



## CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN JANUARY 2024

### *Happy Birthday*

1/6 Warren Bennett  
1/15 Emilee Olson, 17  
1/17 Matthew Hales, 2  
1/17 Tara Peters  
1/25 Lucas Petersen, 16

### *Happy Anniversary*

1/17 Lonnie and Judy Sparks

### *Calendar*

Jan. 1 Office closed  
7p Bible study (Facebook)  
1/4 9a PieceMakers quilting  
1/5 6:30 Girl scouts  
  
1/7 9 Sunday school  
10 Worship  
1/8 7p Bible study (Facebook)  
1/10 6p meal, 6:30 study  
1/11 2p Bible study  
  
1/14 9 Sunday school  
10 Worship  
11 Potluck  
12 Confirmation gathering  
1/15 7p Bible study (Facebook)  
1/17 6p meal, 6:30 study  
1/18 2p Card club  
6 MOPS  
6:30 Council meeting  
1/19 6:30 Girl Scouts

1/21 9 Sunday school  
10 Worship  
1/22 7p Bible study (Facebook)  
1/24 6p meal, 6:30 study  
1/25 2p Bible study  
  
1/28 Food pantry Sunday (canned meats)  
9 Sunday school  
10 Worship  
1/29 7p Bible study (Facebook)  
1/31 6p meal, 6:30 study

### **December Local Benevolence**

\$197.44 to Norfolk Rescue Mission

### **Card of Thanks**

We want to say thank you for thinking of us during our study week in college. We are so grateful for the hospitality of the congregation. It is important to both of us to find a supportive church family, and aren't we blessed?! Thank you again for the care packages, they are much appreciated!

*Katrina Lombard and Riley Ingebritson*

Thank you for your gift of \$197.44. We believe that together, we will make a difference.

*Pastor Will Perrigan, Norfolk Rescue Mission*

## From the Pastor – January 2024

This guy has come to visit and wants to know what's up. He comes often and looks in to see what we are doing. He seems to be inquisitive and comes often to visit. I wonder, how curious are we to see what God has in store for us? Do we ponder and wonder about all that He has to offer? Are we excited about new opportunities or do we just want things like they have always been?



In this coming year, what do you want to see? How can we grow in faith, first ... then we can grow our numbers? What would you like to offer and help with?

As we make those promises and New Year's resolutions ... what can we do in this space?

I am asking questions, I continue to want to grow in my faith and would want each of you to grow in faith, in relationships, in your passion and desire to do what you are able to help the council and ministry to grow our community. This is the time for each of us to search our hearts.

Ron and I want to thank you for an amazing year and look forward with excitement to what this next year brings.

God's Peace and Shalom, Pastor Cindy

### **Card of Thanks**

On behalf of Good Neighbors of Norfolk, please accept our sincere thank-you for your monetary donation of \$266.88.. We appreciate your support. Your generosity will allow us to continue to provide year-round assistance to those in need.

*Allene Johnson, Director*

Much thanks to all of you for the caring, support and sympathies you shared with all of us after losing Mom. This has been so hard and our hearts are still sad and hurting, but everyone's reaching out to us gave a huge lift and pulled us through. Thank you so much!

Wanted to share a special thanks for the kitchen ladies who made such an amazing and wonderful meal, as well as worked so hard preparing, serving and cleaning up. We were a big crowd! A tribute to Mom.

Special thanks also to Marsha for her beautiful music. We all (and Mom) loved it and was also such a tribute for Mom and we know lots of extra practice and playing time. Thank you.

And special thanks to Brian for all his technical support and extra time and help in setting up our music end for Mom's service. Your assistance meant so much.

And special thanks to Mom and Dad's many dear friends who visited at St. Joe's and shared hugs and good-byes with Mom and hugs and support and love with all of us.

What a special church family you are! Thank you for sharing your faith and love with us at a time we needed it greatly. God bless you all.

*Stephanie Eichberger and the family of Cherlyn Hillrichs*

### **Thank-offering Jars**

Every year in November we have collected Thank-offering jars. The jars are for you to put your loose change in being thankful for what God has provided for you during the year. These jars are NOT just for the women, they are for everyone in the congregation. In January you will find Thank-offering jars at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one home with you and drop your change in. These will be collected during worship on Sunday, November 24, 2024. Where the collection will go has not been determined yet. When it has been determined it will be in the newsletter.

There will be more jars made so EVERYONE can have one if they would like. Please let Michelle Anderson know if you have one to determine how many need to be made. Michelle can be reached by e-mail: [michellemanderson.93@gmail.com](mailto:michellemanderson.93@gmail.com) or call/text 402-640-8275

Christ the Servant Council meeting

Thursday November 15, 2023

Brian, Greg, Brenda, Linda Sheppard, Pastor Cindy were present. Linda Shaffer, Tara, and Jared were absent.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes from October were reviewed. Greg made a motion to accept, Linda seconded, motion approved.

Greg went over the financial report. In October \$9000 more was spent than income. Expenses included \$8000 for windows, \$2000 for tree removal and \$1000 for lawn care, French drain. Overage was expected with approval to go ahead with the windows. Financial report approved.

Sparklight will bury cable to discourage damage from squirrels.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Rescue Mission meal.

December 10<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas program during service.

Worship is planned through Easter.

TV is installed in the back of the sanctuary.

Next meeting December 21.

CTS Congregational Meeting

November 19, 2023

Brian opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion made and carried to accept minutes from last meeting. Motion accepted.

On the matter of ratification to Chapter 15 of the Constitution, amendment to Senior Pastor and minimum of five council members from Senior Pastor and ten council members. Motion made and seconded. Motion approved.

On the matter of ratification of Chapter 13, amendment from members of the congregation must be present to vote in congregation meetings; to members may vote by remote if requested. Motion made and seconded. Motion approved.

Greg spoke briefly on the proposed 2024 budget. All members received a copy for review. Motion put forward for approval. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

		Dec 10, 23
	<b>Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	
	DG Church Emergency Fund	8,619.35
	DG Good Samaritan Fund	141.03
	DG Memorials	2,204.52
	DG Missions/Growth	3,365.71
	DG Special Projects (Kitchen)	28,247.73
	DG Tanzania Travel	9,088.20
	DG Worship Fund	2,323.47
	DG Youth Checking Account	3,609.03
	Interest-Designated Checking	324.90
	Designated Giving Checking Acct - At Fidelity	-49,250.00
	<b>Total Designated Giving Checking Acct</b>	8,673.94
	<b>Fidelity Investment</b>	82,824.70
	<b>General Checking</b>	2,704.66

### Women of Christ the Servant December Meeting Recap

The Women of Christ the Servant met for their quarterly gathering on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mary Weich read a devotion that was about God is for you.

Treasurer report to date: \$4,328.84. \$2,506 is from the holiday boutique. Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> the women discussed the amount to be split in 3 ways to be given as follows: Within CTS, Norfolk community, Tanzania women group. It was decided that each area could be broken down to be able to provide multiple areas. The final organizations and amounts are as follows.

Within CTS: \$285.00

CTS Love Meals

MOPS

2 Quilt Groups-\$142.50 each

Norfolk Community \$425.00

Toys for Tots

Good Neighbors

Tanzania Women Groups \$850.00

The total for all of these comes to \$2,555.00, the women approved that \$49.00 would come from the women account.

Greg Moen asked Brenda Beaudette and Michelle Anderson who organized the College Kids Final Care Packages. Stated that the youth use to, but women could pick this up. The care packages needed to be sent for December, so Michelle Anderson purchased items for Elizabeth Broders, Riley Ingebritson and Katrina Lombard. For Spring finals, it will be discussed at the March meeting as to how the packages will be organized.

Thank-offering was discussed that many in the congregation think that this is for the women only, however it is not. There will be 2 months that Thank-offering jars will be "pushed". Jars will be provided for anyone who would like to participate during January and June. Where the collection will go is to be determined later. A note will be in the newsletter for January and June.

### Dates set for 2024

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Women Quarterly Gathering 9:00

March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> CTS Crafting Weekend

April 28<sup>th</sup> Church inside/outside Cleanup

May 4<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale and Shredding event

Shredding event money designated to Food Pantry

June 1<sup>st</sup> Women Quarterly Gathering 9:00

September 7<sup>th</sup> Women Quarterly Gathering 9:00

October 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Boutique

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Decorate for Fall

November 24<sup>th</sup> Thank-offering Sunday

November 30<sup>th</sup> Decorate for Christmas

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Anderson, Secretary

## Kitchen Remodel

The time has finally come for the long-awaited kitchen remodel. As with any remodel there will be some temporary changes as we go through the process. The kitchen committee has thought through many things to help make this as smooth as possible.

Here are a few questions and concerns that have been brought to the attention of the committee along with any hiccups that are foreseen at this time.

Will there be plastic put up around the construction area? Yes, Kevin has said that there will be plastic in place.

What will be done with the appliances? The stoves will be kept. The 2 refrigerators, dishwasher and microwave will be sold. The appliances being sold will be offered to the congregation first with a deadline. If they have not been sold to someone within the congregation then they will be put online. Be watching for flyers with these items, prices, and deadline.

What will happen to the cupboards? The bottom cupboards will be tossed. If the upper cupboards come out easy and usable then they will be put in the first closet in the kitchen to store cleaning supplies.

What about coffee and treats for fellowship? The kitchen committee has moved the coffee machine & coffee supplies to the south end of the fellowship hall. Once the remodel has started the disposable cups, plates, napkins, etc. will be brought to the serving area. There will also be gallons of water provided for coffee and bottles of water for drinking.

What about a refrigerator? The refrigerator that was in the fellowship hall has also been moved to the south end to be close to the serving area.

What about communion? The communion supplies have been placed on a cart, so it is accessible for worship. This cart will be covered with a sheet to keep it as clean as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck: The kitchen committee is recommending that these be postponed until the remodel is completed.

During the kitchen remodel we know that there could be other situations that arise as the process happens. The committee asks that everyone please be patient until this is completed.

As the committee has stated throughout the planning process we ask if you have any questions/concerns please speak to one of the committee members. When speaking to one of the committee members this will eliminate any miscommunication and your concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

Michelle Anderson, Tara Peters, Louise Skoglund, Mary Weich

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