



In the Gospel of Luke the evangelist sets out his vision for Christ-like living. Those who follow Christ are sent into the world (10:1-11, 16-20), they are to "Go and do likewise" and follow the neighborly example of the Good Samaritan (10:25-37), they should be diligent in learning the Word of the Lord by sitting at the Master's feet (10:38-42), and they are also called to be diligent in prayer (11:1-13). Traditionally the quarterly newsletter takes a look at past activities —I'd like to look forward — if only for a month. It is with this forward looking spirit and Luke's framework of Christ-like

living that I would like to extend a personal invitation to join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to the annual Day of Service on September 21st 2019. I am greatly looking forward to the many ministry opportunities and the ways in which you'll encounter Christ throughout the day. More to the point, I can think of no better way to proclaim, reflect, and celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and live into Luke's vision of Christ-like living than through serving others.

As a people routed in the amazing and unbelievable grace of God, I come before you thankful for not only accepting me as Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church, but also for the kindness my wife, Jess, and I have received in my short tenure in Zionsville. In this time I've been given the opportunity to learn about your collective calling as God's children and have begun to listen to the many ways people feel called to serve God and neighbor.

Faithfully Yours,

**Pastor Wes** 

## ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

On May 19, at the Annual Meeting the following elections/appointments were made. Thanks to our Nominating Team for continuing to bring us wonderful leaders.

Governance Board (3 year term): Tony Firmani (Treasurer). Becky Porter and Becca [Deutsch] Leary

Audit Team (3 year term): Sue Miller

Endowment Committee: Glenn Tuffnell (4 year) & Tom Jeffers (3 year), Anne Behrend (1

year)

Columbarium Committee (3 year term): Barb Starkey

Nominating Team (1 year term): Tom Conrad & Connie Niessink. Brian Hardesty & Gary Ashenfelter will continue to serve another year to provide consistency with our new pastor.

## **CALL PROCESS & WELCOMING PASTOR WES**

The Call Committee presented Pastor Wes Smith to the Governance Board for consideration in April. The Governance Board approved and brought Pastor Wes out for an in person interview and staff meet and greet. The Governance Board voted to present Pastor Wes to the congregation at the end of April. A congregational meeting was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss extending the call to Pastor Wes. The Board was humbled and blessed with a unanimous yes vote by the congregation! We welcomed Pastor Wes to Christ Church on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. A heartfelt thanks to my fellow committee members for all they brought to the process, discussion and wonderful conclusion.

## **OUR NEW "IN THE LOOP" GROUP**





# From the Preschool

We had a wonderful end to the 2018-2019 school year, full of many in-house activities, including celebrating the Week of the Young Child with preschool spirit days, having visits from the Zion Nature Center, celebrating our wonderful staff members during Teacher Appreciation Week, having Muffins with Mom celebrations, having our Pre-K races and send-off ceremonies, and having an end of the school year picnic at Lions Park! Also, at the end of the school year, Kathryn Singer wrapped up the most recent Conscious Discipline book study with a culminating dinner, we passed our Paths to Quality level 3 inspection with flying colors, and we were awarded a Spring Refresher grant from The United Way of Central Indiana in the amount of \$3,000 that went toward new furniture, manipulatives

(educational toys), and art supplies!

This summer, we ran six weeks of summer camp and offered theme-based enrichment on Wednesdays and water days/snow cone days on Thursdays! Also, this summer, the staff members were busy cleaning out/organizing and making improvements to the classrooms,



breakout spaces, and the playgrounds. Additionally, Kathryn attended a few workshops on leadership skills and mental illness/trauma, and she is excited to announce that she has started taking online modules toward her National Director Credential and Master's Degree!

As we look ahead, we are looking forward to a fun, engaging, and productive 2019-2020 school year with all of the children to ensure that each of them grows toward the potential that God has for them—in life and for school!









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