



# THE TRUMPET



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## *Pastor's Corner*

Its February in Minnesota – the month when wise folk counsel us not to make big decisions. The cabin fever that grips us this time of year can lead to all sorts of impulsive behavior. But here we are at Christ the King and making all sorts of decisions in February. Our meeting to vote on the call of a new pastor is coming up on February 5. Our annual meeting to pass a budget and elect new Council members is coming up on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Two more important decision making opportunities are hard to imagine!

These will not at all be decisions made impulsively. As I think of the work that has been put into the budget by really dedicated people here at CtK, the careful attention to stewardship that comes from careful use of what we have as well as hope about how our income might increase, I see the budget more as a very carefully plotted map of what our year ahead might include. Or, perhaps, a picture of who we are and what we care about as go forward into 2023.

As I imagine the meeting of our pastoral candidate and the vote to follow, there will be no impulsive decisions. The Call Committee, the Synod, and the Church Council have been supporting and empowering the process of finding a good candidate for many months now. The new candidate and your decision will be another fruit of much labor and a hopeful arrow pointing into Christ the King's future. This is just the kind of thoughtful coming together that we are called to do, together, to share our dreams and hopes about how God's future can live on the ground in our corner of the world, through our best efforts and the power of God's Spirit. We may be called to new visions as the world shifts around us. How do we hear what is needed and wanted among those to whom we are called and whom we do not yet know?

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I am confident that through careful reflection you will make some good decisions about all that too. Perhaps during these months of winter you might find time to ask or just listen to children, grandchildren, their friends, your own and think about what the love of God as we know it in Jesus might mean to them. What words might convey it? What singing, what action? Then bring that reflection to the table as this solid congregation looks to share the good news of belonging in all the days ahead.

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](http://ctkwbl.online.church). You can access the bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.*



## SUNDAYS

### FEBRUARY 5

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Isaiah 58:1-9A[9B-12]  
Psalm 112:1-9  
Matthew 5:13-20*

**9 am Worship**

Organ / Communion

### FEBRUARY 12

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Matthew 5:21-37*

**9 am Worship**

KHB

### FEBRUARY 19

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

*Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
Matthew 17:1-9*

**9 am Worship**

Organ / Communion

### FEBRUARY 26

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Matthew 4:1-11*

**9 am Worship**

KHB

## WEDNESDAYS

### FEBRUARY 15

**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.

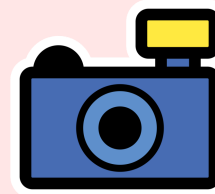
### FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

*Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

**7pm Worship**

Organ / Communion



### *Get Your Picture Taken*

Quick and easy, in the Fellowship Hall after church, February 5 & 12. We're using a phone camera to make an up-to-date picture directory for our new pastor.



## FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers	Communion
2.5	Craig / Janelle	Ann	Janet	Mike / Michele	Karen / Craig
2.12	Janelle / Mike	Cathy/Stephanie	Cyndi	Scott & Beth	
2.19	Craig / Mike	Lori / Lori	Lee	Ann / Howard	Bea / Peggy
2.22	Mike / Craig	Lori / Lori	Lee	Peggy / Mike	Bea / Bonnie
2.26	Craig / Janelle	Karen / Becky	Mike	Peggy / Mike	

**Hospitality:** Dennis & Kathy Felix, Dean & Pam Felix, Erin Simunds  
*If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another  
and let the office know. Thank you!*



## *Meet & Greet*

**February 4, 2023, 2-4pm**

Please stop by church for an opportunity to meet our Senior Pastoral Candidate.

## *Special Congregational Meeting*

This very important meeting will be held on

**Sunday, February 5, 2023,**

immediately following worship, in the sanctuary.

The congregation will cast paper ballots to vote on the Senior Pastoral Candidate.

Voting must be done in-person.



# COMING SOON

## WORSHIP

### *Lent*

By the time you read this, we'll be coming up on the beginning of Lent 2023. Ash Wednesday comes on February 22 and then we're into the forty days of reflection and wonderment about who we are, we followers of a savior who went to the cross rather than give up on God's love for us. The wonderful line from a song we sing at Christmas, "I wonder as I wander out under the sky, why Jesus the Savior was born for to die, for poor orn'ry people like you and like I..." is a fine description of what we do in Lent's forty days.

In addition to our Sunday services, Christ the King will gather on Wednesday evenings for a soup supper and Holden Evening Prayer. We will have persons from the congregation share their "wonderings." About anything and everything that has to do with faith or God or hope. "I wonder..." will be the theme for their brief presentations. If you'd like to offer some thoughts or a big question that has gnawed at you, please call the office or let Pastor Sarah know. We'll make sure you get a chance to share.

There will also be sharing at a Soup Supper before the service on Wednesdays. We will not have that supper on Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday service is a quiet, honest, and rather somber word to us as Lent begins. We'll try to hold our thoughts and prayers as we come to the service and leave it without the distractions of fellowship and kitchen work. It is good to set aside a day for this kind of thoughtfulness.

See you in church.

Pastor Sarah

## YOUTH

### *Confirmation*



**February 4th, 9-Noon**

Confirmation class is Saturday, February 4th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1965 Co Rd E East, White Bear Lake, MN 55110. Lunch will be provided.

**February 5th, after worship**

Pastor Sarah would like to meet with the CTK Confirmation class on Sunday, February 5th after church. Topics for discussion include joint confirmation classes and the Lent Confirmation Mentor Program.

## FELLOWSHIP

### *Bingo Night is Back!*



Mark

**Saturday, March 18, 6:30 pm**

on your calendar for a fun night of Bingo, Prizes, Popcorn and fellowship. All ages welcome! Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



## *President's Ponderings*

A year ago, I agreed to serve as President fully aware it would be a year of transition for CTK. Now I can hardly believe that year is up, and Bonnie will now lead us through the next phase of that transition. The two of us agreed, a year ago, that "we were in it together" and was that ever a wise decision. There were many times where it was essential and very helpful to have the two of us sharing, discussing, and then agreeing on how to proceed. In addition, we had a very dedicated and hard-working Council to keep us grounded.

It was also very essential to have many, many, many of the Congregation members step up and you did just that, so thank you very much. I have continued to be amazed at how many of you serve without even being asked and go above and beyond; truly a service to God and a blessing to all.

Shortly, Christ the King will be installing a new Senior Pastor, beginning an exciting next chapter in the life of our church. It will take some time for our new pastor to gain an understanding of all the activities at CTK, so it will be important for all of us to support the Pastor as well as Bonnie and the Council.

I have learned much this year working with Pastor Susie and Pastor Sarah and am truly thankful for their service. Also, Linda, has been a godsend in the office and seems to always know when to call and when she can "handle it". Thanks to all three of you.

In Christ's Service  
Howard



## *Visitor's Guest Book*

If you see visitors at worship on Sundays, please direct them to sign our guestbook.

We would like to know who they are and gather their contact info so we can reach out and get to know them.



*There have been some changes in the staff at Christ the King and there have been Covid precautions for quite some time now. Result? Many of you haven't gotten to know our staff very well. They often work behind the scenes, doing everything from watching our finances to designing our PowerPoints for worship. Over the next months, each staff person will have a chance to introduce herself or re-introduce herself to you so that you know the person in the position. Thanks to our staff for writing about themselves.*

Hi! I am Linda Stasieluk, pronounced "Stacy-Luke," your Office Administrator. I began my career as an Art Director in the Advertising Department at Donaldson's Department Stores, and then moved to Dayton's to be the Supervising Art Director for Product Development. I oversaw all the creative as well as designed products for Dayton's in-house private label brands, including Santabear, Boundary Waters and Marketplace. From there I set out on my freelance career, working from home and raising our 2 daughters, Leah and Dana with my husband John.

A couple years ago, John and I moved to a historic home in WBL. It has been a labor of love, renovating this old house, doing much of the work ourselves. During Covid, I began training to become a Voice Over Artist, and have been working on narrating Audiobooks as well as a Health and Wellness App that is scheduled to launch later this spring. I was thrilled to find the Admin position at CTK, so close to home, to have some part-time work while tending to my other projects. What I love most about working at CTK is the many wonderful people I have met and have been fortunate to work with. Another part of my job that I enjoy is making CTK's various printed materials visually appealing as well as making the information easy to read.

My family has been active members at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where we were married, and raised our family. Although I have enjoyed working with Pastors Susie and Sarah, I am looking forward to working with our new Pastor and excited to see the new opportunities this will bring.

# UPDATES



## ADMIN & FINANCE

### December Financial Report

#### Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

12/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 = \$24,753

12/01/2021 through 12/31/2021 = \$24,557

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

12/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 = \$246,609

12/01/2021 through 12/31/2021 = \$254,890

#### Expenses Year-To-Date:

12/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 = \$236,517

12/01/2021 through 12/31/2021 = \$259,526

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

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$21,564

Savings = \$20,095

Memorial Savings = \$32,047, and Online Giving = \$100.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$44,956.

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$84,388 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.



Candidate in early January. After prayerful consideration, our candidate accepted the Final Candidate position on January 9th. The call process was then transferred over to the capable hands of the Christ the King Council to continue and complete the process.

During the call process, I had a conversation with one of our pulpit supply pastors. They related the call process to the act of finding a life partner. I found this analogy very fitting for the process and would like to share it in hopes that it will resonate with you.

The Call Committee began this journey by delving into the needs and desires of Christ the King just like a single person would do when evaluating what they need and want in a life partner.

Next, the Call Committee interviewed candidates much like a dating process.

The Call Committee decided unanimously on one candidate and extended an invitation to be a final candidate much like an engagement proposal. The decision needs to be mutual between both parties.

The Council took the reins at this point to arrange all the final details including candidate approval, compensation package discussions, background checks, congregational vote, synod paperwork, etc. much like planning for the wedding.

Lastly, a final agreement is reached with a congregational vote and the Letter of Call signed by all parties similar to the wedding.

Here's hoping we all live happily ever after!

The Call Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Christ the King membership. We have felt the positivity and support for our committee during this extensive process. Every member of the congregation had a hand in the discernment of our Final Candidate. Thank you for walking alongside us. We hope you will love the pastoral candidate choice as much as we do. We can't wait for you to meet the Final Candidate!!

Peace and Blessings,

Erica Johnson, Call Committee Chair

## CALL COMMITTEE

The month of January was an exciting month for the Call Committee. We moved through Phase 3 of the call process quickly. If everything falls into place, this will be the Call Committee's last update!

The Call Committee conducted second round interviews at the beginning of January. It was pretty clear early on in our interview process that one candidate outshined the rest. We enjoyed spending time with this candidate and their family. The candidate was knowledgeable, articulate, organized, humble and kind. This candidate is filled with God's grace along with genuine humor and warmth that will integrate well with our congregation.

The Call Committee extended an invitation to this pastoral candidate to become Christ the King's Final

# GRATITUDE



Check out the kiosk in the Narthex to read more notes of thanks from the many charities you so generously supported during this Christmas season.



Dear Volunteers,  
On behalf of the PTA,  
Thank you for Volunteering  
Your time at our  
Holiday store. We've  
gotten many compliments  
about our kind and  
friendly volunteers.  
Thank you,  
Krista M, Biren Lake PTA



White Bear Area Emergency  
Food Shelf



December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Pastor Susie,

Thank you + the entire Christ the King Lutheran Church community for the generous gift you gave to Catholic Charities. This gift will go to work providing emergency shelter, warm meals, supportive housing, and resources like early childhood education, mental health support, and more.

Thank you for all you do in our community!

Sincerely,  
Emily Wade





# FEBRUARY 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm Discipleship 6:30P	2 Property 7P	3	4 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am Confirmation 9-noon Meet & Greet 2-4pm
5 Worship 9-10am Special Congregational Meeting 10am Confirmation Meeting 10am	6 WMA 6:30P	7	8 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	9	10	11 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
12 Worship 9-10am	13	14 happy Valentine's day Admin 7P	15 Bible Study 10am Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	16  Trumpet Deadline	17	18 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
19 Worship 9-10am Annual Meeting 10am	20 President's Day Office Closed	21 Church Council 7P	22 Ash Wednesday 7pm Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	23	24	25 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
26 Worship 9-10am	27	28  Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm		Office Hours 9:00 am - 3:00pm		



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