



THE TRUMPET



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Christ the King Lutheran Church

1660 Birch Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Pastor's Corner

During Lent we often use the word “journey” to describe the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We “journey” to the cross with Jesus or in his footsteps. Journey is a good word for all our lives, but perhaps especially this month at Christ the King as we navigate yet another transition.

Because our Synod recommends that Interim pastors leave the congregation they have been serving a couple of weeks before the new pastor comes, my final Sunday will be March 19th, not quite a month from the time you read this. And it has been a journey for sure. I’ve had so much to learn from you and you all have been gracious teachers, from the little ones to those of you who have been around here a long time.

You missed Pastor Jen and Pastor Susie. You were disappointed that Pastor Susie was not able to stay. You were struggling with your own personal losses over the past year and the fears that still abide for many of you—fears about health, about the future of the congregation, even about our crazy world. But through it all you were gracious, hopeful. You “held on to your story” and kept on going, one step at a time. In the weeks and months that I’ve served Christ the King, I never, not once heard anyone ready to give up being God’s people right here in White Bear Lake.

Instead I heard a congregation celebrating birthdays by singing to young and older. I’ve heard little ones pipe up with wisdom in children’s sermons. I’ve heard devotion to sharing the gospel—whether through making lemon bars or working the sound system or adding up columns of numbers. I have heard hope and caring and diligence.

And now the process of going forward begins: the process of learning how to love each other for God’s sake; the process of finding paths; the process

of living into God’s future. I am so confident that this will be a creative time for all of you. The good news that God loves and calls us into the world to love—you’ll find ways to show it and share it.

There’s song I learned in Girl Scouts. Perhaps you know it:

Make new friends and keep the old.
One is silver and the other gold.

It’s a great song for church folks who make their journey together, finding new people to walk with as they go, finding people that have always been precious to God and learning how to show care anew. Dear friends, as you go forward and I go on, you are the old friends in my heart who have taught and shared so much with me. I will miss you, even as I trust that God goes with you.

Let the people of God say....AMEN.

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

MARCH 5	MARCH 12	MARCH 19	MARCH 26
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
<i>Genesis 12:1-4a John 3:1-17</i>	<i>Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-42</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13 John 9:1-41</i>	<i>Ezekiel 31:1-14 John 11:1-45</i>
I wonder why Jesus was tested and how are we tested?	I wonder how God seeks us?	I wonder how to speak my own truth about my life?	I wonder what its like to come back from death?
9 am Worship	9 am Worship	9 am Worship	9 am Worship
Organ / Communion	KHB	Organ / Communion	KHB

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 1	MARCH 8	MARCH 15	MARCH 22	MARCH 29
LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10 am	LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE
<i>Speaker: Bill Hughes</i>	<i>Speaker: Tom Sandhei</i>	LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	<i>Speaker: Tim Klecker</i>	<i>Speaker: Bea Jones</i>
<i>Text: Romans 8:35-38</i>	<i>Text: John 5:1-9</i>	<i>Speaker: Mike Stepan</i> <i>Text: Luke 13:18-21</i>	<i>Text: John 6:1-14</i>	<i>Text: John 10:1-10</i>
6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Worship	6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Worship	6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Worship	6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Worship	6 pm Soup Supper 7 pm Worship



MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion
3.5	Craig / Mike	Connie / Peggy	Bea	Howard	Scott & Beth	Polly / Lee
3.12	Janelle / Craig	Ann	Lee	Mike	Michele / Ann	
3.19	Craig / Joe	Cathy / Stephanie	Mike	Craig	Mike / Peggy	Bonnie / Howard
3.26	Mike / Joe	Lori / Lori	Bea	Cyndi	Howard / Ann	

Hospitality: Becky Thompson, Jackie & Stuart Shelstad, Jennifer Sivertson

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



Easter Flower Garden

Please help us decorate the Altar for Easter!

The following varieties are now available to order. Color preference may be indicated; however, they cannot be guaranteed. The cost is listed beside the plant.

- Calla Lilies** (\$25.00) (white, yellow, red/pink)
- Azaleas** (\$26.00) (red, pink, white)
- Hydrangea** (\$24.00) (blue, pink)
- Kalanchoe** (\$17.00) (yellow, orange, pink)
- Mums** (\$17.00) (white, yellow, lavender)
- Begonia** (\$17.00) (yellow, orange, pink)

Please see the kiosk in the Narthex for an order form. All orders should be placed in the locked box next to the office door. Alternatively, please e-mail or phone the church office to place in order and mail your payment to the church office. In your e-mail 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
- 5) Preference if plant is unavailable

Checks should be made out to "Christ the King Altar Guild". Orders must be received by **Sunday, March 19.**

Due to supply constraints, some varieties may become unavailable. If your selected variety is unavailable, please indicate one of the following options:

1. Substitute plant of similar value (may be non-blooming plant)
2. Refund Payment (Payments will not be deposited until the order is confirmed)

COMING SOON

WORSHIP

Worship During Lent

Dear friends,

Lent really is a time to focus again on what is at the core of our life and our hope. We have such wonderful opportunities here at Christ the King to do that.

Our Sundays worship will follow the lectionary, so be ready for some of the powerful stories from John's Gospel even as we wonder together about Jesus' ministry, his death, and what it all has to do with us. Our themes are:

March 5 I wonder how it changes us to be "born of the Spirit."

March 12 I wonder *how* God seeks us.

March 19 I wonder how to speak my own truth about my life.

March 26 I wonder what it is like to come back from death.

We will follow our regular communion schedule during Lent, but there will be some extras in worship. We will install our new Council Members on March 19, which will be Pastor Sarah's last Sunday with us. Keep an eye out for a baptismal Sunday too.

Holy Week will not have a Wednesday service, but we will have a traditional Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 (no soup supper) and Good Friday will see the congregation gathered to share the story of Jesus Passion with the help of Fools for Christ.

As you know, we will gather at 7:00 for worship on Wednesday nights (Soup Supper at 6:00) to sing and pray our way together through Holden Evening Prayer. Each evening we will hear from one of our friends about their wonder, their faith as part of our worship. The schedule is below:

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| March 1 | Bill Hughes |
| March 8 | Tom Sandhei |
| March 15 | Mike Stepan |
| March 22 | Tim Klecker |
| March 29 | Bea Jones |



I hope you will join us whenever you can.

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.

Please sign up to bring soup for our Lenten Soup Suppers

Stop by the board in the Narthex and sign up to bring soup to one or more of our soup suppers during Lent. Thank you for your contributions.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Coming Events:



Spring Luncheon, April 29 11 am

"The Blessing of Collections"



Rummage Sale:

Set up May 29-31; Sale June 1-2

More details to follow.

Confirmation



MARCH Confirmation Class DATE CHANGE

March confirmation class will be held at CTK on **Saturday, March 18 from 9-Noon**. Lunch will be provided.

APRIL Confirmation Class DATE/TIME CHANGE

April confirmation class will be held at Redeemer on **Saturday, April 15 from 9-4 p.m.** We will be participating in a service project doing yard work for one member of each partner church. Lunch will be provided.

MENTORS DURING LENT

If you still need help connecting with a mentor, please contact Erica Johnson or Pastor Sarah. Mentors and confirmands will meet each week during Lent to connect on different topics. Please see Pastor Sarah for a booklet if you don't already have one.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6th

We would like the youth to participate in stripping the altar during the Maundy Thursday Service. No need to respond, just show up for the service!

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th

We are looking for confirmands that would be interested in doing a short scripture reading during the Good Friday service. CTK is partnering with Fools for Christ to do a dramatic service presentation and would like to have the youth do the scripture readings. If you are interested, please let Erica Johnson know. We will give you the scripture in advance to review and prepare.



President's Ponderings

It's already March and we entered the season of Lent last Wednesday. This year, the beginning of Lent felt different than usual, as our Ash Wednesday service was cancelled due to the snowstorm that kept most of us homebound for a couple of days. However, Wednesday evening Lenten services and soup suppers will be held beginning March 1st.

The 2023 Church Council met last Tuesday for the first time. One of the things the Council approved was the designation of our Lenten offerings to Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity. CTK has made this designation and commitment for many years. It is just one of the many ways that we support various missions. During 2022, CTK and its members provided support to local missions, international causes and disaster relief in a total amount exceeding \$32,000. This is an amazing number! As a congregation we have been very blessed and continue to share our bounty with those who are less fortunate. Thank you to everyone who shared financial support, time and/or talent to these programs.

We have many things to look forward to in the upcoming weeks. Spring is (hopefully) just around the corner and we will joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Also, on Easter Sunday we will be welcoming Pastor Rebecca Sullivan. As we go through these Lenten days in prayer and self-reflection let us also rejoice in the good news that lies ahead.

In Christ's service,
Bonnie Jackelen

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.

UPDATES

ADMIN & FINANCE

January Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

1/01/2023 through 1/31/2023 = \$15,334

1/01/2022 through 1/31/2022 = \$15,082

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2023 through 1/31/2023 = \$15,334

1/01/2022 through 1/31/2022 = \$15,082

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2023 through 1/31/2023 = \$17,912

1/01/2022 through 1/31/2022 = \$21,736

Cash account balances as of November 30:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$17,271

Savings = \$20,095

Memorial Savings = \$32,047, and

Online Giving = \$330.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$44,979.



The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$84,445 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of Dec. 31 = \$143,469.



Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The April / May / June edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church.

MISSIONS



lutheran
disaster response

You Can Help!

Donations to help the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

can be made through

Lutheran Disaster Response.

You may contribute directly to Lutheran Disaster Response, or make your check payable to

Christ the King Church

with a notation in the memo line designating the gift for

“Middle Eastern Earthquake.”



Midweek Lenten Offerings

All offerings received in our midweek Lenten Services will go to support Habitat for Humanity, through our Holy Hammers program. Thank you for your generous support of this vital program.

GRATITUDE



Providing food and support for our neighbors in need

January 19, 2023

Christ the King Lutheran Church
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Dear friend,

Good news! Because of your gifts, we raised over \$20,000 in new support at the end of 2022, therefore fully receiving the Challenge Match from Bell Lumber and Pole of \$20,000. Thank you for helping us meet and exceed this end of the year challenge!

How your gifts further our mission:

One of the biggest barriers to people accessing food from the Food Shelf is a lack of transportation and/or mobility issues. So, in partnership with two other local food shelves, we expanded our delivery program using Door Dash in 2022 that provided groceries to 3,100 families in our community. What a win!

In 2022, visits to the Food Shelf increased from 1,591 to 2,230 per month. That's a 40% increase and 22% more than at the height of the pandemic in 2020. The Food Shelf helped distribute \$50,000 in emergency rental and utility assistance to area neighbors through its Emergency Fund, which helped keep 84 local families in their homes.

Over the past four decades, your generosity has helped evolve our traditional food shelf programming into new and innovative services to better meet the growing needs of our neighbors. Thank you so much for your total gifts in 2022 of \$2,947.33 in support of these efforts to end food insecurity in our community. If you have any questions about this total, please contact Amy McMillen at amy@whitebearfoodshelf.org.

With great gratitude on behalf of those we serve,

Perry Petersen
Executive Director



January 25, 2023

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Thank You

Dear Christ The King Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*
(*What Child Is This,* ELW 296)

This season we remember a time before Christ's birth, when humanity waited to be delivered from fear and sin. But we also remember the day the waiting ended. Our Savior arrived, and now we live in a world transformed by God's grace. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you share the everlasting joy of that transformation with our neighbors around the world.

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

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you.

In Christ,

Amanda White
Director, Congregational Generosity



MARCH 2023

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	Office Hours 9:00 am - 3:00pm		Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Service 7pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	Property 7P		Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
5 Worship 9-10am NO Sunday School Spring Break	6 WMA 6:30P	7	8 Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Service 7pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	9	10	11 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
12 Worship 9-10am NO Sunday School Spring Break	13 Bells 6:30pm	14 Admin 7P	15 Bible Study 10am Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Service 7pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	16  Trumpet Deadline	17 St Patrick's Day 	18 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am Confirmation 9-noon Bingo Night 6:30pm
19 Worship 9-10am	20 Bells 6:30pm	21 Church Council 7P	22 Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Service 7pm King's Choir 7:45 pm	23	24	25 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
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