

# Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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# Hosanna!\*

## \*{Save us, Lord}

### From the Pastor

Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing this month's newsletter article in Mexico. As I am guessing most of you have heard, I flew down to be there for my parents. They came down to Mazatlán for vacation when my dad had to go to the ER for a severe headache. He ended up needing emergency brain surgery to stop a bleed that was putting pressure on his brain. The surgery was yesterday and things are looking ok so far. We don't have much information about the long-term prognosis yet but we are hopeful that he will make a full recovery. And to complicate matters, my mom ended up being admitted to the hospital as well with an intestinal infection. She is recovering well and should be released on Thursday. I have not yet booked my return flight as I need to wait to see how my dad does over the next few days. With his Parkinson's and my mom's mobility issues, I want to make sure they can safely navigate things moving forward. I will try to keep you all updated the best I can.

I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the love, prayers, and support you all have shown over the past 48 hours. Your care and concern have truly helped ease the stress and anxiety I have felt with what is happening. You all are such a witness to what it means to be the Body of Christ as a community. I am so grateful to also have colleagues who were willing and able to step in and make sure my pastoral duties are covered in my time of need. Pastor Karsten and Pastor Mike have shown me tremendous support in making themselves available so that I can be with my parents.

Thank you all for the love you have shown my family. Just knowing that you care and are praying for us is definitely lifting my spirits. I hope that I can return to you all soon.

God Bless,

Pastor Jon

## News & Events

### Upcoming Events:

3/8 Daylight Saving Time begins  
3/23 Red Cross Blood Drive - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
3/29 Palm Sunday

4/2 Maundy Thursday Worship - 7:00 PM  
4/3 Good Friday Worship - 7:00 PM  
4/5 Easter Worship - 9:00 & 10:30 AM

### Easter Flowers

It is again time to place orders for flowers to beautify the Sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be given in honor or memory of friends or loved ones and taken home after worship on April 5. Order forms are on the welcome desk in the Narthex. Orders must be placed by **Sunday, March 15.**

### Piecemakers Host Come-Tie-With-Us Event

All are welcome to an open house and quilt tying event on Saturday, March 21 hosted by the Piecemakers. No special skills are necessary to be part of the fun. Many of the Piecemakers creations are sent around the world through agencies like Lutheran World Relief. YOU can have a hand in the process!

A baked potato bar will be provided for lunch. Contact Leila Horazdovsky with questions.

### Save the Date for Spring Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars for the annual rummage sale, on Saturday, April 25! 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.



### Red Cross Blood Drive at CSLC

CSLC will host a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, March 23. YOUR lifesaving blood donation is needed! Each pint of blood can help up to 3 people in need of a lifesaving transfusion. Sign up in the Narthex to donate.

### 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.

**Submit news and events for the April newsletter to [office@cslcvh.org](mailto:office@cslcvh.org) by Tuesday, March 24.**

## Serving This Month

### Ushers:

3/1 Tigges Family  
3/8 Johnson Family  
3/15 Splittstoesser Family  
3/22 OPEN  
3/29 OPEN

### Readers:

3/1 Linda Wigdahl  
3/8 Gaye Lindfors  
3/15 Carol Lee  
3/22 Tony Lee  
3/29 Mike Woehrle

### Coffee Serving:

3/1 OPEN  
3/8 Mike & Deb Gennow  
3/15 OPEN  
3/22 Souza/Yurk Family  
3/29 OPEN

## Synod News

### SPAS To Elect New Bishop

This year at the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly in May our synod will elect a new bishop. Bishops in the ELCA are elected to a 6 year term and may serve two consecutive terms.

Following the recent conference assemblies, the following candidates for bishop have been announced:

- Brad Froslee
- Justin Grimm
- Ivy Huston
- Ingrid C. Arneson Rasmussen
- Jill Rode
- Bradley Schmeling
- Patrick Shebeck

Biographical information and videos of the pre-identified candidates will be posted to the synod's website soon. A "Meet the Pre-Identified Bishop Candidates" event is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. at Roseville Lutheran Church in Roseville.



### 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!

