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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Band.....

We are always looking for musicians for the Worship band. If you are interested in playing/singing please let JoMarie know at jomarie@goctk.org



Can you help us?

We are looking for individuals that can't make it to church. Whether a situation with being shut-in, hospitalized or other?

Volunteers can visit you and your family, send cards, call and chat, or give you communion in your home! Please call the church office to inform us of your current situation or situation of friends/family members who may be interested.

CTK Services Streamed Live!



You can find all services streaming live on Facebook. Check it out if you are unable to be in church but don't want to miss the service.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2023 must be turned into the church office by **DECEMBER 29 at 10am!**

A final deposit for 2023 will be made that afternoon. Thank you for all the ways you continue to support CtK..

Giving Made Easy at Christ the King

We thank you for your support of the church and offer many ways for you to give your offering-donations.

- Place your offering/donation in the offering plate during the service.
- Create an automated on-line giving that will take your gifts directly from your account. Sign up sheets for VANCO are on the welcome desk or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YKB3/home>
- Donate using this QR code. Just place your phone camera over this code and it will take you directly for you to use your credit/debit card.



Or click on the "Giving" tab on the CTK Homepage www.ctkmhd.org

Mail or Email????

If you currently receive the Heartbeat in the mail and wish to have it sent to you electronically, please contact the church office.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ.....

I'm having such a hard time wrapping my mind around the fact that fall is almost over and we are already heading in to the Advent season. Yes I know we always say "time goes by so fast" but whether it's my age or the busyness of our lives I really think that saying gets more true each and every year.

I am rejoicing in our last few weeks of November as we wrapped up the initial **Building Faith Together** Campaign Drive. No, we definitely aren't finished with it as we will be working on connecting with those that we have missed, reaching out to some of our business partners, long-time friends of CTK and more to work on meeting our goal. We sure did an amazing job so far but we still do have a bit to do to get to where we need. However, I definitely think the kids absolutely ROCKED in their help with \$923 in noisy offerings. They sure enjoyed throwing those pies at us!

As we begin Advent, I want to let you know that we will be doing a sermon series called "*In Those Days*". It will help us to celebrate the events of "those days" - times when our Savior was born. As we light the candles on the Advent wreath, we remember the following:

- An Emperor's Decree – *A Decree Went Out* – Luke 2:1
- A journey to Bethlehem – *To the City of David* – Luke 2:4
- The search for a home – *No Place for Them* – Luke 2:7
- The birth of the first born – *Her First Born Son* – Luke 2:6-7
- *There were shepherds and This will be a sign* – Luke 2:20 & Luke 12

It will be a wonderful journey through the season of Advent and I look forward to taking it together with you.

We all know how crazy the holiday season can be so I pray that you find amazing joy and peace with the many gatherings of family and friends you may have scheduled. I also urge you to reach out to neighbors/friends that may not have a lot of those gatherings as the holidays can also be a hard, sad and lonely time as well. The holiday seasons are when we need those connections with friends and loved ones. Prayers for a blessed Advent and Christmas to all!!

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy - Matthew 2:10

Blessings,

Pastor Michele

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on the following days for the holidays.

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Monday, January 1

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Concordia Christmas Concert
We have two tickets available for the concert on
Sunday, December 3 at 2pm.
Cost is \$25.
Please talk to Pastor Michele if you are interested.

Office Volunteers
The CtK office is **NEEDING** office coverage on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Duties are simple-answer phones, greet guests, and some projects when needed. If interested contact Jo Marie at 236-7576.

December 2023 at a Glance

Friday, December 1

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 2

9:00am-Al-Anon

9:00am-Parent's Day Out

Sunday, December 3

2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 4

3:00pm-WELCA Meeting

5:00pm-ARC Christmas Party

7:00pm-Children/Youth
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

8:30am – TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

10:00am-Kindergarten Co-op

4:30pm-Griefshare

5:15pm-WELCA

Christmas Party

6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 6

2nd Wednesday in Advent

7:00am-Moorhead Public Schools

9:00am-Quilters

5:00pm-Dinner

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk

7:00pm-CrossWalk

Thursday, December 7

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, December 8

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 9

9:00am-Al-Anon

10:00am-FaithWalk Christmas
Program Practice

Sunday, December 10

3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00am –Traditional Worship

9:50am -Fellowship Brunch

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

with FaithWalk Christmas
Program

Monday, December 11

5:30pm-Worship and Music

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

10:00am-Kindergarten Co-Op

2:00pm-Circle Leader

Bible Study

4:30pm-Griefshare

5:30pm-Finance Committee

6:30pm-Executive Committee

6:30pm-Scouts

7:00pm-Church Council

Wednesday, December 13

3rd Sunday in Advent

5:00pm-Dinner

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

with Good Shepherd Choir Cantata

6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk

7:00pm-CrossWalk

Thursday, December 14

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, December 15

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 16

9:00am-Al-Anon

10:00am-Saturday Circle

Sunday, December 17

4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

with Worship Band Christmas

Monday, December 18

6:00pm-Property Committee

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

1:30pm-Sarah Circle

4:30pm-Griefshare

6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 20

9:00am-Quilters

2:00pm-Anna Circle

5:00pm-Dinner

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
with Worship Band Christmas

Thursday, December 21

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, December 22

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

4:00pm-Olson 50th Anniversary
Celebration: Sanctuary

Saturday, December 23

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

9:00am-Traditional Worship

3:30pm-Contemporary Family

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00pm-Traditional Christmas

Eve Worship

9:30pm-Candlelight Worship

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church/Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

No Activities -Office open 9-4

Thursday, December 28

Office Open 9-4

6:00pm-NAMI

Friday, December 29

Office Open 9-12

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

10:00am-Cut off for end of

Year Donations

Saturday, December 30

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, December 31

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, January 1, 2024

Happy New Year! Office Closed

IMPORTANT!

No Meal, Worship, Faith walk,
Promisewalk or Confirmation on
January 3rd

Normal Wednesday Night
programming will begin again on
January 10th

YOUTH MINISTRIES

MISSION TRIP PUERTO RICO & LAKE TRAVERSE



All 7-12 graders and parents are invited to a brief meeting Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the Library to discuss the mission trip options/dates and costs.

Please make every effort to attend even if you aren't sure your youth will be going – we want you to know the details before making a decision.

Youth mission work is some of the greatest faith forming experiences your child can have. We will not only have some who have attended in the past to answer questions but we will also be able to discuss how your youth can earn ways to have their trip paid for.

See you there!!! Pastor Michele

Church Staff & Contact Information

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Church Office Hours

Monday– Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday– 9:00am to Noon



Christmas Program

Practice for the Christmas Program will be on
Saturday, December 9 from 10am-11:30am
in the Rainbow Room.

Ctk children will be presenting their Christmas program,
Sunday, December 10 at 10:45am in the Christus
Rex during the Contemporary Worship. Please join us to
hear our children proclaim the Savior's birth.

Important FaithWalk/PromiseWalk

Dates

December 13: Christmas Party

**December 20: Family Worship
with Contemporary Worship
Band Program**

**FaithWalk/PromiseWalk resumes on
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
Have a blessed Christmas.**

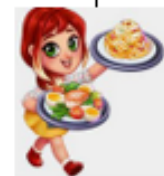


Youth and Children Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who purchased Holiday Greenery
and Wind Spinners to help support our Children and
Youth. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!!



Wednesday Night Meals



Come join us for delicious food and fellowship

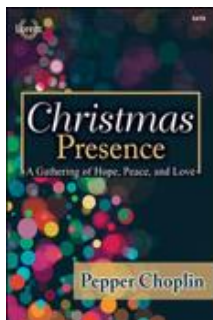
December 6- Pizza

December 13-Burgers

December 20-Roasted Chicken with Cheesy Potatoes
Meals will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024



Good Shepherd Christmas Cantata Wednesday, 13th – 6:00pm Service



Enjoy the choir as they tell of the Christmas story and its impact on our lives and the lives of those around us.

This work inspires us to dwell on the important and profound way that Christmas brings us together through the joy of Christ's birth.

GIVING TREES

CtK Mission Outreach at Christmas

WE CARE/OUTREACH TREE

Your gift to the We Care Fund will help a family that may need extra encouragement, by providing gift cards for a Christmas meal & family presents or at other times throughout the year. Outreach needs are gift cards to local businesses for those who just need a little help at times. You will find envelopes on the tree to give for this.

MINISTRY TO OUR HOMEBOUND/NURSING HOME FRIENDS

CtK is committed to remembering our friends in three ways: delivering Christmas & Easter plants (\$25); Yearly subscription to "CHRIST IN OUR HOME" DEVOTIONAL. (\$12)

GIFT to Help the YWCA or

Hats, Mittens or Socks, oh my!

Purchase items noted on the tree OR If you are unable to get out to shop—you can make a donation towards one of the giving trees and we can do the shopping for you – just fill out an envelope on the WE CARE/OUTREACH Tree

Emergency Food Pantry

We have two service opportunities to assist at the emergency food pantry.

Monday, December 18 9:30am-12:00pm

1:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday, December 20 9:30am-12:00pm

Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or speak with Pastor Michele for more details.

Christmas Memorials and Honorariums Advent and Christmas Greenery and Flowers

Each year we joyfully decorate the Sanctuary and Rex for Advent and Christmas. Money used from the memorials and honorariums is also used to purchase poinsettias for our homebound and nursing home family members.

Please fill out the enclosed form with names **clearly written** and return to the church office by **Sunday, December 17** to be included in the Christmas bulletins.



You're Invited!!! Celebrating 50 years of ministry to those in need

Please join us for the Women's Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 5th
5:15pm Social and 6:00pm Ham/Roast Beef Dinner in the Christus Rex
Music provided by the Moorhead High Carolers and Colors of Christmas Program too!

All women are invited and encouraged to bring friends. The main dish has been provided by River Pointe Assisted Living but there is a potluck sign up for the rest of the items for the meal.

You may also show Christ's love by bringing a Christmas gift that will be delivered to elderly residents at River Pointe or residents of YWCA. Sign-up sheets are posted near the WELCA bulleting board or in the gathering space.



First report from our capital campaign show that 109 commitment cards were received for a total of \$401,550 over the three-year giving period. \$190,894 was pledged toward our general fund. Our children also raised \$923 for our capital campaign! In the coming weeks we will be reaching out to some of our business partners, longtime friends of CtK, and more as we work to reach our goal of \$600,000. Thank you for your support of CtK!

Ham Dinner Success!!!



2023 Ham Dinner was a wonderful success this year and we made a net profit of \$4960. At the October council meeting it was approved to cover a portion of the Geothermal bill-air system in the FaithWalk rooms and Library. The council decided to use these proceeds for the general fund to help with facility repairs made that were in addition to the roof replacement.

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King Financial Snapshot

Financial Numbers as of:						October 31, 2023	
	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date		
General Offering:	\$22,490	\$316,443	General Expenses:	\$30,021	\$311,704		
RUIJ Campaign:	\$6,504	\$72,013	Mortgage Expense:	\$8,757	\$102,029		
Designated Offering:	\$15,054	\$155,570	Designated Expenses:	\$14,430	\$51,236		
Total:	\$44,047	\$544,026	Total Expenses:	\$53,209	\$464,969		
**Please consider setting up a recurring gift to the church through our Simply Giving Program . If you have questions about setting up recurring giving please ask in the office.							
2023 Mission Giving							
	Local Missions:	\$233					
	ELCA Synod Missions:	\$9,000	75% of \$12,000 goal				
Reunited in Joy Campaign 2020-23							
	\$315,349.00	Pledge for Date Range					
	\$262,985.42	Amount Given by People who have Pledged					
	(\$52,086.58)	Difference					
	83.47%	Percent of Pledges Paid					
	\$40,217.47	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge					
	\$303,202.89	Total Donated for Date Range					

Celebrate Christmas at CtK

Join us on Sunday, December 24 as we proclaim the birth of the Savior.

9:00am-Traditional Worship

3:30pm-Contemporary Family Worship with Candlelight

5:00pm-Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Candlelight

9:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion.

