

## News from the Christian Life Committee

Hopefully many of you attended the Oregon District's Day Retreat "Always Becoming Contagious Disciples" on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

We had 66 sisters and brothers in Christ join together at Living Savior Lutheran Church for a day of worship, Bible study, and fellowship. We also put together 470 blessing bags from the items that were gathered as our ingathering event to give to those in need.

Our theme was based on 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various form."

Pastor David LaFore, our Junior Pastoral Counselor led us in song throughout the day and provided us with Bible studies that focused on the various gifts that each of us has.

It was a great day of gathering and was a bit different than the normal 3-day retreat that the Committee usually puts together, but the benefits of being able to gather together in person for even a one-day event made all the work worthwhile.

The Committee continues to put together brief devotional articles which are called the "Christian Life Notes" every month. These notes are posted on the Oregon District Webpage and are also emailed to each of the Zone Presidents, who in turn forward them on to the society presidents within their Zone.

If you're not locating the Christian Life Notes, or aren't receiving them in some way, please send me an email, or call me, and we will ensure that you start to receive them.

Next up for the Committee is to start to focus on the 2022 Oregon District Convention and the various tasks that are assigned to the Christian Life Committee. In the past, the Committee has coordinated the "Rise and Shine" devotional happening that occurs early on Saturday morning of the Convention. We are usually outside around 6:30 am to start the day off with songs and worship for those of you who are early risers. It's a great way to start your Saturday morning!

We are also in the process of seeking a new Vice President of the Christian Life Committee. I am currently in the last few months of my 4-year term that ends in June. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking names to be placed on the 2022 convention ballot, so if you have any thoughts, or if you're interested in possibly being on the ballot, please reach out to me! I would love to share with you how awesome it has been to work on this committee and serve the Oregon District!

Blessings as you continue to serve the Lord with gladness!

***"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23***

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