year and a half would be so confusing and complicated. We have been challenged in ways most of us never imagined.

And, I have to say, that has also been a blessing to me. Your commitment and support of Christ the Servant has filled me with hope for a wonderful future. Truly, “where two or three are gathered” there God is present. In the midst of all this craziness, I hear the voice of Jesus saying the same words to us that he said to Simon Peter in this past week’s gospel reading, “Do not be afraid!” (*Luke 5:10b*) I also believe that we, like Peter and the others, will do the same as they did, “leave everything and follow Jesus.”

I pray that as CTS continues to move forward through these crazy times, and as the Call Committee presents candidates, you will open your hearts and minds to what could be—not what is now. If we are afraid of failing—afraid of moving forward—afraid of calling the wrong person—we will never realize the greatness this congregation is so capable of achieving. Do not be afraid to bless one another or those in the community, or another congregation, and especially another pastor. You have blessed me with the opportunity to be here with you and continue to be active in ministry. Where two or three are gathered right here at CTS, God is most certainly present.

*Pastor Dennis*

## CARD OF THANKS

Many, many thanks to everyone who remembered the Kullbom and Carter families in the death of our beloved Mick. To Pastor Dennis and all at CTS who made Mick's service so memorable, our heartfelt thanks. In our sorrow, God's comfort and love has been shown in so many ways.

*Doreen Kullbom*

A sincere "thank you" to the CTS Youth Group for remembering me this Christmas. It was such a pleasant surprise and I appreciate your thinking of me. Merry Christmas and God's blessings to each one of you.

*Arlis Lind*

I want to thank the youth of CTS for the gift sack for Christmas. It was a nice surprise and very thoughtful. God bless you.

*Marilyn Woolard*

Congratulations to Charley Hales and Micheyla Anderson on the birth of their son, Matthew Charles, born Jan. 17, 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Thank you to everyone who kept me in their thoughts, prayers, and cards. May God bless each and every one of you.

*Duane Theil*

A big "Thank You" to the CTS youth group for the Christmas bag with so many surprises and even a special letter and that it was personally delivered. It brightened my day. I wish many blessings on you.

*Mona Jean Roberts*

Thank you for the prayers for Delilah. Her right kidney is still smaller than the left, but as long as she stays healthy we don't have to do anything for two years when she goes back for another checkup.

*Danita and Delilah Broders*

## Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

Present: Linda Shaffer, Warren Bennett, Greg Moen, Laura Kowalski, Tara Peters, Linda Sheppard, Brian Anderson, Pastor Dennis.

Absent: Bob Lutz

Linda Shaffer opened with prayer and a devotional.

Guest was Wanda Muhs. She presented the council with estimates for the kitchen with the same footprint and also an extended version. Discussion followed.

Tara moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Laura seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial: Greg reported on giving in October and that there were not any big expenditures for the month.

Call Committee: Brian reported that committee had zoom call with Don Brandt. He gave the committee several ideas ongoing.

Pastor Report: Pastor is working on putting together ministry teams. Communion classes being held in November. First communion will be in January. Entry carpet is in need of cleaning or repair.

Final draft of budget was presented and approved unanimously.

Discussion was started on call package.

Council discussed and approved Christmas Eve service to stay at 5 p.m.

Closing prayer: Laura Kowalski

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sheppard

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 21, 2021

President of the Council Brian Anderson opened the meeting with prayer.

Greg Moen went over some points in the budget. Vote was taken by the congregation. Budget passed with 34 yes votes.

Warren talked on the condition of the parsonage and a list of repairs that would need to be made. Future discussion on the retention or selling the parsonage will be ongoing.

Brian discussed call committee progress.

Richard gave progress report on the stained glass.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sheppard

## Council Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2021

Members Present: Brian Anderson, Warren Bennett, Tara Peters, Greg Moen, Linda Shaffer, Linda Sheppard.

Members Absent: Bob Lutz, Laura Kowalski

Brian opened with devotional and prayer.

Greg moved to accept the minutes from November and Tara seconded. Motion approved.

Financial report: Greg reported no unusual expenditures for the month of November. Greg suggested that we may want to have someone look into insurance rates.

Council discussed paying balance of the windows out of the memorial fund.

Pastor's report: First communion instruction completed. Planning to bake bread on Saturday, January 1st . And first communion will be on January 2nd .

Stained glass windows installed and need to schedule dedication.

Warren will talk to several members about planning for the repair of the hill.

Pastor contacted B&L Landscaping and they will do snow removal for \$35 an occurrence.

Call Committee: Brian reported that a call was made to the LCMC and our listing was moved back to the top of the listings.

Discussed ongoing about also joining the NALC. Council will put together a packet for congregation to be discussed at congregational meeting in February.

Will need to replace Laura on the council as the Kowalskis are moving to Texas.

Next meeting January 17th .

Greg closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sheppard

	<u>Jan 8, 2022</u>
<b>Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	
<b>DG Church Emergency Fund</b>	8,619.35
<b>DG Good Samaritan Fund</b>	1,582.71
<b>DG Memorials</b>	6,644.91
<b>DG Missions/Growth</b>	4,215.71
<b>DG Parsonage Projects(Kitchen)</b>	1,121.02
<b>DG Special Projects (Kitchen)</b>	12,468.80
<b>DG Tanzania Travel</b>	9,088.20
<b>DG Worship Fund</b>	2,323.47
<b>DG Youth Checking Account</b>	3,206.32
<b>Interest-Designated Checking</b>	<u>101.96</u>
<b>Total Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	49,372.45
<b>General Checking</b>	43,628.08