



Dear Friends,

I come to you today with a SPECIAL UPDATE beyond the usual weekly one.

As you know, some months ago the congregation of Christ Church committed itself to a bold vision of working together to **LIFT 10,000 people toward their God-given potential** by the end of 2024. Our dream is to lift individuals, families, groups and communities to a higher level of flourishing and, this past February, we dedicated ourselves personally to lift our faith and discipleship and financially to strengthening the ministries of the church that help us achieve these aims.

Today, I am writing to share with you some of the exciting progress we are making toward the fulfillment of our vision.

1. This month, we hired Danielle Schaeffer as our new **Director of Disability Ministries**. Danielle comes to us from Good Shepherd Church in Naperville, where she led a comprehensive ministry that offered professional and volunteer support to hundreds of individuals and families impacted by disabilities. In days ahead, Danielle will be rallying a volunteer leadership team to help create this kind of LIFT on our two campuses, with an initial focus on persons in the 18-and-under age spectrum.

We will be introducing Danielle during services at our Oak Brook campus this Sunday, June 25, and at our Butterfield campus on Sunday, July 9. Come meet her!

2. As most are aware, another intention of our vision is to re-launch a preschool that will help LIFT the lives of young children and families in our area. I'm pleased to report that we have narrowed our search for a new **Director of Preschool Ministry** to an impressive pool of five candidates. We hope to make a formal hire by the end of July. Stay tuned!
3. I'm also pleased to announce that we are about to begin the **resurfacing and re-stripping of parking lots at both campuses**. You've likely noticed that this work is very much overdue. In days ahead we'll be cordoning off sections of our parking lots as we advance this work. Thank you for your understanding when we ask you to avoid parking in a particular area or enter our church buildings through a different door on a temporary basis. We hope you'll enjoy the refreshed surfaces.
4. We're happy to report that we've completed and signed contracts with the architectural firm that will be doing the final design and construction drawings for the **renovation of the Oak Brook children's and student ministry areas**. We anticipate that the major part of the construction work will commence in January of 2024. This past week, some 350 children thronged throughout our Oak Brook campus for Vacation Bible School. Another 80 children will take part next week in our Butterfield campus' version of the same program. These are wonderful signs that God is using our church to develop faith in so many kids and a reminder of why we're doing the renovations planned.

These are only SOME of the initiatives that your gifts toward LIFT (our total church budget) are making possible for us to advance. We'll share more in the coming weeks and months. If you are interested in making a LIFT commitment, or want to learn more about the vision and stories of life-change, please visit LiftTogether.us.

As people come and go a bit more during the summer months, please know that your continued generosity and online giving make a big difference in our ability to maintain the cashflow required to support the great ministries happening. Thank you so much for your steady stewardship.

This Sunday, June 25, I'll be closing out our study of Galatians—[REAL | The Search for Authentic Faith](#). Whether in-person or online, it will be great to have you in the Christ Church family circle.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan" with a small cross symbol above the letter 'a'.

Rev. Daniel D. Meyer
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