

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

From the Pastor – January 2025

Can you believe it....we are in a new year!! The year went so fast and yet we have seen so many miracles and wonders.



We celebrated an amazing telling of the story by the youth of our congregation and it was so fun to watch them decorate the tree. We are reminded about the true meaning of this time of year, not just presents, but His presence in our midst.

We have given cookies to many and have shared in laughter, tears, and stories throughout the year. We will continue to share our lives and our time together. Yes, we have experienced loss in this year, but the growth has been amazing.

Remember, we have lots of places to grow and share our faith. We worship each week, even on facebook, we have Bible studies in person and on facebook, we have time to relax and play cards, quilt, gather items for outreach ministries....what can you do to help the ministry in yourself and in the community grow? Who can you share the amazing story with?



Take time to look at the tree. Look at the amazing job our youth did in decorating, but look at the pieces they placed. It tells the story of Christmas and the story we are to tell to others.

Come and see, it is awesome.

Jesus came to give life. He came as a model for how we should be with each other. What do we do? Sometimes we shut the door, claim we are too busy, not know what to say and yet, just being you is the key. You are each gifted to share and you are needed in this kingdom and the future one. Today is the day to tell, to invite, to share, to be the witness of the amazing love God gave at the birth of Jesus.

Come, in this New Year, and let your light so shine that you become a witness to others.

Come, and be the hands and feet of the one who came to give life.

Come and be you, the light of the world.

God's Peace, Pastor Cindy

WORSHIP SERVANTS

JAN	GREET	USHER	LECTOR	COMMUNION	COFFEE	OFFERINGS
5	Connie	Al Warren	Brenda		Dean & Doris	Wittes
12	Donna	Ron Greg	Charlie	Sau Man and Jared	Rich & Kay	Skoglunds
19	Dean & Doris	Doug & Pat	Greg		Brad & Kathy	Wittes
26	Al & Sharon	Warren Ron	Kay	Linda and Megan	Sau Man and Jared	Skoglunds

Membership Care: Doris Hoffart

Altar Guild: Linda Sheppard

CTS Council Meeting – November 21, 2024

Attendance: Pastor Cindy, Jared, Greg, Kay, Brenda; Absent: Linda, Lonnie, Al

Pastor Cindy opened with prayer.

October meeting minutes were reviewed. Greg motioned to approve. Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Financial:

Greg went over the October financial report. Giving was down slightly in October. Greg transferred \$4000 to a Fidelity account that draws a higher interest rate. Brenda motioned to approve the October report. Kay seconded. The motion carried.

Pastor's report:

Pastor's vacation time is done for this year. Ron is starting on indoor projects at the parsonage.

Buildings/Grounds:

We discussed who to get for snow removal. Greg will be calling Richard's son for an official quote.

The basketball hoop broke during the strong winds earlier this week. Greg will look at to see if can be fixed.

Old Business:

Discussed amending the Constitution to have one annual congregational meeting in November. Council members would be elected at that time. New members would start their terms at the following January meeting.

We discussed the possible need for a digital/Bluetooth compatible hearing aid system for those that have digital hearing aids. The cost is about \$2000. Discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

New Business:

Pastor Cindy was told the memorial monies from Maryln Woolard's funeral are to be used for a new computer to run the power point for worship services. Possibly a new one for the office as well, depending on how much is received.

Saturday, November 30 is Christmas decorating day. Food will be provided.

Advent services will be on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm. It will be on Facebook Live also.

Sunday School Christmas program will be December 8 during worship. This is also Second Sunday Potluck. Afterwards we will plate up Christmas cookies and deliver to shut-ins and sing Christmas carols.

Kay will have opening for the December meeting. Brenda has the closing.

Jared closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Beaudette, secretary

November Financial Report

Income: \$10,746.79

Expenses: \$13,874.88

Net: -\$3,398.09

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 6 Warren Bennett
Jan. 22 Tammy Buckendahl
Jan. 25 Lucas Petersen, 17

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 17 Lonnie and Judy Sparks

Sign up in the church office to sponsor altar flowers (\$10 + tax per vase).

Card of Thanks

Thank you for the prayers for Bryce Boelman. He has been moved out of ICU. We have seen miracles work! Please continue to keep him in your prayers. *Al & Sharon Boelman*

Thank you to the PieceMakers Quilting Group for the quilts you made and donated to relief efforts. *Orphan Grain Train*

Thank you for your gift of \$322.00 received on Nov. 25, 2024.

Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief

Fellowship/Hospitality events

Nov. 30: served chili and cinnamon rolls after decorating for Christmas

Dec. 8: provided Christmas cookies and assembled trays for delivery

Please note: We will take down Christmas decorations after worship Sunday, Jan. 5.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for four people (two teams of two) to count offerings. Training will be provided. Notify the church office if you are interested.

This month we are praying for Wellspring Lutheran Church and Pastor Brian Daniell in Papillion.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Office hours Monday thru Thursday 8:00 to 5:00 </div>		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR office closed	2 9 PieceMakers	3 6:30 Girl Scouts	4
5 9 Sunday school 10 worship Fellowship take down decorations	6 7 Isaiah Bible study (Facebook)	7	8 7 book study	9 2 Bible study	10	11
12 9 Sunday school 10 worship w/ communion Potluck/blood pressure checks	13 7 Isaiah Bible study (Facebook)	14 <i>Pastor in Columbus</i>	15 7 book study	16 9:30 Bible study Madison House 2 Cards 6 MOPS 6:30 Council	17 6:30 Girl Scouts	18
19 9 Sunday school 10 worship fellowship	20 7 Isaiah Bible study (Facebook)	21 office closed <i>(Pastor in Ashland, Kathy vacation day)</i>	22 7 book study	23 2 Bible study	24	25
26 <i>Food Pantry</i> 9 Sunday school 10 worship w/ communion fellowship	27 7 Isaiah Bible study (Facebook)	28	29 7 book study	30	31	

Food Pantry this month: canned meat and protein