



# THE TRUMPET



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## *Pastor's Corner*

One member of the CTK Finance Committee described the first week at the church as trying to drink out of a fire hose. It's a great image. Its also a good problem to have. The crew of leaders here at CTK is large and dedicated. So many of you haven't missed a beat in your service even as CTK goes through yet another transition. The serving goes on, plans are made for worship and budget, confirmation and Masiswe, bread ministry and music. The Call Committee spends so much time in learning about and trying to express the hopes and dreams of this congregation. How do you get all that on paper concisely and honestly? It takes a lot of conversation and prayer.

So, yes. There's a lot going on, a lot to learn, a fire hose of names and projects and teams, a new building. And that's good. That's as it should be. Christ the King is a flowing stream of people seeking to be a family of God's children that cares for each other and for other creatures of God whom they have not even met. God's Holy Spirit is the current that keeps us flowing, carries us, and leads us around the bend into a future you haven't been able to envision yet.

Whether it's the strong, steady current of the

Holy Spirit or a fire hose of new faces and experiences, we are all doing our best in a busy world. I am so grateful for worship together to renew our strength and clarify our purpose. Thank you for your warm welcome and your patience as you help me serve at Christ the King. I look forward to being a part of this community and getting to know you over the next months. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with me if you have questions, ideas, comments, or would just like to talk.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Sarah



# NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

# JOIN US

*Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at [ctkwbl.online.church](http://ctkwbl.online.church). You can access the bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.*

## SUNDAYS

### NOVEMBER 6

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### ALL SAINTS

Jesus speaks to the resurrection, the God of the living.

*Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9  
Luke 20:27-38*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

### NOVEMBER 13

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus speaks of persecution for believing in him. Not a hair on your head will be harmed.

*Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
Luke 21:5-19*

9 am Worship

KHB

### NOVEMBER 20

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is crucified with 2 thieves. Remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Luke 23:33-43*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

### NOVEMBER 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. No one knows the hour.

*Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Matthew 24:36-44*

9 am Worship

KHB

## WEDNESDAY

### NOVEMBER 16

#### Bible Study

10am

Please join us for a casual Bible Study from "The Gather".

The emphasis will be on healthy life patterns for our future. No need to prepare ahead of time.

We will have materials ready for you to use during class!

We welcome all with open arms.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers	Communion
<b>11.6</b>	Craig / Janelle	Cathy/Stephanie	Bea	Ann / Michele	Polly / Karen
<b>11.13</b>	Joe / Mike	Lori / Lori	Cyndi	Scott/ Beth	
<b>11.20</b>	Craig / Jason	Karen / Becky	Mike	Peggy / Mike	Mike / Sandy
<b>11.27</b>	Joe / Janelle	Connie / Peggy	Janet	Howard / Michele	

**Hospitality:** Jim & Sheila, Wayne & Kathy, Mike & Sandy

*If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you!*

# COMING SOON

## FOOLS FOR CHRIST



### TICKETS on sale now

### for this Fall's Dinner Theatre,

and our **RETURN** to full-menu Dinner Theatre presentations! So rustle your friends and head on down to St. Stephen Lutheran Church this November 4th OR 5th at 6:30 p.m. for

## *Almost Noon: The Rescue!*

You can get your tickets at

[www.foolsdrama.com/events](http://www.foolsdrama.com/events)

## YOUTH

### *Confirmation*

will take place this coming

**Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church -

1965 County Rd. E.

Questions? Please reach out to Melissa Whitman at

[mwhitman@RedeemerWhiteBear.org](mailto:mwhitman@RedeemerWhiteBear.org)

## EDUCATION

### *Worship and Scripture*

After our long journey with Jesus in Luke's Gospel, a journey that began last Advent, on November 27, the evangelist Matthew will become our gospel guide us for the next church year.

Luke will lead us through those first weeks of November with stories that help us think hard about what it is to be a disciple of Jesus. We'll celebrate All Saints, and Christ the King Sundays as the church year draws to a close and the season changes.

In Advent, we begin again with Matthew as we consider the old, old hopes for a Messiah. Our prayers still rise in longing for things to be set right, for "justice and peace to kiss". We celebrate the answer to those deep prayers at Christmas, highlighting the joy we know in Christ and yet remembering that for so many, joy is elusive. We will offer a Blue Christmas service at Christ the King, where we worship in hope and trust while not denying the difficulties and sadness that many of us feel in this season.

I will offer Bible study of the Advent texts after church beginning November 27<sup>th</sup>. Each week we will study the texts for next Sunday's worship.

November 27	Advent 1	Matthew 3:1-12
December 4	Advent 2	Matthew 11:2-11
December 11	Advent 3	Matthew 1:18-25
December 18	Advent 4	Luke 2:1-20

Please join me for some or all of those Sundays (November 27, December 4, 11, and 18) as part of your Christmas preparation.

Pastor Sarah



*Advent Poinsettias*

*Presidents Ponderings*

A CTK welcome to Pastor Sarah who joined us during October. Her extensive church experience will serve us well during the interim until we call a permanent senior pastor. If you have not already done so, take some time to introduce yourself to Pastor Sarah.

We are very fortunate to have Linda as our Administrative Assistant, and this was never more apparent than during the 3 plus weeks between Pastor Susie leaving and Pastor Sarah joining us. Before this year, I for one, just took for granted whoever was answering the phones and managing day to day activities. Never again, as I needed to rely heavily on Linda, and she was awesome in keeping Bonnie and me informed and knowing just when to contact us.

I continue to be amazed by all the volunteer efforts from congregation members during this transition year and during every year and season of our church life. Thank you so very much.

In Christ's Service

Howard

**Please help is decorate the altar for the Advent season!**

Red, white, and pink poinsettias are now available for order at a cost of \$12 for a 6-inch pot. Plant colors may be substituted based on availability. Poinsettias will be on the Altar on December 4.

Please see the kiosk in the Narthex for an order form. All orders/payments should be placed in the locked box next to the office door.

Alternatively, please e-mail or phone the church office to place an order and mail your payment to the church office. In your e-mail or voice message please provide:

- 1) Color Selection
- 2) Quantity
- 3) Name of person or persons giving the plant
- 4) Message you would like placed in the bulletin

Checks should be made out to "Christ the King Altar Guild".

Orders must be received by Thursday, November 10.

*Remembering Loved Ones*

The office is accepting pictures of departed loved ones to display in the sanctuary throughout November. You may also bring pictures on Sunday, November 6th by 8:45am.

If you'd like a departed loved one's name read during the worship service on November 6th, please email or call Pastor Sarah or Linda in the office.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Stewardship Materials**

will be coming soon! Keep an eye out for our letter and pledge card online, in the mail, and in the narthex as well as our Time and Talent sheets for the 21st Century, Post Covid church! Please consider what gifts of hand and heart and mind you might use in or through Christ The King.

# UPDATES

## ADMIN & FINANCE



### September Financial Report

#### Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

9/01/2022 through 9/30/2022 = \$25,873

9/01/2021 through 9/30/2021 = \$18,325

#### Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 9/30/2022 = \$177,205

1/01/2021 through 9/30/2021 = \$182,935

#### Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 9/30/2022 = \$181,521

1/01/2021 through 9/30/2021 = \$195,191

#### Cash account balances as of September 30:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$18,210

Savings = \$25,659

Memorial Savings = \$32,005, and Online Giving = \$20.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$43,896.

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$88,013 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of August 31 = \$148,862.

## Christ In Our Home Devotionals



The October/November/December edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church.

## MISSIONS

### 2023 Masisiwe Scholarships Fund Commitments

Thanks to everyone who already made a commitment pledge or paid support for the Masisiwe children attending secondary schools. Our combined efforts have made a world of difference for these students.

By October 31<sup>st</sup> we need payments or pledges to Christ the King with pledge payments no later than November 15. Indicate Masisiwe Scholarship on the memo line of your check or on your CTK envelope. Our commitment will be forwarded to Bega Kwa Bega who will then inform the Masisiwe congregational committee what funds are available for the 2023 school term.

Sponsors can sign a note that we will forward to the Masisiwe congregation. Please see Polly Morrison for more information. Welcome to the new sponsors for 2030!

**Asante Sana to All who support these children with your prayers and finances.**



### Silent Auction Thank You—2022

The Women's Ministry thanks everyone who donated items for our very successful 8<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Auction. Thanks also to our generous "shoppers" who gave above and beyond to further our missions. It was such a fun time of fellowship too. The total amount raised for missions was \$1,400 and will be given to Solid Ground, Lutheran Social Service of MN, Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. A special thank you to chair, Cyndi Frankel, who spent countless hours arranging for the auction and to Julie Ramer who took care of the accounting. We are blessed beyond measure. Praise God!

## MUSIC MINISTRY



### Invitation to all (including men!) from the *Joyful Noise Bell Choir*

Thankfully, the handbell choir is almost back to its pre-Covid complement. However, we are hoping to play an original piece during the Christmas season. The piece uses almost every handbell CTK owns and we could use some extra hands. If you have ever given thought to playing handbells, this is the perfect opportunity for you. We are asking for a short-term commitment – not a lifetime commitment. Please join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. for seven or eight weeks. No advance notice is required – just show up. Thank you for giving this some prayerful consideration.

## PROPERTY

### *Keeping Closed Doors*



Normally when we think of church doors, we think "keep them open for all to come in". Thinking fire safety, the opposite is important. According to the [Firefighter Safety Research Institute \(FRSI\)](#), closing doors helps prevent a fire and toxic damaging smoke from spreading and can save lives and property. If you notice inside doors at CTK left open, please join in practicing safety and close them.

FRSI article

[Closing Your Bedroom Door at Night Could Save Your Life | HowStuffWorks](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### *The National Lutheran Choir's Christmas Festival*

#### **Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, Forever**

In the two thousand years since Jesus' birth, humans in every era have considered what this birth meant for them. Even now, this meaning continues to evolve in our lives. This year's Christmas Festival will draw literature and poetry from the past 20 years of David Cherwien's Christmas programming and its musical embodiment of the Incarnation. Numerous carols, choir music of the season, and a thundering organ will present some of our most beloved selections. As we evolve, one thing has remained the same and will go on forever: Jesus Christ was born and God is with us. Always and forever. Join us in December to see this Christmas Festival at the magnificent Basilica of Saint Mary!

#### **Live Concerts**

Friday, Dec. 9th - 4:30pm and 8pm @ The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

Saturday, Dec. 10th - 8pm @ The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

Adults and seniors: \$33 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free

#### **Livestream**

Friday, Dec. 9th - 8pm

Free to all | Visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) to watch!

For tickets and more information, visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) or call 612-722-2301.



# GRATITUDE



October 18, 2022

Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church,

Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for your generous gift to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS).

Your contribution of **\$500.00** was received on **10.13.2022**.

From adoption and foster care to shelter and safety for youth experiencing homeless to support for people with disabilities to nutritious, home delivered meals for older adults, LSS impacts 1 in every 65 Minnesotans. I invite you to learn more about our services and see how your generosity is already inspiring hope, changing lives, and building community at [lssmn.org](http://lssmn.org).

With Gratitude,

Jesse M. Stremcha  
Vice President & Chief Development Officer



Dear CTK,  
Thank you for your kindness & the blessings you showered me with at my sending! I was touched by your words of gratitude & felt your love! I will fondly remember my time at CTK every time I wrap myself in the prayer shawl or gaze upon that beautiful cross. I cannot wait to wear it to ordination on the 22nd!  
Love,  
Pastor Susie



I'm exceedingly grateful.  
Thank you very much  
for your generous  
donation to our PTA!  
We appreciate you!  
The Birch Lake PTA  
Mindy Jenny Krista Tracy

# NOVEMBER 2022

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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			Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	Property 7P		Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am Confirmation 9-noon
6 Worship 9-10am Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 WMA 6:30P	8 Election Day  Admin 7P	9 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	10 Poinsettia Orders Due	11 Veteran's Day 	12 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
13 Worship 9-10am Stewardship Sunday	14 Church Council 7P	15	16 Bible Study 10am Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	17  Trumpet Deadline	18	19 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
20 Worship 9-10am	21 Discipleship 7P	22  Family Shelter Meal 5-6pm	23 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25	26 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
27 Worship 9-10am	28	29	30 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	Office Hours 9:00 am - 3:00pm		

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