

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

July 2024
newsletter

Birthdays

July 1 Kathy Rogers
July 6 Jesse Meyer
July 11 Brooks Seagren, 11
July 22 Jerry Hayes
July 23 Lu Carter
July 24 Bill Thoendel
July 30 Connie Atkinson

Anniversaries

July 20 Charlie and Louise Skoglund, 50 years
July 27 Dallas and Jan Puls, 28 years
July 28 Ron and Cindy Cone, 45 years

Card of Thanks

Thank you for donating the quilts you made. We appreciate the love and work that went into making them. We will make sure they are sent where the need is greatest. May God bless your work. — Steve Fehrs, Orphan Grain Train warehouse manager

Thank you for all the prayers for our beloved son-in-law, Dwight Oberle. He went to be with Jesus on Wednesday. He left a beautiful legacy of 13 grandchildren. — Dean and Doris Hoffart

Pastoral Acts

June 9, 2024 — Installation of Women of CTS officers
Transfers: Nevin and Tara Peters

May financial report

Income = \$17,621.67
Expenses = \$23,401.09
Bank balance = \$6,898.39

In our prayers

This month we are praying for the congregation of Trinity Lutheran in Columbus.

We're praying for you

May God shine the light of His love on your congregation as you hold tightly to His promises. — Dee Dee Doke, Good News Radio

Worship schedule

Sunday 10 a.m. (communion
2nd and 4th Sundays)

Sunday school 9 a.m. during
the school year

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From the Pastor – July 2024

Did you know that we are alive and active? Did you know that we are and will continue to love and serve where God leads? Lots of things are happening, lots of people are stepping up to help....do you hear God calling? Do you have ideas to help us move forward in the community? What can you do?

I know I asked a lot of questions, but we have to be able to answer them and listen for how God is calling us. Yes, things have happened. But, what we do now makes the difference. We have many opportunities to reach out to the community and we are each invited to be part of some or all.



Just imagine if you can help out with VBS this month...you will be part of influencing the lives of those who come, that's sharing the story and it's fun. We will on July 13 hear the stories of Jesus as our Shepherd, Zacchaeus, Fisherman and God's gift of Forgiveness. We will sing songs, do crafts, play games, eat and have fun. Then on July 14 we will celebrate with worship, songs and more food....potluck day will be a grilling day and picnic time.

Can we think about serving the police, fire, EMS folks at their house? Can we be moved to share with other groups in the community? What else can we envision ourselves to be? Where do we move outside the walls and into the world and share?

My prayers are for each of you this day. We will be working on a vision/mission statement on the council side and would welcome your input. Conversation is what is needed, open and with all. Share some ideas in other areas to serve... what about Mosaic, what about Bright Horizons, what else can we do?

God's Peace, Pastor Cindy

CTS Council Meeting – May 16, 2024

Greg Moen, Brenda Beaudette, Jared Weich, Pastor Cindy, Tara Peters and Linda Sheppard in attendance. Brian Anderson and Linda Shaffer were absent. Guests: new Council members Lonnie Sparks and Kay Jaeger. Pastor Cindy opened with prayer.

April Council meeting minutes: One correction was requested to correct the spelling of Jared's name. Linda Sheppard motioned to approve. Tara seconded. Motion carried.

Financials:

- Instead of having three credit cards for church use, we will be dropping down to one.
- Pastor Cindy's pension was not taken out for April. Will be taken out in May.
- Most kitchen project bills have been paid. We are still waiting for a final bill from Century Lumber.
- Quick Books renewal is due. Their pricing has increased drastically. Greg is looking into a different program that is less expensive.
- Lawn care charges for the summer may put us over budget. We discussed that we may need to cut expenses somewhere.

Financial report was approved.

Building and Maintenance:

- Office will be painted Memorial Day weekend.
- We will need to paint Library and Sunday School room
- Corner of parking lot needs to be cleaned up. The retaining socks removed and a small retaining wall put in.
- The gutter in the SE corner of building needs repair. Greg will see about getting a scissors lift so can get to it safely.
- Sink needs to be removed from old nursery.

Thank you, Warren, for mowing the back area. You are doing a great job. We would like volunteers to help if Warren is not able to or needs a break. Also volunteer to help with mower maintenance.

Pastor Report:

- Due to the volunteer base dropping in the summer months, Communion will be served twice each month instead of every Sunday.
- When Pastor Cindy is gone there will not be Communion during worship.
- Installation of officers will be May 19th.
- Pastor Cindy will be on vacation from Aug 25 – 31
- The first two weeks in June are our weeks to volunteer at the Food Pantry. Please sign up to help if you can.
- September 13-14 Orphan Grain Train will be dedicating their new Service Center. Watch for more information.

Thank you to Brian, Tara and Linda Sheppard for your years of service on the Christ the Servant Church Council. Your service has been much appreciated. Welcome Al Boelman, Kay Jaeger and Lonnie Sparks to the Council.

Respectfully,

Brenda Beaudette



Why Does It Matter? Lutheran Identity in 2024

Heartland District Annual Gathering
July 19-20

First St. Paul's Lutheran
501 N Burlington Ave, Hastings, Nebraska

Keynote speaker: Sarah Stenson from Luther House of Study in Sioux Falls, SD. We encourage you to come and to bring a friend! Be encouraged by your LCMC neighbors. Share what God is doing in your congregation and hear what God is doing throughout LCMC. Meals are provided and registration is just \$20. Preregistration is requested. Registration forms can be found on the website at <https://www.heartlanddistrict.com/>

Orphan Grain Train Dedication and Convention 2024

September 13 and 14

New Servant Center and Mid-Town Event Center, Norfolk, NE



Grand Opening and Dedication of New Servant Center

Friday, September 13, at New Servant Center
606 W. Phillip Ave. Norfolk, NE

Friday is free to the public, please register so we can plan accordingly. www.ogt.org

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office closed (Pastor and Kathy out)	2 Pastor out of office	3 7 book study <i>Mere Christianity</i>	4 HAPPY 4th OF JULY-- office closed	5 6:30 Girl Scouts	6
7 10 worship 11 fellowship	8 7 Bible study	9 <i>Pastor in Columbus</i>	10 7 book study <i>Mere Christianity</i>	11 9 Quilting 2 Bible study	12	13 9am-3pm Vacation Bible School
14 10 worship+ communion 11 picnic***	15 7 Bible study	16 <i>Pastor in Ashland</i>	17 7 book study <i>Mere Christianity</i>	18 2 Card Club 6:30 Council	19 6:30 Girl Scouts	20 Heartland District annual gathering
21 10 worship 11 fellowship 12 fellowship hall reserved	22 7 Bible study	23	24 7 book study <i>Mere Christianity</i>	25 2 Bible study	26	27
28 10 worship+ communion 11 fellowship	29 7 Bible study	30	31 7 book study <i>Mere Christianity</i>			

***Celebrate another successful VBS on Sunday the 14th! We will grill burgers and hot dogs and serve root beer floats. Please bring a side dish to share (chips, cookies, etc.)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July

- 7th Steve and Nancy Buss, greeters
Greg Moen, lector
Warren Bennett and Danita Broders, ushers
Rich and Kay Jaeger, coffee
Doug and Pat Witte, offerings
- 14th Lonnie and Judy Sparks, greeters
Kay Jaeger, lector
Jared and Sau Man Weich, communion
Danita Broders and Ron Cone, ushers
Dean and Doris Hoffart, coffee
Nell Finkral and Louise Skoglund, offerings
- 21st Rich and Kay Jaeger, greeters
Lu Carter, lector
Ron Cone and Greg Moen, ushers
Steve and Nancy Buss, coffee
Doug and Pat Witte, offerings
- 28th Dean and Doris Hoffart, greeters
Brenda Beaudette, lector
Linda Sheppard and Megan Phillips, communion
Greg Moen and Warren Bennett, ushers
Lonnie and Judy Sparks, coffee
Nell Finkral and Louise Skoglund, offerings

Altar Guild: Kathy Rogers

Membership Care: Kay Jaeger, Rhonda Beed

*Want to learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities?
Call or visit Kathy in the church office.*