



THE TRUMPET



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Siblings in Christ,

January brings about a new year, and I am optimistic about what the future will hold. As this new year begins, I encourage you to offer prayers for the kind of world you would like to see. For a world that is closer to God's vision for humanity, one that overflows with peace and justice for all and all have enough to eat.

We pray for continued good health and a world where all can stay safe. We pray for health care workers, doctors and nurses, therapists and janitors, and all who work to make people healthy. Give them strength and courage to continue in their work of healing.

We pray for peace, asking for all areas of conflict and war to find ways to come to peace. We especially lift up all those who experiencing the absence of peace, especially the people of Ukraine, facing their second year of war, and all those in Israel and Palestine.

We pray for hungry people and for those who are struggling financially. Encourage us to continue supporting the White Bear Area Food Shelf by giving financial gifts and contributing donations to the grocery cart.

We pray for all who are grieving. We lift up those who have just experienced the holidays for the first time without their loved ones. Help us reach out and offer a loving word and the gift of presence during these challenging days.

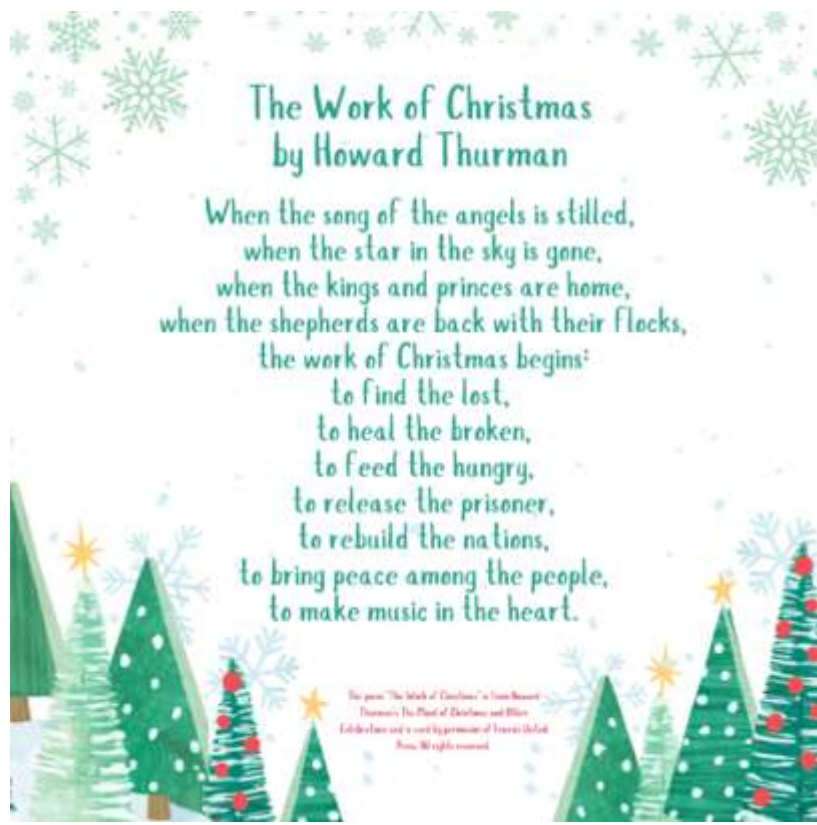
We pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church. Help us continue living into your mission and ministry in this new year. Give us courage to continue sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Guide our leaders to make faithful decisions to lead our church forward into 2024.

And as we pray these prayers and others that are on our hearts, I encourage us to remember one of the poems from our Lessons and Carols worship service. The poem is entitled "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman and is a charge for us as we move into the new year. May we hold onto this charge as we move forward into the new year, remembering that the work of Christmas is not meant for only December. Rather the work of Christmas is work that we do year-round as we seek to live into God's call for our lives.

I am carrying the charge of "The Work of Christmas" into my work as your pastor in 2024. I will continue to pray for each and every one of you, praying that you will continue to find ways to faithfully serve God.

Blessings on your new year!

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca



JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 7	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 28
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
<i>Acts 19:1-7 Psalm 29 Luke 3:21-22</i>	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 John 1:43-51</i>	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 Mark 1:14-20</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 Mark 1:21-28</i>
We trust our belovedness.	Will you come and follow me?	Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult.	Songs of thankfulness and praise.
9 am Worship Organ / Communion	9 am Worship KHB / Communion	9 am Worship Organ / Communion	9 am Worship KHB / Communion



The Chosen Viewing & Discussion

The Chosen is the first multi-season TV series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those he impacted. *The Chosen* has grown to become the largest crowdfunded TV series of all time. We'll continue to gather in the Library once a month to watch an episode and discuss it after worship. We'll also decide if we'd prefer to watch the show together as a group, or watch it before meeting on our own.

Sunday, January 14
"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Sunday, February 18
"The Rock on Which it is Built"

Sunday, March 17
"The Wedding Gift"

Sunday, April 21
"I Am He"

Sunday, May 5
"The Shepherd: A Story of the First Christmas"

THURSDAY

JANUARY 18

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:00 am

Please join us for a Bible Study from "Gather" magazine.

No need to prepare ahead of time. We will have materials ready for you to use during class!

January

WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
1.7	Jason/Brianna	Connie / Peggy	Janet	Bill	Scott / Beth	Karen / Polly	Nathali
1.14	Craig / Mike	Ann	Julie	Wayne	Peggy / Mike	Howard	—
1.21	Janelle / Mike	Cathy / Stephanie	Beth	Polly	Ann / Howard	Peggy /Wendy	John
1.28	Janelle / Craig	Lori / Lori	Trip	Ann	Scott / Mike	Bonnie / Polly	—

Hospitality: Corrine Erlandson, Johnetta Kofa, Sally Hesse
If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you!

COMING SOON



Good Stewards Together: Intergenerational Sunday School

Did you enjoy Journey Together this summer? The fun and learning continues this year at CTK. Join us on the following Sundays to learn and have fun together.

We'll gather in the back of
Fellowship Hall
at 10:15am.

February 4: Stewards of Grace

The Bible's letters teach us how the Holy Spirit inspires us to be good stewards.

March 3: Food to Share

Disciples of all ages are called to share what they have so everyone has enough.

April 14: Faith, Fellowship and Fun

At church, we are called to be good stewards of our relationship with others.

May 12: God's World, Our World

Good stewards care for people around the world.

DEVOTION

Peace

Recently, I came across a quote highlighted on Bishop Michael Reinhart's website:

"Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience."

—Thomas Merton

As I was reflecting on conflict in the world and closer to home, I think Merton got it right. Reconciliation and peace are not always easy ... taking faith, effort, trust, forgiveness, and hope. I was also upbuilt by the context of the season of Advent, and the sustaining hope that we're provided through Emmanuel, God with Us, especially in connection with the coming year.

May peace and hope in the hearts of all of us prevail throughout the world. Amen.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan



Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The January / February / March edition are available on a tray on the table near the NE entrance to the church.

UPDATES

ADMIN & FINANCE

Novemberber Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

11/01/2023 through 11/30/2023 = \$22,283

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

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2023 through 11/30/2023 = \$223,461

1/01/2022 through 11/30/2022 = \$218,486

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2023 through 11/30/2023 = \$240,660

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

Cash account balances as of October 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$3,528

Savings = \$8,100

Memorial Savings = \$32,659

Online Giving = \$247.

CD = \$40,510



Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$51,275

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$110,794 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses. The mortgage balance as of November 30 = \$129,706.



The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after the service on **Sunday, January 28th**.

Among other things, at this meeting we will hold an election to fill open positions on the Council, and approve the 2024 operating budget.

Regarding the budget, Treasurer Mike Nollan will be holding a budget review session on **Sunday, January 21st**, after the service.

This session will provide a sneak peak at the operating budget proposed for 2024 and answer any questions you may have about CTK's finances."

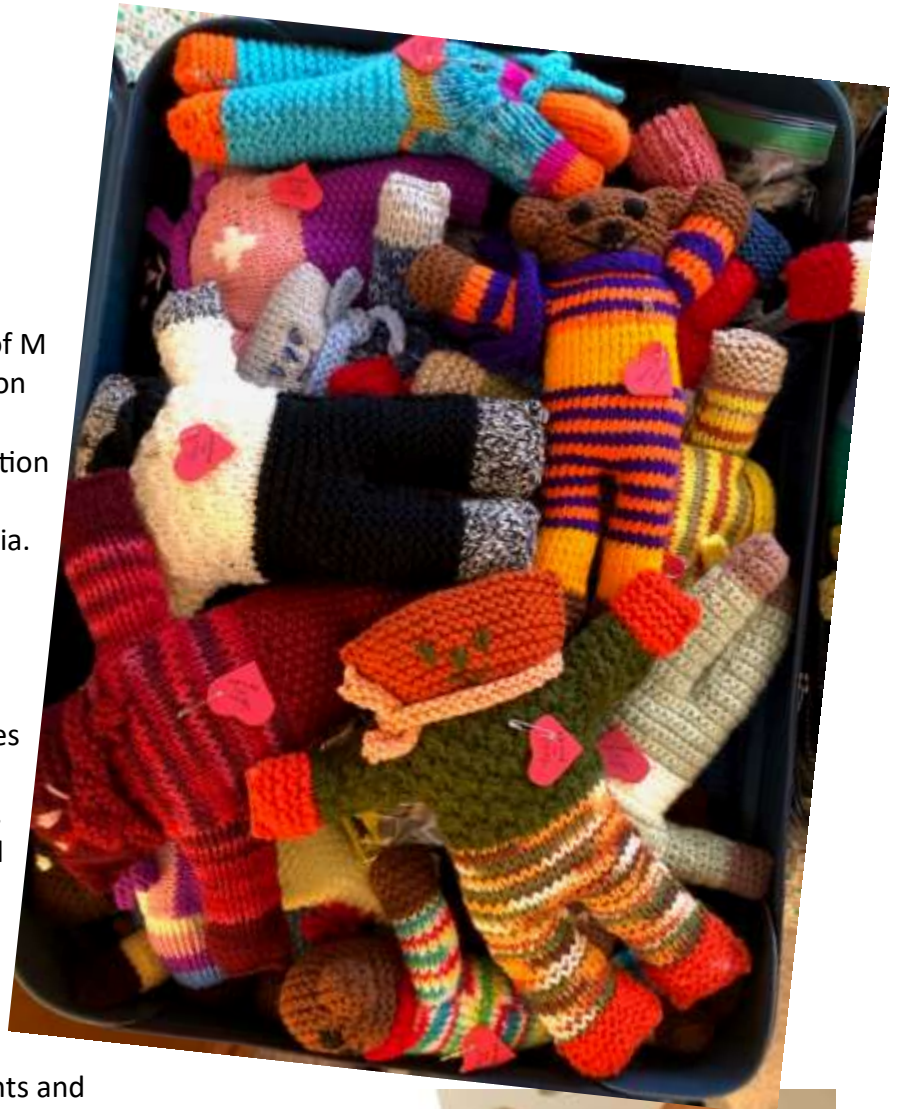


Many thanks to all who made our Advent and Christmas season a memorable one here at Christ the King! We shared a lot of Christmas cheer in 2023 and we give thanks for:

- Special thanks to all who helped make "A Very Special Child" Christmas program a success!
- Erica Johnson for directing and organizing our performers
- All our program characters: Lily Johnson, Beth Tradup, Alex Johnson, Trip Sullivan, Chris Johnson, Scott Freburg
- Bea Jones and Scott Freburg sharing their musical gifts along with the King's Choir for our musical interlude
- All our nativity characters, especially the flock of angels and all the innkeepers
- Thank you to all who volunteered to light our Advent wreath.
- Thank you to all who helped decorate our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.
- Thank you to all who participated in our giving tree by supporting ELCA Good Gifts and Shobi's Table
- Thank you to all who invited family and friends to worship during this Christmas season to share the amazing story of Jesus' birth!

Masisiwe Good News

A group of engineering students from the U of M Design for Life class will be visiting Masisiwe on January 5-7, 2024. They will be led by a Mechanical Engineering professor in cooperation with Bega Kwa Bega, the St. Paul Area Synod partnership with the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. Their goal will be to collect information to design a new water system to serve the Masisiwe area village. They will make their presentation at the U of M on February 27th. The students will be taking along two suitcases of 90 bear dolls that we have knitted plus toy cars saved since the last team visited in 2013. The toys have a heart pinned on that is printed "Christ the King Lutheran Church and YESU NI PENDO (Jesus Loves You)". We are very excited to have this opportunity to connect with the younger children of our sister congregation. Please pray for a safe and successful visit by the engineering students and their leader as they reach yet another remote area that needs clean accessible water. In 11 years of their program they have successfully completed water accessibility for over 20,000 residents. God bless our Masisiwe Ministry!



JANUARY 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<p>1</p>  <p>WMA 6:30P</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Property 7P</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:00am</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Admin 7P</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>14</p> <p>Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:00am The Chosen 10:15-11:00am</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Trumpet Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Admin Team 7 P Church Council 7P</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Women's Bible Study 9am</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>21</p> <p>Worship 9am 2024 Budget Review 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>28</p> <p>Worship 9am Annual Meeting 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>Regular Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm</p>			

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