



Eastside Ministry

The Legacy of Silver Lake United Methodist Church

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House Church

A Day in the Life of House Church

So, what does a House Church meeting look like, anyway? What will we have to do if we go to House Church? Will I like it?

I'd like to take a minute to describe the answers to the first two questions so that you might be able to begin to answer question three on your own (and to encourage you to come to House Church so that you might truly answer the third question).

We have currently been meeting in the park and on Zoom, though as it gets cold, we'll need to move inside. Each meeting lasts about 90 minutes. Please contact Carrie or me to get details about those meetings if you are interested in attending. Additionally, it would be fantastic to begin new House Church groups.

House Church meetings allow for a certain amount of flexibility for the individual group; however, each meeting needs to include a couple of key things.

House Church is at its root a place to meet Jesus. House Church is a vehicle for discipleship, worship, and community. Briefly, this means that each meeting should focus on worshiping God, following Jesus, and building community.

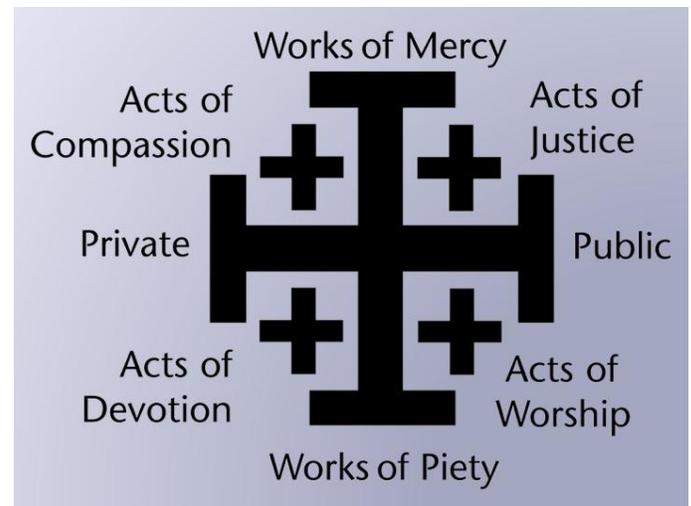
Currently, House Church meets together and begins with a time of sharing. Traditionally, individuals answer the historic question, "How is it with your soul?", which is somewhat of an alteration of Wesley's original, "How does your soul prosper?" Each person has the opportunity to share how their relationship with God is going.

This is followed by a time of prayer. The current House Church often uses a model in which each person individually prays for one other person. Therefore, each person is directly prayed for and each person takes a turn praying. I really think this is a beautiful part of House Church.

Next, the House Church reads a section of Scripture and spends time in conversation about what they might learn from the text. They also explore how their lives might be directed or transformed by the text. Additionally, they listen for God's voice in the text and where God might be leading.

Then, under the direction of the Pastor, House Church shares in Holy Communion. The Spirit is invited/welcomed in and Jesus' Last Supper is commemorated. We remind ourselves that we are part of the body of Christ and we are forgiven.

Finally, we send each other off to journey safely through the next week, while moving close to God's presence.



A few things...although this House Church does not sing together, another House Church could and should sing. House Church should also be a place

where we encourage each other to engage in missional outreach. We intend to start additional house churches either through growing a house church until it divides into two OR by simply starting new house churches on different days or at different times.

I would invite you into conversation with me about House Church and how you might participate.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Volunteer Opportunities

Front Desk Help at Solid Ground

In the short term, they need some assistance at their front desk answering phones, etc. at their East Metro Place location by Century College. Perhaps we could volunteer for a shift or two? Please let Pastor Steve know if you can help.

Halloween Party with Solid Ground

Solid Ground is throwing an outdoor, family-friendly Halloween event for the families at their East Metro Place facility! They are searching for volunteers to help with setting up decorations, passing out candy to trick-or-treaters and assisting with pumpkin carving and other fun activities. Guests and volunteers are encouraged to wear masks. Costumes are not required but encouraged 😊



Date: Thursday, October 28th

Time: 4:00pm-7:00pm

Location: East Metro Place, 3521 Century Ave N

North St. Paul Food Shelf

We have restarted collecting non-perishable items for the food shelf. Donations can be brought to House Church or dropped off at the food shelf. You may also contact the Food Shelf if you would like to volunteer some of your time there.

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Open Arms

Our partnership with Open arms of Minnesota continues. Beginning October 20th, our clients and volunteers will be adjusting to a new schedule with a shift to Wednesdays.

Please spend time in prayer for our drivers and those clients' receiving meals. Pray for their health, their safety and their continued willingness to help. Medicine treats an illness, food nourishes the body, and the offering of food and the care and time our volunteers take to prepare and deliver the meals is love, and love is God!

Please take time to consider if this is a ministry you would like to participate in.

More drivers = more meals delivered = more love
= more God!!!!

NSP Car Show

On September 24th, Eastside Ministry was again present at the North St. Paul Car Show. We were able to have kids, big and little alike, color the "God's Got Your Back" tags. Then we laminated them and attached a clasp and Celtic Trinity Knot charm. While the kids and adults were coloring, we had some great conversations about Jesus, faith, and ministry.



Carrie Callahan, Pastor Steve, Lisa Mathewson and Deb Pogue with Charlie (her dog) in tow were there to greet people and enjoy the evening.

At the beginning of our evening at the Car Show, Pastor Steve blessed one pet, Gypsy. Maybe the Blessing of the Pets at the Car Show should return in full, what do you think?



Advent/Christmas

Although it is only October, Advent and Christmas will be upon us very quickly. With that in mind, we have been asked to be part of a collaboration with other east side sibling congregations.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 5th at 2pm at The Beloved (1961 Sherwood Ave E Saint Paul, MN, 55119). We will have a bonfire and sing carols together outside. There will be some cocoa and snacks.



Plans are subject to change based on COVID improvements or declines.

Giving/Tithing

Giving, tithing, and offering are still available via online giving at https://silverlakeunitedmethodist.org/?page_id=1247 and by sending checks to Silver Lake United Methodist Church at PO Box 10847, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

There are still expenses for us. We still have salaries. We still have communications to maintain. We might need to invest in some equipment for mobile worship or mobile ministry. What dream or what calling might we need to follow in the future? Share your ideas even as you share your gifts, your tithes, and your offerings.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Follow Us

Be sure to “like” and follow us on our Facebook page. **Listen to Pastor Steve on Sunday mornings as he reads through the Psalms.** This is a great way to start your day!



If you miss him in the morning you can watch/listen later in the day.

Fellowship

We are looking for a better time for us to chat and catch up with each other. Please let us know if there is a day and time that would be good for you!

We miss you and hope to see you on ZOOM for fellowship soon. The link is on our home web page.

As always, if you or someone you know is in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Steve at eastsidepastorsteve@gmail.com or 612-708-2466.

Messages can also be relayed through the church at silver_lake@live.com or eastsideministrymn@gmail.com.