

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor

Friends in Christ,

I am back in the office! I am so glad to be back and have life return to some normalcy. It's hard to believe the rollercoaster of emotions that have taken place these last four weeks. There was obviously stress and trauma at the beginning... but my family found time to share memories of my dad and the hope we have in Christ. And through it all, I have felt the prayers and support from all of you. Thank you so much for being there for my family and myself! It made it so much easier to be present for my dad and mom knowing that you all were going to be ok without me for a bit.

I wanted to share this story with you all. I did post it on Facebook but wanted to make sure everyone got a chance to hear it.

When I was growing up, my dad started a contemporary Saturday evening service where he would play his guitar and everyone would sing camp songs during the service. I very quickly decided that I preferred this worship style. When my dad first started offering these services, I asked my parents a very important question... if I went to church on Saturday night, would I need to go on Sunday morning as well? They said no. So, I would often walk to church on Saturday nights, which was right next door, and go to the service.

One time, when no one showed up, dad and I decided with just the two of us it wasn't worth it to have the service. So, the next morning I went to church with my family.

The second time this happened; I had a bold idea. I laid out my case, very convincingly, pointing out the fact that I had come to worship, but was it really my fault if no one else is there? Do I really need to go in the morning? My dad paused for a few moments, and said "no... you don't have to go to church in the morning... but you still need to go to Sunday school... and don't tell your mother."

The third time this happened we both realized that there was a problem. If I went back home right away, my mother would know that no one had showed up for the service and she would expect me to go Sunday morning. So... we came up with a plan... if no one showed up, we would just hang out and talk for 15-20 minutes. This didn't happen a lot, but when it did, I loved it. If going to church was just having to spend some time talking with my dad... could it get any better?

Needless to say, I would regularly attend the Saturday night service, especially if it was during the summer when there was no Sunday school. And I would often pray that nobody else showed up.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your thoughts and prayers. I look forward to being together for Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

God Bless,

Pastor Jon

News & Events

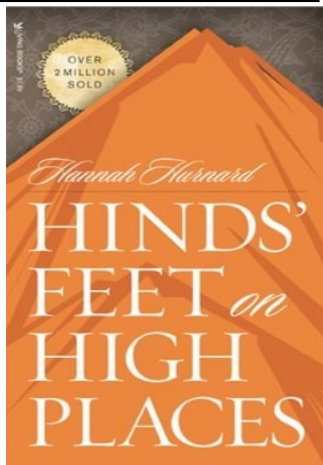
Upcoming Events:

- 3/29 Palm Sunday Worship - 9:00 AM
4/2 Maundy Thursday Worship - 7:00 PM
4/3 Good Friday Worship - 7:00 PM
4/5 Easter Worship - 9:00 AM
4/24-25 Rummage Sale (See times below)

First Monday Book Club

March Book Selection
"Hinds' Feet on High Places"
by Hannah Hurnard
April 6th 10:30 - Discussion
All are Welcome!

The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.
- Habakkuk 3:19



Spring Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars for the annual rummage sale, on Friday, April 24, 4:00-7:00 PM and Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM! As you do your spring cleaning remember that making donations of items you no longer use is a great way to free up space while being waste conscious. Stay tuned for details about when drop off begins and what items are allowed.



Communion Assistants Needed

Just as Jesus served his disciples at the last supper on Maundy Thursday, you too have the opportunity to serve. Consider serving as a communion assistant one Sunday a month. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Opening Day is Here!

Yes, baseball season has begun and it is time to think about going "out to the ball game." This year it is going to be *CSLC Night at the Twins*." On June 24, (a Wednesday night), the Twins are taking on the two-time reigning World Series champs, the Los Angeles Dodgers. We have twenty five seats reserved in a great spot. The price is \$53. Don't miss out. Sign up in the Narthex if you wish to attend. Go Twins!

Serving This Month

Ushers:

- 4/5 Tigges Family
4/12 Johnson Family
4/19 Gary Splittstoesser
4/26 OPEN

Readers:

- 4/5 Jayson Mehring
4/12 Sarah Kelvie
4/19 Pam Irgens
4/26 Peter Songster

Coffee Serving:

- 4/5 No Coffee Hour
4/12 OPEN
4/19 OPEN
4/26 Yurk/Souza Family

Care of Creation Team News

On April 26 our worship will focus on the stewardship of God's creation. The Care of Creation Team is always looking for people who have a passion for creation and ideas about how to better care for the world around us. If you are interested in receiving more information about the team and its goals contact Bob Lehner at pr.bob.lehner@gmail.com.

Save the Date for Joint Worship

On Sunday, June 14 the congregation of Lakeview Lutheran Church will hold a final worship service in their building. Members and friends of CSLC are invited to celebrate with them in this special service as they say farewell to their church home. Watch for more details on the service and our continued partnership in the coming months.

Synod Assembly Coming Soon!

The St. Paul Area Synod Assembly will be held May 15 and 16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. At the assembly delegates from synod congregations will hear reports from synod leaders, vote on resolutions currently before the synod, and elect a new bishop who will serve for the next 6 years. If you are interested in attending as a delegate for CSLC speak with Pastor Jon.



Submit news and events for the May newsletter to office@cslcvh.org by Tuesday, April 21.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Or join our livestream on Youtube!

Your giving to CSLC is appreciated! Scan the QR code to give through our website or stop in with your offering!

