CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2026

FROM THE VICAR

When I look back at the time as your pastor in learning. I will often have a moment or two of thinking highly of myself. I have completed the preaching class in Seminary. It makes me feel like I can now have more authority in church. My next class is: Pastoral Care of Souls. I will do it during the summer.

However, authority has many false assumptions when we think of where authority comes from. Where does the authority come from for the Pastor of the Church? We should definitely have a good scriptural foundation in the answer to this question.

My first thought is the last bunch of lectionary texts that have been preached on during the Easter seasons. In the Gospel of John when the disciples are locked up in the room not having any idea what is going to happen next, who arrives but Jesus, in the flesh. First is peace, then comes the statement: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you," and "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." These are the words we have. Also from the Gospel of Luke, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

The word nations means peoples. And we have the same words in the whole of Scriptures. So this was given to all the ones who then did just that. Declare the forgiveness of all the peoples' sins. Here we have our "Authority." Jesus' words are the Gospel or Good News. Going further we have the breath of the Holy Spirit. It is like the wind as Jesus tells Nicodemus. It blows where it wills. We have zero control over the Holy Spirit. When one is giving this message: You are a sinner and the Law is only increasing your sin, but hear the Good News Christ died for your sins to be forgiven. In Jesus' name your sins are forgiven. That is our authority as the Priesthood of all baptized Christians. We are just copying Jesus in that Word.

The fancy theological term for this is the "Office of the Keys." And here is the only difference between me and you, the reader. I have gotten a call from you, my neighbor, to publicly preach the Gospel. You also have the keys too. The keys to forgive sin.

It's true, you have the same thing I have. The Gospel of forgiveness for all those sinners around you. So be free to loose those who are in bondage to sin to be free in Christ. By the Holy Spirit you have the power.

Blessing & Peace to you in Christ,

Vicar Jared Weich

HEALTH MINISTRY

by Donna Young

KEY SUN SAFETY BASICS

Best protection: seek shade during peak hours when the sun's rays are the strongest (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sunscreen habits: use broad-spectrum SPF 30 or higher, even on cloudy days. Use roughly 1 ounce (a palmful) applied to exposed skin.

Clothing: wear tightly woven clothing that covers skin, such as long-sleeved shirts, or clothing with UPF (Ultraviolet Protection Factor) rating.

Hats and shades: wear a brimmed hat that shades the face, ears and neck. Use sunglasses with 99%-100% UV protection.

Baby safety: keep babies under 6 months of age out of direct sunlight.

Make sunscreen application part of your daily routine, like brushing teeth.

Overview: 5 S's for sun safety

SLOP on SPF 30+ sunscreen
SLIP on clothing
SLAP on wide-brimmed hat
SEEK shade
SLIDE on sunglasses

Apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going outside, and reapply every 2 hours (or after swimming or sweating) to prevent damage from UV rays.

I don't have much to say this month. Imagine that. My husband lives for the days I don't have much to say.

I will say I have a heart full of gratitude, gratitude for the army of people marching onward for Christ the Servant Lutheran Church as evidenced by the responses on the sign-up sheets for the Food Pantry and our own internal needs. Thank you so much! I am grateful for everyone who served or volunteered to serve at Mona Jean's funeral service. I am grateful to everyone who shows up every Sunday to serve or to worship because we've had some visitors of late. People are curious; people are interested in our new Vicar, and we need your energy in the pews. Some days, I am even grateful for the opportunity to be the president of this gang. Other days I think only a fool would consent to this.

Fool or not, I guess I'm doing this gig for the current year anyway. I was raised by a man who taught me that whatever you commit to, you do to the best of your ability. He criticized my hog sorting skills (I really disliked hogs and hog dust) and he frequently told me I had no common sense. He was practical; I was a dreamer. I was comforted when, as I proceeded through my nursing career, my performance evaluations would say I had good instincts and knew how to use my head. That's what I offer, folks. It's been a winter of adjustment and education for me as it has for our Vicar and our membership. I've learned a lot since January, some through study, some by hard knocks. But I continue to believe God has a plan for us, for our tribe of believers. And we will praise Him even more in the days to come.

Lu Carter, Congregation Council President

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 2026

Present: Pastor Cindy, Greg Moen, Lu Carter, Brenda Beaudette, Al Boelman, Jared Weich
Absent: Linda Shaffer

Lu opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. Greg motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Report

No unusual expenses in February or thus far in March. Offerings have been down slightly in March. Brenda motioned to approve the February Financial Report. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Reminded that the background check needs to be completed for Jared. Palm Sunday is March 29. Aaron Weich will be confirmed. Easter Sunday is April 5. Jared will be ordained during worship service. Each Council member will have a line to say during the Ordination. Kathy has ordered cakes for both confirmation and ordination. Pastor and Ron need help with loading moving trailer/truck on April 4. Need to confirm with Petersens when to do Senior Sunday for Lucas. Bible School materials have been ordered. Reminder to check supplies before ordering. Pastor Cindy had to leave early.

Jared's report

Jared announced that he will be ending his contract with the high school at the end of the school year so that he can concentrate on his Seminary studies. Jared handed out and went over his schedule through the end of the school year. Jared will be gone May 23-26 with Aaron on trip to Washington, D.C. Jared will begin a Bible study later this summer. Jared left meeting early.

Grounds and Maintenance

Warren has been getting the mower ready for the season. Need to have some branches trimmed. Al will speak with a couple others to see about help with mowing south of the parking lot this year. The same person will continue to mow the church yard.

Worship Committee: Went over Worship Committee report.

Transition Team: Briefly discussed next steps Transition Team will need to take.

Brenda closed the meeting with prayer. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Beaudette, Council Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2026

Present: Brenda (via FaceTime), Jared, Al, Greg, Lu, Linda

Jared opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. Greg motioned to approve the March Council meeting minutes. Al seconded. Motion carried.

Long-time member Mona Jean Roberts passed away April 23. Services are still pending at time of this meeting.

Financial Report

We had several weeks of large offerings in March. No big changes to the monthly report. Al motioned to approve the March Financial report. Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual audit is being done on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Still need to get Lu's signature on the Fidelity account.

Pastor's Report

Briefly discussed Pastor Cindy's last Pastor's Report.

Went over Jared's report. Jared's last day at Norfolk Public Schools is May 21. Jared will not be on Sau Man's insurance until August when he can be added during open enrollment. Jared and family have moved into the parsonage. Jared will be gone May 23–26 for a trip with Aaron to Washington, D.C.

We will begin using flat baked bread during Communion. We will no longer leave a Communion plate at the back of the church. Jared and helper will give Communion to those not able to walk to the front.

Old/New Business

We had a "brainstorming" meeting. Many ideas were discussed for now and the future. Below are many of the items discussed during the meeting.

Lu and Bill took pictures of parsonage after Pastor Cindy and Ron moved out and before Jared and family moved in.

Lu has been reading 'Who Broke My Church." She encourages others to read it as our congregation goes through the transition from Pastor Cindy to Vicar Jared.

Lu will be doing the sermon on May 24 when Jared is on vacation.

Charlie would like to do a couple surveys to get ideas of what direction our church should take in the future.

Rejoicing Spirits with residents/members of Mosaic will continue on the second Wednesday of each month. Lu would like to expand this for others outside of Mosaic to attend. We discussed maybe doing some advertising or even having the newspaper do an article. This would also help in getting our church in the spotlight.

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Al and Warren are still doing some of the lawn care and would like help. Al motioned to ask Riley's brothers if they would be interested and we could pay them $30 per time. Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There is a tree on the south side that is dead and needs to be cut down as soon as possible.

VBS will be held the first week of July. More information will be provided as we get closer.

June 6 we will have a soup and game day/night. More information to come.

Food Pantry: CTS is to provide several volunteers for the first 2 weeks of June. A sign-up sheet will be put out.

We need to reorganize the women's group/committee. There is a need for this mainly for special events and celebrations.

Lu suggested that we purchase a banner stand. The banners can be replaced much easier without the need of a tall ladder. It was suggested that this be purchased with money from the women's fund.

Greg closed the meeting with prayer. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Submitted by:

Brenda Beaudette, Council Secretary

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	$9,591.39	Expenses	$10,241.74	Net	- $650.35
YTD	40,878.99		42,980.17		-2,101.18

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Doreen Kullbom
10 Linda Sheppard
20 Greg Moen
25 Cole Maruska

JUNE EVENTS

1st thru 15th, CTS staffs the Food Pantry, 9:00--11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday

3rd 3:00 Bible study
5th 6:30 Girl Scouts
6th 11:00--2:00 Community Gathering
10th 11:00 Rejoicing Spirits
3:00 Bible study
13th Fellowship hall reserved
14th 11:00 monthly potluck
15th 6:00 Country Piecemakers
16th 6:00 MOPS
17th 3:00 Bible study
18th 6:30 Council meeting
19th 6:30 Girl Scouts
19-20 Fellowship hall reserved
24th 3:00 Bible study
28th Food Pantry Sunday

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone who prayed for Kevin Reeg for the last six months and sent expressions of sympathy at his passing. Kevin said he could feel the prayers and appreciated all of them. *Kathy and Brad Rogers*

Thank you for making copies of the songs for Mom's service and for serving the cookies and coffee. We appreciate the prayers, support and friendship. Mom loved Pastor Cindy and her visits.

Linda Miller, Jerry Roberts, JoAnne Roberts

IN OUR PRAYERS

First Evangelical Lutheran and Pastor Mark Eldal in Oakland

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

JUNE 7

Louise Skoglund, greeter

Charlie Skoglund, usher

Greg Moen, lector

Doug and Pat Witte, offerings

JUNE 14

Donna Young, greeter

Warren Bennett, usher

Lu Carter, lector

Megan Phillips and SauMan Weich, communion

Charlie and Louise Skoglund, offerings

JUNE 21

Al and Sharon Boelman, greeters

Greg Moen, usher

Tara Maruska, lector

Doug and Pat Witte, offerings

JUNE 28

Pat Witte, greeter

Doug Witte, usher

Charlie Skoglund, lector

Al Boelman and Mary Weich, communion

Charlie and Louise Skoglund, offerings