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An Old Partnership in a New Way

For decades Christ the King has supported the ministry of Loaves & Fishes. It is a ministry that feeds people, regardless of their situation, because everybody deserves to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect. Through our Loaves & Fishes teams, scores of Christ the King members have volunteered at meal sites across the Twin Cities to prepare and serve meals.

We have also had a long practice of feeding people through our own Wednesday night community meals. Even when COVID hit, we continued feeding people every week from our church kitchen. We have averaged about 80 delicious and nutritious meals a week, served to-go for anyone who needs one.

Beginning with the New Year, we are teaming up with Loaves & Fishes in a new way, by becoming a meal site. This means we will be feeding people out of our church kitchen Monday-Friday, serving what we estimate to be about 800 meals a week out of our church doors. These meals will be served nightly from 5-6pm, beginning Monday, January 3rd, prepared by volunteers from around the cities and served to-go for anyone who needs one.

I am excited for this opportunity to expand our ministry of feeding. I am excited to deepen our relationship with such a meaningful ministry. I am excited about the ways that God is using Christ the King to meet the needs of our neighborhood. If you want to volunteer as an individual or a team, you can sign up online at www.loavesandfishesmn.org/volunteer/.

~ Pastor Rory

Birthday Greetings

to our homebound and semi-homebound members celebrating January birthdays:

- Cathie Willmert 1/2
- Margaret Olson 1/18



Puzzles



Puzzling over how you will wile away cold, dark winter hours? Perhaps piecing together the colors and intricacies of peaceful landscapes will add some cheer to otherwise seemingly long days. CTK's "Jigsaw Puzzle Swap" is available again. Pick-up a puzzle, enjoy, return it and pickup another. There are new puzzles to choose from and if you have any you would like to donate just drop them off. You are also welcome to stop into the library and check out a book.

Annual Report

Please have any ministry team reports/articles turned into Jane V. in the office or by email jvevea@ctkb.org - no later than **January 14th**!

Thank you! The meetings will be in the sanctuary after worship and will also be livestreamed for those not able to attend.

Sunday, 1/23 - Budget Meeting

Sunday, 1/30 - Annual Meeting

Usher Schedule for January

Jan. 2 & 9 Team K - Roger Olson, Capt

Jan. 16 & 23 Team F - Jack Carlson, Capt.

Jan. 30 - Team I - David Tillotson, Capt.

Thank you!

Thank you to my friends at CTK for the wonderful Christmas cookies! ~ Pat Halvorson

Thank you!

A special thank you to members who purchased gifts for Ebenezer residents. They were greatly appreciated!

~ Lorraine Peters

Thank you!

Thank you so much for all the Christmas cookies! It was so thoughtful of you—I'm so sure I will enjoy all of them! Barb Lind

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Verla Olson, Diane Walker

Feb. Newsletter Deadline Friday, January 14

Please email newsletter articles to jvevea@ctkb.org or leave a hard copy in the church office.

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EPIPHANY

Wednesday Night – New Year, New Schedule

Our midweek ministry starts up again on **Wednesday, January 5th** with a special **Epiphany worship service at 6pm. Everyone is invited** as we kick off the new year and continue to celebrate and worship the light of the world that is Jesus Christ.

Wednesday Night Schedule

5-6pm To-Go Community Meal

6pm Evening Worship & WOW

6:45-7:30 Confirmation

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 30th

Our Annual Meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church will take place following worship on Sunday, January 30th. We will meet in-person in the sanctuary, with an online option available for those who prefer to attend that way. Watch the bulletins and e-news for the online meeting link. Our budget review meeting will take place the week prior on Sunday, January 23rd.

Open Forum in January

Jan 2nd – No Forum

Jan 9th - Loaves & Fishes: a new shape to our partnership.

Jan 16th – The mission of CTK to the Neighborhood

Jan 23rd – Budget Meeting

Jan 30th – CTK Annual Meeting

Meet Our New Interim Pastor

Thank you for inviting me to be on this journey of faith with you for a time. Christ the King is a blessing to Bloomington and the wider world. I am honored to be part of your caring for others and witness to Christ's love.

Curiosity drives my faith and relationship with God. This life is full of wonder and surprise! My wife, Ann, says that my hobby is "collecting people" because I come home with stories of interesting and odd encounters with those I meet. I approach each day first by thanking God for one more day of life, and then looking forward to what adventure awaits, not knowing exactly how the day will play out, but always trusting that God leads and it will be interesting!

My wife, Ann Brearley, is Assistant Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Minnesota. Our daughter, Rachel, is a recent graduate of Metro State University and is now working for Metro State managing their psychology lab. Daughter Hannah is a student at the U of MN, majoring in Sociology of Law, Criminology and Justice. And we have a dog and two rabbits, pets that my daughters "thoughtfully" left behind when they moved out.

Our home since 2000 is in Plymouth. Before that we lived in West Chester, PA, Wilmington, DE and Chicago. I grew up in Glenwood City, WI where my dad is still the town barber. I call him every Sunday to catch up on the news in town and get the latest goings-on of relatives and friends.

My days are always busy with interests and hobbies: gardening, winemaking from fruit I grow, electric bicycles, reading industrial history, managing a small forest in Wisconsin, cooking and singing with the Great Northern Union Barbershop Chorus. God has blessed me with wide-ranging curiosity for this marvelous world.

~ Pastor Chris

Dear friends,

This past week I attended the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Council meeting held in Johannesburg at the Lutheran center. Observing COVID-19 protocols, it was the first in-person meeting in more than a year and a half. LUCSA is the sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Southern Africa, with 15 member churches in ten countries.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of LUCSA, which was established in 1991. The Council meeting opened with a worship service including the installation of Rev. L.A. Kasper as the first female Executive Director of LUCSA. The theme of the conference was "Listening Leadership."

The Council received reports that highlighted HIV&AIDS, the Infohut project, Malaria, Gender Justice, Migrants, Refugees and internally displaced people, training of peace monitors and local resource mobilization, sustainable livelihoods and climate change, responses to COVID-19 including psycho-social support training, networking and resource development by Christian education coordinators, scholarships, the worship, liturgy and music project, and ongoing consultations regarding theological education in the region.

The ELCA is committed to accompanying LUCSA, companion churches and a number of ecumenical organizations as they faithfully engage in proclamation of the Gospel in so many ways in the communities they serve.

Thank you for your prayers, support and your participation in God's mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully, Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa / Johannesburg, November 26, 2021

Please visit my fundraising page. (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals' gifts only.) If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](https://www.elca.org/MissionaryGiving).

JANUARY

CTKB READS-News from the Library

William Kent Krueger, a bestselling author from Minnesota, has penned a prequel to his Cork O'Connor series. As with the other books in the Cork O'Connor series, *Lightning Strike* (a book new to our library), takes place in Aurora, MN, a small town tucked in the forest by the shores of Minnesota's Iron Lake. It begins with an older Cork O'Connor looking back on his childhood summer of 1963, shortly before he turns thirteen. A summer that follows him into his adolescence and changes his life. Cork is in the middle of a perfect summer, ruined only by his job of delivering the local newspapers in the morning and afternoon. There are unexplained deaths at the center of the story as Cork stumbles upon the body of a man he greatly respected. It is the first in many events that causes him to question things he took for granted about his family, himself, and his hometown. Father, Sheriff Liam O'Connor, and son, Cork, face the test of choosing between what their heads tell them is the truth and what their hearts know is right. As Krueger explains, "It's really an opportunity for me to explore the relationship Cork had with his father and shaped him significantly in becoming the man who is center stage in the series." While it is not necessary to have read any of the previous Cork O'Connor books, insights are revealed about Cork as he comes of age, and of his father. In so doing *Lightning Strike* provides a new understanding to what has been read before, and what will happen later in the series.

~ Kay Marotz for the Library Team

MUSICIANS: SAVE THE DATE!

CTK wants to celebrate and honor our musicians! Music and worship in all its varied forms really has been a lifesaver for so many of us during the pandemic. The faithfulness of our CTK singers, instrumentalists has been remarkable, musicians showing up indoors and outdoors, taking part in various recording projects, presenting music in all kinds of weather, contending with masking needs, and so much more!

If you are a singer, choir member, or player of an instrument and have shared your time and talent with us in worship over the last couple years, please set aside the evening of **Sat. Jan. 29th beginning at 5pm** to join others for an evening of delicious food, warm fellowship, and joyful appreciation.

Appetizers and beverages will begin at 5:00pm, with dinner served at 5:30pm, brief presentation and honors will continue as we fellowship with one another, wrapping up with coffee and dessert to conclude the evening. RSVP's can be made to Jane in the office and there will be sign-up sheets at January rehearsals. Musicians, please bring your spouse, significant other, or a plus-one as you wish! Don't miss what will be a lovely evening celebrating those who celebrate God's goodness and grace in music and song.

January Gift of Love Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries (GHM) "Helping The Hands That Heal", was founded in 1987 by returning Medical Missionaries in consultation with American Lutheran Church Mission Staff. Since then it has developed a nationwide network of supporters for Lutheran Hospitals and Health Care programs in more than 30 countries. GHM carries out its mission through the gathering and shipping of requested medical supplies and equipment to these partners. Project grants are also made. In 2014 GHM increased its emphasis of working to improve sustainability and effectiveness in management. CTK continues to support GHM through the Gift of Love and the service of volunteers.

Cookie Deliveries

We had a number of volunteers plus on our Quilting Crew come together to assemble cookies to deliver to some of our CTK members. Thank you to all who helped to bake, package, and deliver them! It's truly a wonderful thing when we get to care for one another.

~The Pastors at CTK

Thank you!

Thank you to those who made the cookies I received and to whomever delivered them. They were very good. I really enjoyed them and shared some with other residents in my building. Thank you again. Steve Olson

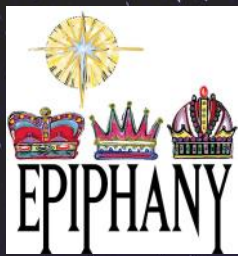
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all who brought cookies and candy for CTK homebound and others. There were so many different kinds, and some that were so decorated. They all looked absolutely delicious, and it was so much fun filling the boxes with such treats. Thank you to the quilters, who filled the boxes and tied a ribbon around each box. Thanks to the WOW kids who made cards for the homebound. And, of course, thank you so much to those who delivered all these boxes. Having delivered

some of these boxes and cards, I saw how much these people appreciated it all and the smiles and joy it brought. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this annual event so successful and rewarding for all of us.

~ Bonnie Westermoe





Children's Ministry

WOW time adjustment: WOW is going from 6-7!

We've heard that the time we had set out for WOW was a bit too long for our young friends, so we've adjusted the times! **We will begin, downstairs in the youth room on Wednesdays at 6pm**, start some stations/craft/games from about 6:10-6:30, then go upstairs for communion and the end of Wednesday evening worship, and then do music until 7!

Lock in: Huge thank you to Sarah Marotz and Rachel Bernier for taking lead with baking the caramel rolls! We couldn't have done it without either of their work or fun energy while we all baked together! If anyone has a chance, please tell Sarah and Rachel thank you for all their hard work!

Thank you message: A huge thank you to the all the WOW volunteers, parents, and young friends that helped with the Christmas Pageant! I had so much fun with everyone trying to put it together and as usual, I couldn't have done it without you all! A HUGE round of applause for all of you! I also just want to say thank you to everyone in the congregation: parents, children, grandparents, and friends. It's been an awesome first half of the WOW year with the kiddos and I couldn't have done this without everyone being so welcoming! I can't wait to see what the next few months bring and continue watching our young friends grow in their faith! 2022 will be GREAT!

~ Tre Tellor

Resources for Seniors and Mental Health

Hello everyone,

The holidays can be a financially difficult time for all of us, especially if you're a senior and living on a fixed income. There are resources available to you. One of them is the Minnesota Senior Linkage Line that helps seniors with plans for aging in place, navigating medicare, and providing connections to care giving. Visit the website at <https://mn.gov/senior-linkage-line/> or Call the toll-free number: 1-800-333-2433. Also available, is the Minnesota mental health support hotline (called the Warmline). This toll-free call is available for anyone struggling with any mental health needs. They are *not* a crisis number but they are trained professionals standing by for any conversation or connection we all value and need in times of our life.

Visit the website at <https://mentalhealthmn.org/support/minnesota-warmline/> or Call the toll-free number: 855-WARMLINE or 1-877-404-3190 or even text "Support" to 85511.

And of course, we at Christ the King are here for you for any of life's ups and downs. Feel free to call or pass a note along and we'll reach out to you! We hope the holidays were merry and bright and even if they weren't, we'd be glad to talk about them.

~Visitation Pastor Trevor

Christ the King Foundation Awards

The CTK Foundation Board met via Zoom on Tuesday, November 30, to review grant requests and we are pleased to announce two awards.

- Grant Request from Sarah Marotz for the **ELCA Youth Gathering**. Sarah wrote in her request, "The ELCA Youth Gathering "boundless - God beyond measure" will be held July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis. I estimate 8-10 CTK youth (grades 8-12) will attend. Even though the Gathering is local for us, this is an immersive experience where the youth are expected to stay in hotels and interact with other groups/new people. People that have attended previous ELCA Youth Gatherings report that it can be fun and powerful to worship and learn with thousands of other Christians. The chance to connect with other youth and develop their faith together, especially after 2+ years of pandemic restrictions, has the potential to be transformative to the youth that will be attending."
- Grant Request from Chris Gabel for **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**. Chris wrote in her request, "Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees in the U.S. They resettle refugees, reunite children and parents, and rekindle the American Dream. For more than 80 years, LIRS has been a champion for migrants and refugees from around the globe."

Christ the King Lutheran Church Foundation supports CTK in its religious, educational, and charitable endeavors through grants from the earnings of its endowment.

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November Treasurer's Report

November 2021 total income was \$51,617.89 and disbursements were \$43,811.14 making us ahead for the month by \$7803.75. Year to date, actual income is \$549,082.00 and disbursements are \$527,472.50. As of the end of November, this makes us ahead for the year by \$21,609.50. We are so grateful for your continued support of God's work. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! If you have any questions regarding the financials, please feel free to contact CTKB Treasurer, Suzan Pederson at suzan.pederson@gmail.com or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Be Safe ... Be Well!

	Nov Budget	Nov Actual	Nov Actual
Income	\$ 48,571.24	\$ 51,617.89	\$ 549,082.00
Disbursements	\$ 53,883.08	\$ 43,811.14	\$ 527,472.50
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -5,311.84	\$ 7,803.75	\$ 21,609.50

Blessed