



THE TRUMPET



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Pastor's Corner

Advent has always been my favorite season of the church year. As a kid, I experienced what went on at home, at school, and at church as a great and cohesive excitement. From rehearsing the Christmas program at school to practicing with the junior choir at church, making cookies and gifts, making the house and our church and even our school room beautiful, it was all part of a wonderful looking forward to joy. As corny as that may sound, especially in 2022, I learned somethings deep in my bones. Gifts were for everyone. Nobody could be left out. Family and friends would visit, gather at meals and there were gifts to give and the wonderful meals we shared. I learned that God was a giver of good, often surprising gifts (ask me about the year I got an ironing board from my parents!) to all of us.

Celebrations were for everyone. Nobody was left out of the Cub Scout party, the choir party, the family dinner. We were celebrating. Celebrating being together, caring about each other and having this deep sense of hope about the future.

Dear friends, how I wish this for you and for all of us. Gifts, celebrations, and hope in God's future are for everyone. How we figure out ways to share those great things, to "teach" them without words, how we look forward with joy in an often very dark

world, this is the stuff of Advent. Read a hymn from the hymnal and you'll see that music and lyrics do not back off the realities we all face. But the hope and the joy go deeper. "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" is perfect, addressed as it is to "you, beneath life's crushing load, with painful steps and slow." Ponder the stillness and darkness in the streets of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Consider the prayer, "no more let sins and sorrows grow."

Advent is not for the faint of heart for it calls us to experience joy and hope in the midst of all that is around us. There is still hope that "peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling." I hope you will join us as we gather at Christ the King and once again celebrate together the hope that is given to us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah



JOIN US

Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at ctkwbl.online.church. You can access the bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.

SUNDAYS

DECEMBER 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist, prepare the way of the Lord.

*Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Matthew 11:1-12*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

DECEMBER 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist asks are you the one who is to come, or shall we wait for another?

*Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11*

9 am Worship

KHB

DECEMBER 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Children's Program

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Matthew 1:18-25*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

Longest Day Service

4 pm Worship

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

A reflective Service of lesson and carols.

*Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Luke 2:8-20*

9 am Worship

KHB

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Angels meet shepherds in the field, do not be afraid, for I am bringing good news and great joy for all the people.

*Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Luke 2:1-14*

Candlelight services at:
4:00pm & 10:00pm

Organ / Communion



WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 21

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.



DECEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers	Communion	Candlelighters
12.4	Mike / Craig	Ann	Bea	Ann / Howard	Wayne & Kathy	Johnetta & Gift
12.11	Janelle / Joe	Cathy/Stephanie	Cyndi	Michele / Mike		Sandy & Sterling
12.18	Mike / Jason	Lori / Lori		Ann / Peggy	Bonnie / Craig	Brianna & Jason
12.24 4:00pm	Craig / Joe	Karen / Becky	Bea	Craig / Joe	Wayne / Kathy	
12.24 10:00pm	Janelle / Mike	Karen / Becky	Janet	Scott & Beth	Michele / Peggy	
12.25	Mike / Joe	Connie / Peggy		Michele / Mike		

Hospitality: Mike Wallace, Terry & Peggy Koehen

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



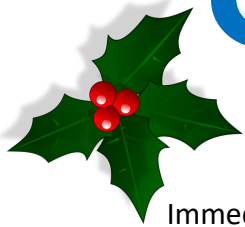
Ornament Sunday is December 11th.

Kids (of all ages!) are invited to hang an ornament on our big Christmas tree during the offering time.

Bring one from home, make one yourself, or use one of the ornaments we have ready to go here at church. See you on the 11th.

Congratulations Ryan Hoops!

Ryan was awarded second place in Adagio Doubles at the IWWF World Water Ski Show Tournament in Winter Haven Florida this past October. Well done Ryan!



COMING SOON

Celebrating Advent at Christ The King

Immediately following worship during Advent, Pastor Sarah will lead bible study in fellowship hall. As we enter this season of prayerful hope that God among us will restore us to joy, we will focus on three themes from a book by Mike Yaconelli, *Dangerous Wonder: The Adventure of Childlike Faith*. In Advent, we affirm that we don't know what God is up to next AND that we trust God who has and will come among us for good and justice and peace.

November 27 Dangerous Wonder

Matthew 24:36-44 is our text, a wonderful reminder that waiting for Jesus is not a passive stance at all, but a ready-for-anything, wide awake way to be in the world.

December 4 Wide-Eyed Listening

Matthew 3:1-12 God's people were called from the time of Isaiah the prophet right up into our own day to prepare the way of the Lord. How do we listen well enough to know what our world needs and what our God calls for?

December 11 Risky Curiosity

Matthew 11:2-11 "Are you the one who is to come," John the Baptist said to Jesus. "Are you?" Jesus' answer surprised him. We take a risk when we ask a question and Advent reminds us that we are called, like John, to take that risk. Yaconelli says, "Curiosity is the shape of our hunger for God."

December 18 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 9 am

Any children's program is always an occasion for hope. Our Bible text will be Matthew 1:18-25

LONGEST DAY SERVICE 4 pm

This year we will offer a quiet service for those who find the jubilation and excitement of traditional Christmas worship a little hard to take. This service, held on or near the longest day of the year, allows us to acknowledge the long darkness around us even as the year turns toward ever-increasing light. Sometimes these services are called Blue Christmas services, specially designated for folks who might feel blue at this time of year for any reason. We will

gather with candle-lighting, reading, song, and prayer as we remember that no matter the darkness we may feel, we are not alone. There will be a time for a coffee fellowship after the service.

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4 & 10:00 pm

Candlelight and communion services.

December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9 am

A reflective service of lesson and carols.

YOUTH

Christmas Program

Rehearsals and Cookie Decorating - Grades K-12

The youth Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 18 during the service. Rehearsals for the youth Christmas program will occur during the normal Sunday school time (10:15-11:10am) on Sunday, December 4 (for ages K-5), and Sunday, December 11 (for ages K-12). We welcome any youth who wish to participate to join us. Please reach out to Stephanie Clapper or Erica Johnson by December 4th and let them know you wish to participate for further information. After rehearsal on December 11, we invite the youth to come decorate cookies in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Group

Grades 6-12

On **December 14**, join us for a Christmas Party! We will have a pizza dinner, play games, and connect to celebrate the season. We will discuss the coming year and what the students would like to see happen. We will gather from 6-7:30 pm but come late or leave early as needed! We are excited for a time of fun and fellowship with the youth!

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee had a busy November!

We finished up with Phase 2: *Ministry Site Exploration*. Phase 2 generally takes a call committee/congregation anywhere from 3-12 months. Our Call Committee was able to finish Phase 2 in 4 ½ months.

Throughout the first part of November, we focused a lot of time and care going through the congregational survey results. The information from the congregation was a critical component in completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). We were able to take the congregational survey information and condense it into concise yet thoughtful answers for our MSP. The Ministry Site Profile is not intended to be perfect. As our synod representative explained to the Call Committee, the MSP is a vehicle to express “who we are - more or less” in order to start a larger conversation with potential interested candidates. We finished and submitted the MSP by mid-November which was a huge accomplishment.

After the completion of the MSP, we officially moved on to Phase 3: *Calling the New Pastor*. Phase 3 is a 2-4 month process. This phase focuses on finding, interviewing, vetting, and recommending a pastoral candidate to the congregation.

Phase 3 was underway by the second half of November. This had the Call Committee creating a tailored job description for the Solo Pastor position at Christ the King. We also prepared for interviews by creating an interview format, schedule, and performing a mock interview. The Call Committee is looking forward to receiving names from the synod around mid-December.

The Call Committee will continue to update the poster across from the office so you can check out our latest progress. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions at:

callcommitteectk@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued prayers and blessings! The Call Committee is supported by the congregation and guided by the Holy Spirit. We will continue on this journey with thoughtfulness, conviction, and faith.

Through God's grace and guidance,
The CTK Call Committee



Advent Poinsettias

**A special thank you
for helping us decorate the altar
for the Advent season!**

The Clapper Family

Howard & Billie Juni

Terry & Peggy Keohn *To the glory of our Lord,
Jesus Christ.*

Johnetta & Gift Kofa

Bob Korbel

Joe Moore *In memory of loved ones.*

Polly Morrison *In celebration of Christ's birth.*

Sharon Nelson *In memory of Bert Nelson,
Earl & Eldora Larson.*

Bev & Bob Osborne *In celebration of the birth
of our Savior.*

Julie Ramer *In memory of loved ones as we
celebrate this joyous season of hope.*

Stuart & Jackie Shelstad *Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays to all.*

Erin Simmonds *For Ann Hammer, loving mother.*

Becky Thompson *Merry Christmas!*



Christ In Our Home Devotionals



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

UPDATES

ADMIN & FINANCE



October Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

10/01/2022 through 10/31/2022 = \$20,013

10/01/2021 through 10/31/2021 = \$26,602

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 10/31/2022 = \$197,218

1/01/2021 through 10/31/2021 = \$209,537

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 10/31/2022 = \$198,950

1/01/2021 through 10/31/2021 = \$218,025

Cash account balances as of October 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$18,404

Savings = \$25,659

Memorial Savings = \$32,080, and Online Giving = \$20.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$43,918.

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$90,248 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of October 31 = \$147,505.

Massisiwe Student Scholarship Wrap-Up

Many thanks to all who contributed to our 2023 Masisiwe student scholarship fund. You raised \$6766 to further the education of the children of our sister congregation!! The donations include support from the Endowment Fund, Women's Ministry and Discipleship. Over 20 students benefited from our contributions in 2022. Not only were we able to sponsor secondary students (grades 7-12) but also those that attend vocational schools, college and evangelist training! Please continue your prayers for them as they continue their studies. Educate a student, you educate a village! ASANTE SANA!

MISSIONS

Masisiwe News

Greetings from Pastor REDYPHATY KISAVA from THE PARISH OF MASISIWE.

(received November 11th)

We hope your fine with the protection from GOD. We thanks for the good news that your praying for us. May God bless you. we see the great development and bless ,we believe the hand of God helping us

For my family we are doing well, my son JOSEPH he continue well with the college of clinical officer (CO) in third year now and my daughter Matha she preparing with Form Four examination on 14 November 2022. she praying for God and believe to pass well the examination.

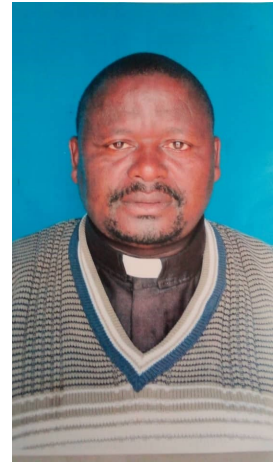
Also thanks for your praying and helping our student, form six students who graduated this year. they passed well and all joining the university. we thanks a lot may God bless you.

Avocado tree growing well even though the rain late to raining but we see the avocado flowers is a more. We believe for the coming rain we will get more breees .

The construction of TUMAIN church is continuing well. We started to collecting the stone for foundation. We have already make the bricks. Soon we expect to starting building the wall . We thanks a lot for your help. Just send our greetings and thanks for our friends Christ the King , Bear lake . We continue to praying for your family , health , peace for your nation and your economic. God bless you

Romans 16:34

REDPHATY KISAVA,
On behalf of Christians of Masisiwe.



GRATITUDE



November 16, 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 **\$300.00** was received on **11.14.2022**.

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.

With Gratitude,

Jesse M. Stremcha

Vice President & Chief Development Officer



November 11, 2022

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 received on 11/8/22.

Your donation helps provide nutritious meals for local children, families and seniors who need a little extra help making ends meet.

In the upcoming months, many neighbors will continue to struggle with the ongoing impacts of inflation. With sky-high grocery prices and basic living costs outpacing wage increases, more families are finding themselves in a tough spot. But with your help, they won't have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

Your gift offers hope and comfort to parents like PJ, a hardworking single mother. She is feeling a sense of relief during these uncertain times after visiting a local food shelf.

"With everything going on in the world it gets hard." she said.

"It's a big relief to know that I have the fresh produce to feed my family."

Because of help from donors like you, Second Harvest Heartland will continue to distribute much-needed food to 388 food shelves and nearly 1000 partner programs in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Last year alone, more than 107 million meals were distributed—and our work isn't done, as nearly half a million neighbors still face hunger today. With your help, more neighbors will have access to healthy meals this fall and holiday season.

Many thanks for your support and being a part of our mission to end hunger together.

Sincerely,

Allison O'Toole

CEO



November 10, 2022

Dear Christ The King Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$1000,00 received on November 10, 22. Your generous contribution supports our mission to prevent and end homelessness for families with children in our communities through housing, resources and opportunity.

Because of donors like you, Solid Ground is able to serve over 150 families each year, not only ending their homelessness but also helping them build the strong foundations they need for a brighter future. Your continued support makes a difference for families experiencing homelessness throughout Ramsey and Washington Counties.

To see first-hand how your gift changes lives, we invite you to join us for a Home at Last Tour! Tours are the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 pm. Contact us at 651-846-9027 or tours@solidgroundmn.org to reserve your spot today, and bring a friend!

Again, thank you for your generous support of our mission.

Best regards,

Trisha Cummins Kauffman

Executive Director



Thank you so much for the generous donation!

We can help a lot of families with this money.

Thank you,

Krista, Tracy, Jenny, Mindy

The Birch Lake PTA

DECEMBER 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	Office Hours 9:00 am - 3:00pm			Property 7P		Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am Confirmation 9-noon Festive Fellowship 6pm
4 Worship 9-10am	5 WMA 6:30P	6	7 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	8	9	10 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
11 Worship 9-10am Ornament Sunday Sunday School Cookie Decorating 11-11:30am	12	13 Admin 7P	14 Youth Group Christmas Party 6-7:30pm Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	15  Trumpet Deadline	16	17 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
18 Sunday School Program 9-10am Longest Day Service 4pm	19	20 Church Council 7P	21 Bible Study 10am Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	22	23	24 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am Christmas Eve Worship 4:00pm & 10:00 pm
25 Christmas Day Worship 9-10am 	26	27  Family Shelter Meal 5-6pm	28 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 

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