

through baptism; he births you as his child. In baptism, God, our heavenly Father, birthed you as his child, so that you now can live true to who you are; live true as his child.

Our heavenly Dad wants so much for his children, so much more than having us only doing something because we perceive there is something in it for us. That's the image of the 'tax collector'. Someone who is a slave to what they perceive as benefiting themselves. What a sad way to exist.

In Jesus we are re-born as Father's children, so that we live true to who we are in any and every situation. The situation doesn't

define us. The situation simply gives an opportunity to let our new nature in Jesus find living expression.

On the third Sunday of each month in 2018 we'll have an opportunity to let our new nature in Jesus find living expression. For this isn't meant to be some program; but a means by which we can remind our family members of how dearly loved they are by Abba, Father, our heavenly Dad.

And because they'll be here in person and we'll be here in person, we have a wonderful opportunity to be personal.

On the third Sunday of the month we also have our regular sausage sizzle; where you have the wonderful opportunity to share person to person, hanging around and chatting.

I think our heavenly Father, our Abba, Dad, wants his family to grow person to person. So pray about hand writing a personal invitation. Pray about who Father would have you spend time with personally. Pray, spend time in intimate conversation with your heavenly Dad, asking who it is he wants you to get involved with personally this year. For his family only grows person to person.

31 December 2017
MISSION—JESUS, who is it you want me to go to personally and introduce you?

Luke 2:22-40

On Christmas Day we focused on God coming in person so that we might know him personally.

This personal nature of what we call salvation was brought out in Paul's letter to the Galatia region that we heard read this morning; "You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, 'Papa! Father!' Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? (Gal. 4:4-7 Message)"

Did you pick up all the personal language used by Paul: fully adopted, his own

children, Papa, Father, intimate conversation with God? Without doubt God has come in person so that we might share a personal relationship; person to person. Father to Child. A personal intimate conversational relationship.

If this is the way God has chosen to come into the world, how do you think he would see his family growing?

When a person is baptised, they are 'fully adopted as God's own child'. When you were baptised you became part of the family. God became your Dad. A Dad who loves to be in intimate conversation, person

to person with his child.

In 2018 we're going to be focusing on baptism. On the third Sunday of each month, beginning in January, we'll be inviting everyone baptised in that month to come and celebrate their adoption as Father's dearly loved child. You'll be invited to come and join the family celebration.

There is a small group of people who have put up their hand to hand write a personal letter to each person, personally inviting them to come and join in the celebration.

If you'd like to help out, even if it is only for one month or one person per month. If

Christ Church Lutheran

Worship Times - 9.00am & 10.45am
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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

<p>you'd like to help hand write these personal letters please let me know or give Yvonne a call in the office or approach Cheryl Miegel, or Sabine Jericho who are part of the worship team.</p>	<p>That a person might be re-born as Father's child, chosen and marked by his love, the delight of his life.</p>	<p>and believe that I came from God. (Jn 16,27)" The Father himself loves you dearly.</p>	<p>remotely or by getting personal?</p>	<p>No wonder Jesus highlights forgiveness. I've noticed that the more time you spend with people, the more personal you get, the greater ability you have to say or do something wrong. The greater opportunity I have to irritate someone with</p>	<p>option would fit in with Jesus?</p>
<p>If God has chosen to come into this world personally, how do you think he would see his family growing?</p>	<p>That also brings to my mind; where does our heavenly Father seek to see his children grow up; in a family, person to person with other</p>	<p>I'm sure Jesus, Father, the Spirit hasn't come in person so that his family might grow through a good advertising campaign. How do</p>	<p>As people are invited to come and celebrate their baptism, there is an opportunity to make them feel welcome, to make them feel special. To get personally involved.</p>	<p>noticed that the more time you spend with people, the more personal you get, the greater ability you have to say or do something wrong. The greater opportunity I have to irritate someone with</p>	<p>When Jesus taught on living loved he said; "You have heard it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be</p>
<p>Who thinks our heavenly Father would see his family growing; person to person?</p>	<p>Jesus has got intimately involved; person to person.</p>	<p>you think our heavenly Dad has planned for his family to grow?</p>	<p>If it is just a program; where's the heart? Jesus is after a heart to heart relationship. Jesus has come to give us a new</p>	<p>Abba, Father, seeks to birth his family; person to person.</p>	<p><i>children</i> of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the</p>
<p>Interestingly that's how the human race grows; person to person. You need to get intimately involved.</p>	<p>brothers and sisters, loving each other as they are loved by him.</p>	<p>Do you think our heavenly Father wants to see his family grow?</p>	<p>heart that beats at the rhythm of his heart, pulsating his person through our lives, through our living.</p>	<p>my personal quirks.</p>	<p>righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:43-48)"</p>
<p>Jesus has got intimately involved; person to person. Jesus has got intimately involved that people might be re-born as Father's dearly loved children.</p>	<p>Who thinks our Abba, Father, would see his family grow; person to person, personally?</p>	<p>One thing I know for sure is that there is plenty of room in Father's heart for more children. Without a shadow of doubt Dad is passionate about having more, and more, and more, and more, and more children.</p>	<p>I think Abba, Father, seeks to birth his family; person to person, as we share our lives personally with him daily; letting that overflow into every personal encounter we have, into everything we do.</p>	<p>Jesus has equipped us with the gift of forgiveness, because he knows it is essential for any personal relationship, for any family to live together. People will irritate you, annoy you. You will have personality clashes.</p>	<p>What a wonderful gift we have from Father</p>
<p>Jesus has got intimately involved that people might be re-born as Father's dearly loved children.</p>	<p>In Jesus, God got intimately involved. He came himself, so as we heard on Christmas Day; the Father himself loves you dearly because you loved me (Jesus)</p>	<p>How do you think that will happen;</p>	<p>into everything we do.</p>	<p>I can draw on Jesus' forgiveness, or remove myself from the family. What</p>	<p>What a wonderful gift we have from Father</p>