



**Pastor Sean Ewbank's February 1, 2025
First of the Month Letter**

Wow, what a year it has been. My first day of official service here at Christ Lutheran Church was February 1st last year. Soon you will receive a lengthier letter from me gazing back on the year that is behind us and looking forward to what is to come. For this First of the month letter, I wish to focus on What's Up Wednesday!

We had our first Wednesday gathering just 3 days ago. It was fantastic!

I remain deeply appreciative of John and Mae Schol for preparing the sloppy joes for all of us. Mine was delicious.

Sabrina was joined by Anne Roessler, Gillian Busch, and Stephanie Lacy working with the children.

Beau Cooper and Olivia Rachal prepared the nursery for children too young for the kids programming. While they had no kids nursery age this week, Nursery will continue to be provided and parents can count on this.

Noel taught confirmation class with his group, and I took the adults into the sanctuary for a fun teaching on all matters pertaining to worship. If you wish to view the video, check out our website at: www.clcvisalia.org.

Jack and Gia ran all the tech while I taught, and did the filming mentioned above.

We had more than 80 people involved, and it was wonderful. Especially touching were the conversations shared by folks who normally worship at different services and therefore rarely see each other, but who came together for this event. Even if the food had not been so delicious and the programming terrible, there is still incredible value in simply having face to face conversation.

In the weeks to come, I hope and trust that many of us will continue to enjoy What's Up Wednesday! I know that a weeknight can be a hard time for folks to get out.

I found last Wednesday to be absolutely worth it.

Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy,

Pastor Sean