

The Advocate

A Publication of Christ the King Lutheran Church, ELCA, Delafield, WI

Holiday Schedule

Advent Christmas Concert

"Carols Around the World"

Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Tea

Monday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 17, at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Times

Come celebrate the Savior's
Birth at one of four Services

Sunday, December 24
9:00 a.m., 4:00, 7:00, & 10:00 p.m.

Congregational Meeting Called

The Church Council is calling a special congregational meeting following the worship service on Dec 10, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To elect people to Church Council and other vacancies.
2. To vote on the two "Voting Members to the 2018 Synod Assembly."



Waiting? For What?

Advent waiting is often characterized as a waiting for Christmas - for the proclamation that God has come into the world. We light candles that are blue like the night sky to remind us that the one who came in the darkest time of the year is coming. We mark time with calendars. Advent is about waiting.

We are waiting for more than the season of Christmas to come. We wait for more than a remembrance of what once was. Our season of waiting calls us to anticipate "the day that is yet to come." It prods us to dream about and yearn for the day when God's involvement in the world will dramatically realign this broken and messed-up world. Advent cries out in the midst of what is and says, "There's a day coming when all that is not as God intends, will be made right. God will make it right."

A student put the situation of today bluntly in a paper she wrote for me last week. She said, "This world is going to hell in a handbasket." She then named the hell she sees around us: An almost mass shooting at a school; multiple deaths in a Texas worship service; that women continue to be groped and inappropriately treated; that she lost her job unexpectedly.

Advent's voice calls us to be aware of what is while leaning into what is to come. Advent calls us to keep our eyes open while anticipating the change that God will bring. Advent rehearses the hope we have. Its message attempts to banish fear within us and while raising expectation that God will make this world as God intends it to be.

Here's the hope we have in Christ, the hope that Advent calls us to have: The day for which we wait is the day when all that is wrong will be made right. Hunger will be no more. Heartache and broken relationships will be no more. Frustration will no longer steal joy from our hearts. Everything that brings disruption, destruction or death will be replaced by the fullness of renewed life.

God will bring this about - God alone. He who raised Jesus from the dead will bring resurrection's power to all the world. For this we wait. In this we have hope. Advent waiting anticipates the day yet to come when all that is wrong will be made right by God.



Family Promise Volunteers Needed

Our next family promise week is **December 3-10**. We have many volunteer spots left to fill! You can find the information on our Sign Up Genius site. Any questions please contact: Jenni Marquardt, Vicky Jaeger, Shelly Fuller

Christmas Book Club Exchange

Join the CTK Book Club Tuesday, December 12 at 10 a.m. for a book exchange. Bring a gift-wrapped book, new or used, with which you do not mind parting. After coffee, snacks and friendly swapping, you'll go home with your first Christmas present.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Each year, we adorn the chancel with beautiful poinsettias plants to mark the season of Advent. As in years past, we would like to invite you to purchase a plant (or two) to offset the cost. What a simple way to beautify our sanctuary in remembrance of or in honor of your family, special friends or loved ones. Plants are \$8 each -- see your Sunday bulletin for order forms or call the church office 262-646-2343. (Orders are due by Sun., Dec. 17).

Socks For Service

There is a box located in the back of the sanctuary to collect supplies to donate to the Waukesha Salvation Army. This is a service project for discipleship training student Caleb Hansen. Needed items are: Packages of men's large socks, hand warmers, gum, tissues, granola bars, crackers, chapstick, hand sanitizer and \$ for supplies.

Shorehaven Giving Tree

Please look for the Shorehaven Outreach Christmas Giving Tree/ Board in the Upper Sanctuary. Take an ornament or two off the tree with the gift you would like to bless a Shorehaven resident with this Christmas. Bring your gifts back Unwrapped by December 10.

Gift Suggestions:

Aftershave (non aerosol)
Bird Feeder with suction cup for windows and bird seed.
Beauty Items-such as makeup, lipstick, blush, or nail polish.
Body Spray & Lotion Set for men and women. Body Lotion. Box of candy (chocolates, mints, sugar-free) No nuts or cherries
Cologne/Perfume, Green Bay Packer t-shirts or sweatshirts size XL for men and women. Puzzles (large pieces-300 pieces, age appropriate) Soft Socks (Diabetic socks also appreciated), Tin of Cookies, Word search & Crossword Puzzle Books (Large Print)

Holy Communion

First Communion was celebrated Sunday, November 12. Parents and youth experience this class together, so that the faith life of all in the household might be strengthened.

Welcome to the table.

Alex Armiger, Cal Bertsch, Ariel Ganung, Brenna Hansen, Tanner Justman, Emmerson Neumiller, Brynn Udovich and Bryce Udovich

Calling all CTK Sisters!

Women's Leah Bible Circle invites you to join them on Dec 6 at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Sheila Lieskie. Call Bonnie Voskuil 262-567-7863 for more information. We grow in our faith and friendships, come join us.

2018 Pledge Cards

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their pledge cards for 2018. If you have not please give them to an Usher, the office, or mail them in.

2018 "Reading of the Budget"

Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 in the CTK Sanctuary. CTK members are invited to go through the line items in the proposed 2018 budget and ask questions, raise concerns and give input, before the budget is approved.

Adult Service- Trip Houston, TX

Save the Dates April 14-21, 2018
An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec 5 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha

Future leaders needed

Christ the King is blessed to have many willing to devote their time to carrying out the ministries of CTK. We are looking for those willing to serve in leadership roles on the council now and in the future. Prayerfully consider serving CTK in this manner. Contact Sue Ettmayer, President, if you want to hear more about the role of council.

We have an opening for one more delegate to attend the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod to be held May 31-June 2 at the Country Springs hotel in Waukesha. Anyone who would like to serve in the capacity, please talk to Carol White or Sue Ettmayer. For information on being a delegate, check the ELCA website or talk with the 2017 delegates, Char Hall and Joel Gerth

Blood Drive at CTK

Save the Date! Thur, Jan 11, 2018

FAITH FORMATION at CTK

Sunday Forums
10:30 a.m. -Great Hall

*We gather to nurture faith,
build community and share the
love of Christ with others.*

December 2017



- ✓ adults
- ✓ youth
- ✓ children
- ✓ families
- ✓ cross+generational

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ADVENT JOURNEY: *The Heart of Advent*
Led by Teri Bergendahl, Faith Formation Coordinator

It's the first Sunday of Advent! We'll gather in the Great Hall for a Cross+Generational Advent Kick-Off. Woven hearts, heart-shaped cookie decorating, engaging table conversation and activities. *All are welcome!*

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ADVENT JOURNEY: *World Hunger*
Led by Pastor Jordan

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**CHILDREN'S PAGEANT@ 9 A.M. &
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS**



A celebration for the generations!

**The Glorious
Sounds of
Christmas!**

Presented by the Sunday School children
and the congregation.
A "paper bag" pageant with a twist!

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WORSHIP WITH US CHRISTMAS EVE!

9 a.m. - Advent Worship
Christmas Eve Worship

4 p.m.

7 p.m.

10 p.m.



Special activity for children at 4
and 7 p.m. worship!



ADVENT GROUP STUDIES

Awaiting the Already

(by Magrey R. deVega)

Join us for this Advent journey
through the Gospels. Wednesdays
Dec. 6 & 13, Jan. 3, 7 to 8 p.m.

Room 207 Led by Pastor Nikki
Blanks/Teri Bergendahl

*"Advent is not a time of pretending
that Jesus has never been born; It
is a time of preparing for what that
birth might mean for us today."*



Thanksgiving Gathering- We Broke a Record!

This year's event was unbelievable. Our CTK community came through with flying colors. The food and monetary donations and volunteer participation was outstanding. We provided 503 meals this year. Our previous record, set at the very first event was 426. All of the left-over prepared and unprepared food was then taken to Just One More. That is an organization in Milwaukee that feeds the homeless. They told us, that with the food we gave them, they will be able to feed more than 200 individuals. This has been a partnership we developed several years ago.

This year we also reached out to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and the Hope Center Rescue Mission in Waukesha. Together, these two organizations feed about 850 people per day. With some of the funds donated, we provided them with breakfast food items and over 100 one-gallon cans of a vegetables and fruits.

Last, but certainly not least, we wanted to help our furry friends, especially those displaced and sent here from Texas and Puerto Rico. We gave the Waukesha Humane Society 150 pounds of dog food and 80 pounds of cat food.

We can't thank you enough for your continued commitment each year to this event. This was our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner, and each year, because of you, it gets better and better. God bless all of you!

All God's Children News

November is such a wonderful time of the year at preschool as our children have learned about being thankful for so many things. Our bulletin board was decorated with turkey feathers where the children wrote down things they are thankful for. It's such a great conversation started for these young children. The children in our Rainbow room brought in some of their favorite foods for show and tell and then donate to our local food pantry. We had 7 boxes of food overflowing! The children in our Rainbow room have been working hard on their color book since September and they had a special day where the children were able to read their Brown Bear, Brown Bear book to their mom and dads. Wow, these children are doing great!

Our Monkey classroom has been set up with a Mayflower boat for the children to sail to America. Their imaginations are endless as they sail away and swim back to the boat --- totally engaging for our preschoolers. All of our children spent the day before Thanksgiving celebrating with a special Thanksgiving feast. They prepared their tables, said their prayers and dressed for the celebration.



Butter Braid Fund-raiser

Many thanks to our church for your support and making this fund-raiser A great success. We used the funds to get an Autumn Blaze maple tree planted on our playground near the sandbox. This tree will help provide some shade since so many of our trees were lost to the emerald ash borer. It will bring beautiful red and orange color to our grounds next fall. We still have some additional butter braids and frozen cookie dough for sale in case you missed it!



From Juanita:

Thanksgiving and Christ the King Sunday have passed. This is the Beginning of the church's New Year. We are in the Season of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. We measure time in three tenses, past, present and future. Focusing on Christ's birth in Bethlehem, His presence in our lives now, and the future coming at the end of time.

November is called a transition month by meteorologists. So we, based on Scripture, can call it the same-end to new beginning, death to new life. We are called by God to be people of hope. Through God's Son, Jesus Christ, all old things become new! Through eternal life in God's Heaven we live on. Love God, The Three in One, Love Your Neighbor.

Wisdom Pick of the Month:

A Woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then God cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. After removing the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., He carves you a new smiling face and puts a loving light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

For Kicks:

"You might be a Lutheran if... it takes 10 minutes to say good-bye."

"Your church library has at least three-Jell-O cookbooks."

"You freeze the leftover coffee from fellowship hour for next week."

"You feel guilty about not feeling guilty."



In Our Prayers:

Individuals: Sue D. Erick Buerger, Evan, Ebert Family, Joe, Makena, Michael, Lynette Gillen, Tom & Marilyn and those who are incarcerated. Those serving in the military and their families.

Grieving Families of:

Erick Buerger

Ministry Partners:

Serenity Inn, Family Promise, Reformation Lutheran Church, All God's Children, Sophal Project, Lutherdale Bible Camp

Are You In Need Of Prayers?

Would you like to have your faith family praying for you? Christ the King has a very special Prayers Please Group! If you or someone you know needs prayers, contact Barb Justman. Would you like to know when others need your prayers? Join our CTK e-pray chain by emailing or calling Barb Justman at 367-3542 or email sjustman@wi.rr.com.

December Worship Volunteers

12/3/2017

Asst. Min. Char Hall
 Lector Jeff Roth
 Comm. Asst. Jeff & Bonnie Roth
 Comm. Asst. Sue and Dick Rutledge
 Greeters Scott & Shelly Fuller
 Acolytes: Jacob Bonesho, Blake Armiger
 Ushers Sternemann
 Tech Team Bruce B. Rich Q, Andy J.

12/10/2017

Asst. Minister: Allie Rahn
 Lector: Sandy Mounts
 Comm. Asst.: Jean Corgiat, Kathy Doll
 Comm. Asst.: Curt & Pat Neudecker
 Greeters: Patti & Owen Accardo
 Acolytes: Jacob Bonesho, Tara Chapman
 Ushers: Finch
 Tech Team Rich Q, Bruce, Bob, Andy

12/17/2017

Asst. Minister: Brian Udovich
 Lector: Jeri Bonadurer
 Comm. Asst.: Gayle Maney, Marcia Hombsch
 Comm. Asst. Roland Broberg, Bob Stargard
 Greeters: Emil, Sheryl Skorik
 Acolytes: Grace Palmer, Caleb Hansen
 Ushers: Varrelmann
 Tech Team Tom, Bruce, Andy

12/24/17

Christmas Eve Services are at 9am, 4pm, 7pm, & 10pm

Now taking volunteers for all worship positions. Please see Jill in the office.

12/31/2017

Asst. Min. Volunteer Needed
 Lector Steve Hinkens
 Comm. Asst. Steve & Jayne Hinkens
 Comm. Asst. Mary Susa, **Volunteer**
 Greeters Dawson Family
 Acolytes: Caleb Hansen, Kate Beiler
 Ushers Brammeier
 Tech Team Paul, Bruce, Andy

Happy December Birthdays " A Very Merry, Merry Month to those who are celebrating 75 + years!"

Pastor Gerald Goodrich

Helen Ann Fedder

Alice Sorenson

Sandra Turner

Gerald Solrud

Jeff Roth

Joyce Marusinec

Ann Ouradnik

Teri Borgwardt

James Sundquist

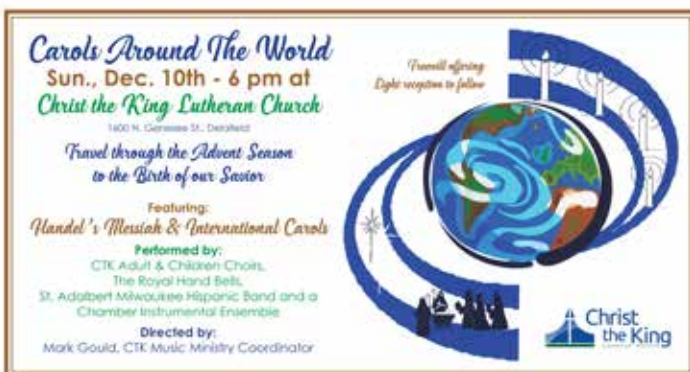
Arlene Spencer

ELCA Church Council's Fall Meeting Looks To The Future

11/15/2017 CHICAGO (Nov. 15, 2017) The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) met at The Lutheran Center in Chicago, Nov. 9-12. The council, which serves as the ELCA's board of directors, focused on the goals of ELCA Future Directions 2025 and the church's priorities around congregational vitality and leadership.

The council, addressing the needs of the church now and into the future, adopted a number of actions on the reorganization of the ELCA Foundation, including approving additional responsibilities for the Endowment Fund of the ELCA. Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the Endowment Fund will assume responsibility for all programs and related assets currently associated with the ELCA Foundation. In order to do this, the council approved the process of transferring the activities of the ELCA Foundation to the Endowment Fund. The approval followed a presentation by the chair of the Task Force on the Structure and Governance of the ELCA Foundation. The task force was established by the council at its November 2016 meeting.

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Veterans Day Recognition 2017 Blessings to all of you!

About 100 people attended the Veterans Day Recognition on Sunday, Nov 12. The program opened with Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 20, Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem. A delicious brunch was served while Mark Gould played patriotic music with some of our young CTK members leading us in song. Those attending were able to view the Wisconsin Remembers banners which puts a face to every name listed on the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington, D.C.

The free will offering resulted in \$551 donated to help support the 4 day retreat in Racine December 6-10 for Veterans suffering from PTSD. The very moving program ended with taps and retiring of the flag.

Thank you to all who attended and a huge thanks to Donna Finch for her hard work and dedication to Veterans Sunday and all who served. It was a wonderful day.



Trauma Transformed Through Art-Veterans To Be Featured in Art Show.

The free will offering at the Veteran's Day Reception went towards defraying the cost of this retreat for veteran's suffering from PTSD.

We collected over \$500 towards the retreat. If you are interested in attending the event on the last day of the retreat the veterans will tell their experience at the retreat and show their art work.

Madison, Wisconsin: Warrior Songs is a Wisconsin non-profit organization committed to facilitating the healing of veterans through music and the creative arts. The retreat culminates with an art show where the veterans will display their healing creations on Saturday, December 9, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the Siena Center located at 5635 Erie Street in Racine. This event is free and open to the public.

Doors open at 2:30pm for a gallery viewing of artwork created by the vets over the weekend. A Presentation begins at 3:30pm where the veterans will discuss their experience at the retreat and share their works. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Doors close at 4:30 pm
Free to the public.



SAVE THE DATES April 14-21, 2018
2018 ADULT SERVICE TRIP

Houston, Texas

An informational meeting will be held on
Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm
at St. Luke's Lutheran Church - Waukesha

Contact **Pastor Jordan** at pj@ctkdelafield.org with questions!

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The Endowment Fund of the ELCA is a separately incorporated ministry of the ELCA that serves as trustee of the Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Fund A) with oversight provided by a board of trustees elected by the Church Council. The ELCA Foundation is a program of the church-wide organization that provides fund-raising and gift-planning services to donors through vehicles that include Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuities, donor advised funds and other gift-planning resources. Beginning in January, the oversight of the program will be provided by the Endowment Fund of the ELCA (now to be known as the ELCA Foundation) board of trustees.

In its report, the task force laid out the benefits of the transfer: improved governance, expanded investment and financial oversight, increased transparency to current and prospective donors, financial sustainability and legal-risk mitigation. The council also adopted a revised social message on human rights. The social message was written, in part, as a response to the 2016 Church-wide Assembly adoption of a social policy resolution calling for an investment screen related to human rights. The social message would support and inform such a social criteria investment screen. It would also articulate in one place the themes and commitments from the disparate sources in which the ELCA has affirmed or mentioned human rights.

In other business, the council:

- Elected an ELCA treasurer to a six-year term, beginning Feb. 1, 2018. The name will be released pending notification of the person's current employer.
- Presented the Serves Dei Award to Treasurer Linda Norman in thanksgiving for her service.
- Elected Man-Hei Yip to the Church Council, Ingrid Stafford to the Executive Committee and the Rev. Tiffany Chaney to the Nominating Committee.
- Directed the Theological Education Advisory Committee to define a single seminary governance structure.
- Appointed a task force to provide benchmarks, accountability and support for attaining diversity goals in all expressions of this church.
- Declined the request for the ELCA to declare itself a sanctuary denomination, yet supported the spirit of the sanctuary movement by encouraging congregations to serve and support the protection of migrants in their communities.
- Affirmed the recommendations adopted by the African Descent Lutheran Association biennial gathering related to a process for relationship building and systematic analysis.
- Approved a 2018 fiscal year fund spending authorization of \$67,140,670 and an ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$23,750,000.
- Requested that the churchwide organization prepare a plan for the process by which "where needed most" dollars in Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA will be allocated.
- Deferred the question of developing social messages on aging and the U.S. National Drug Policy until 2018.
- Adopted "Vision, Process and Practice of ELCA Campus Ministry: Guidelines and Recommendations."
- Approved revisions to the Environment Social Criteria Investment Screen.
- Approved the report of the Audit Committee.
- Elected members of the boards of separately incorporated ministries, seminaries and other organizations and approved appointments to the Audit Committee and the Justice for Women Consulting Committee.
- Allocated additional members to the ELCA 2019 Churchwide Assembly.
- Approved amended bylaws of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA.
- Ratified amendments to synod constitutions.
- Approved the Asset Transfer Agreement for the reunion of Capital University and Trinity Lutheran Seminary and revised bylaws of Capital University.
- Commended The Lutheran World Federation Gender Justice Policy to the ELCA for study and consideration.

The council also received and engaged in:

- Reports from the officers, its committees, the churchwide organization administrative team and the Conference of Bishops.
- Updates on the hearing process for the women and justice social statement.
- Discussion on sustainability and church structures.
- Discussion on Joint Leadership Table commitments – the Joint Leadership Table is the executive committees of the Church Council and Conference of Bishops and the churchwide organization's administrative team.
- Shared congregational vitality learnings.
- A primer on AMMPARO – the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. AMMPARO is a commitment by the ELCA to accompany vulnerable migrating children today and in the future. The strategy will respond to the situation in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala that has led to the migration of children and their families through Mexico into the United States.
- Conversation with representatives of ethnic associations.
- Updates on Lutheran Disaster Response.
- Updates on Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA.
- Greetings from ecumenical partners.

From <<http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7902>>

Upcoming Events

December

- 3 First Sunday in Advent
- 3-10 Family Promise Week
- 5 Reading of the Budget Meeting
- 5 Adult Service Trip Meeting
St. Luke's Waukesha
- 10 Advent/Christmas Concert
- 10 Youth Packer Tailgate
- 10 Congregational Meeting
- 11 Christmas Tea
- 12 Christmas Book Club Exchange
- 14 All Congregation Budget Mtg.
- 17 Children's Christmas Pageant
- 17 Birthday Party for Jesus
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship
9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
- 25 Christmas Day -No service
- 25 Office Closed
- 31 New Year's Eve Worship Service

January

- 11 Blood Drive (Save the date!)
- 21 Annual Meeting

Weekly Meetings

- Mon Boy Scouts
- Tue Serenity Inn Dinners Monthly
- Wed Choir
- Wed Bell Choir
- Wed Discipleship Training
- Thur Lake Country Quilters
- Thur Adult Bible Study-The Gospels
- Fri Men's Bible Study



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Carols Around The World
Sun., Dec. 10th - 6 pm at
Christ the King Lutheran Church
1600 N. Genesee St., Delafield

*Free will offering
Light reception to follow*

Travel through the Advent Season to the Birth of our Savior
featuring:
**Handel's Messiah & International Carols
with Sing Alongs!**

Performed by:
CTK Adult & Children Chorus, The Royal Hand Bell,
St. Adalbert Mikuláš, Jeanne Hesperon, Rand and a Chamber Instrumental Ensemble
Directed by Mark Gould, CTK Music Ministry Coordinators

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Come celebrate our Savior's birth!
All are welcome to join us!

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