



The Servant of Christ

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“The Lord is my strength
and shield. I trust him with
all my heart. He helps me,
and my heart is filled with
joy. I burst out in songs
of thanksgiving.” Psalm 28:7

Scandinavian Tea & Bazaar/Crafts
Saturday, November 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service • November 25 at 7pm
Pie Social following the Service

**Don't forget to change your clock! We “fall back” – set
your clocks back one hour @ 2am Sunday, Nov. 1**

Pastor Eric's Column

Servant of Christ Mission —

Making Disciples

We are committed in every aspect of life to encourage the ministry of the congregation and individuals to grow in the following biblical marks of discipleship: Prayer, Weekly Worship, Biblical Literacy, Spiritual Friendship, Serving and Giving.

Prayer Resources on the WEB

A new resource on prayer has been launched. Go to www.elca.org/prayer which is part of the ELCA website. The page provides resources for individuals seeking to expand their prayer life. Contents of the page include meditation; healing, prayer requests and daily Bible readings and a short course called "Prayer 101". This is an EXCELLENT resource, check it out!

"Plain Talk on The Church and Money"

Sunday, November 8th is Consecration Sunday. It's the day we ask you to return a pledge card with your commitment to God's work through Servant of Christ for 2010. I ask you to join me and my family in increasing your commitment for 2010.

Study after study says that growing financial stewardship and benevolence (the money a church gives to ministries beyond their doors) are two of the most significant benchmarks of a healthy and vital congregation. Why? Because it means that people are getting "it". "It" is simply that people are getting the fact that real living is not measured in the abundance of stuff but rather living a life of thankfulness.

While practically everyone can agree with that statement let's be honest when it comes to making a pledge and increasing our giving, some people have second thoughts. I can give you all kinds of reasons why increasing giving and pledging are good disciplines. I can give you all kinds of Bible verses on stewardship that talk about how God calls us to give back to the Lord 10% of our income. I can give you all kinds of reasons why your gifts to The Lord through Servant of Christ are one of the best investments you'll ever make.

But one truth is that when it comes right down to it, often we're afraid to take the step of faith when it comes to signing that pledge card and increasing our financial giving. That fear may come from many places but it typically manifests itself in our justifications and reasons why we can't take the next step towards tithing and pledging and there are a million of them.

My personal experience over the years is when I start justifying and making excuses for why I can't follow what God wants in my life the bottom line has always been a fear of stepping out and trusting God. Oh, it's easy to talk about trusting God in theory, but much harder in practice and is there any area of life where it's harder than in our giving?

In the stewardship mailings you'll find all kinds of good information about this year's stewardship emphasis. I hope you'll take time to read it through. I also hope you'll take some time to do a little soul searching and let God speak to you about your personal financial stewardship. Facing our fears in life is ALWAYS the first step in overcoming them. Trusting God in this area of life is one of the greatest fears we have and overcoming this fear with action can be one of the greatest blessings you'll receive as it can and likely will empower you to trust God in other areas of life.

Please pray for this year's joyful and generous stewardship emphasis. See you in church this Sunday.

Blessings,

Pasta Eric

Pastor Eric

Worship and Learning

Cursillo News

On Sunday, November 22nd at 10am there will be a planning meeting for all Servant of Christ members and friends who have attended a Via De Cristo weekend. We will meet in the front part of the Fellowship Hall and the purpose of the meeting is to talk about setting up regular monthly meetings (an Ultreya). Please join us if you are able; or for questions you can contact Barb Winfield 763-862-3490 or Sue Fredrickson at 651-633-6119. Look forward to seeing you there.



Upcoming Preaching Themes

Sun. Nov 1: "The Making of a Saint"

Text: Mark 12:28-34

Theme: On this All Saints Sunday we'll light candles to honor those who've pointed us to Jesus. By taking a look at the Gospel of Mark we'll take a look at some of the surprising characteristics of a saint and some of the surprising characters who are considered saints. In the process we might discover that God is calling us to be part of a long lineage of those who point others to Jesus.

Music: 9:00 Men's Group; 10:30 Servant Song

Sun. Nov 8: "The Heart of Hearts"

Text: Mark 8: 38-44

Theme: By examining the stories of Jesus warning against the religious leaders and the widow's mite we discover that God knows our hearts and that he's concerned with more than our "Outward Appearances". As we submit our hearts to God we find ourselves walking in God's will.

Music: 9:00 Celebration Choir; 10:30 Servant Song

Sun. Nov. 15: "If it Wasn't for Bad Habits I'd Have no Habits at All"

Text: Hebrews 10: 11-25

Theme: Because of God's grace, let's admit it: We can sometimes get lazy in our spiritual disciplines (if we ever had them to begin with). In this passage we are encouraged in these disciplines for the benefit of ourselves and others.

Music: 9:00 Celebration Choir; 10:30 Servant Song

Sun. Nov. 22 "The King and I"

Text: John 18:33-37

Theme: Sometimes the elected officials we want aren't always the ones we get. The same is true with Christ. Sometimes the kind of King we want isn't the kind of King He really is. The beauty is that He is the kind of Savior we desperately need especially in these rapidly changing times.

Sun. Nov. 29: "A Healthy Dose of Reality"

Text: Luke 21:25-36

Theme: While everyone's getting in the mood to "celebrate" Christmas there's something going on behind the scenes. Understanding what scripture proclaims about the Second Coming of Christ is an important part of celebrating Christmas.

Music: 9:00 & 10:30 Celebration Choir

Worship and Learning

New Member

Class & Lunch

November 15, 12:00 Noon

New Member Sunday—
November 22

Visitors are welcome to attend a class and lunch on Sunday, November 15, at noon. The class gives visitors a chance to meet other people and ask any question you would like to ask of Pastor Eric. New members join at a service of their choice on Sunday, November 22. If possible, contact the church office to RSVP.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart meets the first Monday of each month. We'll meet on Monday, November 2 and continue our study on the book of James. Bring your Bible, a sack lunch and the coffee will be piping hot! Young at Heart is geared towards members and friends of Servant of Christ who are retired or semi retired. You are invited to come and bring a friend.

Special Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Sunday: Many remark this is one of their favorite services of the year as we each light a red candle to honor those who have passed on the faith.

Sunday, November 8

Consecration Sunday is the day we are invited to return our pledge commitments for God's ministry through Servant of Christ for the upcoming year.

Wednesday, November 25 – 7pm

Thanksgiving Eve worship is a great way to kick off the Christmas season by giving thanks for our many blessings. Capped off with fresh pie afterwards it's always a wonderful evening.

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services at 1, 3 & 5pm

Each service will be a traditional candlelight service with fantastic music, the reading of the Christmas story and of course all of worship focusing on the birth of our Savior.

Monthly Champlin Shores Worship

On the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Pastor Eric leads worship for residents and visitors at Champlin Shores. The worship is open to all who wish to attend. If you know someone there, please feel free to invite them to the worship service.

Baptism Class—Sunday, December 6

Come and learn more about the meaning of baptism, and how to arrange for a baptism here at Servant of Christ. We invite all ages to be baptized. Join us for baptism class on Sunday, December 6, at noon. Pastor Eric will announce the meeting room during worship that day. Please contact the church office at 763-427-5070 to reserve a spot. Classes are held every other month.

Fridays 6 am Men's Bible Study

Every Friday morning at 6am there is a Men's Bible Study at church in the room back of the sanctuary. All men are invited to come – bring your Bible and coffee is always available. If you would like more information please call Kevin Sinton @ 763-427-1703 or Bill Barnes @ 763-421-8262.

Worship and Learning

Servant of Christ Welcomes Elise Christopherson as new Senior High Youth Director

Elise began her ministry at Servant of Christ in October. Elise is a graduate of Luther College in Dubuque, Iowa with a degree in accounting. She is working 25 hours per week with our Senior High students and continues part-time with an executive relocation service. Elise and her husband Jake recently moved to their first home in Brooklyn Center from Minneapolis. Please stop by the church and welcome Elise, give her a call or send her an email to welcome her. We are excited to have her as part of our ministry team.

New Altar Flower Chart for 2010

The 2010 flower chart is now available for you to sign up for the Sunday(s) you want to give flowers. Cost is \$30.00 a Sunday. The chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Women's Bible Study

“The Word, the Whole Word and Nothing but The Word”

Peggy Mortier is leading a study of the Gospel of Mark at church. In this study we are on a journey to know Jesus more intimately and to apply God's Word to our lives. The study continues the first and third Sunday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Peggy Mortier at (763) 576-8581 for more information.

Wednesdays 6 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 6am the Women's Bible study group meets at Hudy's Café in Champlin studying the book of Isaiah. This non-denominational gathering is a source of inspiration. You are invited to come. It's a great way to start your new day, studying God's word, praying and fellowshiping together – plus drinking coffee and staying for breakfast - if you have time. If you need to leave for work – you can leave whenever you need to. It meets every Wednesday all year long unless the Wednesday falls on a holiday. If you have more questions contact Jan Magnuson @ 763-420-2605 or call Marge at church.

Monday Morning Brew—6:30 a.m.

Join Servant of Christ members and friends for a little Morning Brew at Culver's on the southeast corner of 169 & Elm Creek Parkway. We are using the book on “David Developing a Heart for God”. This group meets Mondays from 6:30-7:15 a.m. Come when you can, leave when you need to, stay as long as you like. Come and get your week off to the right start – all women are welcome.

Every Man, God's Man Study

Come and gather with other men on the third Saturday of each month starting at 8:00am. We have begun our study of the book titled “Every Man, God's Man” by Stephen Arterburn. Copies of the book are available on the table in the narthex.

Upcoming topics for November: Chapters 5 & 6 “Pride, Fear, or Faith?” and “The Myth of Peaceful Coexistence. Upcoming in December chapters 7 & 8 “The Mole Within” and “Are You Giving the Devil a Foothold”? We meet in the room at the back of the Sanctuary and the coffee is piping hot and the discussion is great!

Opportunities to Attend

Change of Address and/or Phone Number

Members and friends of Servant of Christ – please call the church office if you are going to move and give us your new mailing address. We are charged \$1.00 by the post office for each returned item that is not sent first class. ALSO if you have changed your home phone number - please notify the church office so we have an updated church directory. It would be greatly appreciated

Quarterly Staff Planning Meeting

The quarterly staff planning meeting will be on Monday, November 16th from 9am-noon at church.

Scandinavian Tea & Bazaar/Craft Sale

Saturday, November 7; 9:00am-2:00pm
Circle November 7 on your calendar! You won't want to miss the Scandinavian Tea/Craft Sale at Servant of Christ, hosted by the women of the congregation. Bring your friends, family and neighbors. Enjoy eating the Scandinavian food items that go with tea and coffee, plus fancy sandwiches, soups and more. Also there are several homemade baked items for sale (including lefse). You will see firsthand how to make lefse and krumkake. Several crafters will also be selling their craft items. It's also a good opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

Calling all Scrappers for an Overnight at SOC!

You are invited to come and join us for a 24 hour plus scrapbooking weekend November 20 & 21. Friday we start around 4pm and end Sat around 6pm. Please bring a treat to share. Meals will be furnished for a fee. You are welcome to spend the night at church or go home to sleep and return in the morning. Bring your scrapbooking, stamping, quilting or whatever project you are working on and join us - get lots done and have some fun fellowshiping with others. A box will be available at the Scrapbooking event where you can leave paper and other scrapbooking items that you aren't going to use anymore. These items will be available free of charge for people who may need them. Any questions call Teale Colston at 763-427-3598 or Mona Pasko at 763-712-8574.

Reserve this Date!

Mother/Daughter Tea will be held on Saturday, April 24th at 12 noon. Circle the date on your calendar. There will be more information on this event in the coming months.

Red SOC Hatters

The Red SOC Hatters will be meeting on Thursday November 5th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall at church. Time will be spent playing games and setting up the table for the Bazaar. All women are invited to come. It's a fun time to get acquainted with other women. If you need a ride or have any questions call Teale Colston 427-3598 or Jeannie Hendricks 420-4248.

Opportunities to Serve

Wild Game Feed Fund Raiser

Tim Carlson and Dan Smith continue to work on organizing a Wild Game Feed Fund Raiser Luncheon, to be held on Sunday, February 21 at the Champlin Legion. Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, prize collection, silent auction organization and whatever! Male volunteers are needed for cooking, cleaning and serving. There will be raffles, a silent and live auction as well. If you can donate wild game or fish call Tim @ 612-701-8860 or Dan @ 612-701-4999.

Prizes being sought are as follows:

- New or used firearms (any condition, regardless of age)
- Hunting trips, use of hunting land or cabin (weekend or week)
- Use of condo
- Fishing trips
- Persons willing to be auctioned off to do "handyman chores" half day and full day.
- Persons willing to cook, serve and clean for dinner party of up to 10 people at successful bidders home (labor only)
- Persons willing to provide 3 hour pontoon or boat trip (not during the winter!!!) with snacks and beverages for up to x persons.
- New hunting or fishing equipment
- Gift certificates from local establishments or businesses
- Logo wear (new only)
- New electronics

If you can help with or donate any of the above items/suggestions, please contact Tim or Dan as soon as possible. Men – it would be very much appreciated if you could donate your time and help out as much as possible to help make this event successful.

Serve As a New Member Sponsor

Would you enjoy befriending someone new to our congregation? Maybe you know someone who will be joining and you'd like to be the one to greet them at coffee and introduce them to your friends. Or maybe you remember what it was like to be new and you want to help make them comfortable in a new setting. We invite you to serve as a sponsor for a new member or new member family. Your sponsor role would include welcoming them on new member Sunday, November 22, sitting with them in worship, and afterwards enjoying coffee with them in the Fellowship Hall, introducing them to your friends and other members. Call the church office if you can help. Thanking you in advance.

Donating Baked Goods for Tea

When you donate baked items to the Scandinavian Tea & Bazaar on November 7, please do not mark a price on them. Simply wrap the baked goods in clear plastic and place on a disposable plate/container. If you would like to participate by giving a monetary gift that would be great too. This is the only fundraiser the women have during the year. Please note that 10% of the profits made this year will go to missions both local and national.

Opportunities to Help/Serve

Volunteers Needed to work 1 or 2 hour shifts on the day of the Bazaar – November 7. We need people to sign up to bake/make food items for the Scandinavian Tea table and Bake Sale table. Sign up on the opportunity bulletin insert on Sunday mornings or call Mona Pasko @ 763-712-8574. The church will be open Friday evening, November 6 from 6: 00 – 9:00 p.m. You will be able to drop off baked items/crafts during the day when the church office is open or Friday evening. The church will also be open at 7:30am on the morning of the Scandinavian Tea/Bazaar.

Do You Love Christmas Music?

If you are interested in joining the choir for a short season, now is a good time. We are beginning to work on Christmas music in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Music Service on December 20th. All additional voices are very welcome! We meet on Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Susan Huemann, Choir Director, at suh@servantofchrist.com

Youth News

Servant of Christ Youth Mission

*To build a Christ-centered,
alive and inspirational youth
program in order to
change lives, build disciples
and create a spirit of serving.*

Movie Night

All 8th-12th grade youth are invited to come to the bi-monthly movie night. Movies! Popcorn! Bring a beverage of your choice, a pillow and/or blanket and be ready to discuss religious themes and ideas that present themselves in these fun favorites! Up for this month: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The night begins at 6:45 and we will be starting the movie at 7 pm on November 12 (no movie Thanksgiving Week).

10th-12th Grade - Donuts and Devotions

Meet us for food, fun and fellowship before school at the Caribou on Zane Ave at 6:45 am Tuesday November 10th, 17th, and 24th. Bring your Bible, a few bucks for coffee, and your sleepy-eyed self!

Greetings from Elise

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.*¹ Timothy 4:12 NIV

I have always been of the school of thought that I can do anything, regardless of age, knowledge or ability. I have always felt that with a little hard work (and maybe a little help from Google tutorials) anything I decide to put my mind to will end well. I hold the same belief for today's youth.

My hope for the SOC's senior high youth is that they may find ways to show Christ in their everyday actions. I believe that we show Christ not only through our actions on service projects, mission trips and in weekly worship but in our daily interactions with others. I hope to help prepare our youth to enter the mission field equipped to show Christ and spread His message.

Blessings, Elise Christopherson
Senior High Youth Director

Senior High 9th-12th Grade - Wednesday Night Youth Group

Join us November 4, 11, and 18 from 7:30-8:30 pm for our first Wednesday Night Senior High gatherings. We will be starting the "I am a Christian" campaign. The campaign is designed to effectively show who today's Christians are. We will explore Christianity in our schools, government, media, relationships, family, churches and more. This is an 8 week campaign including meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays, a concert featuring prominent twin cities bands and performers, service projects and more! Feel free to come when you can!

Senior High 9th-12th Grade - Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us for discussions pertaining to the "I am a Christian" campaign on Sunday mornings at the Moon Rock Café. This will begin Nov 1st. We will be meeting there from 12-1. Bring your bible, money for yummy food, and your lovely self (and friends, too).

Calling all 10th Graders

We are in need of pie servers for after the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25. Please contact Elise if interested.

"To Be or Not to Be....on the Drama Team".

On Sunday November 8th at 10:05-10:20 in the back corner of the fellowship hall (by the projector screen) we will be having a brief pow-wow to sign up for the first drama team skit and to fill out suggestion cards! This is for 10th-12th grade youth group members. Please come if you want to be involved in any way! (not everyone on the Drama Team needs to act! We can use writers, painters, choreographers, directors, costume designers, etc)

Confirmation News

Dates to Remember:

November 4: 8th grade confirmation service project (Sandbulte/Pramann, Skelly) - Champlin Shores

November 25: NO CONFIRMATION – Worship service is 7:00 p.m.

2009 Servant of Christ Confirmands and Guides

Oct. 25, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. (Boys) / Nov. 1, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. (Girls)

The 7th grade confirmation students and guides completed a service project on October 7. They went to Feed My Starving Children and packed 8,845 meals which will feed 24 kids for an entire year who live around the world. A special thanks to Jan Keleny for driving the bus and Carolyn Schlitter for taking attendance. Way to go students and guides!

A warm thank you to guides, parents, Pastor Eric and anyone who shared their faith, gave of their time, and encouraged the 2009

1Corinthians 12:4-6 –
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

Guide: Steve Kingdon

Jacob Boe
Cole Frederick
Justin Johnson
Andrew Lane
Connor Wadman
Nic Way

Guide: Mike Stratton

Joseph Bonden
Hunter Dotseth
Joshua Haugen
Jack Heruth
Nicholas Hofmann
Kyle Shampine
Ryan Welle

Guide: Angela Larson

Kayla Chezick
Brianna Helm
Tara Kelley
Amanda Thayer

Guide: Lisa Kastler

Megan Littler
Rikki Thompson
Brittany Sutton

Guide: Bruce Beggs

Carson Hoke
Justin Jonassen
Jarrod Klopp
Jeremy Morrison
Zachary Skelly
David Walbolt

Guide: Julie Smith & Kari Schuman

Lauren Alexander
Jordan Carlson
Madalyn Cornelius
ZoAnne Larson
Jenna Oakden
Karly Schuman
Kymberly Sickle
Kendra Smith

Guide: Cathy Stratton

Erin Baumgarten
Amy Fitzsimmons
Keanna Mienert
Tara Poling

Guide: Joan Pechauer

Nicole Meddock
Haley Moen
Holly Siekkinen

Special Note: Jan Keleny and Sherri Buhmann sewed the confirmation stoles worn by the 2009 Confirmands. Each Confirmand received a certificate. The calligraphy on the certificates was done by Gina Carlson. A BIG thank you to all three of you!

Blessings,
Lisa Kastler / Sue Jostad

Education by Anne Larsen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday School will celebrate the birth of Jesus on Sunday, December 13th at 6:30p.m.

All children 3 years old through 6th grade will take part. The program will include a drama, readings, Sunday School and congregational singing, as well as the kids greeting, ushering and helping with offering. Afterward we will have cookies, lemonade and fellowship. All Sunday School children will be participating. Look for more information to come!

Please reserve the evening and join us as a family and community to support, celebrate and affirm the message of Advent and Christmas for our children. We look forward to the season with our Sunday School!

2nd Graders to Receive Bibles

On November 8th, all 2nd graders will receive Hands on Bible at both services. This is part of the Sunday School program where we give a gift and a blessing to mark a point in a child's faith journey. Children should come 15 minutes early and meet with their Faith Guide in the Sunday School gathering area. The children will be brought to the service as a class.

Also on November 8th, 2nd graders and their parents will attend a class on "Using your Bible" lead by Pastor Eric. The class will take place in the Sunday School gathering area at 11:45. Refreshments will be provided.

Penny Wars

A reminder, we are continuing our "Penny Wars" through December 13th! The money we collect will go toward our ongoing mission of supporting our NESCO friends in Uganda. (Nysambia Ex-street Children's Organization) The money helps this group of children who once lived on the streets but now are living together as a family. It will help with schooling, food, shelter and medical needs. Please keep these children in your prayers and also our friend Drew Sandbulte from our congregation. He is living with them in Uganda and working for the organization. What a blessing he is to all!

Dates to Remember

November 8th	2nd graders receive Bibles
November 8th	2nd graders "Get to know your Bible" class with Pastor Eric 11:45a.m in Sunday School gathering area
November 22nd	Christmas program practice for children with speaking parts 12:00-2:00
November 29th	No Sunday School – Thanksgiving
December 12th	Christmas program practice 9:00a.m. – noon
December 13th	Christmas program 6:30p.m.
December 27th	No Sunday School
January 3rd	No Sunday School
January 10th	Sunday School resumes

Mission and Ministry

LWR Servant Quilters –Meet November 12

Looking for more volunteers to help tie quilts. We have several quilts to put together for families locally and abroad and we need several more hands to help us catch up. It is very rewarding plus we have a lot of fun laughing and fellowshiping with one another.

The Quilting Group meets in the Fellowship Hall and continues to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief from the donation of materials that you have given us. Come between 2-5pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month during the school year. This month the group will meet only on November 12th because of Thanksgiving. Come any time to help for a couple of hours, more or less. No experience necessary, all skill levels welcome! Bring a bag lunch for supper at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in coming but have more questions, please feel free to call Carol Smith @ 421-6298 or Marge at the church office.

Servant of Christ is Helping Bring Revival in The Virgin Islands

Using an ELCA grant, seven Lutheran congregations in The Virgin Islands held a moving revival that energized not only the participating congregations but also local communities and church leadership. Taking place over seven days with many preachers and musicians the revival moved from church to church, island to island each day.

Pastor Themba Mkhabela says, “Revival energizes the congregations and increases excitement for ministry. We are not concerned with numbers, but with providing and feeding the spiritual life of those around. Some people come to the revival and keep coming back to church.”

By being part of the ELCA Servant of Christ played a role in this revival. Your gifts to Servant of Christ continue to make a difference in your home church, local community and throughout the world.

Operation Christmas Child

Do you want to share your love of God to children all over the world? Do you want to share the joy of Christmas with needy children? Do you have an extra \$20.00 (or so) to spare this holiday season? Well, if you answered "YES" to any of these questions you will love being a part of this project! Look for the posters, the information table, and information in your Sunday bulletin. Please consider joining our church in this wonderful global mission. Last year we had almost 130 boxes; can we hit 200 this year? Let's give it a try...
Gods Blessings, Social Action.

Adopt-A-Family This Christmas!

Please be watching for this very important project to appear in the Narthex at church. We will once again have families in need this holiday season and what a wonderful way to show our love of God unconditionally by giving to others. The families that have been helped through this project in the past years have been very grateful and very much touched by the overwhelming kindness of our congregation. If you are in a position to give to this project this year it won't only touch the lives of others but it will change your life forever. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful project, it could be the most meaningful gift(s) you give this Christmas. If you are a family or know of a family that could use some help this Christmas please contact Pastor Eric. These names will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

Mission and Ministry, continued

Servant Supper – November 22nd - 5:00-6:00pm

Servant Supper has been an experience of sharing with one another and the guests who come. Those who open their hearts to our guests will experience growing deeper in understanding Christ's love for all people. This meal is for those in need in the surrounding community and is open to everyone. Meal time will be from 5:00-6:00pm. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board located above the water fountain. There are many ways to help out. Setting up, serving, preparing food, host/hostess, clean up as well as sign-up for donating particular food items. Serving and participating at these meals will create blessings beyond description.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.
Matthew 25: 35-36

Nsambya Ex-Street Children Organization

Follow-up by Drew Sandbulte- Member of SOC

On Sunday, October 11, I had the opportunity to speak at Servant of Christ on behalf of Nesco, an organization that has quickly become my second family. Nesco cares for orphaned street children in the city of Kampala, Uganda. I am currently living in Uganda, caring for over 20 children within the organization. It has been a transforming experience for me, and one that I pray God will continue to bless for many more years.

There have been several members of Servant of Christ who have generously given their time, resources and energy in helping Nesco. The Sunday School in particular has been an incredible blessing to us. Their mission project for 2008-2009 was to raise funds to help support Nesco. Not only did they raise money, but they also began a pen pal relationship with the children of Nesco. My kids were elated that there were children the same age as them that cared enough to write letters and share pictures with them. Needless to say, writing back to our new, American friends was a huge thrill for all of us involved. An even greater blessing is that the Sunday School will continue to raise support for Nesco during the 2009-2010 year!

More Info on Helping Kids in Nesco. There were some members at Servant of Christ who wanted more information about Nesco after Drew Sandbulte spoke at the church last month. If you would like to know more about Nesco, please contact Drew at dks126@hotmail.com. He would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in supporting Nesco financially with a one-time offering or ongoing donation, you can make checks payable to "Housing Uganda's Children". HUC is the USA branch of Nesco that Drew established in 2007. All donations for Nesco are given through HUC for tax-deduction purposes. 100% of every donation given to HUC goes directly to the care and well-being of the children in Nesco. None of the administrators in HUC or Nesco are paid for their services. Thank you and God bless you!

Reminder - Share your Vision

Thanks to everyone who has placed their used eye glasses in the "Share Your Vision" box in the narthex at church. The box continues to fill up more and more each week. The eye glass collection is a two year project with a combined (with Champlin Park High School) goal of 1000 pairs of glasses. Please look for the information on the box for details about this project.

Miscellaneous

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – As a Member Your Vote Matters

Chapter Leader Election
Invitation/Northwest Hennepin County Chapter. Come vote for your Chapter Leaders on Nov. 5 at Advent Lutheran on Jefferson Highway in Maple Grove from 5-7pm. Bring the family. Pizza, dessert and beverage will be served plus a magician to entertain us!

Listed are SOC Members who are still serving plus positions that need to be filled:

Record Director - Cheryl Farber (SOC member)
Financial Director - Mona Pasko (SOC member)
Assistant Financial Director - vacant
Community Service Team Director - vacant
Youth Director - vacant
National Board of Directors Election - You Get to Vote!

This year, we are again conducting the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans National Board of Directors election through the mail. If you are a benefit member you are eligible to vote and will receive the mail. Please participate - your vote matters! www.thrivent.com; mail@thrivent.com; 800-847-4836

From the Council President – Kristie Klopp

“Sometimes don’t you wish you could perform miracles or you had a genie in a bottle who would grant you 3 wishes? As President of SOC Council, I wish I could grant 3 wishes to the church; 1) to never have the burden of monetary needs at the church; 2) to give the staff all their wishes and resources and make sure they know how appreciated and admired they are; 3) to increase the Holy Spirit in all our hearts (especially all of us that are hurting) so we could keep the loving spirit of the Christ’s church alive and thriving and being passed on to others. I know I can’t perform miracles, but I do know someone who can... and so do you. I know God can do these things and so much more and so I will just continue to have faith and watch God perform the miracles and just use me to glorify HIS name! I am thankful for His Grace, His plan, His direction and His peace. AMEN!”

Carpeting Update

The carpeting in the Narthex and Chancel in the Sanctuary are completed. The carpeting to finish the Sanctuary floor is on order and should arrive soon. Many thanks to Dan Smith, Tim Carlson and Scott Hoke for working with the manufacturer and carpet layers during this longer than anticipated and at times frustrating process. They’ve done a great job and handled it with great integrity! The reason it’s taken longer than expected is that each time the carpet has arrived it has contained flaws in the pattern.

Servant Schoolhouse

Preschool is off to a great start! The children are adjusting very well and beginning to settle into the routine. We are enjoying getting to know each child and family.

A Pumpkin Prayer

by David Meade

Father in Heaven, like a farmer, you have watched me grow.
And picked me out from all the rest to house your light and glow.

Open my mind to think of you. Open my mouth to sing.
Open my eyes to see your world and share the joy you bring.

Open my heart to be your home—a warm and welcome shell,
Washed clean of sin, a place wherein your love and light may dwell.

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in Heaven” Matthew 5:16

Calendar of Events for November 1-30, 2009

Ongoing Events:

Sundays:

Worship Services
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday School
3 yrs-6th - 9:00 & 10:30am
Noon-1 p.m. Sr. High Youth/
Moonrock

Monday:

6:30 a.m. Morning Brew @
Culvers
6:30 p.m. Servant Song
6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir

Tuesdays:

6:45 a.m./Caribou/10th-12th
(Starts Nov. 10)
11 a.m. Staff
Noon bulletin deadline
7 p.m. *AlAnon
7:30 p.m. *AA Mtg.

Wednesdays:

6:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
at Hudy's
5:30 p.m. Pizza (\$1.50 slice)
6 p.m. Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Sr. High Gathering
(not 25th)

Thursdays:

*7 p.m. AA mtg

Fridays:

6 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturdays:

No regular scheduled events

**Not a church function*

Holy Communion Services:

The 1st and 3rd Sunday

Sunday, 1 – All Saints Day

See ongoing events

10 a.m. Care Caller Mtg.

12:15 p.m. Girls individual/family
pictures

1 p.m. Girls' Conf. Class pictures

2 p.m. Girls' Confirmation Service

*6 p.m. AA mtg./Special Speaker/FH

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study/
Peggy Mortier

Monday, 2

See ongoing events

11:30 a.m. Young at Heart

Tuesday, 3

See ongoing events

Election here

Wednesday, 4 – *See ongoing events*

Thursday, 6

See ongoing events

6:30 p.m. SOC Red Hatters

Friday, 6

6 - 9 p.m. Set up for Bazaar

Saturday, 7

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bazaar

Sunday, 8

See ongoing events

2nd Graders receive Bibles

10:05 10th-12th/meet for drama & ideas

11:45 a.m. Class/2nd & parents

Monday, 9 – *See ongoing events*

Tuesday, 10

Servant Spirit deadline for December

See ongoing events

Wednesday, 11 – *See ongoing events*

Thursday, 12

See ongoing events

2 p.m. LWR Quilting

6:45 p.m. 8th-12th Movie Night

Friday, 13

See ongoing events

6 p.m. Staff/FH

Saturday, 14

8 a.m. Men's Ministry

Sunday, 15

See ongoing events

Noon New Member class & lunch

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study/
Peggy Mortier

Monday, 16

See ongoing events

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quarterly Staff mtg.

Tuesday, 17

See ongoing events

7 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, 18 – *See ongoing events*

Thursday, 19 – *See ongoing events*

Friday, 20

See ongoing events

4 p.m. Scrapbooking weekend begins

Saturday, 21

Scrapbooking ends @ 6 p.m.

Sunday, 22

See ongoing events

Receive New Members

10:00 a.m. Cursillo mtg./FH

Noon Xmas program practice/kids with
speaking parts

Deadline Operation Christmas Child

5 p.m. Servant Supper

Monday, 23 – *See ongoing events*

Tuesday, 24

See ongoing events

2 p.m. Champlin Shores

Wednesday, 25

7 p.m. Thanksgiving Service

Followed by pie social

Thursday, 26

Thanksgiving Day/office closed

Friday, 27 – Office closed

Saturday, 28

No scheduled events

Sunday, 29 – *See ongoing events*

NO Sunday School

Monday, 30 – *See ongoing events*