

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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Pastor Jon Yurk

Encounter God | Love one another | Reach the World

January,
2025

From the Pastor

Friends in Christ,

Christ our Savior is born!

I absolutely love this time of year. The music, the lights, the spirit in the air... all of it! And I hope that amidst the busyness of the holiday season, all of you get a chance to rest, relax, enjoy time with family, and once again marvel at the wonderful news of Christ's birth and what it means for us. Redemption.

There is a simple innocence and holiness in the Christmas story that we so desperately need in our lives. And while the journey to Bethlehem was not what Mary and Joseph may have wanted for the child they were bringing into the world... everything turned out well in the end. For me, this is a reminder that all of the different journeys we may be on in this life have the same ultimate destination. Life everlasting.

In the midst of news of war, violence, suffering, struggle... a simple story of a baby being born changes everything. Jesus' birth is that constant reminder that God is present and is forever working towards redeeming this broken world. So as you hear that ancient story with its tidings of good news and great joy... may your heart be filled with love and gratitude for what God has done for us.

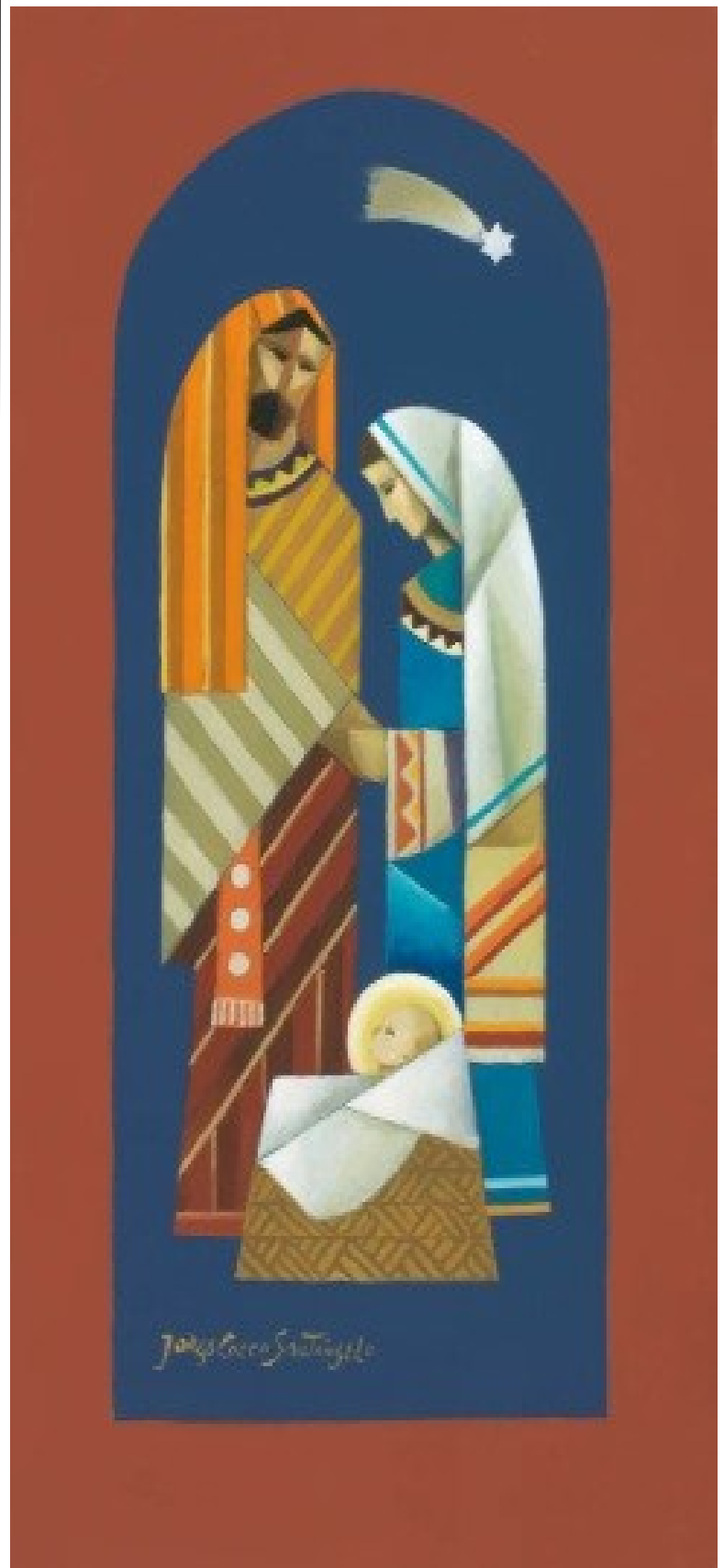
Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jon

News & Events

Upcoming Events:

- 1/5 Book Club Meets
- 1/10 Men's Breakfast - 8:30 AM
- Women's Bible Study - 9:30 AM
- 1/17 Project Day - 9:00 AM
- 1/18 Care of Creation Team - 10:00 AM
- 2/1 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 2/8 Youth Souper-Bowl Fundraiser

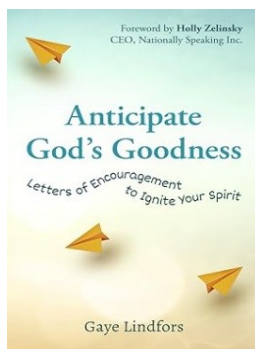


News and Events Cont'd.

NEW Book Club Begins in January

Along with the new year come new beginnings! January 5, 2026 will mark the beginning of a brand new book club at CSLC! Sign up in the Narthex if you wish to join. The inaugural read will be CSLC member Gaye Lindfors' new book, *Anticipate God's Goodness*.

Contact Mary Barlau with questions.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 1 after worship. We'll hear reports from the church council and treasurer, elect members to positions of leadership, and learn about ministry plans and approve a budget for 2026.

We are seeking nominations of CSLC members to serve on the church council. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else speak with council president Kim Katzenmeyer or Pastor Jon.

CSLC Youth host Souper-Bowl of Caring

Join CSLC youth for the Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday, February 8 after worship. Youth will be collecting food and monetary donations for the local food shelf.



Caring Friends Celebrates Christmas in Style

On December 16 Caring Friends celebrated Christmas with a luncheon here at CSLC. It was a wonderful time to gather, enjoy food and fellowship, and sing carols together. Caring Friends is a ministry that involves visiting, doing things for people and just being together and being their friend. We go to Care Centers, homes, and more. If you are interested in being a part of this, you can contact Debbie Erickson 612-386-0196 or Nancy Sacco at 783-2040. We would love to have you on our team.



Serving This Month

Ushers:

1/4 Tigges Family
1/11 OPEN
1/18 OPEN
1/25 OPEN

Readers:

1/4 Carol Lee
1/11 Tony Lee
1/18 Mike Woehrle
1/25 Jayson Mehrling

Coffee Serving:

1/4 Jacquelyn Farm & Karen Lehner
1/11 Sandy Meyer & Mary Barlau
1/18 Sandy Johnson & Nancy Sacco
1/25 Deb & Mike Gennow

Intergenerational Christmas Pageant, December 21



Submit news and events for the January newsletter to office@csclcvh.org by Thursday, January 15.

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!

