



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

*"If you do not establish your faith in Yahweh, you surely shall not be established."*

*Isaiah 7:9*

As we enter the middle of March, we are only a few weeks away from celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ together as a body of believers. So far, this season has been one of reflection for me as I have looked back at the achievements I have made in my life, as well as the valleys that I have fallen into in the past and even recently. Throughout this season in church, we have been focusing on looking towards glory and not focusing too much on the dust of this earth, because as Solomon said in Ecclesiastes, "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity."

Last night as I was doing my daily Bible reading with my wife, we came across Isaiah 7:9. This verse spoke to me, and I could feel the Holy Spirit convicting me. God calls upon His prophet, Isaiah, to go and speak to the eleventh king of Judah, King Ahaz about the upcoming war against King Rezin, who was the king of modern-day southern Syria, and King Pekah, who was the king of Israel at this time. These two kings wanted to come to Jerusalem and wage war on it and against King Ahaz. God spoke through His prophet Isaiah, to tell King Ahaz not to be afraid of these two kings, just trust in the Lord and He will deliver you. These words then came with a warning and lesson, which is where we get Isaiah 7:9 from. Unfortunately, King Ahaz is too afraid and stressed about the oncoming attack, that he refuses to trust in God and doesn't want to hear Isaiah's words. Because of this, trials were prophesied to come upon Judah, however, Immanuel was also prophesied to come in the same chapter.

So, why did this verse speak to me? Well, we have been given so many promises from God in Scripture, and this one verse is the umbrella that covers all the promises from never leaving us, to giving us the words to say or the strength we need for tomorrow. God is saying through Isaiah here, that if you trust in the Lord and put your faith in Him, you will be established by the Father and used for His glory and the promises will be fulfilled. For example, if King Ahaz would have listened to Isaiah and put his faith in God, perhaps trials would not have come to Judah. These two kings would have been destroyed by the power of God, or at the very least, not able to bring harm against Jerusalem. Another example is in the life of Jonah, the prophet. Even though Jonah ran away at first and did not want to help Nineveh, once he did and Nineveh repented, God relented the destruction that He was planning for the city.

Like Nineveh, if we relent and repent, God will see this and establish us in His kingdom and use us for His glory, which will eventually lead us to our everlasting glory in Heaven. However, many people forget that Nineveh was still destroyed after this happened, because they went back to their old ways and put the emphasis on self, instead of God. Brothers and sisters in Christ, God is not a liar. Everything that He has said He would do; He has done it. It is 2026 and we can still read the Bible and find numerous verses that pertain to the times of which we are living in. The ultimate promise remains for us. If we establish and plant our roots in Jesus Christ, the Living God, then God will establish us and use us for His glory here on earth, while preparing a place for us in the heavenly places. Do not fear, for Jesus is coming again. *"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How do we know the way? Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:1-6).*

-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](mailto:christcommunitydc@gmail.com)**

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## March's Ministries



## Motherhood Ministry

We remain available to support women in their motherhood journey. At the same time, we're always looking to welcome new members to this committee—people who have a heart for encouraging and supporting moms in their everyday needs.

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](mailto:christcommunitydc@gmail.com).



## Outreach Committee

We had a great Super Bowl party in February and are excited to continue sharing information about events happening in our church. Be sure to check out the new announcements and calendar available at the table just inside as you come into church.

We're also working to better share information about our church ministries and their roles so the congregation can stay informed and consider getting involved. More details about the different ministries will be shared soon for those who are interested in serving our community in various ways.

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](mailto:christcommunitydc@gmail.com) or text 641-242-2826.

## Elevate Youth Ministry



Our youth group has an exciting and busy month ahead, and we hope you'll keep our students in your prayers as we seek to follow God during this time. First, we'll be attending the Ignite Bible Conference in Des Moines, IA on March 13-14, followed by a trip to Winter Jam on March 15. On March 29, we'll be going to the Passion Play at the Moravia Nazarene Church, and we hope you can join us. On April 5, we'll be hosting a Youth-Led Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m., followed by a community pancake breakfast.

*\*If you are interested in joining us for the Ignite Bible Conference or Winter Jam, please reach out to us on our website, email, or just let me know.*

Blessings,

Pastor Jacob Sandholm



## Missions

We are preparing to serve members of our community as the weather begins to warm up. Whether someone needs help cleaning up their yard or planting flowers, the season will be here before we know it.

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

We are approaching the final few months of Children's Church before we break for the summer, and we would love to fill the remaining volunteer spots between now and the end of May.

We are also beginning to plan for Vacation Bible School and will need many volunteers to help make this year a success. We'd love for you to sign up in whatever way works best for you. There are many opportunities to serve, including activities, teaching, snacks, and more.

Vacation Bible School will once again be held at the Pulaski Mennonite Church from June 7-11. Times will be announced soon.

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](mailto:christcommunitydc@gmail.com).



## Choir

Choir continues to go well and we are so honored to bring music each and every Sunday. As a congregation, we're so thankful for the talented volunteers who bless us with their music. If you're interested in joining, you're always welcome to attend a rehearsal at the high school on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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

## March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Ad Council Mtg 5:30pm Elevate 1	6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Pathfinders 2	Outreach Meeting 6:15pm 3	6pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 4	5	10am Bible Brunch 6	7
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<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>					
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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