

FaithBIT



Why I Follow Jesus

Reflection by Katie Vergeront

During my family's annual Thanksgiving Faith Group, Jennifer Johnson asked us to share why we follow Jesus. A big question I had never really thought about. Before answering, I thought back to earlier that week. I had put my Saturday night plans on hold when I found out that our Faith Group was meeting, and my parents had forgotten to pass along the invitation to me until the last minute. This would, after all, be my 5th year attending this annual Thanksgiving Faith Group tradition, Target shopping for PROP and a lasagna dinner cooked by Jennifer Johnson.

Earlier that week I had also put out a Facebook post asking for donations for winter clothes for my classroom in NE Minneapolis. Members of my Faith Group and other members of the church were the first to reach out, along with a couple of other generous donors. My co-workers were shocked when they found out the abundance of supplies I received. One even commented how their own family and friends, who know the need of our school, would not be as generous.



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So, I thought about the people there, family and friends, adults who have been in my life since I was baptized. The people who made a promise when I was born to raise me in God's image. I thought about the people who helped me brush my hair as a child, cook for me, clothed me and raised me. The people who gave me the best friends and childhood. I thought about people who have shown me God's love, the people there, that night, standing in front of me.

In that moment I knew why I follow Jesus. I follow him because of this community, Immanuel Lutheran Church.