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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.

Church Office Closed

The church office and building will be closed on **Monday, January 1** and **Monday, January 15** for New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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 –

Here comes 2024 and with that for many of us the oh so crazy New Years Resolutions!!! I saw a post on Facebook yesterday of a young boy asking his dad what a New Years resolution is and the dad replied, “Oh it’s something you do the first two weeks of January”. Sounds about right for me (and unfortunately most of us).

I found an interesting read about why our resolutions often times fail and the most common reasons were that our resolutions are too big, that we don’t often times really think about “why” we want this resolution or change and most of all that we just might not be READY for that change. Change is never easy or always enjoyable. You have seen and felt a lot of change over the years here at Christ the King and we will continue to grow and change in the coming year and years – it’s inevitable. What is good to remember though is that we are always in these changes together and you always have a voice and an ear should you worry about some of the changes or have ideas about what could/should change.

As we begin 2024, I would like to share with you the top 10 New Year’s Resolutions for Christians and urge you to look up the accompanying verses to help you understand the meaning and work that they require:

1. **Be a peacemaker** – Matthew 5:9
Resolve to be the one who brings peace, not drama or rumors but rather one who initiates peace and unity.
2. **Go to church regularly** – Hebrews 10:24-25
Come together in a community of believers to show our children, our neighbors and community all that is going on at CTK!
3. **Read the Bible daily** – Psalm 119:11, Psalm 1:2
I know, this seems like a major task to commit too, but find an app for your phone or purchase a devotional that will allow you to give yourself 5 minutes each day to be lifted by the Word
4. **Find ways to serve others**
Check out the Heartbeat and bulletin boards at church for opportunities or ask Pastor Michele.
5. **Be an encourager**
Our world can be discouraging but you can take your ambition and be an encourager – encouraging others to do as God wants us to and share the good news.
6. **Start a gratefulness journal**
Whether you write them down or just incorporate them into your prayers – thank God for the big and little things you have received each day.
7. **Post only positive things on social media**
There is enough negativity, violence and bullying in our world and on our televisions – be the one to post positive things to lift up happiness and love
8. **Pray every day**
Again, this may seem like an unbelievable change in our crazy and busy world. However, praying doesn’t have to happen on your knees – it can happen as you’re waiting at a stop light, sitting in a waiting room, even while you’re enjoying a meal or relaxing moment on the couch. Just find a couple of minutes to pray.

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9. Be hospitable

This is of course one of the greatest gift a church can have is being welcoming and hospitable to others. I see it happening as we have new members visiting and past members returning. It is also something that we can always continue to improve on as well so don't forget the words Jesus said " Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".

10. Be Humble – 1 Peter 5:5

It's important to remember that other's people opinions of you aren't what's important – it's only what God thinks of you. Work always to please God.

To read more about these visit <https://aranchmom.com/10-new-years-resolutions-christians/>

Hopefully these Top 10 will give you direction in the coming year. Continue to be the good and faithful servants God has asked of us and let's find our way through whatever changes 2024 brings – together!!!

I look forward to a New Year serving Christ the King WITH you!

Blessings,

Pastor Michele

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Church Office Hours

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

Friday– 9:00am to Noon

ONE SERVICE ONLY
Sunday 12/31 NEW YEARS EVE
9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

FaithWalk, PromiseWalk, and Confirmation
will resume on Wednesday, January 10.

Check out the Christ the King Facebook page to see all of the fun family photos taken at the CTK Photo Station on Christmas Eve!



Special Thanks to Marie Wollschlager for creating such a beautiful scene for the photos!

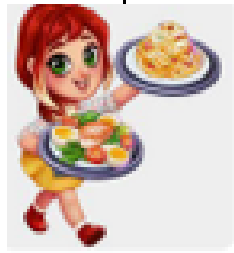


Pastor Michele will be out of the office January 1-7. Please contact Jo Marie in the church office if pastoral care is needed.

Thank you to all who gave gifts to purchase flowers for the Christmas season to decorate the Sanctuary and Christus Rex. Both spaces were beautiful places to worship and celebrate Jesus' birth.



Wednesday Night Meals



Come join us for delicious food and fellowship
January 10: Burgers
January 17: Tater Tot Hotdish
January 24: Annual Meeting Dinner
January 31: Pizza



Puerto Rico here we come!!!

The Youth Mission Trip has been booked for the last week of July 2024.

Please keep the following youth in your thoughts and prayers as we begin to work on fundraising efforts to defray the cost of their going:

**Libby Haugen
Isabelle Lockhart
Owen Schreiner
Ella Sly
Amelia Stram (friend of youth)**

More information to come!!!!



There was a wonderful gathering of believers on this blessed day celebrating the birth of Jesus!

9:00am Service – 87 in attendance

3:30pm Service – 126 in attendance

5:00pm Service – 110 in attendance

9:30pm Service – 57 in attendance

So thankful for all those families and friends to share this special day with Christ the King!

2024 CtK Book Club

The CtK book club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the library. The following books have been selected.

Jan. 9 Lessons in Chemistry Bonnie Garmus

Feb. 13 Gilead Marilynne Robinson

Mar. 12 The River We Remember
Wm Kent Krueger

Apr. 9 The Pioneers David McCulloch

May 14 The Last Green Valley
Mark Sullivan

Come join the discussion over a cup of coffee. All are welcome!



Christ the King families are being called up to help end world hunger by being part of the FM Pack for Feeding the children of the world.

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin outside of the office – we need LOTS of volunteers and this is an event that can be done as a family (yes they want kids/youth to help) or as a group.

We need the following number of volunteers each of the dates/times listed: (you can sign up for more than one spot – please do!)

Thursday, 1/11 – from 6:00-8:30 – Need 25

Saturday, 1/13 – from 9:00-11:00 – Need 25

From 12:00-2:00 – Need 25

From 3:00-5:00 – Need 25

Sunday, 1/14 – from 1:00pm-3:00pm – Need 40

If you have questions please reach out to Pastor Michele and if you want to help but are concerned with standing that long etc... there are needs for volunteers to do things that they can do seated.

This is an amazing service opportunity that we at CTK can and will step up to complete for the hungry children of our world.

Annual Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, January 24 at 6pm in the Sanctuary for our Annual Meeting. To kick off this wonderful evening, we will be serving a special meal prepared by Andy, starting at 5pm. Come and join us as we look back on 2023 and dream of our future as we look to 2024. Annual Reports will be available in the office beginning Wednesday, January 10.



Jo Marie and I can't thank everyone enough for the amazing messages, cards, treats and gifts we received this holiday season. Thank you so very much!!!
Pastor Michele

Financial Snapshot

Financial Numbers as of:		November 30, 2023			
	Current Month	Year to Date	Current Month	Year to Date	
General Offering:	\$32,477	\$316,443	General Expenses:	\$34,336	\$341,725
RUIJ Campaign:	\$37,781	\$72,013	Mortgage Expense:	\$8,757	\$110,786
Designated Offering:	\$8,811	\$155,570	Designated Expenses:	\$10,375	\$65,667
Total:	\$79,069	\$544,026	Total Expenses:	\$53,468	\$518,178

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



If you or you know of someone looking for a church please invite them to come and check out Christ the King.

We will be having brief New Member meetings on the following dates:

5:30pm – Wednesday, January 10th in the Library (come at 5:00 for dinner on us and we will meet briefly before the 6:00 service)

10:00am – Sunday, January 14th in the Library

New Members will join CTK on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00pm service

Sunday, January 21st at both services

Please RSVP for the New Member Meetings so we can ensure we have the proper supplies ready.



A very special thank you to everyone who donated to the Hat, Mittens or Socks... oh my! Tree, the Fill a Home with Hope YWCA Tree and of course the WE CARE fund.

Your generosity was much appreciated by those who received these gifts!



Sunday, December 31
9:00am- Traditional Worship

**January 2024
at a Glance**

Monday, January 1
Church/Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2
8:30am-TOPS
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, January 3
9:00am-Quilters

Thursday, January 4
10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, January 5
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, January 6
9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, January 7
9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 8
3:00pm-WELCA Board Meeting
5:30pm-Worship and Music
6:00pm-Children/Youth
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9
8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
2:00pm-Circle Leader
Bible Study
4:30pm-Griefshare
5:30pm-Finance Meeting
6:30pm-Executive Council
6:30pm-Scouts
7:00pm-Church Council

Wednesday, January 10
5:00pm-Dinner
5:30pm – New Member Mtg
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, January 11
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, January 12
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, January 13
9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, January 14
9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:00am – New Member Meeting
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 15
Church/Office Closed
For Martin Luther King, JR Day

Tuesday, January 16
8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff
1:30pm-Sarah Circle
4:30pm-Griefshare
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, January 17
9:00am-Quilters
2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle
5:00pm- Dinner
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
w/New Members
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, January 18
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, January 19
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, January 20
9:00am-Al-Anon
10:00am-Saturday Circle

Sunday, January 21
9:00am-Traditional Worship
w/New Members
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 22
6:00pm-Property Committee

Tuesday, January 23
8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, January 24
Annual Meeting
5:00pm-Dinner
6:00pm Worship with
Annual Meeting

6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-NO CONFIRMATION

Thursday, January 25
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi
1:00pm-Library Committee
Meeting
6:00pm-NAMI

Friday, January 26
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, January 27
9:00am-Al-Anon
10:00am-Jazz Band Practice (Rex)

Sunday, January 28
9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30
8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, January 31
5:00pm-Dinner
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
with kids in worship
7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, February 1
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, February 2
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, February 3
9:00am-Al-Anon
10:00am-Scouts Pinewood Derby

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

**No Meal, Worship, Faith
walk, Promise walk or
Confirmation on Jan. 3rd**

**Regular Wednesday Night
programming will begin
again on January 10th**