



Christ Community Church Newsletter

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Staying Rooted in Jesus and in God's Word

Welcome to our Newsletter where we can keep you up to date on all the exciting happenings at our church.



Holy Thoughts with Pastor Jacob Sandholm

"What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth."

1 Corinthians 4:5-7

The church of Corinth was struggling with a lot of issues at the time of Paul's writing to them. One of those issues was division. There were people from within the church that were debating on who was worth following, Paul or Apollos. Ironically, both men were preaching and teaching for the same purpose, so there should have been no

reason for division in the first place. As Paul states in the Scripture I shared this month, he was the one that planted (the church), and Apollos was the one that watered the church. Just as one plants a vegetable in a garden, there must be the action of placing the seed in the dirt, and then the consistent watering of it to help it grow. Paul's mission was to be a light to all the gentiles, which is why many churches were "planted" and started by him in many cities around the Greco-Roman world. However, it was the men that served along with him, like Apollos that made sure the people were continuing to get fed the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The problem came when the people of the church were arguing about who was most important and who was the one to follow. However, Paul reminds the church in this letter that it is not Paul that should be followed, nor Apollos. Paul gives glory to God for the growth and stability of the church. Paul's goal in writing this is to remind people that the planting nor the watering would have been possible or taken place without God. Paul does not take any praise or glory for the church but only wishes for the praise to go directly heavenward, to God.

The American church can learn a lot from these words as well. Currently, there are around 1,200 Christian denominations in the United States alone. This spans across protestant, Catholicism, and Orthodox churches. Even though many of us would claim to believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, there is much division between the Christian faith today. Many cannot decide whether they want to follow John Wesley, Martin Luther, St. Augustine, or John Calvin. The list can go on and on, but the church cannot forget who gives the increase and who is the one worthy of praise.

It was through the obedience of Paul and many others that came after him, that the church continued to increase and millions would come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Notice that I put it was Paul's obedience and not Paul himself. None of us are worthy of praise, because none of us can provide a real and organic increase other than God Himself. Today, I am thankful that God has placed His Holy Spirit inside of all of us that believe. It is truly an honor to see Him working in the church today and seeing the increase that is happening right before our eyes.

It is not me. It is not you. It is God who causes growth.

All praise to God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Blessings,

Pastor Jacob Sandholm

***If you would like to connect with Pastor Jacob, please know that his office hours are**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 Am-3:30 Pm. You can also contact the church email to

connect with him: christcommunitydc@gmail.com

July's Ministries



Motherhood Ministry

While we didn't have a lot of activity during May and June, we have continued to support any mom who reaches out. Whether it's offering prayer, delivering meals, or helping connect her with needed resources, we're committed to being there whenever support is needed.

At the core of our mission is a desire to remind moms that they're not alone. Whether it's through a warm meal or a listening ear, we want to offer encouragement, support, and a sense of community.

If you'd like to learn more about this ministry or explore ways to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to reach out at christcommunitydc@gmail.com.



Outreach Committee

We had a great turnout as we celebrated all of the dads at our June BBQ-style potluck. We're looking forward to serving our community by working the concession stand at the Bloomfield Rodeo on July 2.

If you're interested in helping organize these activities, we'd love to have you on the Outreach Committee. To get involved, email us at christcommunitydc@gmail.com or text 641-242-2826.

Elevate Youth Ministry



We've made the decision to move our Elevate Youth Ministry meeting time to Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for the summer. Since making this change, we've consistently had 8-12 youth joining us each week, which has been very encouraging. We will continue meeting on Wednesdays throughout the month of July and are excited to see what God continues to do through this ministry.

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Missions

We are available to help anyone in our community who may need assistance with mowing their yard, tending their garden, or other similar outdoor tasks. If you know someone who could benefit from a helping hand, please don't hesitate to reach out.

If you're interested in joining an upcoming mission trip or becoming part of our missions team, we'd love to connect with you. Reach out to us at **christcommunitydc@gmail.com**—we'd be honored to have you involved in this important work!



Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success! We had around 60 children attend each night—even in the midst of a severe storm. The kids had an amazing time learning about Jesus, and we are so grateful for all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make it such a meaningful week.

Children's Ministry is currently on summer break, but we're already looking ahead and preparing for the coming year. We'd love to welcome more volunteers to our team so we can create a healthy rotation and continue providing a great experience for our kids. Please prayerfully consider serving, and if you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, let Kaitlyn or Lori know. We'd love to have you join us!

A heartfelt *thank you* to those who are already serving and to those prayerfully considering it. If you'd like to learn more or be added to the team, please email Kaitlyn at christcommunitydc@gmail.com.



Choir

Our choir is currently enjoying its summer sabbatical, but fall will be here before we know it! If you're interested in joining the choir, we'd love to have you. Please let Karen or Kaitlyn know if you'd like to be a part of this ministry.

Call Karen Spurgeon at 641-208-3202 for more information.

July						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			5:30pm Elevate 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 1	6:30pm Pathfinders 2	10am Bible Brunch 3	4
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Ad Council Mtg 5	6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6	6pm Outreach Mtg 7	5:30pm Elevate 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 8	6:30pm Pathfinders 9	10am Bible Brunch 10	11
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 12	6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 13	14	5:30pm Elevate 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 15	6:30pm Pathfinders 16	10am Bible Brunch 17	18
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 19	6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 20	21	5:30pm Elevate 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 22	6:30pm Pathfinders 23	10am Bible Brunch 24	25
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Potluck 5pm Holy Spirit Service 26	27	7pm Elder Board Meeting 28	5:30pm Elevate 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 29	30	31	
Title	Location					
Men's Bible Study	The Bloomfield Democrat					
Women's Bible Study	Library					
Pathfinders	Library					
Outreach Meeting	Library					
Prayer Meeting	By the Hearth Bookshop					
Bible Brunch	Library					

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