

THE **KING'S HERALD**

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*As the body of Christ, we are called and sent to love and serve the world.*



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# ASHES TO GO

Perrysburg, OH. Harrison, NJ. San Antonio, TX. Cambridge, England. These are just a few of the places that have offered ashes to go.

Never heard of *Ashes to Go*? I hadn't either...until I sent out some preliminary thoughts about Ash Wednesday and Sarah Felde sent me the link: <https://ashestogo.org>. Who knew COVID would cause Christ the King to join a growing movement of "taking ashes to the street corner"?

Here's a glimpse of the *Ashes to Go* movement we will be joining this year:



We take ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building... The church has come out from behind the comfortable pews and doors to be in the places where the rubber meets the road. It's Ash Wednesday, and you're invited to wear your ashes and to claim repentance, grace, and deep relationship with God for the challenges of your daily life.

If all this is new to you, here's some information about the tradition of ashes on Ash Wednesday:

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to the creative power of God, and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. That turning to God is the work of Lent, preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Here's how you can get your ashes at Christ the King (read that carefully) on or before Wednesday, February 17:

Ashes in "to go" containers will be available in the north and south vestibules beginning Sunday, February 14; they will also be available in the parking lot before and after Drive-in Worship on February 14. Use these *ashes to go* in cooperation with Ash Wednesday Worship on the Web.

If you would like to receive ashes on your forehead from a pastor, drive up to the Cleveland Road entrance on **Wednesday, February 17, between 12 and 1 pm or between 6 and 7 pm**. Stay in your car in the circle drive and either Pastor Brad or I will come to you. (We were originally planning to use the canopy as our place of distribution; however, after familiarizing ourselves with *Ashes to Go*, we decided it makes sense to face Cleveland Road.)

Spread the word; all are welcome. Anyone traveling Cleveland Road midday or mid-evening on Ash Wednesday can drive up to Christ the King. It will only take a minute to receive a sign of your humanity and God's amazing grace.

That's *Ashes to Go*.

Peace along the way,

**Pastor Caroline**

# JOIN US FOR “WHAT CAMP ARE YOU IN?: YOUR THEOLOGY IN 66 VERSES”

All are invited to join **Pastor Brad** for “What Camp Are You In?: Your Theology in 66 Verses.” In this class series, we’ll read our way through the Bible, one book at a time. As we finish each book, we’ll select one verse in the book that best reflects the heart of our faith.

This month, we’ll cover Deuteronomy on February 7 and Joshua on February 21. The group gathers at 11:30 am via Zoom. Log in with meeting number 840 2746 8346 and passcode 243056, or go to <https://www.ckluth.com/zoommeetings.html> for the one-click meeting link.

New faces are welcome anytime! For more information, please contact **Pastor Brad** or **Sarah Felde**.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL COMING SOON



On or before February 14, free copies of *A Story to Tell: Devotions for Lent 2021* will be available to the congregation. This beautiful, full-color Lenten devotional highlights readings from the gospel of Mark with 46 entries, one for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer.

Copies of *A Story to Tell* will be placed in a box in the front office vestibule. You can also request a devotional at Drive-in Worship or by contacting the church office.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



It’s a new month—and almost a new church season—which means there are several new activities in the works for our Sunday school students! Families, please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- **January 31:** Take-home Sunday school packets for February will be available. This month’s focus will be on the miracles of Jesus.
- **February 14:** The Lenten offering project is back! Once again, we are collecting change to purchase farm animals through the ELCA Good Gifts program! To kick off the project (which officially begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17), we’ll pass out barn banks and other goodies. Then, at Easter, we’ll collect the filled banks and see how many critters we can add to our “farmyard.”
- **February 28:** Take-home Sunday school packets for March will be available. This month’s lessons will take a closer look at Lent and the events of Holy Week.

For each of these dates, pick up materials at Drive-in Worship or in the front office vestibule, or email **Sarah Felde** to make arrangements for home delivery.

# HAPPENING AT CtK

## Sunday Morning Youth Crew on Zoom!

We are excited to get back into our "Youth Crew" groove and meet up every Sunday morning (via Zoom) at 11:00 am, for a time to connect and talk about life, faith, the day's sermon, and all kinds of things! We also plan to occasionally include video clips, movie discussions, and games. **Matt Douhan** and **Faith Jordan** will be leading the weekly meetings and are looking forward to seeing the crew! All 6th through 12th graders are welcome to join us. Watch your email for the Zoom invite! If you have any questions, please contact Faith Jordan at [tfjordan3@comcast.net](mailto:tfjordan3@comcast.net).



## CtK Virtual Talent Show: Friday, February 26, at 7 pm

We're planning a Virtual Talent Show over Zoom and we need YOU to make it special! There are two ways to join in the fun. First, if you haven't already, please **consider submitting a video of you and your talent!** The sky's the limit and without the acts, there is no show! Second, join your CtK family in watching what promises to be a fun and engaging 2021 event. There will be recorded acts, live introductions, audience interactions, and fun to be had by all. Look on the Zoom Meetings tab on the CtK website for the Talent Show link. Help us get the word out, and we'll see you on Zoom! Contact Matt Douhan or the church office with any questions.

## Extra Mile Giving

This month's loose offering will go to Busy Hands of Michiana. This organization recycles donated materials to create a large variety of items for those in the community who struggle with Alzheimer's disease and autism, as well as cancer patients, nursing home residents, hospice patients, homeless individuals, children and infants, and those with other life-challenging situations.

You may donate to the Extra Mile Giving at worship, through the mail (include "Extra Mile Giving" on your check's memo line), or online through the "Give to CtK" link on the church website.



## Souper Bowl Sunday

Bring money for the football helmets at Drive-In Worship on Sunday, February 7. All donations will go to the Vida Nueva Food Pantry, serving those on the west side of South Bend.

## Donations for Tent City Homeless

Due to COVID, the city of South Bend relocated homeless people who were living in the tent city to a local hotel. These individuals are provided a hot meal twice a day but are in need of personal care items. Throughout the month of February, CtK is collecting items to be given to the homeless. Donations can be delivered to the narthex throughout the week, and a collection bin will be outside by the portico at Drive-In Worship. Requested personal care items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products, liquid hand soap, and hand sanitizer.



# HAPPENING AT CtK



Please uphold in prayer Charlotte O'Dell and family at the death of her brother, Terry Tharp.

Please uphold in prayer Carolyn Nowakowski and family at the death of her brother, Dale Seese.

Please uphold in prayer Michele Jensen and family at the death of her aunt, Anna Seiler.

## Thank You

Bob and I would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who reached out to us with your condolences at the recent unexpected loss of my brother Terry Tharp. Whether it was by telephone, a card, or if you attended the memorial service, we appreciate all the prayers and support.

God bless all of our church family, Charlotte and Bob O'Dell

## Hacienda Fundraiser to Support CtK Community Missions Committee

**When:** Wednesday, February 10, 11 am–10 pm

**Where:** Hacienda at 5836 Grape Road, Mishawaka

**How:** Due to COVID and limited capacity, you are strongly encouraged to either purchase a gift card or order your meal to go.

### Purchasing gift cards:

- You can purchase gift cards online through the "Give to CtK" section of the church website. If you request multiple gift cards, email [office@ctkluth.com](mailto:office@ctkluth.com) or call the church office to provide the specific gift card amounts. Gift cards will be ready for pick up at the church office on Thursday, February 11.
- You can also purchase gift cards at Hacienda on February 10. Be sure to show the CtK Hacienda coupon!

### Ordering your meal to go:

- If ordering on the phone, you must mention the CtK fundraiser when placing your order.
- If ordering online, you must show the CtK Hacienda coupon to an employee when you pick up your food. Make sure they note that you are there for the CtK fundraiser.

You may also eat at the restaurant, but be aware that there is limited seating capacity.



**Group:** Christ the King Lutheran Church

**Date:** Wed. Feb. 10

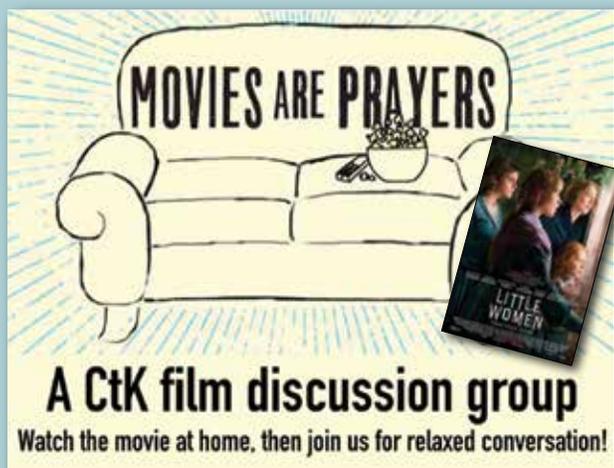
**Location:** 5836 Grape Road, Mishawaka

You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number (574) 277-1318

GIFT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR YOUR PURCHASE WITH THIS TOKEN



## CtK Movie Club

Warm up your winter with a movie and conversation!

Join the CtK Movie Club on Saturday, February 27, for a casual discussion of Greta Gerwig's 2019 film *Little Women*. The film is currently streaming on Starz, can be purchased from Prime Video, is available from local libraries, or can be borrowed from the church office.

We'll meet via Zoom at 10 am; join us using meeting ID 819 7592 5939 and passcode 403404, or contact **Josh Weinhold** or **Sarah Felde** for a one-click meeting link.

# REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP AND TRUST: PRACTICING A NEW HABIT

My husband and I were reading from the book *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young. I'd like to share a passage from the book with you:

*I want you to learn a new habit. Try saying "I trust You, Jesus" in response to whatever happens to you. If there is time, think about who I am in all My Power and Glory; ponder the depth and breadth of My Love for you.*

*This simple practice will help you see Me in every situation, acknowledging My sovereign control over the universe. When you view events from this perspective—through the Light of My universal Presence—fear loses its grip on you. Adverse circumstances become growth opportunities when you affirm your trust in Me no matter what. You receive blessings gratefully, realizing they flow directly from My hand of grace. Your continual assertion of trusting Me will strengthen our relationship and keep you close to Me.*

Trusting requires relinquishing control, which is hard for a lot of people. But forgetting to trust is even worse. If we believe in God and have faith, how can we not trust him? Isaiah 26:4 tells us, "Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal rock." Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."

*Jesus Calling* goes on:

*True dependence is not simply asking Me to bless what you have decided to do. It is coming to Me with an open mind and heart, inviting Me to plant My desires within you. I may infuse within you a dream that seems far beyond your reach. You know that in yourself you cannot achieve such a goal. Thus begins your journey of profound reliance on Me. It is a faith-walk, taken one step at a time, leaning on Me as much as you need. This is not a path of continual success but of multiple failures. However, each failure is followed by a growth spurt, nourished by increased reliance on Me. Enjoy the blessedness of a victorious life, through deepening your dependence on Me.*

These words can be applied to anything and everything in our lives, including stewardship.

Stewardship is all about trust, and stewardship of life is all about living the life of a steward. It involves every aspect of our lives—how we care for ourselves, how we use our money, how we use our gifts and abilities, and more. As Eugene Grimm writes in the book *Generous People* (1992), "Christian stewards are not owners; they are the trustees of an enormous God-given estate. What God gets done through congregations happens through the money that stewards manage."

Stewardship is sacred in life. It is a spiritual way of living our lives consistent with Jesus' teachings. Through stewardship, we reflect the light of God to others through our actions and words. Stewardship is acknowledging our relationship with God, trusting God, and relying on him. It is caring for his creation and managing and using our gifts and abilities responsibly for God in his kingdom. God has tasked us with being his stewards. This is a spiritual commitment. We represent him in this world. We are Christ's hands, feet, and heart. In Holy Communion, we make a covenant with Christ—an agreement: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." The covenant is not only Christ's promise to us; it is our promise to Christ.

Lord, make us ever thankful for your presence in our lives.  
We pray for TRUST,  
knowing that we are not alone and that your will most certainly will be done.

We pray for COURAGE,  
knowing that you empower us so that we are able to speak, act boldly,  
and give generously for the sake of your kingdom.

We pray for DISCERNMENT.  
We've been trying to listen to you and each other. Guide us during these times  
of uncertainty to be sensitive to people as they cope with multiple issues  
and look for signs of hope.

So now is the perfect time to start practicing our new habit: "I trust you, Jesus."

**Deb Frecka**

# CtK BUSINESS UPDATE

## FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – DECEMBER 31, 2020

<b>Summary of Missional/Charitable Gifts</b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
ELCA Mission Work	\$720	\$780
Community Mission	\$7,354	\$15,282
International Mission	\$8	\$1,130
INTO Mission Fund	\$210	\$2,745
Seminary Fund	\$640	\$875
CMG	\$1,475	\$12,000
Sunday School	\$5	\$32
Youth Activities	\$8	\$15
	<u>\$10,419</u>	<u>\$32,859</u>

**Operating Outlook** *(Monies used to pay benevolence to I/K Synod, utilities, staff salaries, and programming expenses)*

	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	\$72,004	\$725,074
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$58,596	\$601,847
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$13,047	\$123,227

	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Trust Memorial Fund	\$5,189
Trust Endowment Fund	\$122,160

### **Loose Offering**

Help with Love	\$274
Clay Food Pantry	\$865



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## **Holy Communion**

Bring your own to Sunday Drive-In  
Service or Worship on the Web.

## **Office Hours**

9 am - 2 pm  
Monday through Friday  
Phone: (574) 272.4306

## **Seasons Counseling Center**

(574) 277.0274

## **Executive Director**

Alexandra Sobieski

## **Director of Operations**

Deborah Campoli

## **Business Director**

Don Zervas

*Professional counselors available by appointment.*



*"...[For] God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather  
a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."*

**2 Timothy 1:7**



With the above words of holy encouragement ringing in our ears, this is how we as Christ the King will continue to proclaim God's love and grace, connect with each other in spite of "social distancing," and serve one another and the world around us. We have created a "new normal" by providing many different virtual opportunities to stay connected to CtK.

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

There are two ways you can worship with fellow CtK members and guests each Sunday: Drive-in Worship in the parking lot at 9:30 am. Visit [ctkluth.com](http://ctkluth.com) for more information.

## **WORSHIP ON THE WEB**

We invite everyone to join us each Sunday either at their regularly scheduled worship time or any time during the day or week to celebrate worship. Visit [www.ctkluth.com/worship](http://www.ctkluth.com/worship) to find a worship video, the worship folder for Sunday's service, Taking Faith Home questions for discussion, and an online donation link to continue your tradition of giving at worship.

## **WAYS TO CONNECT**

Some groups and studies are meeting in person, and some continue to meet via Zoom (a free service that allows participants to "meet" through the Internet). Please visit [www.ctkluth.com](http://www.ctkluth.com) or call the church office for more information.