# **Christ the Servant Lutheran Church**

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**Encounter God | Love one another | Reach the World** 

October, 2025

# From the Pastor

Friends in Christ,

Fall is coming! I must admit that this time of year is one of my favorites. I love the cooler temperatures and the changing colors in the leaves. It is so beautiful!

September was a busy month for all of us! We celebrated God's work, our hands Sunday by blessing so many quilts and other items for people in need and have collected so many items for the North Saint Paul Food Shelf! The Godly work our communities of faith are capable of never ceases to amaze me! Thank you all for your generosity and love for our neighbors.

We also celebrated a joint blessing of the animals Sunday. It is so great to be able to worship with our pets by our side. In addition to that, we received six new members at Christ the Servant. It is always so great to have new brothers and sisters in Christ join us in our mission and ministry.

I am so grateful for our communities of faith and I look forward to see what God has in store for us! And, with the arrival of October, you all know what that means! The pumpkins are coming! Hopefully many of you can join us as we unload the pumpkins on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. I would also ask that you all save the date for our trunk or treat event on Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to another eventful and joyful month of ministry!

God Bless.

Pastor Jon

# stayCONNECTED

If you prefer to receive the CSLC newsletter by mail, contact the office so we can add you to our list.

Submit news and events for the November newsletter to <a href="mailto:office@cslcvh.org">office@cslcvh.org</a> by Tuesday. October 21.

# FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU SAYS THE LORD PLANS TO PRESPER YOU AND NOT TO HARMYOU PLANS TO GIVE YOU A HOPE AND A FUTURE JEREMIAH 29:11

# **News & Events**

# **Upcoming Events:**

10/11 Pumpkins Arrive - 3:00 PM

10/12 Pumpkin Patch Opens

10/25 Trunk or Treat 2-4 PM

10/26 Joint worship at Lakeview - 9:30 AM

11/2 Joint worship at CSLC - 9:30 AM

11/14 Community Family Movie Night - 6:30 PM

11/15 Come Tie with Us/Project Day 9:30 AM - 9 PM

11/26 Thanksgiving Worship 7:00 PM

Pie Fest after Worship

12/6 Advent Tea - 1:00-3:00 PM

# Red Cross Blood Drive - October 3

CSLC will host another Red Cross blood drive on Friday, October 3 from 11:00 AM - BLOOD DRIVE 5:00 PM. Sign up in the Narthex or visit redcrossblood.org and enter ZIP code 55127 to find our drive and sign up online. Each pint of blood can help up to 3 people - so consider giving to this lifesaving opportunity!

# News & Events Cont'd.

# **Pumpkin Preparedness**

Get ready! It's almost time! We'll be hosting our pumpkin patch again this year from Sunday, October 12 through Halloween!

Hours: Mon-Fri. noon-dusk, Sat. 10AM-dusk, Sun. noon-dusk

As always, there are many volunteer needs with the pumpkin patch from setting up fencing to cashiering and more. Watch for more details soon about how you can help!

# **Trunk or Treat**

Our Annual Trunk or Treat is coming up on Saturday, October 25, 2:00-4:00 PM! We want YOU to decorate your trunk! A full list of opportunities to serve is available on the signup table



in the Narthex. Join us, and invite friends, family and neighbors to this fun event! Eternal Flame will be selling egg rolls, so be sure to stock up!

Your donations of candy are most appreciated!

# **Community Family Movie Night**

Join us Friday, November 14 at 6:30 for a community family movie night! Bring a blanket to spread out in the Fellowship Hall as we show *The Wild Robot* on the big screen. Popcorn will be provided and beverages will be available for purchase. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome!



# Welcome to our newest members who joined on September 21!

Steve & Gaye Lindfors Rachel Maves Robin Rohe-Ellsworth Aaron Pearson Rayah Pearson

Please welcome these siblings in Christ into the CSLC family as you meet them, and prayerfully support them in their new lives in Christ.

# **Reformation & All Saints Sunday Joint Worship**

Join us for worship along with our partner congregation, Lakeview Lutheran Church for joint services on Reformation Sunday, October 26 (at Lakeview) and All Saints Sunday, November 2 (at CSLC). If you have lost a loved one in the last year who you wish to be named in worship please send the name and a photo to office@cslcvh.org to be included during Nov. 2 worship.

# **Serving This Month**

# **Ushers:**

10/5

10/12 Johnson Family

10/19

10/26

#### **Readers:**

10/5 Peter Songster10/12 Linda Wigdahl

10/19 Gaye Lindfors

10/26 Carol Lee

# **Coffee Serving:**

10/5 Deb & Mike Gennow

10/12 Jacqueline Farm & Karen Lehner

10/19 Sandy Meyer & Mary Barlau

10/26 Sandy Johnson & Nancy Sacco

# **Focus on Faith**

# Stewardship

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans to prosper you; to give you a hope and a future.

Shortly, CSLC members will be receiving a mailing including a pledge card for 2026. As we focus on Stewardship during the next several weeks we are reflecting on Jeremiah's letter to the exiles taken from Jerusalem to Babylon and the hope he offers them. This was a scattered and scared people, far away from home, and without protection.

Life can sometimes feel scattered and scary when we don't have a plan or a sense of direction. When we gain that plan though, we can move more freely and toward common goals.

Our CSLC Church Council will soon be working to set the budget for 2026. Among the plans for next year that will need your support are:

Launching a Community/Family Ministry
Installing sun shades over the patio
Purchase event banners in lieu of a costly sign
Continuing to support and grow our existing
mission work in the community

We need YOUR support in determining our plan. Your pledge of anticipated giving in 2026 will help us set our budget and turn these plans into reality. Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of God's plan. Thank you!

# **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!

