



PASTOR WES'S INSTALLATION

In a pastor's life there are certain dates that stand out from among the rest. Among those dates are one's baptism, their first communion, their wedding day, retirement (just kidding!), and their installation at a new call. On August 31st 2019, I was privileged to be surrounded by Bishop Gafkjen, local pastors, a loving congregation, parents, in-laws, my wife, a host of musicians, and all the saints, all whom made my installation one for the ages. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day memorable.

Pastor Wes Smith



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

On October 13th 2019, our family at Christ Lutheran Church grew by 14! The Holy Spirit has been moving in the lives of our new members and we are excited to journey alongside them as they both explore and live out their faith in God's good creation. Please be sure to welcome them into our community of faith!

Carrie Hanni

Billie King & Zoe

Yvonne Kozlowski

John & Jennifer McKinzie, Zach, Tyler, Maddie, Braden

Jessica Smith

Trevor & Susan Thielbar, Abby

SERVICE NETWORK

The Service Network had several outreach events this fall: collecting diapers, Baby Care Station at Lions Fall Fest, Flu Shot clinic, and the Day of Service!

Diaper Collection

The Emergency Diaper Dispensary (TEDD) is a service of the Sharing Place. The service is always in need of diapers from newborn to size 5. During July, the people of Christ Lutheran Church donated 2284 diapers to support this ministry! Thank you for your generosity.



Baby Care Station

This fall we hosted our first Baby Care Station tent at the Lions Fall Festival, September 7-8. The tent included an outdoor rug, two rocking chairs, a pack and play, changing table, spare diapers and wipes, and other amenities. It was a very successful outreach, providing many moms the space to feed their baby comfortably and change diapers (and some dads too!) We also received many positive comments from people without

children remarking at what a great service this was to the community. We are excited to do this again next year!

~Keri Katzenberger & Julia Goldberg



Flu Shot Clinic

The second annual flu shot clinic took place on Sunday, September 22. Two nurses from the Franciscan Alliance administered vaccines to at least forty adults and children before, in-between and after services!

Day of Service: Serving the Local Community Together

Several members of CLC answered the call on our Day of Service on September 21st to serve our local community. In addition to serving and getting to know those in need, they had a chance to connect with each other and other volunteers for an enriching and memorable experience.



Tom and Rose Conrad, Jim and Andrea Reuter, Bill and Mary Steinke and Brad and Julia Goldberg and their sons Oliver and Noah visited shut-ins including CLC members Rich Prather and Phyllis Jones. Everyone noted how wonderful it was to spend time with Rich and Phyllis.

Phyllis regaled her visitors with stories about her husband who was a paratrooper and fought in Normandy. There were many smiles as Oliver and Noah gave candy to residents of the homes they visited.

Roger and Danielle Burrus, Linda Callecod, Margie Kilgus, and Glenn, Kristen and Isaac Tuffnell prepared and served meals to Shalom House visitors and assisted in the assembly of "to go" lunches for delivery to those who could not come. The Shalom House in Lebanon serves hot meals to community members in need and also supports a sack lunch program for kids.

Visiting the Shalom House provided an opportunity for our group to learn more about the mission and history of the Shalom House. Margie enjoyed chatting with a grandma and 2 of her 7 (!) grandchildren. Linda chatted about life issues with girls from a local boarding school. They also learned a bit about each other. Kristen is a nurse at Witham, and her 12-year-old son Isaac is a generous and helpful young man. Margie noted what a super, non-complaining dishwasher Glenn is. There was good cheer throughout the morning and the group operated well as a team to serve or prepare 146 meals in total.



Ray Boucher and Jeannie Phillips, Carol Smith, Pastor Wes and Jessica Smith, and Connie Steinhart worked the morning at the **St Vincent de Paul Pratt-Quigley Client Choice Food Pantry** in downtown Indianapolis. Carol noted that SVDP serves 3000 people per week, and hundreds came through on Saturday morning. The steady stream of shoppers was a visible reminder of how abundantly blessed we are and how great the need is. Carol and Connie prepped produce, Jeannie bagged groceries, Ray managed carts and loaded cars, and Pastor and Jess kept the bread stocked and did a little of everything.



This group also had the opportunity to learn about the clients, the volunteers and each other. The client stories were striking – the retired grandmother who can barely feed herself and also needs to feed her 3 grandchildren; the two friends on disability who help each other out but can barely make ends meet; and so many more. During a break, Jeannie learned that Carol started golfing when she was 12. Her son Joel is also a scratch golfer and was the first baby baptized in our new church building. Carol learned that Jeannie was Ray’s boss when they first met.

Beggars for the Poor is another ministry through the Indianapolis St. Vincent de Paul Society that directly serves the homeless where they are. Matthew DeLoera, Andi and Devin Hardesty, Shawn and Becca Leary, and Paul and Martha Schmidt served food to the homeless on Saturday morning. Much like the food pantry, there was a constant stream of clients from start to finish. Everyone was struck by the tremendous need in the downtown area and enjoyed connecting with and serving a wide variety of people in need. Devin had a memorable moment when a man took coffee from him and said “God is good”.



Mark and Sidney Balaska, John and Barb Burkhardt, Chris Emsley, Deb and Jim Holbrook, and JoAnne Tuffnell washed, scrubbed and filled water troughs in the pastures and cleaned horse stalls in the barn for **Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding** which is a not-for-profit organization offering equine-assisted activities and therapy services to a wide

range of child, adolescent and adult participants with disabilities.

In between cleaning out the “stuff”, they had a chance to learn a little about each other. Some had prior experience with horses, like Sidney, and Jane Tuffnell takes weekly horseback lessons in Lafayette. Mark noted that JoAnne works hard and always smiles, and JoAnne noted that Mark is a perfectionist. Sidney learned a lot of funny things about Deb but will only mention her fear of spiders. And John infused the group with humor, of course.

The **Caring Center** in Lebanon, IN is a not-for-profit organization that works to stabilize families in crisis and to move those caught in poverty towards self-sufficiency. One of their ministries is to distribute clothing to families in need. Sue Haughton, Ted, Cheryl and Nathan Kussow and Barb Starkey spent their day swapping out clothes from summer to winter and organized them to ensure all sizes were represented. The Caring Center recently received a grant to remodel part of their facility, and our group got to take a tour with Theresa Hanners, the Executive Director.

All in all, it was a great day to serve those in need and connect with them as well as with each other. As you can see, there is a great need in our local community for these services and volunteers to deliver them. Whether you did or did not have an opportunity to participate in our Day of Service, please consider connecting with one of these organizations (or another one in which you are interested but haven't reached out to yet) to learn how you can support them any day of the year.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD



From the Preschool



We had a wonderful end to summer camp! We ran six weeks of summer camp this summer and offered theme-based enrichment on Wednesdays and water days/snow cone days on Thursdays! Also, this summer, we cleaned out/organized and made improvements to the classrooms, breakout spaces, and the playgrounds.

The 2019-2020 school year has gotten off to a wonderful start as well! We continue to have weekly chapel lessons with Pastor Wes, Kathryn, Kim Kelly, and Sarah Zell, and we are participating in monthly service projects. During the month of August we collected school supplies

for The Villages of Indiana and during the month of September we collected pet supplies for the Humane Society of Boone County.

Other events thus far include: dance with Catherine Casciani, visits from the Zionsville Library, and visits from the Humane Society of Boone County during pet week. Additionally, our staff members have participated in many professional development opportunities already this school year, including training on: classroom environments, developmentally-appropriate lesson planning, product vs. process art, and Conscious Discipline.



As we look ahead, we are looking forward to a number of upcoming events, including: Jackson Pollock-inspired art, yoga, our Halloween parades/fall festivals, our Donuts with Dad celebrations, Christmas caroling at Zionsville Meadows, our Christmas programs, and our Christmas celebrations!

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm, Friday 9am-12pm

Laura Hartman, Office Administrator

- Worship Bulletin, supply ordering, church calendar, church correspondence and records

Julia Goldberg, Communications Administrator

- Bulletin insert (announcements), Weekly eNews, website & Facebook page administration, advertising, finance (checks, vouchers, Simply Giving, payroll, etc)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December

December 1	Advent Breakfast, 9:15am
December 4, 11, 18	Meditations & Music, 7pm
December 7	Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 9-10:30am
December 15	Lessons & Carols, 10:30am

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