



THE TRUMPET



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Christ the King Lutheran Church

1660 Birch Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Pastor's Corner

Our Christmas celebration is joyful because God promise to be among us has been kept in full. The Christ, whose birth was so longed for over so many years, has come. The church year unfolds, first in a recognition of who God is among us in Jesus (Epiphany) and then what that has meant for God and for us through Lent and Easter. Yet, even as the seasons of the year and of our church calendar come and go, we continue to celebrate Advent. Advent is a time of looking forward with hope rather than fear, with confidence rather than despair. God has come among us, overcome even death in order to remain with us, and will continue to manifest the justice and mercy, the love that we yearn for.

At Christ the King you are a people looking forward with bright hope in 2023. After a very long year of personal and congregational losses, of what felt a little like treading water, after the disruptions and uncertainties of a pandemic, we are on the verge of something new. On the verge of some new life come among us.

I have seen it in the determination and perseverance of the Call Committee, in the revitalization of our programs for young people, in the continuity of service in weekly worship and around the world that shows the life of this church. Some of you have been feeling a lack of liveliness. Admittedly the church is pretty quiet through the week. But, like our northern lands in winter, Christ the King has had a fallow period. This has been a

time of deepening your roots so that when spring comes the congregation is ready to put out leaves and branches.

As you read this there will likely be plenty of snow on the ground and ice on the lakes. But no one thinks that cold is a permanent condition. Many of you are planning gardens, watching for birds, getting ready for new life. It will come, thanks be to God. So will a new pastor, more help for all our diligent volunteers, more opportunities to tell the good news of God's advent in human life.

So enjoy this time of preparation, let your roots grow strong, and be ready to welcome new life with all the gifts—and challenges—it brings.

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

JANUARY 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Lessons and Carols

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

JANUARY 8

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*Isaiah 41:1-9
Psalm 29
Matthew 3:13-17*

9 am Worship

KHB

JANUARY 15

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Isaiah 49:1.7
Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion



JANUARY 22

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Matthew 4:12-23*

9 am Worship

KHB

JANUARY 29

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
Matthew 5:13-20*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion



WEDNESDAY

January 18

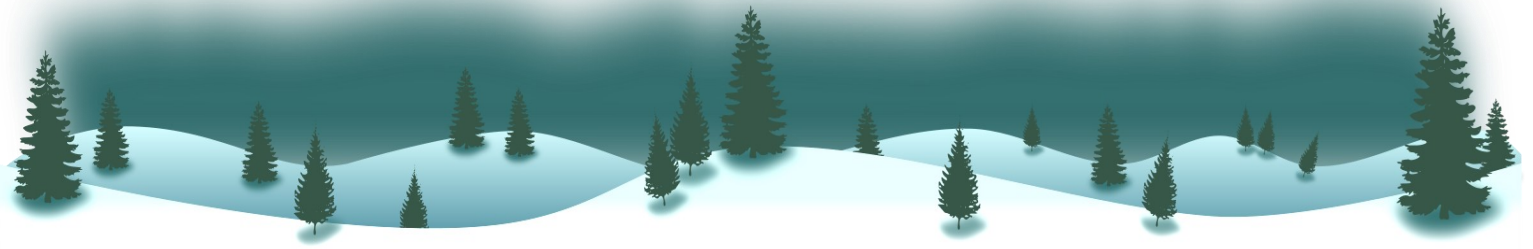
Bible Study

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.



JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers	Communion
1.1	Jason / Janelle	Ann	Lee	Ann / Peggy	Karen / Michele
1.8	Joe / Mike	Cathy/Stephanie	Janet	Scott & Beth	
1.15	Craig / Joe	Lori / Lori	Mike	Michele / Mike	Howard / Julie
1.22	Jason / Joe	Karen / Becky	Mike	Howard / Ann	
1.29	Janelle / Mike	Connie / Peggy	Cyndi	Scott & Beth	Bea / Michele

Hospitality: Sally Hesse, Johnetta Kofa, Polly Morrison

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



Help Wanted at Christ the King

Have you ever thought, even for a moment, of assisting in worship as a reader, an usher, an associate minister, an acolyte? Okay then. Come find out how easy it is and how rewarding to participate.

For all of you who indicated an interest on your Time and Talent sheets and for those of you who didn't get around to that or who are less sure, we'll have a brief meeting at 10:15 (time for a little coffee and a treat) on January 15th in the sanctuary. This will be an informational meeting only. No commitment implied. Once we know who might be interested, we'll schedule some practice, probably on Saturday morning, January 21 so that special attention can be given to the specific roles: ushers, readers, assisting ministers, acolytes.

All those people presently serving could really use some help.



Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The January / February / March edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church.

COMING SOON

WORSHIP

Epiphany is that time in our church year when we get to know Jesus as God-come-among-us. Because we can not see God, Jesus is our lens for seeing, a kind of portrait of God that we humans turn to in order to understand what God is like, what God's purposes are, what God longs for in this creation.

As the three wise men came to meet Jesus, so do we. We believe that we can always know Jesus better, as we mature in our experiences, as the world changes, by the Spirit's presence epiphanies (revelations) of God come home to us differently.

In our worship together we will give thanks as we always do, for the gift of sharing in Christ's life and seeing more clearly God's life in our world AND our calling. As we come to the communion table during these weeks of Epiphany, you will see that we have included the most ancient dialogue and prayer of the church that comes before the words of institution.

This section of our worship is both a prayer and a dialogue between the pastor and the congregation. We bind ourselves to each other and to God as we draw near to Jesus who forged this connection for us for all eternity. We are reminded to turn as fully as we humans can toward God ("lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord") and we follow Jesus' example of thanking God before we share bread and wine.

The words are in all settings of the communion in the ELW and we will also have them on the screen. O come, let us worship the Lord.



YOUTH

Sunday School

**Classes resume on January 8,
following worship.**

Confirmation

**Will meet on January 7th
at St Stephen Lutheran Church
9am—noon**

President's Ponderings



Happy New Year to you all. Hope you had a great Holiday Season. Our travels were impacted by the blizzard conditions in western Minnesota but not enough to keep our family from a Christmas gathering. Unfortunately, with the inclement weather, plows were pulled off the roads at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve so for everyone's safety, church services were cancelled. Glad that so many of you and your family members were able to participate in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services at CTK.

Billie and I co-chair the Missions Ministry Team and we would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to the WBL Area Food Shelf and the ELCA Good Gifts program. It was fun to have some additional categories on the ornaments this year. We went with goats for a gift to our family but more importantly as a gift to a needy family somewhere around the world. As the need is ongoing, your continued support of the ELCA Mission effort is greatly appreciated.

It has been our tradition to hold the CTK Annual Meeting on the last Sunday in January, but our By-Laws specify that the Annual Congregation Meeting shall be held in January, February or March of each year at a time and place fixed by the Church Council. The Council voted at our December meeting to hold the Annual Meeting on Sunday February 19. The primary reason for a later date is to accommodate travel for Billie and me to New Zealand and Australia. This was a trip we committed to prior to my agreeing to serve as President this year and while the Council discussed a January 22 meeting, that would have put too much pressure on various Ministry Teams and finalizing a budget. So, a big thank you to the Council for accommodating me.

In Christ's Service
Howard



Meet The Staff

Watch the upcoming Trumpets for an opportunity to get to know the staff members better. Each month, one of them will write an article letting you know a little more about the work they do here and a bit about themselves.

UPDATES



ADMIN & FINANCE

CALL COMMITTEE

November Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

11/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 = \$24,438

11/01/2021 through 11/30/2021 = \$20,797

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 = \$221,856

1/01/2021 through 11/30/2021 = \$230,333

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 = \$219,475

1/01/2021 through 11/30/2021 = \$237,890

Cash account balances as of November 30:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$17,593

Savings = \$20,090

Memorial Savings = \$32,040, and Online Giving = \$355.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$43,940.



The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$85,507 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of November 30 = \$146,169.

The Call Committee had a busy December!

We have moved into Phase 3 of the call process. In this phase, "Calling a New Pastor," the committee works to identify and recommend a new pastor.

On December 12th, our St. Paul Area Synod representative met with the Committee and gave us four names of potential pastoral candidates.

We spent time going over the candidate profiles, history and experience. In this age of digital technology, the committee also had the opportunity to view candidates in action at their current ministry sites.

The Committee completed the first round of interviews just before Christmas. One candidate stood out from the rest. The committee is looking forward to a second interview with this candidate in early January.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as the committee continues to discern God's work with thoughtfulness and care.

Peace and Blessings,

Erica Johnson, Call Committee Chair

2023 Offering Envelope Update

The vendor that supplies our offering envelopes has advised that machinery breakdowns, repair parts shortages and a lack of available seasonal workers, have created a severe backlog of envelope orders waiting to be printed and shipped. They estimate that we might not receive our order until late February.

We realize that for many of us these offering envelopes are an important part of our worship. Here are some suggestions that will help us get by while we await the arrival of the 2023 envelopes:

- * Use the blank envelopes that are now available in the pocket on the back of each pew.
- * Pickup a bundle of blank envelopes on the table in the Narthex for future use.
- * Repurpose any offering envelopes you may have left over from last year at home.
- * Consider making online donations using the link on our website: www.cktwbl.org.



When using replacement envelopes, please be sure to enter your name, date, donation amount, check number and special gift information on the outside of the envelope. If you know your member number, add that to the envelope as well. Adding these details reduces the burden for the counting team members and allows us to properly record your donation in our member data base. This ensures that your statement of giving, which is used for tax return preparation, is accurate.

Contact our Office Manager Linda Stasieluk at office@cktwbl.org to find your member number or for more information. Thank you for your patience.

Joe Moore
Financial Secretary

Mike Nollan
Treasurer

GRATITUDE



Providing food and support for our neighbors in need

December 10, 2022

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1660 Birch Lake Ave
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Dear friends at Christ the King Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$1107.33 to the White Bear Area Food Shelf. Your generosity and kindness allow us to advance our mission of providing food and support to our neighbors in need in partnership with the communities of the White Bear Area.

Nobody could have predicted what 2020 and 2021 had in store for us. The pandemic brought about increased or new financial stress for many local families. That, combined with a public health crisis that complicated the way we serve and interact with our neighbors, our work became more of a challenge than ever. Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, we were able to meet the needs of every family coming to our food shelf. **Many months we served double the number of families we had in the past.**

During any given month, over 1,900 families accessed food and support services through the White Bear Area Food Shelf's varied programs. Because of your support, food shelf programs like our Curbside Market, Mobile Markets and KidPack provide thousands of nutritious meals to children, seniors, and adults. Additionally, through our Community Resource Program and Emergency Fund, families have access to housing, utility support, medical, and car repair resources.

With great gratitude on behalf of those we serve,

Perry Petersen
Executive Director

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

As required by federal tax law, this letter verifies that you have received no goods or services in exchange for your contribution. You may wish to keep this letter for your tax records.

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December 5, 2022

Christ The King Lutheran Church
1660 Birch Lake Ave
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Dear Christ The King Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$800.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With you in the Spirit,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

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Dear Christ The King Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$938.37 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

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JANUARY 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Worship 9-10am 	2 WMA 6:30P	3	4 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	5 Property 7P	6	7 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am Confirmation 9-noon
8 Worship 9-10am	9	10 Admin 7P	11 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	12	13	14 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
15 Worship 9-10am	16	17 Church Council 7P	18 Bible Study 10am Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	19  Trumpet Deadline	20	21 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
22 Worship 9-10am	23	24  Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm	25 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	26	27	28 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
29 Worship 9-10am	30	31	Office Hours 9:00 am - 3:00pm			

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