



Pastor Sean's First of the Month Letter

May 1, 2024

Today I am handing over the privilege of my First of the Month letter to the congregation to Carol Zarndt-Salvador, our Director of Finance:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)*

I am grateful to Pastor Sean for allowing me to hijack his 'first of the month letter' - pastors aren't always willing to give up the podium or the microphone when they have things to say, so, thank you Pastor Sean!

I lead with the above very well-known scripture because over the years it has been a source of comfort and healing for me in a multitude of life situations which many of you have supported me through. Once again I find myself 'leaning in' to it as I anticipate what lies ahead. On June 1st, I will be moving back to the Midwest, Minnesota to be exact, with my final day as the Director of Finance for CLC and as the Assistant to the Director at ChristKids, being May 31st.

I moved to Visalia in 1986 and joined the church right away. In 1999, I was hired to help support the opening of ChristKids Preschool and Daycare as a teacher's assistant and bookkeeper; two years later I

felt called to fill the financial secretary position at the church and have served in both capacities for the duration.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support over the years. You have shown me the true meaning of what grace and Christ's love looks like every day. The fondest of memories will remain and Christ Lutheran Church will always have a special place in my heart. God bless you!

(And, for the record, I still believe Wisconsin is the true Promised Land, but my kids only made it as far as Minnesota. I now know how Moses must have felt when he could only see it from a distance...)

Peace, Carol

Pastor Sean here again...if, like me, you need a moment to process and perhaps wipe a tear, please take that moment. Watch for opportunities to express your thanks and appreciation to Carol in this month to come. Not just for what an amazing Director of Finance that she has been, but also what an incredible prayer partner, fellow disciple, and friend. Allow me to be the first to say "Well done, good and faithful servant, Godspeed as you journey to Minnesota. Thank you for so much."

Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy,

Pastor Sean