

THE

KING'S HERALD

MARCH 2023



CHRIST the KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Senior Pastor

Rev. Caroline Satre
csatre@ctkluth.com

Pastor

Rev. Brad Davick
Cell: (847) 271.1413

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Loren Van Oort

Music Ministries

Hillary Doerries

Office Manager

Peggy Sudrovec

Interim

Business Manager

Jeff Eleff

Mission Coordinator

Jill Harms

Child & Adult Faith Formation Coordinator

Sarah Felde

Multimedia Coordinator

Adam Raschka

Custodian

Jean Schlemmer

Choir Accompanist

Bev Butler

The King's Herald Layout & Design

Shawn Freehling

The King's Herald is a monthly newsletter of Christ the King Lutheran Church. It can also be found under the "King's Herald" tab on our website:
www.ctkluth.com

THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:34–36

*God,
Guide me, if I'm willing,
(drive me if I'm not),
Into the hard ways of sacrifice
Which are just and loving.
Make me wide-hearted for love,
And for the unloved,
Who are the hardest to touch
And need it the most.*

The above is an excerpt from a prayer entitled "Breathe Into Me the Courage to Make Something New." Found in the most weathered book on my shelf, a prayer book called *Guerrillas of Grace*, these few words reveal the heart of what it means to love and serve the world. They reveal what I feel...but could never say in quite this way... when I hear the familiar passage found in Matthew 25.

There are some harsh words in this passage (Jesus doesn't mess around when he emphasizes loving and serving!), but there are also some clear blessings in the difficult work of serving those who are "hungry, thirsty, unknown (a stranger), poor, sick, and imprisoned."

This Lent, we are again joining with several community partners in an effort to do just that. As you will see on the following pages, on the CtK website (ctkluth.com/matthew25), and in the narthex, the **Matthew 25 Project** provides many ways to explore issues named in this well-known Scripture reading.

There are events happening all over South Bend; however, there are also several taking place right here at CtK. Many intergenerational events/service opportunities will occur in the narthex or Van Oort Hall during the Sunday School time. (Check out the Senior Suds laundry games on March 5 and Sole Hope on April 2!) Each week there will also be opportunities to donate goods or money to the Clay Food Pantry, Dismas House, and local children in need. **And CtK's unique contribution to this community-wide effort is to host "Soup and Les Mis" every Wednesday evening in March.**

Wednesdays beginning at 6 pm, we will provide soup and bread. (See "Service Opportunities" to help make soup or contribute bread. See "Soup and Les Mis" to help set up and serve dinner or clean up following the meals.) We'll provide separate activities for children (in another location with Pastor Brad), a clip of *Les Misérables* with questions for discussion, and a wrap-up of the day's conversation. We'll end the evening in the sanctuary with Holden Evening Prayer, a 20-minute contemplative service. Please join us for a simple meal, spirited discussion (or play time with Pastor Brad), and reflective worship.

If Wednesdays don't work for you or your family, please look over the schedule of events and add something that moves your heart...and fits into your already busy life. If you need a nudge to add something meaningful this Lenten season—or if you need the encouragement to engage Matthew 25 with your head or your heart or your hands—here's the prayer in its entirety. May the Spirit move within you as you pray:

THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

Breathe Into Me the Courage to Make Something New

*Thank you for all I forget are gifts,
not rights.
Forgive me for all the grievances
I remember too well.
Save me from the self-pity,
the self-seeking,
the fat-heartedness
which is true poverty.
Guide me, if I'm willing,
(drive me if I'm not),
into the hard ways of sacrifice
which are just and loving.
Make me wide-eyed for beauty,
and for my neighbor's need and goodness;
wide-willed for peace-making,
and for confronting power
with the call to compassion;
wide-hearted for love,
and for the unloved,
who are the hardest to touch
and need it the most.
Dull the envy in me
which criticizes and complains life
into a thousand ugly bits.
Keep me honest and tender enough to heal,
tough enough to be healed of my hypocrisies.
Match my appetite for privilege
with the stomach for commitment.
Teach me the great cost of paying attention
that, naked to the dazzle of your back as you pass,
I may know I am always on holy ground.
Breathe into me the restlessness and courage
to make something new,
something saving,
and something true
that I may understand what it is to rejoice.*



With you on the journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline L. Satre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Caroline

Continued on the next page

THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

“Matthew 25 Project” Event Preview

Again this Lenten season, CtK is joining with several community partners for the Matthew 25 Project—an effort to serve those who are hungry, thirsty, unknown (a stranger), poor, sick, and imprisoned.

In the narthex, you can pick up a Matthew 25 Project booklet highlighting all of the diverse events taking place throughout South Bend this Lent. You can also view the entire event list online at ctkluth.com/matthew25. For your convenience, events are placed into five categories: Worship, Giving, Service, Learning, and Arts and Experiences.

In the meantime, please mark your calendars for the following CtK-sponsored events taking place between now and Easter:

SOUP AND LES MIS

Weekly Dinner and Discussion

*Wednesdays from March 1 through March 29
6–7:10 pm | Van Oort Hall*

Come to Van Oort Hall for dinner and facilitated discussion of Matthew 25 themes as reflected in Victor Hugo’s *Les Misérables*. Familiarity with the film, stage, or book version is recommended but not essential for participation! Soup and bread will be provided. (Because *Les Mis* contains adult content, any children present will have separate activities.) Stay afterward for the Holden Evening Prayer service in the sanctuary. (See the Lent worship schedule on page 6 for details.)

Volunteers are needed to set up, serve soup, and clean up after the Wednesday meals. If you would like to help with these efforts, look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Weeks 1 and 2: Easter Basket Outreach

Sunday, February 26 | Sunday, March 5

In partnership with First Presbyterian, CtK will provide Easter baskets to 200 children at LaSalle Park Homes, El Campito, and Hope for the Hungry. Bring in items to fill the baskets or make a monetary donation to help bring joy to children in our community. Shopping lists and collection boxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday and throughout the week.

Weeks 3 and 4: Spring Break Food Pack Collection

Sunday, March 12 | Sunday, March 19

All are encouraged to bring in product donations for the Spring Break Food Pack initiative conducted in conjunction with Clay Food Pantry. You may also make a monetary donation to purchase gift cards given to the families to buy milk and eggs. Shopping lists and collection boxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday and throughout the week.

Weeks 5 and 6: Dismas House Grocery Cards

Sunday, March 26 | Sunday, April 2

CtK has a long-standing relationship with Dismas House, which includes providing dinner for residents one night each month, as well as supplying a monthly \$100 Meijer grocery card. Help us continue this ministry by buying a monthly gift card for Dismas House or by donating toward the cost of one. CtK will purchase the cards via the ShopWithScrip/RaiseRight Program, which raises funds for our other community mission activities. Stop by the Community Missions table in the narthex on Sunday to make your purchase, or place a donation in the collection jar available in the narthex throughout the week.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Soup Making and Baked Goods Drop-off

*Sunday, March 19
10:30–11 am | Drop-in Chop in Narthex
11 am–12:30 pm | Cook and Pack in Van Oort Hall*

Join us as we prepare a variety of soups for our weekly dinner and *Les Mis* discussion. Stop by the narthex between 10:30 and 11 am for a “drop-in chop,” where we’ll clean and cut vegetables for the soups. Or, come to the kitchen from 11 am to 12:30 pm to cook and package soups. No registration is required for the “drop-in chop,” but please sign up in the narthex if you’d like to reserve a spot on the kitchen crew.

We are also collecting breads, rolls, and cookies to serve at the Wednesday dinners. Bake at home (or make a stop at the grocery store) and drop off your baked goods in the kitchen on March 19 to help feed our hungry guests.

Continued on the next page

THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

Senior Suds Intergenerational Service and Fun

Sunday, March 5

10:30–11:10 am | Van Oort Hall

Stop by Van Oort Hall during the Sunday school hour to learn more about CtK's Senior Suds laundry ministry, help make lunches for Senior Suds guests, and enjoy some laundry- themed fun and games. All ages are welcome!

Senior Suds Laundry Days

Tuesday, March 7 | Tuesday, March 21 | Tuesday, April 4

1:45–5 pm | Burton's Laundry | 3706 W. Western Ave., South Bend

CtK has partnered with Clay Food Pantry, the St. Joseph County Health Department, and Burton's Laundry to host Senior Suds, a program that offers free laundry services for seniors every other Tuesday. Volunteers are needed to make sack lunches prior to each laundry day, and two volunteers are needed at the laundromat during each Senior Suds event to connect with the guests and give them the prepared lunches. Sign up to volunteer in either capacity at ctkluth.com/seniorsuds.

Easter Basket Sort and Craft Event

Sunday, March 12

10:30–11:10 am | Narthex

All are invited to help sort basket donations and/or assemble craft materials that will be included in each Easter basket delivered to kids at LaSalle Park Homes, El Campito, and Hope for the Hungry. We had lots of fun last year and anticipate more of the same this time around!

Spring Break Food Packs Sorting

Saturday, March 25

8–10 am | Clay Church Firehouse Campus

Join us at the Clay Church Firehouse Campus to help sort and repackage donations for the Spring Break Food Packs project. Sign up online at claychurch.com/events.

Card Making

Sunday, March 26

10:30–11:10 am | Narthex

Stop by the narthex to make one-of-a-kind greeting cards or drop off cards you've made at home. These cards will be included in the Food 4 Kids backpacks distributed by the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

Spring Break Food Packs Distribution

Monday, March 27

9 am | Clay Church Firehouse Campus

Come to the Clay Church Firehouse Campus to help deliver filled Spring Break Food Packs to distribution sites around the community. Sign up online at claychurch.com/events.

Dinner at Dismas House

Tuesday, March 28

6:15–7:30 pm | Dismas House | 521 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend

Make and take a meal to Dismas House, then stay and eat in fellowship with the residents, who are working toward independent living after jail or prison. Sign up in the narthex and/or contact Bob Clausen for more details.

Sole Hope Shoe Preparation

Sunday, April 2

10:30–11:10 am | Van Oort Hall

Millions of Ugandans suffer from a crippling parasite called jiggers. Jiggers enter the body by burrowing into the feet, so the best way to prevent infestation is by wearing sturdy shoes. Sole Hope is a nonprofit organization that makes shoes out of discarded denim, then distributes these shoes to people throughout Uganda. Join us in Van Oort Hall as we trace pattern pieces and cut our own old denim that will be sent to Sole Hope. All ages are welcome. Please bring in your old jeans and/or a pair of fabric scissors!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT 2023



Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship: Holden Evening Prayer

This year, you can access the Holden Evening Prayer service in two ways. Join us for in-person worship on Wednesday evenings in Lent. All are welcome to gather in the sanctuary at 7:15 pm on the following dates: March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, and March 29. You can also access a pre-recorded version of Holden Evening Prayer online, along with a worship folder, through our website (ctkluth.com) or on CtK's YouTube page.

Palm Sunday Worship

On Palm Sunday, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. The service begins in the narthex as we wave palms in celebration as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

The Triduum

All Triduum services will be livestreamed and recorded live

Maundy Thursday, April 6 | 7:00 pm

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end as we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days (or, the Triduum) of Jesus' death and resurrection. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

Good Friday – Friday, April 7 | 7:00 pm

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 8 | 7:00 pm

This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Resurrection of Our Lord – Sunday, April 9 | 8:15, 9:30, and 11:15 am

On Easter Sunday, CtK will offer three traditional worship services, complete with a message of Easter joy and hope from our pastors, festive music from the Sanctuary Choir and Alleluia Ringers, and Holy Communion around the Lord's open table. Services are in person and scheduled for 8:15 am, 9:30 am, and 11:15 am. Please note that the 11:15 service will be live-streamed.

* Adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*

HAPPENING AT CtK

Youth Leadership Lock-In March 25–26 @ CtK

Attention 6th through 12th graders: You (and your friends) are invited to the 2023 Leadership Lock-In. This will be a fun night of games, leadership activities, movie making, and more. Come burn the midnight oil at church! The event begins at 1 pm on Saturday, March 25, and wraps up at 11:15 am on Sunday, March 26. Sign up now at ctkluth.com/events.

Attention parents: We are looking for a few chaperones for the following shifts:

- **4:30–8:30 pm:** 3 adults needed
- **8:30 pm–9:30 am:** 1 male and 1 female needed to join Pastor Brad and Carmen overnight

If you are willing to help with either shift, please contact Jill Harms at connection@ctkluth.com.



“Welcome to CtK” Luncheon Sunday, March 5

If you are newer to Christ the King—or have been around for a while but would like a refresher course—join us on Sunday, March 5, from 12:30–2 pm for the “Welcome to CtK” luncheon. Learn about who we are as ELCA Lutherans; meet a few staff and congregational leaders; find out how we are living our mission in 2023; and discover how you might make a meaningful difference alongside us.

Lunch will be catered by The Skillet, and childcare will be provided upon request. Please reach out to Jill Harms with questions or specific dietary needs (jjharms@iastate.edu). Please RSVP online at ctkluth.com/events or by calling or emailing the church office (office@ctkluth.com).

Second Half Adventurers

Our Second Half Adventurers invite YOU to their upcoming gatherings!

Wednesday, March 8 @ CtK

Join us at CtK on Wednesday, March 8, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for lunch, fellowship, and a special presentation by Casaday Costume Company. Learn how this special place preserves, enhances, and provides a costume collection for regional arts and educational organizations and the public. You can order lunch from The Skillet for \$10 or bring your own. Registration is required; sign up at www.ctkluth.com/events.



Wednesday, March 15 @ Casaday Costume Company

Take a field trip with the Second Half Adventurers to see the Casaday Costume Company in person! Enjoy a tour of their collection with your fellow Adventurers on Wednesday, March 15, at 10:30 am. Casaday is located at LaSalle Intermediate Academy, 2701 Elwood Avenue, South Bend. Enter at Door 17.

HAPPENING AT CtK



ShopWithScrip/RaiseRight Gift Card Sale

ShopWithScrip/RaiseRight provides the opportunity to order gift cards for yourself and others, allowing you to shop the brands you love while helping support our local community missions. Stop by the ShopWithScrip table in the narthex **between services** on **Sunday, March 26, and Sunday, April 2**, to place your gift card order. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, April 16.

Don't want to purchase gift cards for yourself but still want to help the cause? You can order \$100 ShopWithScrip/RaiseRight Meijer gift cards for Dismas House, or give a few dollars to help with the purchase of these \$100 gift cards given to Dismas House each month to help defray their grocery costs.



Hacienda Fundraiser Tuesday, March 14

Join your CtK friends for lunch or dinner at Hacienda, located at 5836 Grape Road. Show the server this card and the Community Missions Committee will receive 20% of your bill. If you can't make it to Hacienda that day, you may order gift cards between services on Sunday, March 5, and Sunday, March 12. We will then purchase the cards for you on March 14 to receive 20% of your order. Gift cards will be ready for pick up at the main office beginning March 15, as well as between services on Sunday, March 19.



Group: Christ the King Lutheran Church
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
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

Calling All Seniors!

What: Irish dinner

When: Sunday, March 19 @ 3 pm

Where: Tom Thomas' house
51758 Gumwood Road, Granger

Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex. See you there!





Sunday School Update

As we move toward spring, Sunday school classes continue! Most weeks, we'll have lessons as usual, but please mark your calendars for the following special events to be held during the Sunday school period (10:30–11:10 am):

March 5: Senior Suds Service and Fun

Kids and their families are invited to Van Oort Hall to learn more about Ctk's Senior Suds laundry ministry, help make lunches for Senior Suds guests, and enjoy some laundry-themed fun and games. All ages are welcome!

March 12: Easter Basket Sort and Craft

The Easter basket project is back this year! Last year, we had a blast sorting donations and making and filling “bunny bags” for kids in need—and we've got more fun in store again this year! Families, please join us in the narthex for some service and smiles.

April 2: Sole Hope Shoe Preparation

Come to Van Oort Hall to learn more about Sole Hope, an organization that provides shoes for children in Uganda to help protect against parasites called jiggers. We'll also trace pattern pieces and cut our own old denim so Sole Hope can use it to make shoes. All ages are welcome!

April 9: Easter

Please note that there will be no Sunday school classes on Easter Sunday. Classes will resume the following week, on April 16.



First Communion Class on March 30

First Communion instruction will be offered on Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 7:30 pm. This one-session class is led by Pastors Caroline and Brad and open to any child whose family feels is ready to receive Communion. Participants and their parents will learn about the sacrament, practice receiving bread and wine, and bake Communion bread in the kitchen with Pastor Brad (always a highlight!). If you have a child who would like to participate, please contact Sarah Felde.

SAVE THE DATE

Families: Save the Date for These Events!

Sunday, April 16 @ 5pm

Intergenerational Easter event (including dinner)

Saturday, May 6 @ 9 am

Family volunteer shift at Cultivate Culinary

Watch for additional details (including registration information) in the weeks ahead!



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. Childcare is available in the nursery. Email Josh Weinhold (josh.weinhold@gmail.com) if you'd like to learn more!

Upcoming meetings:

- **March 25:** *Rear Window* (DVD will be available in church office)
- **April 22:** *Shoplifters* (Hoopla or Matthew 25 screening)
- **May 20:** *Fences* (Amazon Prime)

CtK BUSINESS UPDATE



CHRIST the KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT – JANUARY 31, 2023

Summary of Receipts	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings/Loose*	\$76,215	\$76,215
Other Income	\$1,047	\$1,047
Missional Projects**	\$6,346	\$6,346
Miscellaneous Funds	<u>\$4,725</u>	<u>\$4,725</u>
Total Receipts	\$88,332	\$88,332

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

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income (Offerings/Loose & Other)	\$77,262	\$88,332
Expenditures	\$51,094	\$51,094
Surplus (Deficit)	\$26,168	\$88,332

Loose Offering

**Dismas House	\$926	\$926
*5th Sunday General Fund	\$189	\$189

ELCA Benevolence

10% of Offering	\$7,621	\$7,621
-----------------	---------	---------



CHRIST the KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

17195 Cleveland Road
South Bend, IN 46635

*A congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America
"God's Work. Our Hands."*

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is part of every
Sunday morning worship service.
Distribution varies as described below.

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 Zerfas

Professional counselors available by appointment.

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SOUTH BEND, IN
PERMIT NO. 94



"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.ctluth.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.