

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King
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If you have questions reach out to the office Monday-Wednesday of this week from 9-4!!!!

Church Staff & Contact Information

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Church Office Hours

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

Friday-9:00am to Noon

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2025 must be turned into the church office by

DECEMBER 31 at 10am!

A final deposit for 2025 will be made that afternoon. Thank you for all the ways you continue to support CtK.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on the following days **December 25/26 & January 1/2**. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Giving Made Easy at Christ the King

Thank you for making a difference in our community and beyond through your gifts to Ctk. Gifts to CtK can be made in the following ways.

- Place your offering/donation in the offering plate during service.
- Text a dollar amount to **833-915-1786** and follow the instructions.
- Download the Vanco app on your phone and search for
- Christ the King Church Moorhead
- Scan this QR Code
- To simplify your giving, sign up for auto-giving online or by contacting the church office.



TAKING A *break*

Pastor Michele will be out of the office December 25–January 3

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.....

Here we go... it's time for Advent and the journey to the manger and the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This advent we will be using an advent series entitled **Word Made Flesh**.

In this worship series for Advent, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us in physical substances we experience on earth. The Scripture-based theme for the entire series is "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

- Week 1: Bread of Life: Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, to nourish and strengthen us in our faith and feed us with his Word of truth to fill our lives.
- Week 2: Salt of the Earth: Jesus calls us to flavor the earth and to savor the good things that come from him through his birth.
- Week 3: Rock of Ages: Jesus is our rock, a solid foundation on which to build a life of joy.
- Week 4: Light of the World: Jesus brightens our lives through his birth, dispelling the darkness of sin to bring forgiveness to light.

And to wrap all of this together we will be gathering for a Bible Study each Sunday morning between service. 10AM-10:40AM

In the Bible study we will focus on the concept of Jesus as the Word Made Flesh. Study and discussion questions, prayers and reflections highlight the earthly substances of bread, salt, rock and light in relation to the qualities of Christ.

Christmas Eve - We will celebrate and ponder the humble birth of Jesus as he rests in a manger bed of straw though he is the Son of God.

There **IS** also an opportunity to have a Family Worship package to walk you through advent in this theme as well – if you are interested reach out and I will send you all of the information/lessons etc.....

Yes, Lent is my favorite but you can't get to Lent without Advent so please consider being a part of the journey to the manger this Advent season.

Pastor Michele

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.

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.

YWCA Tree

See the list of items needed on the tree to provide everything a resident there needs to move into their OWN apartment!

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 letting us know which/where area you wish to provide your help!

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King Financial Snapshot

Financial Numbers as of:			October 31, 2025		
	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$25,473	\$263,304	General Expenses:	\$44,882	\$335,933
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$7,644	\$82,493	Mortgage Interest:	\$4,296	\$44,345
Designated Offering:	\$4,843	\$72,454	Designated Expenses:	\$2,468	\$46,393
Other Revenue:	\$17,432	\$60,097			
Total:	\$55,392	\$478,348	Total Expenses:	\$51,646	\$426,671

****Please consider setting up a recurring gift to the church through our Simply Giving Program. If you have questions about setting up reoccurring giving please ask in the office.**

2023 Mission Giving

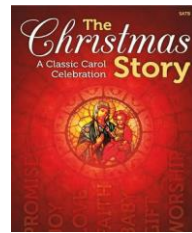
Local Missions:	\$130	8.67% of \$1,500 goal
ELCA Synod Missions:	\$9,000	75.0% of \$12,000 goal

Building Faith Together 2024-26

\$430,960.00	Pledge for Date Range
\$252,448.15	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$178,511.85)	Difference
58.58%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$19,032.69	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$271,480.84	Total Donated for Date Range



If you are around and can give the church an hour or two to prepare the church for the Advent season..... We Need YOU!!!! Saturday, November 29th at 9AM.
Would love to have your help!!!! Pr Michele

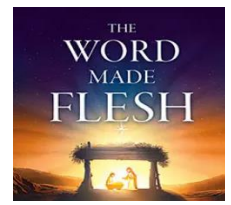


Join the Good Shepherd Worship Choir
Sunday, December 14th, at 10:45 as they present this Cantata in the Sanctuary

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

This Advent season we will be using a Sermon series based on John 1:14, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

Join Pastor Michele each Sunday in Advent for a Bible study offered from 10:00-10:40 each Sunday through advent. Bible study book will be provided - please bring your Bible.



Christmas Memorials and Honorariums Greenery and Flowers

Each year we joyfully decorate the Sanctuary/Rex for Advent and Christmas. Money used from the memorials and honorariums is also used to purchase poinsettias for our homebound 65 and nursing home family members. Please fill out the enclosed form with names **clearly written** and return to the church office by **Wednesday, December 17** to be included in the Christmas bulletins.



A Service of Hope and Healing Sunday, December 21st at 4pm

Join Pastor Michele for a service to acknowledge and provide comfort for feelings of sadness, grief and loss that can be amplified at this time of year. Whether you lost someone recently or its been awhile – that loss and change to how things used to be seems to always be harder during the holidays!
Pastor Michele will provide lasagna – just bring something else to share. We will gather to support each other and focus on the promise of Hope found in Christ!



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH –
1:30-3:00PM**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WED. DECEMBER 10TH - 6PM

Pie Throwing following the service on Dec. 10th!!!!

**Faithwalk Kids
will be having a
holiday party on
Wednesday,
December 17th
during
Faithwalk.**

**Fun, crafts and
treats!**

**The Confirmation
Students want to
thank you!**

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

WELCA Thanks you!!!!

Thanks to your generosity
through the Thank Offering
services they collected \$1,120!

This 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

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, Vel Schneeweiss

Eventide: Elaine Borgen, Shirley Haugen, Kathy Melarvie, Joanne Reitan,
Santee Rasmussen, Beverly Rogness, Bonnie Simonson

Lilac Homes: Lyle Hanson

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

Sheyenne Crossings: Carl Hjalmsquist

The Villa at Farmstead: Lil Torgrimson

Touchmark – Janet Ostercamp

AT HOME: Dick Bolton, Arlene Dalbol, Helen Eckholm, Jeanie Issel,
Carol Sorum, Betty Walicki

SOOO PROUD OF CTK!!!!

- November 5th meal – which all proceeds are going to Dorothy Day Food Pantry was over \$700.
- We served about 16 people at our Free Lunch on November 21st and handed out about the same to-go meals but decided that clearly wasn't good enough! SO we took the show on the road and loaded up three cars and delivered them to anyone and everyone we could find on the streets of the FM area. We supplied a total of 75 folks with a to-go lunch that day. All other food prepared was taken to Churches United and they were thrilled! We also received a wonderful anonymous donation of \$1000 to help pay for the food so any overage will be included in the check we give to Dorothy Day Food Pantry to buy what they need. The extra granola bars and microwaveable soup will be delivered to the pantry when the 40+ holiday boxes are taken in after Thanksgiving. Yes! We will definitely have 40 by the time this newsletter is out.
- **PIE THROWING** – YES we will be throwing pies at Pastor Michele, Jo Marie and Devlyn Brooks (however he will get his at his own church in Wolverton that night on WEDNESDAY, December 10th after the Christmas Program.)
The "throwers" will be drawn from the name of all Faithwalk/Confirmation students who are in attendance at the service on the 10th – you aren't going to want to miss the Faithwalk program and the chance to see the fun!!!
- Noisy Offering the week of November 16-19 raised \$382.86 for the Dorothy Day Food Pantry too!

Let's continue with our season of giving as we walk into the Advent season with our giving trees – the WE CARE/Outreach Tree, The Hat/Sock/Mitten Tree and the YWCA fill an apartment Tree!

December 2025 at a Glance

Monday, December 1

3:00pm- WELCA meeting

Tuesday, December 2

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

5:15pm-WELCA

Christmas Dinner

6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 3

9:00am-Quilters

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

5:00pm-Dinner: Burgers

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

6:00pm-FaithWalk

7:00pm-Confirmation/Mentors

Thursday, December 4

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

Friday, December 5

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 6

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:00am-Advent Bible Study

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

1:30pm-FaithWalk Christmas
Program Rehearsal

Monday, December 8

4:15pm-Worship and Music
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 9

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

5:30pm-Finance Meeting

6:15pm-Executive Committee

6:30pm-Scouts

7:00pm-Church Council

Wednesday, December 10

FaithWalk Christmas Program

5:00pm-Dinner:Tater Hotdish

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
FaithWalk Christmas Program

Thursday, December 11

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

5:00pm-Kiwanis Christmas
Party

Friday, December 12

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 13

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:00am-Advent Bible Study

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

10:45am-Good Shepherd Cantata

Monday, December 15

7:00pm-Property Committee
Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

1:30pm-Sarah Circle

6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 17

Contemporary Worship Band Christmas Cantata

9:00am-Quilters

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle

5:00pm-Dinner: Pizza

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

6:00pm-FaithWalk Christmas
Party

Thursday, December 18

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

3:00pm-Carols and Cocktails
At Riverpointe

Friday, December 19

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 20

9:00am-Al-Anon

10:00am-Dakota Jazz

Band Rehearsal

10:00am-Saturday Circle

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00am-One Service Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:00am-Advent Bible Study

10:15am-Relevant Life Worship

4:00pm-Blue Christmas

Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

8:30am-TOPS

6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

3:30pm-Contemporary

Christmas Worship

5:00pm-Traditional Christmas
Worship

9:30pm-Traditional Candlelight
Christmas Worship

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Building/Office Closed

Friday, December 26

Church Building/Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, December 28

9:00am-One Service Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

8:30am-TOPS

Wednesday, December 31

End of Year Donations

Church office closes at Noon

Thursday, January 1

New Years Day

Church Building/Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Church Building/Office Closed



Wednesday, December 24

3:30pm Contemporary Service

5:00pm Traditional Service

9:30pm Traditional Candlelight
Service