

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN
APRIL 2023



Happy Birthday

4/7 Kyle Broders, 12
4/10 Tate Petersen, 11
4/11 Sau Man Weich
4/12 Blake Olson
4/13 Elizabeth Broders, 18
4/14 Connie Petersen
4/14 Duane Theil
4/19 Olivia Olson, 4
4/20 Bob Lutz
4/21 Mike Finkral
4/22 Katelyn Anderson, 20
4/24 Patrick Olson
4/24 Jared Weich
4/25 Steve Freese
4/26 Brad Rogers

Happy Anniversary

4/19 Al and Sharon Boelman
4/27 Brad and Kathy Rogers
4/27 Lonnie and Margaret Svitak
4/29 Don and Marsha Burke

Calendar of Events

April 2 Palm Sunday

9 Sunday school, 10 worship

Mon 3rd 7 Bible study

April 6 Maundy Thursday
6 Seder meal

April 7 Good Friday
6:30 Girl Scouts
7 Worship

April 9 Easter Sunday

8:30 breakfast potluck
10 worship

Mon 10th church office closed
7 Bible study (Facebook)
Pastor Cindy on vacation until 4-21

Wed 12th 6:30 Bible study (Facebook)

Thu 13th 5 CTS crafting

Fri 14th – Sat 15th
CTS crafting weekend

Sun 16th 9 Sunday school
10 youth-led worship
11 potluck

Mon 17th 7 Bible study (Facebook)

Wed 19th 6:30 Bible study (Facebook)

Thu 20th 2 Card Club
6 MOPS 630 Council meeting

Fri 21st 630 Girl Scouts

Sat 22nd 9am–3pm—CTS hosting
Heartland District Women of the Word

Sun 23rd 9 Sunday school, 10 worship

Mon 24th 7 Bible study

Wed 26th 6 meal, 6:30 Bible study
Kathy out of office

Sat 29th 2-4pm—Parsonage open house

Sun 30th 9 Sunday school, 10 worship

Card of Thanks

Thank you for remembering me with the beautiful flowers at Christmas and the lovely plant. Flowers always brighten my day.

Mona Jean Roberts

I want to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, soup, goodies and visits. I am very appreciative of them all. CTS is the best for a family church home. I hope to see everyone soon.

Cherlyn Hillrichs

The Norfolk Senior Center will serve an appreciation meal for Meals on Wheels volunteers on Thursday, April 27, from 10:30 to 12:30. The meal will include sloppy joes. Please call 371-8299 if you plan to attend so they have an idea of how many they will be feeding.

The Women of Christ the Servant will host the Women of the Word gathering for LCMC Heartland District on Saturday, April 22. The topic for the day is giving, focusing on the theme verse "Give, and it will be given to you" Luke 6:38a. Our speaker for the event will be Orphan Grain Train. They will be sharing with the women what OGT is about and everything that they do. We would like to invite the congregation to help with a couple items.

- Bring undies and socks of any size for children, men and women. Place in the laundry basket in the back.
- Donate a homemade or new item for a door prize. Does not have to be something big.

If you would like to donate a door prize or have questions you can ask Michelle Anderson, Brenda Beaudette or Margaret Svitak.

Join us in helping feed those most in need. We are told to care for one another: clothe the naked, feed the poor. Last month our congregation made a generous contribution to the Norfolk Food Pantry so families did not go to school, to work or to bed hungry. The worship committee has designated the 4th Sunday of each month as "Food for Your Family Day." Once a month we ask for each family unit (or family member) of our congregation to donate a food item, or items, to the Food Pantry. They will let us know the items of greatest need. You can put your donation in the shopping cart at the church entry. Lou's Thrifty-Way was excited to partner with us in this ministry by loaning a full-size cart to fill. With your donation, say a prayer that someone's day was made brighter with a nutritional meal and a hope for a better tomorrow.

We have several packets of 6-inch squares to be sewed into a 60x80-inch quilt and we need someone to help sew them for Lutheran World Relief, Rescue Mission, or Orphan Grain Train. Contact Nell Finkral (402-750-9656) or Doris Hoffart (402-379-0771) if you can help.

Save the Date

Crafting Together Simultaneously planned for April 13 (evening) and April 14 and 15 (during the day). All crafters are being called to join us! Invite friends! Registrations on the back table in church. ALSO CALLING ALL MEN of CTS! Faith Chest assembly will occur on Saturday, April 15, during the Crafting weekend! (women can help too). Watch for updates as April gets closer.

From the Pastor – April 2023

Oh, the beauty of the seasons. At times, we might be tired of where we are and then we see something that sends chills up our spines. As our grandson sent me this pic of the northern lights from Alaska, I was again reminded of God's amazing love for His people. God gives us a new perspective, a new view, a new vision and then we are to take that moment and move forward in His plan.



As much in awe I am of the lights dancing across the sky, I am in awe of God's plan for each of us. As we move into this next season, the season of Easter, we are to bring energy and excitement at what God has done for you and me. We should be looking for the next opportunity, the next door to open, the next person to share the amazing story of God with.

Just as I share this pic with you, we should share His story with all the world, it's even better. Come in this season and be a part of an amazing week of unpacking the story. Palm Sunday, April 2, begins the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On April 6, Maundy Thursday, we will share in a Seder Meal and see the roots of sharing the meal and communion with each other. Good Friday, April 7, the reality of stripping the altar begins to hit us and we since the reality of the events happening. April 9, Easter Sunday, the glory of the day is shown in song, flower, and all the trimmings.

This year we will build a flower garden, pastor is allergic to lilies, and would like to see the church full of tulips, daffodils, all the flowers of the season. Bring them and then take them or share them with our shut ins.

God's Peace, Pastor Cindy