

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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Encounter God | Love one another | Reach the World

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From the Pastor

Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you all!

Now that summer is winding down and school is starting again, I hope all of you are eager for the coming of fall! While I know that Advent is officially the start of the church year, it seems, at least in the rhythms of our lives, that the start of school and approach of fall marks a new beginning to our routines. This may not be so for those of you who are retired but I haven't experienced that yet!

Beginning this month, we have several things planned. The first Sunday in September is God's work our hands Sunday, where we will bless the quilts and bundles of love items at Christ the Servant and stock the food shelf at Lakeview. We will also be resuming Bible studies the second week of September at CSLC and having a pet blessing and joint outdoor service with Lakeview on Sept. 14 at CSLC.

We will also be transitioning this fall to the narrative lectionary. The narrative lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith." I am excited to take this new approach to scripture and preaching with you all. I hope this change leads to a deeper understanding of scripture and how God is calling us to participate in the redemption of the world!

God Bless,

Pastor Jon

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



News & Events

Upcoming Events:

- 9/7 God's Work Our Hands Sunday
- 9/13 Serving at Union Gospel Mission
- 9/14 Outdoor Worship w/ Lakeview & Blessing of the Animals
- 10/11 Pumpkins Arrive!
- 10/12 Pumpkin Patch Opens
- 10/25 Trunk or Treat

Serve With Us at Union Gospel Mission

On Saturday, September 13 a group from CSLC will serve at the men's shelter of Union Gospel Mission of the Twin Cities. Sign-up is now available for breakfast and lunch shifts. CSLC youth are covering the dinner shift. Since 1902 Union Gospel Mission has worked to combat homelessness, hunger, and addiction through their shelters and programming. Scan the QR code or sign up in the Narthex to join us for a serving shift!



News & Events Cont'd.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us for a joint outdoor worship service and Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 7 along with our friends from Lakeview Lutheran Church!



All furry, scaly, and feathered friends are welcome to receive a special blessing (and maybe even a treat!)

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

Pumpkin Preparedness

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

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!

Care of Creation Team Brings Values to Action

Do you have a passion for making a difference? The Care of Creation Team might be a good fit for you!

Members of the Care of Creation Team have been hard at work looking at ways we can better care for the world around us. Earlier this summer they designed and planted a pollinator garden that's now flourishing. Presently the team is spearheading efforts to be better stewards of our resources by moving away from single use cups for Fellowship time and instead using our existing washable dishes.

Members' Art Show On Display Sept-Oct

Be sure to check out the CSLC Members' Art Show on display during September and October! Artists from the congregation have been submitting beautiful work for all to enjoy.



Submit news and events for the October newsletter to office@cslcvh.org by Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Serving This Month

Ushers:

9/7 OPEN
9/14 Johnson Family
9/21 OPEN
9/28 OPEN

Readers:

9/7 Jayson Mehrling
9/14 Ron Hawkinson
9/21 Sarah Kelvie
9/28 Pam Irgens

Coffee Serving:

9/7 Deb & Mike Gennow
9/14 Jacqueline Farm & Karen Lehner
9/21 Sandy Meyer & Mary Barlau
9/28 Sandy Johnson & Nancy Sacco

ELCA News

ELCA Elects New Presiding Bishop

During the Churchwide Assembly in Chicago last month the ELCA elected Rev. Yehiel Curry the next Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Bishop-Elect Curry presently serves as the Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. His installation as Presiding Bishop will be held at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis on Saturday, October 4 from 1:00-3:00 PM. The installation service is open to the public and tickets are not required to attend.



Focus on Faith

Blessing of the Animals

This time of year, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis penned the words of the familiar hymn "All Creatures of our God and King."

At Franciscan churches, a friar with brown robe and white cord often welcomes each animal with a special prayer. As the prayer is offered, the pet is gently sprinkled with holy water. Believe it or not, most pets receive this sacramental spritz with dignity!

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!

