



Christ Community Church Newsletter

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Stay in Gratitude

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

"Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good, For His lovingkindness endures forever."

Psalms 107:1 (Legacy Standard Bible)

We have made it to the month of November, and in a few weeks, we will be gathering with our families to share a meal, laughs, stories, and gratitude. Ever since I was in kindergarten, the month of November was all about Thanksgiving and the projects we did all revolved around this holiday. Every year, I would say that I was thankful for my family, pets, home, etc. However, as we come to Thanksgiving 2025, I

am feeling thankful for many of the things that I have taken for granted my entire life. Those things include grace, mercy, the Holy Spirit, and His breath in my lungs.

I was meeting with fellow pastors in our community two months ago and we were discussing all the evil that we were seeing in our country, including the many deaths that were happening. One of the pastors looked at us and said, "You know, that breath you just took, that's a gift." I have never heard it put that way before. I have heard numerous times that we should not take the breath we have for granted, but thinking about the breath I just took in this moment really changed the way I looked at it. Every day we walk out of our homes, there is a possibility that we won't return, and the enemy would want to use that truth to scare us into staying in our homes and never do anything outside those walls. However, this is not why God created us in His image. I told the youth group last weekend, God was not a couch potato, so He did not create us to be couch potatoes! Matthew 5:16 says, *"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."* This year, I am thankful for the breath I just took, and that God has poured out His grace and mercy to me through my faith in Jesus Christ. As we get into this busy season, may every breath we take be used to glorify the King of Kings and let us never forget to give praise and thankfulness to Him.

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**

October's Ministries



Motherhood Ministry

We are currently developing several options to support moms and families who may be struggling with groceries during the government shutdown. One of our efforts includes preparing frozen meals that can be delivered and stored until needed. If you're interested in helping with this project or able to donate ingredients, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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 of people riding along with our float during the parade. Next time, we hope to have more candy on hand since it tends to go quickly. Our next Adult Fun Night is coming up soon—we'll be hosting a Trivia Night at By the Hearth Bookshop on November 7 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join! Looking ahead to the Hometown Holidays, we're exploring the idea of hosting a public gathering instead of having a float in the lighted parade. We'll share an update once we've made a final decision.

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



During the month of November, we're continuing our Essential Series, which will conclude at the end of the month. Looking ahead, the Ignite Youth Conference will take place on March 13–14, 2026. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Jacob know by December 31, 2025, so tickets can be purchased in advance.

In addition, Winter Jam is scheduled for March 15, and we're exploring the possibility of turning that weekend into a youth retreat—more details to come soon. Our youth group attendance has remained steady, averaging 6 to 8 students each week.



Missions

In November, our mission project is the Society of St. Andrew, a hunger-relief organization that we'll be supporting with a monetary donation. The missions team will also be hosting informational meetings about our upcoming trips in January. If you're interested in getting involved, please let Kaitlyn know.

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

Our children's ministry continues to thrive, with 18 to 22 kids joining us each Sunday morning. We're so grateful for the volunteers who help everything run smoothly. We're now looking ahead to our Christmas Program and will begin rehearsals on Sundays leading up to the event.

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

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.

November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15am Ad Council Meeting 2	6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Pathfinders 3	6pm Outreach Meeting 4	6pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Prayer Meeting 5	6	10am Bible Brunch 6pm Adult Fun Night Trivia Night 7	8
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