



CHRIST'S CHURCH AT
LOWHILL
GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope this message finds you well!

I'm writing in the hopes of better connecting with folks in my life with whom I think I have some important values in common. Friends who have encouraged me in my ministry journey, friends I've dreamed with, commiserated with, prayed with, done youth group with, gone to college with, coached sports with or led Scouts with. Friends I've done street ministry with, walked in homeless camps with, raised awareness with, raised money with; friends I've seen on a regular basis and friends I've fallen out of touch with in the ebb of flow of family, work, and ministry.

I've been pastoring at Christ's Church at Lowhill, just off Route 100, since June of 2016. It is a wonderful community. My family and I love it. I'm the only pastor on a small staff that consists of me, our organist, and our sextons. We have a core team of very committed leaders of various ages. We have a lots of kids, especially for our size. We have a good number of young families that participate in various ways, though we don't see them in worship every single week. We have an exciting plan for family ministry this summer, and we always have a great VBS. We host the Lowhill Food Pantry, the only service of it's kind in the entirety of the Northwestern Lehigh School District. We have started to reclaim our leadership role in the community as a place of faith and fellowship. But we have a lot of room to grow. And, like any small, growing, living thing, we need help.

We have joys and struggles like any church. We are continuing to learn and reclaim our identity, and we've taken good steps toward rebuilding strong spiritual formation and worship. We have a strong yearning to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to the community. In many ways, we're a classic small church with huge potential.

I'm feeling compelled to reach out to folks who understand these kinds of situations for **some specific kinds of help**.

For people who aren't settled in a Sunday morning church currently, or who go to a church that's so solid it wouldn't miss them for a season, I'm asking: would you prayerfully consider an intentional season of worship and ministry alongside the folks at Lowhill? Not a church plant, but an infusion, so to speak. Helping us build critical mass in key areas. Helping us fill out the sanctuary and experiencing the change in spirit that brings. Helping teach our children, who are

bright and eager and totally into it. Helping with worship, with justice, with fellowship. Helping imprint servant leadership, spirit-filled joy, and Christ-centered community.

Please know: I'm not looking to steal anyone away from their current churches. But I know situations change, and sometimes, needs line up. And I also know that even if now isn't the time for that kind of partnering, there's power in prayer for each other's work and ministries. I'm happy to pray for you and yours!

With that said: For folks who are settled in a church and/or who help lead in ways that would leave holes and disrupt what God is already doing in their setting, I'm asking: would you commit to pray for the folks and ministry at Lowhill, and for my family and me as we minister here?

Thank you for prayers, support, and friendship!

blessings,

Chris

