

LIFT

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Q4 | 2023

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE | Work is underway on the new Student Center and classrooms!

Pardon our dust as we update and expand our children's classrooms and middle and high school student areas, create a sensory room and relocate Family Ministry offices.

We are doing our best to keep interruptions to a minimum but some families will experience temporary room changes in this next season.

Here is some of what has been completed recently:

- Corridors connecting the Discovery Center to the Preschool hallways on both the upper and lower levels were completed in December. With these changes we've improved security and made it easier for families to move through our spaces.
- The roof over the 260s wing of the building has been replaced, eliminating leaks in that corridor.
- New chairs were in place in our Butterfield campus Auditorium for Christmas Eve! This is a fabulous update for our worship space.



1,465

600 cookies were enjoyed at the Oh What Fun! Christmas Party on December 2.

FAMILY MEMBERS were welcomed by more than **130 volunteers** to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season and encourage giving gifts to those in need.

191

GOATS were gifted to vulnerable families in Kenya as part of FOR Christmas. In total, **\$82,309** was given to support **18** domestic and global mission partners. In addition, the congregation provided **1,270 PRESENTS** to donate to children and families across **8** mission partners.

750

CANDY-FILLED STOCKINGS with personal notes were assembled at the Oh What Fun!

party and were gifted to families at the December Food Pantry, By the Hand Club and Inner-City Impact. The Food Pantry served **164 families** at our Oak Brook campus—the most people cared for to date.

90

musicians, choir members and **staff** used their gifts to offer the sounds of the season through CarolFest.

In-person and online, nearly **1,900 people** enjoyed the annual offering.

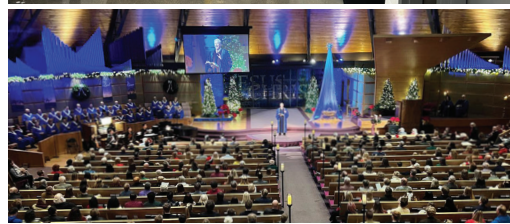
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were completed during FOR Chicagoland in October engaging **VOLUNTEERS** in partnership with Park Community Church and Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church.

1,071

5,404

PEOPLE gathered to worship in person at Oak Brook and Butterfield and online between December 23 & 24 sharing in the Magical story of Christmas.



Our #1 LIFT Goal is to raise the faith and discipleship of everyone at Christ Church. Here are just a few ways to accomplish this.

WORSHIP WEEKLY

Join us for our Lenten sermon series
Messy | February 18–March 31
Mark your calendars for these special Lenten services
February 14 | Ash Wednesday
March 29 | Good Friday

GROW INTENTIONALLY

Join a Rooted Group | Begins March 3

Sundays | 3:00 p.m. | Oak Brook
Sundays | 6:00 p.m. | Butterfield

SERVE GENEROUSLY

Serve in child care

Sundays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Oak Brook & Butterfield

Give of your time to help with children during worship and weekly programs.

Email Kelly Shiell to learn more
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LIFT | 2-Year Giving to Date

\$30.5M

Commitments & expected gifts

LIFT

\$16.9M

January 1–
December 31, 2023

\$11.6M

January 1–
September 30, 2023

\$8.6M

January 1–
June 30, 2023

\$4.4 M

January 1–
March 31, 2023

Dear Church Family,

I am excited to see what God has in store for each of us in this New Year! Before we get swept up in all 2024 has to offer, however, I want to pause with you for a moment to celebrate the amazing work the Lord did through us in 2023.

Together, we helped LIFT the faith and discipleship of thousands of people and moved so many toward a more flourishing life. This update will provide you with vivid illustrations of this. I truly hope it brings you joy to know that it is YOUR faith, volunteer service and financial generosity that God is using to make these stories and so much more possible.

This past December 31, we marked **the half-way point** in the LIFT initiative. We still have a God-sized goal and a year to go to complete the ministry and mission endeavors that are fulfilling our vision to LIFT 10,000 toward their God-given potential. I know we can do this TOGETHER.

- If you are new to Christ Church or have been giving informally but have not yet made a personal commitment to our LIFT initiative, I hope you will feel **inspired** to be part of this life-changing journey.
- If you made a commitment to LIFT one year ago and have experienced an increase in faith or finances, I **challenge** you to ask the Lord if

He is stretching you to take another step of faith in your giving.

- If you made a commitment to LIFT one year ago and the journey has been more difficult than you envisioned, I am praying that Christ will **encourage** your spirit and that you'll be able to persevere and finish strong.

From the building of the Temple... to the spread of a civilization-changing global gospel...to the growth of Christ Church...history is filled with stories of the awesome result God brought about when his people faithfully worked TOGETHER. **Thank you for all you are doing and will yet do** to answer His call to "go into all the world" (Mark 16:15) and to help people experience the reality of a **grace greater than the gravity of life**.

Please consider inviting or re-inviting someone to accompany you to worship or one of our many special events, weekly ministry programs or mission and service opportunities. Your invitation could be the beginning of a wonderful work of God in and through that special person. I look forward to sharing with you this super significant year ahead.

Together in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer, Lead Pastor

LIFT your eyes to the LORD from whom comes our help. PSALM 121:1–2

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