



CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN

MARCH 2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 5 Sharon Koeppe
March 7 Carol Olson
March 16 Colin Broders, 15
March 16 Mona Jean Roberts
March 17 Pastor Dennis
March 18 Steve Jessen
March 18 Maddie Moen
March 28 Nevin Peters

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 12 Kay & Rich Jaeger

LOCAL BENEVOLENCE

January: Norfolk Rescue Mission \$200

CARD OF THANKS

Thank You to our church family for the thoughts, well wishes and prayers during my recent surgeries. It is great to have "family" there during such times. *Lonnie Svitak*

LENTEN // EASTER SCHEDULE

March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Imposition of Ashes

Mid-week Lenten services

March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6

6 p.m. freewill offering meal

7 p.m. worship

Choir practice following

April 10 PALM SUNDAY

10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms

Holy Week services

7 p.m. April 14 Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. April 15 Good Friday

April 17 EASTER SUNDAY

10 a.m. Festival of the Resurrection

Office Hours

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March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 7P service	3 9 quilting	4 630 Girl Scouts	5
6 9 Sunday school Forgiveness class 10 worship 11 fellowship	7 <i>Pastor's day off</i> 530 potluck 6 Bible study	8	9 230 confirmation 6P meal 7P service	10 9 Agape	11	12
13 9 Sunday school Forgiveness class 10 worship Cong. meeting 11 potluck Youth group	14 <i>Pastor's day off</i>	15	16 6P meal 7P service	17 2 card club 6 MOPS 6:30 council	18 630 Girl Scouts	19
20 9 Sunday school 10 worship 11 fellowship	21 <i>Pastor's day off</i>	22	23 230 confirmation 6P meal 7P service	24	25	26 Women of CTS spring gathering
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> CTS crafting weekend March 24, 25, 26 </div>		
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Looking to the Future

In previous newsletters I have mentioned that I believe Christ the Servant is standing at the threshold of an absolutely wonderful future, and now even more than before I believe that to be true. Through this transition time CTS has moved forward to a different pastor (and boy is he different!), worked through the Call Committee to seek potential candidates, and are now preparing to meet and vote on a Call. Notice I capitalized “Call.” That is not a spelling error! I have heard many people over the years say, “We are **hiring** a new pastor.” The problem is a congregation that is “hiring” a pastor must not expect them to stay for any reasonable period of time. The congregation should be “Calling” a pastor to be an integral part of the life and body of Christ—the church. We say we are sisters and brothers together in Christ. Not many of us would hire someone off the street to be our sister or brother.

So, let me explain a little more about the differences between “hiring” and “calling” a pastor. The word hiring is a VERB ~ *hiring (present participle)*, employ (someone) for wages. Used in a sentence you might read: "management hired and fired labor in line with demand."

Calling, on the other hand, has a wholly different meaning—Calling in the Bible is a central and dynamic theme that becomes a metaphor for the life of faith itself. Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out as a response to God’s summons and service. A person is called by God to a specific form of service—just as the Bible says in Romans 12:6-8. Then, if that person has the gift of Word and Sacrament ministry they are called by a congregation to serve. What does all that mean? Good question! To call a person as the pastor means they are being invited—by the congregation—into the community (the congregation) to be an intimate part of that community. Think of this in terms of Baptism. The person or child is presented to the congregation and through the sacrament of baptism that person/child is made new and becomes part of the community of faith. So it is with a pastor—they are presented to the congregation and through the act of meeting and voting that person becomes a new member of the community of faith—the body of Christ—the church.

A person who is working simply for wages probably won’t get up at 2 a.m. and travel 100 or so miles to pray with you because you have been admitted to the hospital—but a pastor will. (Truth is, many doctors won’t even do that!) But, your pastor will. We believe our congregation is a family gathered together in God’s call—each and every one of us—a priesthood of all believers—and the pastor is part of that family.

I pray each day for Christ the Servant Lutheran Church—I also know I have serious physical limitations—but, regardless of that, you have in the short time I have been here made me feel like part of the family and I know you will do the same thing for a new pastor—loving and caring for them because they are part of this family—this body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Dennis

CTS Congregational Council Meeting
January 20, 2022

Members present: Brian Anderson, Tara Peters, Greg Moen, Warren Bennett, Linda Sheppard, Bob Lutz, Pastor Dennis

Members absent: Linda Shaffer

Greg opened meeting with prayer

Tara moved to accept the minutes from the December meeting and Warren seconded. Motion accepted.

Financial report: Greg reported that there is a balance of \$43,000. Greg recommended that someone look into insurance rates as they have risen. He suggested that we might have Steve Freese check rates with different companies.

Call Committee: Committee will interview Cindy Cone ,who has applied for the Pastors position on Monday January 24th .

Building and Grounds: Warren has been in touch with Ken Funk to put in a concrete edge along the driveway and spillway to move rainwater away from the slope. Greg moved to use emergency funds for this Warren seconded and motion was accepted. Work day will be needed to prepare slope for the Grotex that has already been purchased to put on the slope to stop erosion.

Laura Kowalski's letter of resignation was submitted and accepted. Brian has been in touch with Brenda Beaudette who will replace her.

Pastor's report: Pastor Dennis would like to center worship around the new stained glass windows. Birth of Jesus; Jesus with the Children; Jesus in the Garden; The Crucifixion of Jesus; and the Ascension.

Discussed whether or not we should have a sunrise service or combine the two services into one at 9:00am, with a breakfast following.

Mentioned to Brian that it would be nice to have monitors that the worship leaders could see, especially for music and to insure the right place in worship.

Pastor is now taking Mondays off and working on Fridays.

Council will now be meeting on the third Thursday of the month.

Closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Sheppard

Women of Christ the Servant
December 19, 2021

The women met after worship to discuss where the proceeds from the Thank-offering and Holiday Boutique from 2021 would go.

Thank-offering total was \$187.35

Mary Weich made a motion to gift Blake Olson for College, Shirley Theil seconded, passed unanimously.

Holiday Boutique total was \$3,162.10

Julie Freese made a motion to gift Pastor Dennis and Donna \$250.00, Brenda Beaudette seconded, passed unanimously.

Shirley Theil made a motion to give \$700.00 these 3 places. Orphan Grain Train to go for the to tornado disaster in Kentucky and Arkansas, CTS Kitchen remodel fund, and Tanzania women. Julie Freese seconded, passed unanimously.

Julie Freese made the motion to keep the remainder \$812.10 in the Women account, Shirley Theil seconded, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Anderson

Women of Christ The Servant
February 7, 2022

Devotion/Prayer Michelle Anderson

Treasurer Report Balance: All monies discussed at the December meeting from the Holiday Boutique and bake sale have been distributed as of Feb. 7, 2022.

Treasurer Report Balance is \$3003.98

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

New Business

Update on the library, a couch has been purchased and painting the library will begin on Sat. Feb. 19.

Michelle Anderson presented Bible study ideas and the book we will use is *"He Chose The Nails"* by Max Lucado.

Our crafting weekend will be March 3,4, and 5th, and everyone is welcome!

Everyone be watching for our Spring Gathering which will be held towards the end of March!

Our church rummage sale will be May 7.

June 4 will be our annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: Kay Jaeger