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END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2024 must
be turned into the church office
by
DECEMBER 31 at 10am!

A final deposit for 2024 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 to use your credit/debit card.
- Or click on the “Giving” tab on the CTK
Homepage www.ctkmhd.org



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Office Closed

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

December 26

December 27

January 1

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ...

As we head into Advent you can't help but feel both a sense of excitement but also a sense of YIKES so much ahead and so little time to fit it all in. Not just here at church but of course at work, at school and in your families and friends. It's hard to not feel overwhelmed at this time of year trying and wanting to make everything work yet there are those that at these times of year it can be very difficult. For some, like my family this year, the holidays will be looking and feeling very difficult so I encourage you to find just a few moments and ways to reach out and check in on someone who may be having a first "different" holiday this season as well.

With that said please read through the heartbeat carefully as there are many opportunities for everyone to be filled with the Holy Spirit with Christmas cheer and Hope. Our advent series is entitled "From Heaven Above" focusing on the divine gifts that come down to us through the birth of Jesus.

- **Week 1: The Gift of Hope (Matthew 12:15- 21):** The people of Israel waited in hope for the promised Messiah. We now wait in hope for his return on the Last Day.
- **Week 2: The Gift of Love (John 3:13-17):** The steadfast love of God is revealed in the gift of his Son. As the redeemed people of God, we share his love with others.
- **Week 3: The Gift of Peace (John 14:25-27):** In Christ Jesus we have peace with God. We now share that good news of peace with the world.
- **Week 4: The Gift of Life (John 1:1-5):** Through faith in Jesus we have forgiveness and life, a life of love and service now in his name and eternal life in his presence.

That same theme will carry us through Christmas Eve when we focus on the Gift of Joy and Christmas Day with the Gift of Glory. Please take amazing care of yourselves, your family and friends during this very busy but beautiful and blessed Advent season. There are many amazing moments to share in the spirit of the birth of our Lord. In and amongst all the fun and festivities keep Jesus at the forefront as he is indeed the reason for the season. Looking forward to spending the holidays with you!

Blessings,

Pastor Michele

The Caring Closet

Christ the King has been asked to partner with Hopkins and Probstfield Elementary Schools to help feel the ever-growing needs of their students.

As we all have heard from the recent drive we did for the Moorhead Success Academy- our families children in Moorhead are not getting enough to eat, are cold and not wearing the appropriate clothing for the weather and are just in plain need. We will be working with them during the school years and we will be collecting food and hygiene items at all times.

Some of the current specific items needed at this time are listed below but they are always in need of all non-perishable food items as well. There will also be bigger specific needs at times and the Social Workers of the schools will contact me when those needs arise so we can get the word out.

Right now we will be putting out a Caring Closet Giving Tree in the Hallway with what is needed at this time.

I look forward to seeing how we can share our love and our gifts to the children of our churches neighborhood in the coming days!!!

Questions? See Pastor Michele

Current items requested:

Hygiene: Body soap, body wash, feminine hygiene products, lip balm, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner

Household/Cleaning:

Laundry detergent, wash cloths, cleaning sponges, dish soap

Food items as such:

Cream of mushroom soup, canned fruit, canned meat, rice, pasta, pasta sauce (no glass jars) granola bars, breakfast bars, disposable 8x8 pans, French fried onions, potatoes (5lb bag) or instant, single serve microwave meals (mac/cheese, raviolo, etc....)

You're Invited!!!

Celebrating 51 years of ministry to those in need

**Please join us for the Women's Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 3rd
5:15pm Social and
6:00pm Ham/Roast Beef Dinner
Christ the King Christus Rex**

Program provided by Brianna Gruenberg for BIO Girls and more holiday fun!

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 of our local Assisted living and nursing homes. Sign-up sheets are posted near the WELCA bulletin board for food and gifts.

We can't wait to see you at this event!

**The Lutheran Church of Christ the King
Financial Snapshot**

Financial Numbers as of: October 31, 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$26,842	\$273,378	General Expenses:	\$32,397	\$259,519
RUII/BFT Campaign:	\$10,974	\$115,375	Mortgage Expense:	\$9,964	\$124,640
Designated Offering:	\$3,171	\$234,893	Designated Expenses:	\$1,806	\$166,384
Other Revenue:	\$17,544	\$118,435			
Total:	\$58,531	\$742,081	Total Expenses:	\$44,167	\$550,543

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:	\$167	2.7% of \$6,150 goal
ELCA Synod Missions:	\$9,000	50% of \$12,000 goal

Reunited in Joy Campaign 2020-23

\$430,960.00	Pledge for Date Range
\$155,558.60	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$275,401.40)	Difference
36.10%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$12,156.69	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$167,715.29	Total Donated for Date Range

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember in prayer all of our family and friends who have been dealing with health issues, loss of loved ones, or who are not able to come to Worship with us each Sunday.

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes & Rehab:

Bethany on University: Nancy Halvorson, Bill Linson

Eventide: Elaine Borgen, Shirley Haugen, Kathy Melarvie, Beverly Rogness, Bonnie Simonson

Lilac Homes: Lyle Hanson

One Riverside: Mary Ann Lavold

Riverpointe: Juneal Doeden, June Adele Dolva, Jan Jenson, Annie Luttio, Blanche Olson, Peggy Reed, Arvid Sonsteli

Riverview Place: Jan Whaley Labore

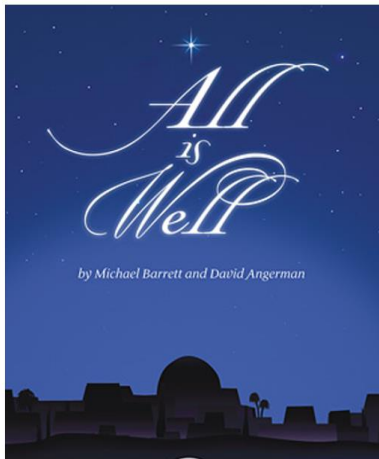
Sheyenne Crossings: Carl Hjalmquist

The Villa at Farmstead: Lil Torgrimson

Touchmark – Janet Ostercamp

AT HOME: Dick Bolton, Sonya Hansen, Jeanie Issel, Marilyn Nissen, Carol Sorum

*The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Choir presents*



*Sunday, December 15th
10:45 am*



Join Pastor Michele for dinner and a service to acknowledge the challenges that the holiday season can bring when it comes to grief, pain and heartbreak. We will gather to support each other and focus on the promise of Hope found in Christ!

Pastor Michele will provide Lasagna
please bring a dish to share as well.

RSVP to the church office by Friday, December 13th at noon
if you will be joining.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 5:30PM
MEAL WITH SERVICE FOLLOWING



3:30 pm Contemporary Service

5:00 pm Traditional Service

9:30 pm Traditional Service

**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.

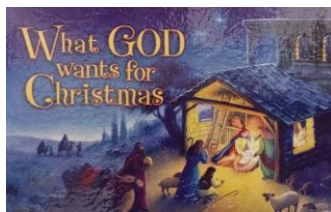
Please fill out the enclosed form with names **clearly written** and return to the church office by **Sunday, December 15** to be included in the Christmas bulletins.



9:00 am Traditional Service



**Children's
MINISTRY**



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
11TH AT 6PM**

Please join us to hear our children proclaim the Savior's birth during the Contemporary Worship Service.

Youth and Children Fundraisers

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



BIO Girls Christ the King, Moorhead
CtK Contact: moorhead.mn.ctl@biogirls.org

Mission:

To improve the self-esteem of adolescent girls through empowerment of self and service to others

Results:

7 in 10 BIO girls participants experience an increase in self-esteem & 50% report decreased anxiety symptoms.

Program Overview:

BIO (Beautiful Inside & Out) Girls is a self-esteem building program serving girls grades 2-6. A BIO Girls program meets for 12 sessions, 90 minutes each.

Each session combines:

- Christian, Non-Denominational Devotions
- Life-Skills Lessons * Mentoring * Physical Activity

Registration Date: January 21, 2025, online at biogirls.org

Season Start Date: February 13, 2025

Day/Time: Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 PM

Finale Date: May 14, 2025 (Find your Kind 5k)

End Date: May 15, 2025

"What is the registration fee?"

BIO Girls uses a 'Pay as You Can' registration model. This tiered registration model creates a streamlined registration process and ensures all girls have access to our program, regardless of their financial situation. To learn more, visit:

biogirls.org.registration-faq

GIVING TREES - Mission Outreach at Christmas WE CARE/OUTREACH TREE

Your gift to the We Care Fund will help a family within our congregation 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.

The Caring Closet

Bigger items needed to keep the children of Hopkins and Probstfield dressed and warm during these winter months. Tags and sizes will be noted on the envelopes.

Hats, Mittens or Socks, oh my!

Just as it implies – we want to cover the tree with these items to be dropped off at homeless shelters and schools.

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



Holiday Lights Parade

Join CtK as we participate in the Xcel Energy Holiday Lights Parade on Saturday, December 7th! We need people to walk with our float. We also need lots of donations of candy as this is a very well attended parade. If interest in walking with us, please sign up in the church office.

WELCA Thanks you!!!!

Thanks to your generosity through the Thank Offering services they collected \$925. This year which will help them to continue to support the following:

Church-Wide WELCA, New Life Center, Churches United for the Homeless, Rape & Abuse Crisis Center, Hospice of the RRV, Lutheran Social Services of MN, Lutheran Campus Ministry MN, Lost & Found Ministry, Heart of Clay and the YWCA Women's Shelter

WINTER IS UPON US and the **New Life Center** is in need of warm winter clothing which will be given, to the men in residence there, as Christmas gifts.

The following are needs for the men: winter hats/gloves, men's long underwear-all sizes, men's boxers-all sizes/colors, hand warmers, flannel shirts & sweatshirts-all sizes.

There will be a labeled box outside of the church office for items to be donated. If you wish to donate, please have the items in the box by Wednesday, December 11th.

Thank you.

December 2024 at a Glance

Sunday, December 1

1st Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 2

6:00pm-Children and Youth
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
10:30am-Set Up for WELCA
Christmas Party
5:15pm-WELCA
Christmas Party
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 4

1st Wednesday in Advent

9:00am-Quilters
1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe
5:00pm-Dinner: Spaghetti and
Meatballs
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
6:00pm-Faithwalk
7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, December 5

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
1:00pm-Library Committee

Friday, December 6

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 7

9:00am-Al-Anon
6:30pm-Holiday Lights Parade

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship
1:30pm-Faithwalk Program
Rehearsal

Monday, December 9

5:30pm-Worship and Music
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
10:00am-Baking Communion
Wafers
2:00pm-Circle Leader

Bible Study

3:00pm-Access of the Red River
Valley Rental: Rex
5:30pm-Finance Committee
6:15pm-Executive Committee
6:30pm-Scouts
7:00pm-Church Council

Wednesday, December 11

2nd Wednesday in Advent

Faithwalk Christmas Program

5:00pm-Dinner:
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
And Faithwalk Program
7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, December 12

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
5:00pm-Kiwanis Christmas
Party: Rex

Friday, December 13

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 14

9:00am-Al-Anon
10:00am-Worship Band Practice
4:00pm-IAAGP Rental: Rex

Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Good Shepherd
Christmas Cantata

Monday, December 16

Emergency Food Pantry

6:00pm-Property Committee

Tuesday, December 17

Emergency Food Pantry

8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
1:30pm-Sarah Circle
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 18

3rd Wednesday in Advent

Emergency Food Pantry

Contemporary Worship Band

Christmas Program

9:00am-Quilters
1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe
2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle
5:00pm-Dinner: Pizza
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

Thursday, December 19

Emergency Food Pantry

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
3:00pm-Carols and Cocktails at
Riverpointe

Friday, December 20

Emergency Food Pantry

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 21

9:00am-Al-Anon
9:30am-Dakota Jazz Big Band
Rehearsal: Rex
10:00am-Saturday Circle

Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Worship with
Contemporary Worship Band
Christmas Program
9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, December 23

Emergency Food Pantry

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:30pm-Contemporary Worship
5:00pm-Traditional Worship
9:30pm-Traditional Worship

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00am-Traditional Worship

Thursday, December 26

Church Building/Office Closed

Friday, December 27

Church Building/Office Closed

Saturday, December 28

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, December 29

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

Final Donations to the

Church Office by 10am

12:00pm-Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Church Building/Office Closed

