

June 2021 Pastor's Newsletter Article

Dear Carleton Church Family,

My family and I want to express our deepest and heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful farewell party given for us. We were so touched by all who were able to attend, fellowship shared, food and refreshments offered, and the amazing cards and gifts that were highlighted with the amazing memory book with pictures and what everyone wrote, which brought me to tears, the incredibly beautiful quilt, and the special gift to Jamie from the youth and youth's parents. Those who spoke in front of everyone and those who spoke to us individually, truly moved us. At one point or another, my family entire was brought to tears with so many emotions which including thankfulness, sadness, joy, and of course love. Many thanks for all who worked so hard to put our farewell party together. I will add that God blessed the weather that was perfect under the pavilion with a constant refreshing breeze which allowed us the blessing and gift of being able to see each other's faces.

Each of you will be in my prayers as you also begin a new chapter with Pastor Cloud and Lisa Poy. As you have welcomed and supported us so incredibly well, I know and trust you will do the same with them.

As we keep each other in prayer, let us trust it is God who directs our steps, even while we make our own plans. God's ways for us do not always feel like blessings because we are sometimes directed by God in ways that may not be easy, pleasant, and at times even desirable. However, the blessings that flow from life sometimes comes through such challenges, difficult times, and changes.

And though we may not always understand, we can always trust in God who created us, saved us, and calls us. So that no matter what happens, we can trust in our Lord with all our heart and walk faithfully with Christ our loving and ever-present Good Shepherd.

Until we meet again, blessings upon you through Christ our Lord and Savior, now and always.

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