

TURTLES FENCEPOSTS

And Community



Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, once said, “If you ever see a turtle on a fence post, you know it had some help along the way.” The same is true about us. None of us are what we are today by going it alone. Family, friends, teachers, coaches, pastors, neighbors, coworkers have all accompanied us along this journey called life. The Christian faith was never meant to be something that we go it alone. That’s not a rule, that’s the gift of our God giving us one another to do life together.

Week 1 • One Another

As we introduce this series, we are reminded that God has created us to be in community. So important is it to be in community that 100 times in the New Testament, the authors write, “one another.”

Two words in English, one word in Greek. In fact, besides praising God, the main purpose of the church is to be one another to one another. *Galatians 5:13-15; John 13:31-35*

Week 2 • Doing Life Together

One can be alone, but not lonely. One can also be surrounded by many people, and still feel deeply alone. It’s not about the number of people, it’s about the number of moments you share.

And it doesn’t just happen. Doing life together is an intentional act to make the moments count. At Christ Lutheran, our Small Group Ministry is one way in which we do life together. *Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:19-20*

Week 3

Get By With a Little Help From My Friends

Today, we will hear from those who went on the mission trip to Mexico in July. But the mission field is also all around us. Today we kick off “8 Days of Service” in which we spread throughout the city to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors. We all get by with a little help from our friends. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-11; Luke 10:1-9*

Week 4 • I Had Some Help Along the Way

As we conclude this series, we celebrate those young people in our church who are confirming their faith on this day. In doing so, we remember Alex Haley’s comment, “If you ever see a turtle on a fencepost, you know it had some help along the way.” For these confirmands, this journey has not been alone. Through Sunday School teachers, pastors, youth volunteers and parents, we have all walked with them through this journey where we can celebrate their faith. *Romans 10:8-13*

