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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Confirmation Sun, Nov 20
- Midweek Advent services begin Nov. 30, 6:30 pm

Dear congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church,

In the fear of the Lord, with joy and humility, I answer the call of the Lord Jesus Christ, mediated through the congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church, to serve as your pastor. We are coming to Waseca!

The process of calling a pastor is one that inspires both awe and fascination, as we see the hand of God at work, moving churches and individuals towards one another in ways that are mysterious and not entirely of this earth. My wife Beverly and I have prayed much over our decision, asking the Lord's help. He has answered our prayers with the inward assurance of what you as a congregation had already voted on. We are humbled and grateful, joyful and yet experiencing the trepidation that accompanies every major change. But we are also excited- anxious to meet all of you and become fellow workers with you in God's vineyard. (I hope you can bear with that very California-sounding analogy. It is Biblical!) We beg of you to please pray for us as we put things in order for a big move, and say goodbye to beloved friends. As the Lord has provided, so shall we see His providence in coming days and weeks.

I wish to thank all of you who have followed God's lead in this process. It has not been lost on Bev and me that CtK is also going through a major transition, as you have had to adjust to the departure of your beloved pastor and his wife. I'm sure there were many meetings of the call committee and Council. We were impressed with the call committee- their diligence, prompt communication, compassion and friendliness, which was more than matched by their singular focus upon doing God's work in God's way. In this group effort, I would like to give special commendation to your Chairman Chris Dieker, who conducted most of the communication between the church and us. He has done a superb job. Sincere thanks to you, Chris!

On a final note, we have yet to determine a definite start date. A number of factors need to come together, of course. Past experience suggests that between acceptance of a call and "boots on the ground", it is a three to four-month process. We will keep in close touch with your leadership and administration during this interval. Once again, let's all be in prayer. Experience also tells us that "God is in the details!" May we all find Him again and again, as we look forward to a new year and a new season of ministry.

May the Lord Jesus bless you and give you grace!
Eric and Beverly Ishimaru





WOW

For the WOW meeting, Saturday, November 12th, 9:30 a.m., the Joy group will serve and for Sunday morning Fellowship during the month of November, the Charity group will serve.

Operation Christmas Child is back! You will again have the opportunity of sharing the love of Christ through a shoebox. Children receiving these boxes may receive **NOTHING ELSE FOR CHRISTMAS**. Please take as many shoeboxes as you'd enjoy filling, a pamphlet giving helpful suggestions of age appropriate gifts (and what gifts aren't allowed) and place that pamphlet on the cover of the box when returning it to the back pew of the Gathering area by **Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 20**. Attaching a shipping donation is not necessary. You are also encouraged to enclose a note, — it makes the gift more personal. Remember to pray for the recipient of the box as you share God's blessings with children around the world. Our goal is to have 100 filled Shoeboxes. Let's make it so!!!!



DESIGNATED FUNDS

YTD & Carried Forward Designated Funds (as of September 2022):

Year-To-Date General
Fund Budget Totals as of
9/30/22

GF Offering: \$168,179.07

GF Budget: \$182,148.90

Short: (\$13,696.83)

GF Offering: \$168,179.07

GF Expense: \$176,627.57

Short: (\$8,448.50)

Building:	1,381.01
Adult Education:	38.27
Sunday School:	19.28
Scholarship:	2,294.88
Youth Group:	280.95
Memorial:	5,956.68
Mission tithe:	7,034.53
Mission Offering:	.00
Quilters:	1,240.30
Property:	455.78
Property Sub Account	
Building Impr.	2,505.00
Audio/Visual:	3,596.64
Evangelism:	688.23
Light house Worship	6,300.01
Worship Fund:	732.47
TOTAL DESIGNATED	32,524.03

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES will be at 6:30 on Wed, Nov. 30, Wed, Dec. 7 and Wed, Dec. 14. Adult Choir Practice will follow the service, about 7:15 p.m. We hope you will come join us for these services!!!!

Biblical Roots of Common Words and Phrases

Phrase: "The Music of the Spheres"

Meaning: This phrase refers to the entwined relationships and harmonies connecting the structures of music and those of the physical astronomical world.

Origin: Written over two thousand years before Christ we find in the Book of Job: "Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said . . . Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth . . . when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for Joy?" Job 38:1-7

Later, Aristotle attributed "this symphony of the heavens . . . this music of the spheres to Pythagoras . . . but Pythagoras alone of mortals is said to have heard this harmony . . . [this] supremely lovely music of the wheeling stars." (John Milton) Pythagoras had, in effect, discovered music theory and within it, musical spacing, octaves and vibrations. From this discovery he proposed that a similar harmony and order existed in the planetary cycles and orbits; creating an astronomical theory that he called "The Music of the Spheres". As Plato recorded in The Republic, "As the eyes, said I, seem formed for studying astronomy, so do the ears seem formed for harmonious motions: and these seem to be twin sciences to one another."

Today, when we sing Pastor Maltbie Babcock's hymn "This Is My Father's World", the author uses "music of the spheres" referencing both the Book of Job and Pythagoras's astronomical theory:

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought.*

(Lutheran Study Bible, Plato: The Republic: Word and Phrase Origins, 3rd edition)

CONFIRMATION

The Rite of Confirmation or "Confirmation Sunday" will be observed on Christ the King Sunday, November 20. Those expected to reaffirm their baptism in the rite of Confirmation are Brody & Bryce Mudgett, John Gransee, Samantha Langer, Logan Reger & Kaiya Stagman.

There will be a "Birthday Brunch" following the church service to celebrate Christ the King's birthday! The youth will be serving so come enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, or milk. There will be a free-will offering for the youth.

LIVE NATIVITY



The Live Nativity is back and Christ the King is again participating in this multi-church outreach program. This year our "work" load and volunteer requirements will be much less since we will have the scenes created last year displayed at St. Paul Lutheran Church. We will still need SEVERAL Adam and Eves, Isaiahs, and Micahs for characters during the actual drive-through. NO speaking is required and costumes will be provided. (You won't freeze as they have been made to accommodate warm clothing worn underneath your costume.) We'll also need traffic controllers, several "runners" and several people to "work" in the kitchen as food will be provided to all of the volunteers. The biggest requirement is having **MUSCLE** to set up the scenes Thursday, Dec. 8, and take them down either after the event on the 10th or after church on Sunday on the 11th, depending on the snow and temperature. NO, repeat NO, cookies will be handed out this year so those 100 DOZEN cookies will not have to be baked. J As we discovered last year, this **HAS TO BE** a whole church effort. Get involved and invite your friends and relatives, even if they aren't members of our church or don't go to church, to join in the fun of supporting this local ministry. We are ALL God's family and Christmas is truly a time for bringing us all together in a new, faithful and invigorating way. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area so **please** sign these sheets for offering your talents and willingness to work. **Remember, the Live Nativity is Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** We need **YOU TO MAKE THIS CHRISTIAN OUTREACH HAPPEN.**

THERE ARE MANY COMMITTEES AND GROUPS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN AT OUR CHURCH. ALL COMMITTEES AND GROUPS COULD USE MORE PEOPLE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO GIVE OF YOUR TIME & TALENTS. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING. NO INVITATION NEEDED, JUST SHOW UP.

PROPERTY:
NOV 1, 6:30PM

WORSHIP:
NOV 2, 5:00 PM

SAT., NOV 12
MEN'S BIBLE: 8:00 AM
WOW: 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP
NOV 1, 6:30 PM

EVANGELISM
NOV 22, 6:30PM

EDUCATION:
NOV 22, 6:30PM

QUILTERS:
TUESDAYS 10:30AM-3PM

CHOIR:
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM

USHERS:
NEEDED MONTHLY .
CONTACT GARRY HUCK-
FELDT OR CHURCH OF-
FICE

READERS:
READ DURING SERVICES
ON A ROTATION
CONTACT CHURCH
OFFICE

GREETERS FOR the month of NOVEMBER

Nov 6: Wendy Mann & Elaine Breck

Nov 13: Travis & Gretchen Anderson

Nov 20: Roger & Wendy Mann

Nov 27: Bob & Gwen Johnson

NOVEMBER USHERS:

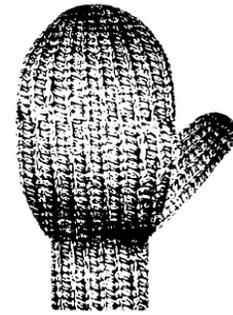
Greg & Barb Roesler

THANK YOU for being Greeters and Ushers!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will continue with one church service at 9:00 a.m. until Pastor Ishimaru moves to Waseca. We thank everyone for being flexible with this — it has really helped out with having limited musicians — it’s difficult to sustain playing weekly for the traditional or contemporary services. This has also been very helpful in supporting our guest pastors having one service. We will continue to alternate between traditional and contemporary services with a “5th Sunday of the month” being a Blended Service.

Sunday School will be held from 10:15 - 11:00.



MITTEN TREE

This year we at Christ the King would like to warm hands and heads as well as hearts. To do so we’ll have a “Mitten Tree” set up in the Gathering Area beginning Nov. 27 (the first Sunday in Advent). All you have to do is purchase some mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves for children, bring them to church and place them on or under the tree, and we’ll do the rest. These items will be given to both Hartley Elementary School and Head Start Program children for distribution to those in need during the cold Minnesota winter.

THANK YOU for participating in this community ministry and know that YOUR heart will be warmed by your generosity to those in need in this season of Advent and Christmas. Remember, we are blessed to be a blessing. . . .

Sunday school Christmas Program

The Education Committee has set the date for the Sunday School Christmas program for **Sunday, December 18**. The program will be held during worship service. Please let Megan Johnson know if your child will not be able to participate in the program. Do you love the program and would like to help the kids of CtK put on this wonderful program? Contact Megan Johnson or Mindy Jackson!

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