

**WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR USHERING DUTIES.** Please contact either Garry Huckfeldt (garryhuckfeldt1@gmail.com or 507-837-9077) or Debbie (debbiev.ctlk@gmail.com) at the church if you can help usher — there is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. Ideally we need 2 people at each service.

**FEBRUARY USHERS:**

1st Service: Bob Johnson and Travis Anderson

2nd Service: Ted & Megan Johnson

**MARCH USHERS:**

1st Service: ???

2nd Service: Jon & Jill Stagman

**WORSHIP SERVICE & ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE:** The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have Sunday School at 9 a.m., Blended Worship Service at 9:30 with Annual meeting at 10:45. A Catered Dinner will follow the Meeting.

**Biblical Roots of Common Words and Phrases**

**Phrase:** *"stiff-necked"*

**Meaning:** Obstinate, stubborn, unyielding or obdurate.

**Origins:** When the Israelites in Jerusalem were dishonoring the Sabbath, Jeremiah wrote: "Yet they did not listen or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck, that they might not hear or receive instruction."(Jer.17:23) The allusion here is to a yoked or haltered animal tightening its neck muscles to resist having its head turned to go in a new direction. In Exodus 32:9 we read, "And the Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and behold it is a stiff-necked people.'" Here God is condemning the Israelites for being an obstinate people of little faith, who had followed Aaron in making the Golden Calf. In fact, "a stiff-necked people" appears four times in Exodus, twice in Deuteronomy 9, and again in 2 Chron. 30:8. Finally in the New Testament, Acts 7:51 thunders "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit." So like the horses, oxen and mules it alludes to, the word "stiff-necked" is used to describe a stubborn, unyielding, obstinate people who repeatedly refused to yield to God's Law. (Word and Phrase Origins, 3rd Edition, Robert Hendrickson)

The Contemporary Group, **Lighthouse Worship**, would like to extend an invitation to anyone who plays guitar, drums, piano, spoons, sings, whatever your talent is, to please give it some prayerful thought to come join them. (You're not committed to playing every Sunday.) Please contact Kris Becker or Katie Demmer for more information. THANK YOU!



If you enjoy singing and thinking about joining choir, come join us — we'll resume our Wednesday evening practice on February 2nd at 6:30 pm. High Schoolers are more than welcome to sing with us — we'd love to have you join!



Christ the King Lutheran Church continues to host a **Sunday morning radio program** where Pastor Larson delivers a sermon. This is a wonderful outreach overseen by the Evangelism Committee. The Evangelism Committee would like to ask you to prayerfully consider helping fund this outreach program. It's \$75.00 a week to have the program broadcasted. If you would like to sponsor a week or month, or maybe give a few dollars to go towards the fees, please put your donation labeled Evangelism Fund in the offering plate or mail it to Christ the King Lutheran church. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your support!

>**FINAL 2021 Live Nativity Wrap-Up Report:** A total of 210 active volunteers from St. Paul, St. John, and Christ the King Lutheran churches were involved in orchestrating this year's Live Nativity December 17 and 18. Our church had 66 volunteers whose labors totaled HUNDREDS of hours working to create our prophecy backdrops, candy canes and wreaths and to hang lights on the outside of the church. \$3363.68 in financial donations was received and of that \$2613.68 was given to the Waseca Food shelf. (\$750 was held back to cover some of next year's advertising expenses.) 306 pounds of food were collected and donated to the Food Shelf. 440 vehicles with 1169 people and at least 40 dogs were counted for the event. J

Again, an **ENORMOUS** thank-you goes to all who participated. **ALL** of your efforts combined to make this endeavor a joyful ministry of sharing the good news of Jesus' birth. **THANK YOU!!!!**



**EASTER** is right around the corner! **Ash Wednesday** is Wednesday, March 2nd with a worship service at 6:30 p.m. We will begin mid-week Lenten services on March 9th with evening services at 6:30. pm (Adult Choir will practice following the church service.) **Palm Sunday** is April 10th and this begins our **Holy Week** — Maundy Thursday is Thursday, April 14th with church service at 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Tenebrae Service is at 6:30 p.m. and **Easter Sunday** is April 17 with two services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Much to look forward to!!!!

