

May 13, 2022

Dear Friends,

### **Sunday Worship Gatherings at 9 & 11 AM**

Continuing in our Learners of Jesus series, Pastor Nate Huff will share a sermon titled, *Start the Journey*:

“The thought of following God initially is an easy one, isn't it? ‘I can read my Bible. I can pray daily. I can go to church. I can maybe even join a small group!’ Those things seem attainable, don't they? But following Jesus isn't enough; Christ calls us to not just follow but to be His disciples! Starting the journey of discipleship is a road that can be difficult. We might feel like we are the wrong person to be a disciple, that we aren't prepared or equipped enough to do what Christ calls us to do, or that we don't even know where to begin! In Luke 9:1-6 and 10:1-9, we see Jesus calling his followers to be disciples, and we begin to see what that truly means. I invite you to join us this Sunday as we start the journey and explore what it means for us to be disciples who are equipped and sent!”

We will also have communion together. If you prefer to remain in your seat during this time, self-contained communion packs will be available in the foyer for you to pick up on your way in. If you will be joining via livestream, be sure to have bread and juice close at hand.

*Livestream Service at 11 AM:*

[Join the livestream service here.](#) When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage. From there you may need to click the “Videos” tab to access this Sunday’s Livestream.

Here are the songs with lyrics linked:

[You Are Holy \(Prince of Peace\)](#), [Forever Reign](#), [Cry in My Heart](#), [All Who are Thirsty](#), [This Is Amazing Grace](#)

For Scripture readings, links, events, prayer focus and other news, [check out Sunday’s bulletin.](#)

[Click here](#) to send your prayer requests to the prayer team.

### **Sunday School**

For children attending Sunday School (age 4 to Grade 6), there is no registration required.

### **Weekly Wednesday Evening Prayer Time**

Pastor Abe is hosting an online prayer gathering every Wednesday at 7 PM. This is a time for our church community to take our prayers and petitions to God. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

### **Church in the Park Returns**

We’re looking forward to getting back into the rhythm of our annual Church in the Park, which was interrupted by pandemic lockdowns. We will gather on Sunday, June 12, for a service at 10 AM at [Windsor Park](#). Following the service, we’ll enjoy a hotdog BBQ lunch provided by the church. We’re asking people to bring either chips or cookies/squares to share. (We’re avoiding salads and anything else that might spoil in the hot sun.) There’s a playground, basketball court, and lots of room for soccer and frisbee.

*These plans depend on us!* If you’ve loved this event in the past, or if you just love the idea of it, please consider helping in the following ways.

*Set Up:* We need a team to transport and set up the BBQ and folding tables, along with food items, from the church to the park on Sunday morning before the service. A van or truck are considered an asset.

*Tear Down:* We need a team to take everything back to the church after the event (around 1:30 PM).

*Purchasing:* We need a Costco fanatic or two (you know who you are!) to purchase all the food, condiments, drinks, plates, etc. for the church. A list will be provided.

Please [contact the office](#) if you can help. We have people on hand who’ve served to make this a successful event in the past, so there will be plenty of guidance.

## **Church Campout**

Our annual all-church campout at Silver Lake Wesleyan Camp is set for June 24-26. This is a fun time to get away, relax, recharge, and build relationships with others in our church family! The [registration form](#) allows you to indicate which dates you will attend and the type of accommodations and meal plan you wish. Carpooling is available. Please register by June 12; we will not be able to issue refunds after that deadline.

*Can you help?* We are looking for volunteers to help with check-ins on Friday night and to help oversee things on Saturday morning while our pastors are attending District Conference. For more info, talk to [Pastor Jesse](#).

*Baptism:* There will be a baptism service on the Sunday of the church campout, after lunch. If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Jesse to arrange for a Baptism Preparation Class.

## **Thinking More About Discipleship**

Our sermon series is leading us through Jesus' teachings on walking with him. If you are thinking more deeply about discipleship and about journeying with others on that path, you may want to connect with Discipleship Lab webinars. Held regularly by the Navigators, D Lab is "a forum of inspiration and practical help to everyday Christians – like you! – who hear Christ's call to cultivate disciples of Jesus wherever they live and work." The next one is this Tuesday, May 17, at 8:30 PM and includes a Q & A session. Bill Mowry, author of *Walk with Me: Simple Practices for Everyday Disciplemaking*, will address the challenges we face as we disciple people. [Register here](#).

Blessings,

Beth Fleming (for the whole team)