



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!

Live Nativity Planning Needs UPDATE

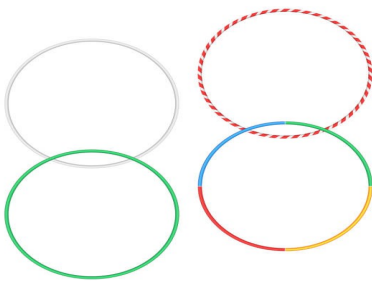
Friday, Dec. 17, and Sat. Dec. 18, are two very important nights for our church and community. As you've heard, we are joining St. Paul and St. John Lutheran churches in presenting a drive-through Live Nativity to share the joy of the Christmas story with our community. To make our presentation of the Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Jesus happen, we will need:

—A minimum of 6, repeat 6, traffic control people EACH NIGHT (more if the temperatures tank, requiring people to work in shifts). **MANY** able-bodied men and women to help hang lights and set up the staging during the week of Dec. 13 and

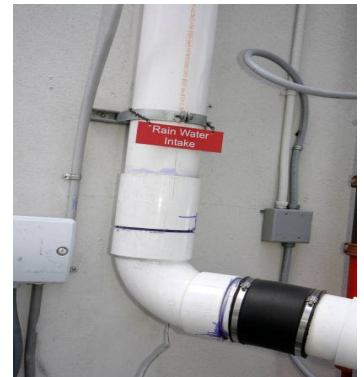
—MANY bakers to make 100 dozen cookies, so please stay tuned for more details as to how THIS will happen.

This is really an opportunity for our Church Family to share the joys of Christmas with our community while experiencing the fun of working together. It's not really important **WHAT** you do, it's important **THAT** you do something to make Christ the King Lutheran Church a wonderful addition to this major holiday outreach.

Please sign the sheets in the Gathering Area so we'll know we can count on **YOU**. Blessings to you all. . . .



We Need YOU: There will be **"Live Nativity Craft Nights"** Thursday, Nov. 4 and Thursday Nov. 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm. All materials will be provided and directions will be given on how to turn hula hoops into giant wreathes and pvc pipe into candy canes. Bring friends to help and treats will be provided. Come and join in the fun of making this Live Nativity happen!!!!



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Search for Christ the King Lutheran Church of Waseca. Click on it. At this screen you can set up or log into your account. If you use Simply Giving already, you will still need to set up an account through the app. Choose how much you would like to donate, the frequency, and to which fund. If you need help navigating the app, please see Kristy.



Keep the Milk / Water Jugs coming!!

Christ the King has been invited to join St. Paul and St. John Lutheran churches for a "Drive-through Christmas Nativity". We will be using empty gallon milk / water jugs as luminaries to light the way from our church to St. John's and then to St. Paul's.

Milk Jug Update: As of now, we have 80 milk and water gallon jugs to date to line the way for the Live Nativity, which means we are three quarters of the way to our goal. PLEASE continue to bring **empty, clean one-GALLON milk or water jugs** to the church.

There is a box in our Gathering area for collecting these jugs and we'll keep you posted on the number of jugs accumulated. A goal of 100 jugs is set – this is just the beginning of something big and fun, and a way to meet new folks as we work with the other churches to share the Christmas spirit with



Operation Christmas Child: Most of our "shoeboxes" are gone, which is VERY exciting. Please note that you do NOT have to give \$9.00 for shipping; instead, you may want to add a few more things to your box. Also note: save the pamphlet with the shoebox label or copy the number below the QR code and Samaritan Purse address and you can track your box to see **where in the world** it went. Your completed boxes can be placed on the back pew in the Gathering Area and need to be there by Nov. 15. Thank you!!!!



Our Sunday School students need you to help with the Christmas program. The children have already started to sing some of the songs but we need you to be a part of their growth in Christ at Christmas time. This is a short commitment to help to pick out the program and lead the program for practice and during their Christmas program. We tentatively set the program for Sun., Dec. 12. The practices would be on Sun., Nov. 28 and Sun., Dec. 5. These dates can be changed if necessary. Please contact Connie Larson, Megan Johnson or Pastor Cary to express interest.



The King's Letter

November, 2021

GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS

From the Pastor's Desk

"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

~1 Thessalonians 5:18

For most Americans Thanksgiving is a matter of national significance. Hopefully Christians will crowd their churches on Thanksgiving Eve or Day to praise God for His generosity and His open hand and then give Him thanks again as they enjoy a gathering with family and friends around the table.

It's easy to give thanks in a setting in which we have so many blessings to count that we will be hard-pressed to think of all of them. But Scripture is urging us that we give thanks in everything. Clearly as we examine life there is an existing tension. "Should I thank him for my weaknesses?" A difficult question; however, the Scriptures say, "Yes!" Only when a Christian does so do we fully appreciate and thank God for His great strength. "Should I thank him for my failures...my many failures?" Yes, for these too! He alone "gives the increase." How difficult it is to give thanks to God in time of frustrations, illness, loss, disappointment. At such times, however, we may approach God with awareness that He is "at work for good in everything." And this lets us approach him with a thankful heart, sincerely praying, "Thy will be done."

Perhaps you, like me, find it much easier to thank God when things go exactly as planned. But Christians learn that God also uses "storms" to teach us; to teach us gratitude. It is in the dark night of despair over ourselves that the stars of His promises shine the more brightly.

What leads us to learn to thank God in everything is the Good News that "God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all." Then it is just a small step to our being assured of God's provident care in every circumstance that He allows to come into our lives. St. Paul took that small step when he wrote, "Will he not with his Son also freely give us all things?" Such assurance had already allowed him to say his all-inclusive "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Put it into practice in your Thanksgiving celebration. Count your many blessings but also count the difficulties through which the Lord is working out His will in your life. He has His hand in everything, all for your good!

"O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next." ~ "Now Thank We All Our God" by Martin Rinkart (1636)

Have a happy Thanksgiving as you give thanks in everything! Not just on one day but every day!

In Christ,
Pastor Cary