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Alive and Growing
through God's Grace

The Advocate

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Why Jerusalem Matters

The recent announcement that the United States would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel sent shock waves through Christians working for peace in the Middle East. Lutherans are among them. Lutherans have a long history of working in the Middle East to further goals of peace in the region. As a result, our brothers and sisters are able to set tables around which honest and open exchanges happen between world leaders, regional chiefs, and local principals. The depth of involvement and positive impacts we, and our brothers and sisters, have in the Holy Land and Middle East cannot be understated. So the shift in policy regarding Jerusalem announced by the United States last month is concerning not just to the political leaders of most countries, but also to Lutheran leaders worldwide.

There remain significant communities of Christians throughout the Middle East. This is true, also in Israel and Palestine. For this reason, Christians, though a minority, are concerned about the stability of their region. The ELCA reminds its members that "Jordan's King Abdullah believes that Christians are the "glue" that holds the future of the Middle East together." Therefore, ELCA Lutherans remain committed to efforts to "promote the flourishing of human community throughout the region."

(Quotes are taken from the ELCA website.)

One of our main partners in the Holy Land is the [The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land](#) (the ELCJHL). The ELCA works under the ELCJHL and supports their ministry with teachers who work in their schools, who do outreach in the communities, who serve in medical facilities. Some of our people work through the Lutheran World Federation, based on the Mount of Olives, overlooking the ancient walled city of Old Jerusalem.

The ELCA works with other Lutherans to challenge a movement known as Christian Zionism. Christian Zionism has an enormous - and we believe negative - impact on the region. Christian Zionism is a movement that works with Jewish Zionist movements seeking to restore Israel so that Jerusalem's temple might be rebuilt. Christian Zionists believe that the Jerusalem Temple (destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD) needs to be rebuilt where it once stood on Mount Zion. Only then, Christian Zionists insist, events leading to the second coming of Jesus will begin. Those events, Christian Zionists believe, will eventually lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the rebuilt temple. In other words, Christian Zionists advocate for the rebuilding of the Temple, so that it might be destroyed, leading to the second coming of Jesus.

There are major theological problems with Christian Zionism according to Mainline Christianity. Lutherans and other Mainline Christians strongly disagree with narratives of Christ's second coming that lay out events and timelines that must happen in order for Jesus to return. Such theories began appearing in Christian thought about 150 years ago and have been popularized in fundamentalist Christian circles. Lutherans believe such theories are based on misinterpretation of scripture and desires to have "secret knowledge" of keys to the future. *(Continued Page 2)*

The impact of these theologies are constantly at work in Evangelical (fundamentalist) Christian circles, leading to political action that heightens insecurity in the world. For more about Christian Zionism, see "[Challenging Christian Zionism](#)" in The Journal of Lutheran Ethics.

Christian Zionism is not an innocuous theological concept. Fundamentalist Christian theology concerning the second coming of Jesus has driven American political action in the Middle East for decades. The latest move by the United States - to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem- is a victory for fundamentalist Christians who advocate Christian Zionism. It is a means to move toward the rebuilding of the Temple.

Here's why this political move is dangerous: Two major Islamic holy sites are located on Temple Mount, on the site where the Temple once stood: 1) the Dome of the Rock, which you may recognize as the beautiful gold dome prominent in pictures of Jerusalem; and 2) the Al-Aqsa Mosque, built nearby. The two sites, together, are considered the second most holy sites of Islam behind Mecca, because of their connection to two stories: 1) the story of the Sacrifice of Isaac (important to Jews, Christians and Muslims); and 2) Mohammed's Night Journey.

Christian Zionism advocates for the removal of Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock, so that the Jewish Temple might be rebuilt. Threatening these Holy Sites is not in the interests of peace. Unchecked Christian Zionism is a destabilizing influence. For this reason, "Christian Zionism is the enemy of peace in the Middle East," according to Bishop Younan of the ELCJHL. (Christian Zionism)

Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers." (Matthew 5:9) The vision of God for the world is one of peace. Therefore, we must not be apathetic about the impact of Christian Zionism. It is a dangerous movement based on theological intrigue new to Christian thinking. It is said to be "biblical," but relies on piecing together various passages of scripture in ways not faithful to the intent of its authors. When speaking of his second coming, Jesus, himself, said, "No one knows when that day or hour will come — not the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father..." (Matthew 24:36)

You can learn more about Lutheran involvement and advocacy related to Jerusalem and the Middle East by reading the [1989 Social Message, Israeli Palestinian Conflict](#). In 2009, the Churchwide Assembly approved a Social Strategy entitled [Peace, Not Walls](#), which brings more clarity to issues of faith related to Israel and Palestine and a vision for Jerusalem. The latter document also guides the church's action around issues of engagement in the Middle East. More about the Peace Not Walls movement can be found on the [PNW website](#).

"The ELCA supports a viable, contiguous Palestinian state; a secure Israeli state at peace with its Arab neighbors; and a shared Jerusalem with equal access and rights for Jews, Muslims and Christians." (ELCA.org) On our behalf, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, [penned a public letter](#) to the president, asking the administration to change directions. In doing this, she stands in a long line of Lutheran actions and intentions.

As followers of Jesus gathered at the table, we are called to serve as peacemakers for the sake of God's Kingdom. God's vision for the world is that of peace. If you'd like to talk more about issues of peace and justice, please talk with me. I've traveled the region three times and have engaged these issues personally, talking with those impacted by Christian Zionism.

Christ The King Annual Meeting
Save the date for January 21, 2018 for CTK's Annual Meeting following the 9:00 a.m. Service.

Sunday School
No Sunday School on Jan 7. Kids join your parents for "All Worship Sunday". Sunday School will resume Jan 14!

Shorehaven Giving Tree
Thank you to everyone who brought gifts to bless the Shorehaven residents with at their Christmas Party. Sylvia K. made two separate trips with full boxes of gifts. Lynn and Mary Hansen took an additional two full boxes!

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.

Adult Service- Trip Houston, TX
Save the Dates April 14-21, 2018
Contact Pastor Jordan with questions. pj@ctkdelafield.org

Provide Flowers For Worship
The 2018 Flower Chart is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have a special occasion or date that you would like to commemorate, sign up to sponsor the Chancel Flowers. The cost is \$30, make check payable to CTK and bring it to the church office.



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
January 11, 2-7 p.m.
Sign up at: 877-232-4376
www.bcw.edu/delafield



Mexican Trains is Back!
Monday Mavens will be meeting on Monday, Jan 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Sanctuary to play Mexican Trains (Dominoes Game) and plan our activities for the year. Please join us! Any questions, please contact Bev Waltz at bevwaltz410@gmail.com.

CTK Welcomes New Members
We will receive new members into our congregation on Sunday, January 7. Please plan to join us in the upper sanctuary after the service to greet our newest members. We welcome:
Tim and Libbi Hahn
John and Toni Schnorr
Alex and Josh Paral

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.

Guiding Word Celebration
Wednesday, February 7 - 6 pm
The entire congregation is invited to celebrate the work of the Youth Discipleship as they present projects they've completed as part of our confirmation ministry. The event begins with dinner at 6 pm. Presentations at 6:30 pm.

Office Position Open At AGC
We are also looking for someone to work in our preschool office 2 days a week. This is a position that would require knowledge of Quickbooks as well as Microsoft office. Please talk to Laurie if you know someone who would be interested in becoming part of our team!

President's Message

A "Reading of the Budget" was held in December and I would like to thank everyone who attended this discussion. At the annual meeting held in January 2017, members asked for this type of meeting on the budget prior to the annual meeting. Those in attendance thought this was an informative session. The "Reading of the Budget" gives people time to ask questions and give their thoughts on matters pertaining to CTK well in advance of approval of the budget. For those who were not present, please know there are extra copies outside the office that can be picked up and reviewed. Council is available to answer whatever questions you may have. We are hoping questions will be asked prior to the annual meeting as we have additional items on the annual meeting agenda in 2018 and the budget approval would go quicker if everyone reviews and asks their questions ahead of time. The annual meeting will be held January 21 following service.

Also in December we held council elections. Please know that this past year we have been blessed with many things at CTK and one of those blessings is a council of people who have worked countless hours to ensure our missions and visions are seen, heard and felt by our members and the community. And as we head into 2018, we still have a need for those willing to step up into leadership roles, especially future Vice President and President. While the challenge is not always easy, God gives each of us the strength to do so, and the prayers of members for our council members are heard. Are you next for a leadership role? Has God

tapped your shoulder and you have ignored it because you are too busy, don't feel you have the energy or experience? Listen carefully to what God might be calling you to do. Council members never go it alone; the council works together as a team with God's guidance and we need future leaders to continue our mission and vision at CTK. If you want to discuss various council roles and where your gifts and interests might align with our needs, talk to one of the nominating committee members, Carol White, Meredy Hase, Jon Kilmer or Sylvia Kreutzmann or any other council member.

Blessings to all,
Sue Ettmayer, President

38th Annual Women's Ecumenical Breakfast

CTK members and friends are invited on Sat, Feb 10, 9-11:30 a.m. to St. John's Lutheran, Stone Bank. Enjoy breakfast with other ladies and beat the winter "humdrums!" Breakfast starts at 9:00 in the fellowship hall with a program following up in the sanctuary.

The guest speaker is Cynthia Halverson, President of the Lutheran Social Services Foundation. Cynthia will speak on the current situation of refugees globally. In 2018, it is projected that 45,000 refugees will enter the United States and they hope to welcome several hundred to Wisconsin.

Bring you friends, family and neighbors for this inspiring event.

Calling All Teens and Preteens

CTK will have a viewing of the documentary "Chosen" January 28 at 2:00 p.m. "Chosen" is about two All-American teenagers groomed and lured into the sex trafficking world. All preteens and teens in our community are encouraged to attend. Pastor Mary Jane Huber of St. John's United Church of Christ will facilitate the discussion.

Pastor Huber has provided teacher programs on human trafficking to Merton schools and Arrowhead High School. Most recently, Pastor Huber has been invited to address all Arrowhead Health classes and World Literature classes that are reading books related to this topic.

This event, sponsored by CTK partnership with Delafield Presbyterian Church, is the third in an on-going series to build community awareness and advocate for change against this form of modern day slavery. Bring friends & parents. Light refreshments served.

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Christmas Tea " A Evening Under The Stars- December 11

A Evening Under the Stars

On December 11, over 125 women from Christ the King and the community enjoyed an "Evening Under the Stars" with Christmas messages from Teri Bergendahl and Pastor Angela Khabeb. Christmas songs were played on the piano by Mark Gould with solo performances from Emmerson Neumiller and Mallory Jordan. Sixteen hostesses decorated tables in varied themes to help create a festive atmosphere. Food and drinks were served by CTK men whose help enabled the women to relax and enjoy the evening. Many thanks to everyone who played a part in making this fellowship activity a night to remember.



All God's Children News

Christmas time at preschool is a time filled with fun and excitement! The children in our KMSD 4K classroom just finished the week learning about the Nutcracker and enjoyed practicing their ballet moves just like in the Nutcracker!

The children in our Monkey/Alligator and Rainbow room have been learning about the Advent wreath and the meaning of the four candles during their circle time. The children in our Rainbow room learned about the birth of baby Jesus, acted out the nativity during class and all had a very special Happy Birthday party for Jesus.



Do you know someone who is interested in enrolling for preschool? Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be starting on Jan 25 and 26 for our alumni families and CTK members. Our open house week will be Jan 29 through Feb 2. It will be an open house format where families new to All God's Children are welcome to observe our classes in session and enroll for fall at that time.

Thanks so much for your continued support of our Christ the King ministry and spreading the word to your friends and neighbors!

Laurie

Children's Christmas Pageant Held on December 17 "The Glorious Sounds of Christmas"



In Our Prayers:

Individuals: Zoe, Sue R, Andrew & family, Jeane & Joe, Bill Beck, Mike K, Pastor Gerry Goodrich, Guy, Wayne, Lynette Gillen, Tom & Marilyn and those who are incarcerated. Those serving in the military and their families.

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.

January Worship Volunteers

1/7/2018

Asst. Min. Gary Fluaitt
Lector Teri Bergendahl
Comm. Asst. Dick & Sue Rutledge
Comm. Asst. Jon & Linda Kilmer
Greeters Rich & LeeAnn Quinlan
Acolytes: Jacob Bonesho, Grace Palmer
Ushers Ettmayer
Tech Team Rich Quinlan,
Deane Jaeger, Bob Rooney

1/14/2018

Asst. Minister: Bob Rooney
Lector: Lynn Hansen
Comm. Asst.: Rick & Bunny Kunstmann
Comm. Asst.: Lynn Hansen
Sherry Trafton
Greeters: Lynn & Mary Hansen
Acolytes: Peytyn Kier
Norah Mantey
Ushers: Bonesho
Tech Team Rich Q, Andy J

1/21/2018

Asst. Minister: Allie Rahn
Lector: Rich Quinlan
Comm. Asst.: Rich & LeeAnn Quinlan
Comm. Asst. Bob & Jeri Rooney
Greeters: Bob & Jeri Rooney
Acolytes: Tara Chapman
Jacob Bonesho
Ushers: Varrelmann
Tech Team Deane J, Bob R

1/28/2018

Asst. Min. Mary Hollister
Lector Sue & Tom Seegert
Comm. Asst. Mary Hollister
Chris Hansen
Greeters The Wierich Family
Acolytes: Peytyn Kier
Emily Ketter
Ushers Sonnenberg
Tech Team Bob R, Andy J

2/4/2018

Asst. Min Teri Bergendahl
Lector Cole Roecker
Comm. Asst. The Roecker Family
Comm. Asst. Liz Williams, Sharon Ziarek
Greeters Mke & Meredy Hase
Acolytes: Blake Armiger, Grace Palmer
Ushers: Sternemanns

Family Promise December Update

Many thanks to ALL of our volunteers for their time during our host week Dec. 3-10. We understand that your time is valuable and cannot thank-you enough and express enough how important you all are in the support of these families. We hosted three families and had a great week! Lots of delicious food, great conversations, activities and even a visit from St. Nick on Tues. evening! A special thank you to Mama T for putting together ornament kits for the kids to craft!

Thank-you also to all who answered our own request for blankets, quilts and comforters and supplies for the Day Center. Remember these families as they continue their journey to become self-sufficient and establishing a secure place to live.

Look for sign ups and information on our Host weeks in 2018! Our first week will be April 1-8. We are always looking to expand our volunteer family!!



Thanksgiving Gathering 2017

This was the 6th annual Thanksgiving Gathering dinner and is undoubtedly the most uplifting of all. Our sincere gratitude goes out to everyone for the outpouring of donations and volunteer time this year. This year's event was incredible. Our CTK community came through with flying colors. The food, supply and monetary donations totaled \$3,610. This event was, and always has been, totally funded by donations specifically given for the Thanksgiving Gathering dinner. We have never used regular budgeted church funds. Each year, we start the shopping in September, always looking for sales. About 85% of the food and supplies we purchase, we buy on sale. The savings range from as little as a couple of cents to over \$30 per items. This year the savings alone totaled \$668.75. We keep very detailed records on costs, donations and savings, as we want to make sure we are using all of your donations wisely.

Volunteers came out of the woodwork. In addition to church members, we had calls from the general public asking how they could help. Some of them indicated that they wanted their children to experience the need for giving, and in some cases, entire families came to help. In all, we had 74 volunteers. Some of our members are so dedicated to this cause they take vacation time every year to assist with the dinner, and they stay for the entire event from start-up through clean-up.

The invitation to the Thanksgiving Gathering is sent to 61 agencies that assist and support people in

all walks of life, including, but not limited to military/veteran's organizations, rehab facilities, senior housing establishments, women's shelters, discount stores, and rescue missions. It is also published in several local newspapers. As a result, the attendance was unbelievable. We were privileged to have served 503 people.

We were fortunate to have received media exposure for the Thanksgiving Gathering Event. WTMJ Channel 4 came, filmed, interviewed and later broadcast it on the 10 p.m. news that evening.

Several years ago, we partnered with Just One More. That is an organization in Milwaukee that feeds the homeless and supplies food to 35 other agencies who also reach out to those in need. Once again, we took all of the leftover prepared and unprepared food to them. They told us, that with the food we delivered, they will be able to feed more than 200 individuals. They also told us a heart wrenching story. Three times a week, 3 women from their organization prepare about 50 meals. Then, that evening, those 3 individuals go to the inner city of Milwaukee seeking homeless people in parks, by railroad tracks and under bridges to provide them with a hot meal. They stay out as late as 11 p.m. each night. God bless them for their ministry.

This year we expanded our outreach. Prior to the Thanksgiving Gathering, we contacted the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and the Hope Center Rescue Mission in Waukesha to see how we could help them. The Milwaukee Rescue Mission feeds up to 700 people every day of the year. They told us that they need

absolutely anything and everything in the way of food items. We gave them 90 one-gallon cans of vegetables and fruits in addition to items for a spaghetti dinner that would likely feed up to 100 people.

We visited the Hope Center Rescue Mission in Waukesha. It's very enlightening and depressing at the same time. We saw people in their cafeteria sleeping on tables and others laying in the parking lot waiting for the lunch hour. This included several families with children. We were advised that they typically feed about 80 for breakfast, 70 for lunch and 150 for dinner. They told us that they are always in need of breakfast items. We gave items for a spaghetti dinner and breakfast items that will feed their recipients for about 2 weeks.

Directly and indirectly, we fed about 900 individuals.

Since we've always taken a stand that we should be helping those who need help the most, we buy and donate the food. We don't give money to these organizations, reason being, we don't want the donations going for administrative expenses.

And last, but certainly not least, we wanted to help our furry friends. We gave the Waukesha Humane Society 150 pounds of dog food and 80 pounds of cat food. When we delivered the food, there were 2 families adopting dogs from Puerto Rico. One of them had children and they were so excited to have an addition to their family.

We always have so many favorable comments from the people attending the dinner. I make it a point of

walking around and talking to people. I sat with 2 women who were so appreciative of our outreach. I asked them if they have anyone else at home who might like a meal taken to them. They said they are the only 2 living together, but added that in honesty, they don't have any food at home to eat, that's why they came for this meal. We sent them home with additional food for a couple of extra meals.

I think the call to our church office from an anonymous individual really sums up the heart of our event. He said in part " You have touched so many lives. It's not only the act of feeding people, but the way in which you treat everyone who walks in the door. People are treated with dignity, respect and kindness. There is no judgment. The setting and presentation are beautiful, festive and uplifting. The interaction with the children is wonderful. They are simply gracious, happy, kind and a pure joy to speak with. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered".

We can't thank you enough for your continued commitment to this event. Each year, because of you, the Thanksgiving Gathering gets better and better.

With heartfelt thanks!
Rick and Bunny Kunstmann



Upcoming Events

January

- 1 Happy New Year Office Closed
- 7 Welcoming New Members
- 8 Monday Mavens Mexican Trains
- 9 CTK Book Club
- 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 11 Blood Drive
- 21 Annual Meeting
- 28 Human Trafficking Forum

February

- 7 DT Guiding Word Celebration
- 10 38th Annual Women's Ecumenical Breakfast
- 10 Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 18 First Sunday In Lent
- 20 Spring Primary Election
- 21 Lenten Meal & Service
- 28 Lenten Meal & Service

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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Nearly 300 people attended "Carols Around the World" December 10. A wonderful evening that featured: CTK's Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Royal Bells and many guest musicians. Directed by Mark Gould

