

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN
OCTOBER 2023
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Happy Birthday

10/1 Danita Broders
10/12 Kay Jaeger
10/16 Delilah Broders, 15
10/16 Mary Ann Knee
10/17 Cherlyn Hillrichs
10/19 Emmaline Seagren, 2
10/20 Pat Witte
10/22 Ethan Olson
10/31 Jerry Shaffer

Happy Anniversary

10/2 Steve & Julie Freese
10/5 Jeff & Connie Petersen
10/17 Nevin & Tara Peters
10/24 Dean & Doris Hoffart, 70 years
10/26 Jeremy & Sharel Olson

Calendar of Events

10/1 Sunday school 9, worship 10

10/2 7:00 Bible study (Facebook)
10/4 6/6:30 meal/study
10/5 9:00 PieceMakers quilting
Kitchen info meeting 6:30-8:00pm
10/6 6:30 Girl Scouts
10/7 Holiday Boutique 9am-2pm
Women of the Word, Osceola

10/8 Sunday school 9, worship 10, potluck

10/9 7:00 Bible study (Facebook)
10/10 Lifeline Screening 8am-5:30pm
10/11 6/6:30 meal/study
10/12 2:00 Bible study
10/14 Kitchen info meeting 10:00-11:30am
10/14 2:00 Pack Away Hunger/Mercy Meals

10/15 Sunday school 9, worship 10

Congregational meeting following worship
10/16 7:00 Bible study (Facebook)
10/18 9:00 charity quilt tying
6/6:30 meal/study
10/19 2:00 Card club
6:00 MOPS
6:30 Council meeting
10/20 6:30 Girl Scouts

10/22 Sunday school 9, worship 10

10/23 9:00 Mary's UFO group
7:00 Bible study (Facebook)
10/25 6/6:30 meal/study
10/26 2:00 Bible study

10/29 Sunday school 9, worship 10

"Clank the Cans"; Food Pantry Sunday
10/30 7:00 Bible study (Facebook)
LWR quilt ingathering Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1

Welcome our new members, Steve and Nancy Buss. Their address is 1204 W. Madison Ave.

We are looking for someone to take over the greeting card ministry in the fellowship hall. If interested, please contact Nell Finkral. After Oct. 1 if no one steps forward, the cards will be sold by the box.

Please sign up to sponsor altar flowers. The office will place your order, and the florist will bill you. Be sure to specify if you want one or two bouquets.

From the Pastor – October 2023

As I sat in my office the other day, I was admiring the plant, but not just admiring, but also pondering on what was up with it. To begin with, it has grown so much. Now it is blooming again and the bloom is so tall and so straight. But, what struck me is the one leaf, who decided to stand up so straight and seems to be reaching to the light.



I believe this leaf is helping me to remember to reach for the Light, the Son of God. To stand tall in all I do and all I say, to shout His Word to the least and the greatest. It is a reminder for each of us to do, to say, to be the Little Christ's in the World.

In the month to come, we will have many opportunities to grow and share. The women have a chance to share with other women at St. Paul Lutheran in Osceola. We also have our Holiday Boutique happening. Then we will be packing meals for Mercy Meals. We will continue our journey studying Exodus and The Chosen. Where do you see your growth happening?

We are also looking for others to help in our ministry and on our committees. There is no expectation of monthly meetings, but gathering periodically to plan for the next season. This is not to become a burden for any of us, but an opportunity to grow with and next to each other. Are you gifted with property items, mission and outreach, education, helping with worship.....if you could share a piece of time, we need you!

Shalom, Pastor Cindy

Christ the Servant Council Meeting

August 24, 2023

Present: Greg Moen, Pastor Cindy, Brenda Beaudette, Tara Peters, Jared Weich, Linda Sheppard.

Absent: Brian Anderson, Linda Shaffer

In Brian's absence Greg presided over the meeting. Greg opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from July. Motion carried and accepted.

Financial: July's offerings were \$14,593 and expenses were \$12,583. Positive \$2,009 for the month and \$6,921 YTD. Financial report accepted.

Pastor's Report: There are six youth taking confirmation classes starting this fall. Sunday school starts on September 10 with Blessing of the Backpacks. Christmas program will be Sunday, December 17. Last Man Down presentation on Saturday, September 9 from 11-2.

Playground equipment will be assembled on September 16. This is Crafting Weekend. The playground will be placed on September 23 and dedication will be on September 24. Pastor presented the council with a fundraiser, Raise Right. Gift cards can be ordered from this site and a percentage of the amount goes to our church. Cards could be ordered from the mobile app, or the church could have some on hand for members to purchase. Greg Moen made the motion to go forward with the fundraiser. Tara Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Stewardship/Discipleship: Sunday school begins September 10. Brenda will be asking some members to substitute teach as needed.

Buildings and Grounds: Jared will ask Mead Lumber for another quote for windows in Pastor's and Kathy's offices and the window in the parsonage. Linda Shaffer made a motion to have a congregational meeting on Sept. 10 to put before the congregation the amount of \$15,000 to replace those windows. Jared Weich seconded. Motion carried. The council discussed the need to keep the grass on the west slope mowed. The need to hire a lawn service was discussed. Jared will obtain quotes for that, also for fertilizing and weed control. The quotes will be for the area around the church and the slope.

Linda Sheppard closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Sheppard

		Aug 2, 23
	Designated Giving Checking Acct	
	DG Brandon & Annemarie Cyboron	50.00
	DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
	DG Good Samaritan Fund	1,012.76
	DG Memorials	7,179.52
	DG Missions/Growth	3,365.71
	DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	19,668.73
	DG Tanzania Travel	9,088.20
	DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
	DG Youth Checking Account	3,546.89
	Interest-Designated Checking	290.51
	Designated Giving Checking Acct - Fidelity	-49,250.00
	Total Designated Giving Checking Acct	5,895.14
	Fidelity Investment	
	CD's	73,000.00
	Money Market	8,462.59
	Total Fidelity Investment	81,462.59
	General Checking	20,609.06

		Sep 6, 23
	Designated Giving Checking Acct	
	DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
	DG Good Samaritan Fund	737.86
	DG Memorials	7,179.52
	DG Missions/Growth	3,365.71
	DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	20,247.73
	DG Tanzania Travel	9,088.20
	DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
	DG Youth Checking Account	3,609.03
	Interest-Designated Checking	298.11
	Designated Giving Checking Acct - Other	-49,250.00
	Total Designated Giving Checking Acct	6,218.98
	Total Fidelity Investment(CD's)	81,498.31
	Total General Checking	23,169.83

The semiannual Crafting Together Simultaneously weekend was held September 14-16. We enjoyed fellowship and crafting time with 11 people attending (and a few more popping in periodically). A group also gathered on Saturday to begin preparation for the playground equipment installation. This is also a fundraiser event with \$388 being collected. This event's funds were used to purchase items needed for Project Homeless Connect set to occur in October of this year in Norfolk.

The August rummage sale resulted in \$1,340.25 in sales, which went toward our new playground equipment.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to all those who helped with my garage sale. It was a big job for Jeff and Sue, and they appreciated all the good help on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at my house and then moving the things that were left to the sale at the church. You are a wonderful church family. God bless you all.
Love, Marilyn

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of \$259.53. We are going to put this toward our fundraising goal of \$64,000. Your generosity is very much appreciated. *Traci Vauble, Mosaic*

Thank you so much for the quilts we received from you. They are always needed. *Bright Horizons*

KITCHEN UPDATE

The kitchen committee has come to an agreement for the kitchen plans. The committee brought it to the council on Thursday, September 21. We have the OK to have the informational meetings that we have discussed a few months ago along with a date to have a congregational meeting to vote.

Here are the dates: Thursday, October 5 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
 Saturday, October 14 from 10:00am-11:30am

Both of these meetings will be held at church in the fellowship hall.

The congregational meeting for voting to complete the kitchen will be October 15 following worship. If you will not be able to attend, be watching for more information to come.

Blessings from the kitchen committee

Michelle Anderson
Tara Peters
Louise Skoglund
Mary Weich