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## CHRIST the KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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## BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS... AND BEGINNINGS

Perhaps because New Year's Day is a Sunday this year, I find myself thinking more about beginnings and endings than usual. I will likely be sleeping as the end of one year rolls into the beginning of the next (since it is a Saturday night), so the transition will seem even more seamless than usual. For me, the ending and the beginning will be basically one and the same.

Put this way, the passing of New Year's Eve into New Year's Day is an example of what Christians have known all along: There is not as much distinction between an end and a beginning as some might think. Cleverly illustrating this Christian concept, a song of the church begins, "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold." After the other verses mark some of life's most memorable milestones, the inevitable comes to pass. "When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise." The surprise is that the very last verse of the song is the same as the first; as the song ends, we once again hear God say, "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold." In a very poetic way, this song reminds us that beginnings and ends often blend together.

The Book of Revelation, the last book in our Bible, not only claims that beginnings and ends are closely related, but that both involve none other than God's Word, Jesus. One of the last chapters in Holy Scripture says, "And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'"

Therefore, as we find ourselves at the end and at the beginning...the beginning and the end, our hope is that both involve Jesus, whom Holy Scripture calls the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the one who was and is and is to come. At this time of year, as always, we trust that the one who was there in the beginning is the one who will, someday, meet us at the end...

...or is it simply another beginning?



Happy New Year!

**Pastor Caroline**



### Annual Meeting on January 29

The 2023 annual meeting of Christ the King will be held **Sunday, January 29**, at **12:45 pm**. The purpose of the meeting includes:

- Electing members to the Church Council, Trust Fund Committee, Nominating Committee, and Memorial Fund Committee
- Approving a 2023 budget
- Celebrating 2022 highlights and looking forward to 2023

This will be a hybrid meeting, held in the sanctuary and virtually. If you would prefer to participate in the proceedings electronically, please submit your name and email address at [ctkluth.com/annualmeeting](http://ctkluth.com/annualmeeting) or contact the church office. Login information will be sent to you directly.

### Thank You for a Wonderful “Sights and Sounds”

Thanks to Hillary Doerries and all of our CtK musicians for a beautiful “Sights and Sounds” service of lessons and carols on Sunday, December 4. I would also like to thank all of the people who helped make the “Sights and Sounds” reception a huge success. We had about 100 people attend.

Thanks to Glenn Jensen and the Property Committee for setting up the tables and chairs, and to Peggy Sudrovec for getting out the decorations previously made by Barb Davidson. Thanks also to all of the members who donated food, including some leftovers from the Cultural Gala that Melissa Douhan purchased, as well as cookies made by Kelly Roggow. A big thanks to Mark and Jill Graybill for purchasing the ingredients and making that tasty lime punch again. I had many helpers getting the food, cutlery, decorations, napkins, etc. set up, including Mary Chmiel, David Smail, Barb Wells, Barb Myers, Amy Layman, and Kathy Oldenburg. Many people helped take down tables and chairs after the reception, and Bob and Charlotte O’Dell finished in the kitchen at the end. All of your help is greatly appreciated!

**Sandy Whiteman**

# HAPPENING AT CtK

## Early 2023 CtK Musical Ensemble Schedules

### ALLELUIA RINGERS

Thursday, 12/29/22 + NO REHEARSAL  
Thursday, 1/5/23 + NO REHEARSAL  
Thursday, 1/12/23, 6:00–7:30 pm + First rehearsal of 2023  
Sunday, 2/19/23 + First Sunday in '23 to ring in worship

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

Wednesday, 12/28/22 + NO REHEARSAL  
Wednesday, 1/4/23 + NO REHEARSAL  
Wednesday, 1/11/23, 7:00–8:30 pm + First rehearsal of 2023  
Sunday, 1/29/23 at 11:15 service + First Sunday in '23 to sing in worship

### XALT!

Thursday, 12/29/22 + NO REHEARSAL  
Sunday, 1/1/23 + Xalt OFF this morning  
Thursday, 1/5/23, 7:30–8:45 pm + First rehearsal of 2023  
Sunday, 1/8/23 + Xalt leads 9:30 am worship

Thank you to all these groups for sharing their musical gifts with our congregation each week. Your ministry of music is appreciated at Christ the King!

## Mission Grant Update

Five community organizations received Mission Grant Funds in 2022, totaling \$18,500. Any CtK member who is affiliated with a ministry independent of or originated within CtK can apply for a grant. Ministries outside of CtK must have a mission in line with CtK's mission statement: "As the body of Christ, we are called and sent to love and serve the world." The grant request must be for a project or capital need that has not yet taken place or for program support, supplies, and capital needs that contribute to the care of the people served by the ministry.

In 2022, CtK fulfilled the following four applications:

- **Clay Church Food Pantry, \$5,000:** This grant purchased the food for 100 Thanksgiving bags given to families in the South Bend area.
- **Cultivate Culinary, \$2,500:** This grant assisted with Cultivate's distribution of weekend meals to schoolchildren.
- **Faith in Indiana–St. Joseph County, \$4,000:** This grant purchased supplies for virtual and in-person events.
- **First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, \$2,000:** This grant helped purchase material for 120 tie blankets to be distributed to the unhoused of South Bend.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana, \$5,000:** This grant assisted in refreshing family bedrooms and bathroom essentials for the guests of Ronald McDonald House.



## Ice Skating at Howard Park Saturday, January 21 @ 5 pm

Join us for ice skating and socializing at Howard Park on Saturday, January 21. We'll skate from 5–6:30 pm. For those who choose not to skate, you can meet at the Public House for dinner with your CtK friends. We recommend you reserve your skates early at <https://visithowardpark.com/ice-skating/>.

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## CtK Cultural Gala

Thanks to all the artists, musicians, youth, and guests who made the CtK Cultural Gala a night to remember. With 35 artists and over 100 items to view, 13 youth serving hors d'oeuvres and spectacular Christmas treats, and a violinist, guitarist, percussionist, and pianist providing ambiance, this was a fantastic night that will be long remembered by all who attended.

## GriefShare: New Session Begins Tuesday, January 24

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

The next GriefShare session will be held online and meet on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 pm. The first meeting of the session will be on January 24, and the last will be on April 25. Please share this information with anyone you know who is struggling with grief. You can register for the upcoming session at [ctkluth.com/griefshare](http://ctkluth.com/griefshare).

## Thank You, CtK!

Thank you to all who donated hats, mittens, and scarves to Broadway Christian throughout the month of December.

Also, thanks to those who helped tie 20 blankets on Sunday mornings. They have been delivered to agencies who are giving them to the unhoused of South Bend. Please know your hands are helping people stay warm this winter season!

## CtK's Mystery Dinner Saturday, February 25

Have you heard about the famous country-western band the Downhome Dealers? Well, they are coming to CtK in February to announce a major record deal, and you can be there to witness this momentous occasion!

Join us on Saturday, February 25, at 6 pm for food, fellowship, and a mystery. Individual tickets and tables will be on sale starting January 29. Make your plans now—tickets are limited and sure to be as hot as the Downhome Dealers!



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## Thanks for a Wonderful “Christmas Around the World”

Many thanks to everyone who joined us on December 18 for CtK’s “Christmas Around the World.” About 70 people of all ages came together for dinner, fellowship, and a lot of fun! Through informational displays, crafts, and other hands-on activities, we learned about Christmas traditions in eight different countries: Ethiopia, Germany, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, and Sweden. It was eye-opening to see how people all over the world celebrate Jesus’ birth in such unique ways!

Special thanks to the Child Faith Formation Committee for helping plan and carry out the event, as well as to our amazing crew of youth volunteers who staffed each station. We couldn’t have done it without you!

## Sunday School Update

After a brief holiday break, Sunday school resumes on January 8. Please join us in the classrooms adjacent to the narthex between 10:30 and 11:10 am. Don’t forget to bring in your Sunday school offering so we can continue to fill our barnyard with animals purchased via the ELCA Good Gifts program.

## You’re Invited to the CtK Movie Club

Join the CtK Movie Club for casual conversation about how films can shape the way we (as people of faith) see the world and help us better understand our place in it. The group meets at 10 am Saturdays in Room 502/504. Movies are often available on popular streaming services, or a DVD can be borrowed from the church office or local libraries. Childcare is available in the nursery. Email Josh Weinhold ([josh.weinhold@gmail.com](mailto:josh.weinhold@gmail.com)) if you’d like to learn more!

Upcoming meetings: *A Man Called Ove* — Jan. 21 | *Lady Bird* — Feb. 25



# CtK BUSINESS UPDATE



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### FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – NOVEMBER 30, 2022

<b>Summary of Missional/Charitable Gifts</b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
ELCA Mission Work	\$105	\$16,333
Community Mission	\$2,867	\$44,800
International Mission	\$8	\$1,307
INTO Mission Fund	–	\$167
Seminary Fund	–	\$1,625
CMG - Word and Table	\$25	\$225
Sunday School	\$27	\$374
Youth Activities	\$8	\$2,943
	<u>\$3,039</u>	<u>\$67,772</u>

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

	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	\$50,267	\$561,693
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$52,169	\$595,342
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	(\$1,901)	(\$33,648)

	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>
Trust Memorial Fund	\$7,247
Trust Endowment Fund	<u>\$138,349</u>
Total	\$145,596

#### **Loose Offering**

Angel Tree	\$852
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Lutheran Church in America  
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## Holy Communion

Holy Communion is part of every  
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## Office Hours

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Monday through Friday  
Phone: (574) 272.4306

## Seasons Counseling Center

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## Executive Director

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*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"*

**Isaiah 43:19a**



## WEEKLY WORSHIP

**Sundays at 8:15 am:** Traditional worship led by organ and/or piano, including the Sanctuary Choir or Alleluia! Ringers, and Holy Communion distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

**Sundays at 9:30 am:** Contemporary worship led by Xalt!, this service is family-friendly but speaks to people of all ages. Holy Communion is celebrated by station with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

**Sundays at 11:15 am:** Traditional worship led by organ and/or piano, including the Sanctuary Choir or Alleluia! Ringers, a Young People's Message, and Holy Communion distributed around the altar with bread and wine (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available).

**Worship on the Web:** Join us each Sunday at 11:15 am for the livestream, or access the recorded 11:15 am worship service any time during the week. Visit [www.ckluth.com/worship](http://www.ckluth.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.