



Holidays are a time when families gather and celebrate one another. The closer the family, the more joyous the celebration. The Christ the King family is no exception. Our love and unity with one another is always showing, but I especially see great family unity within Christ the King as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Christ this Advent season. I would like to take a moment to highlight a few of these celebrations.

First of all, I understand the difficulties of worshipping without a pastor. Members of our family have come together and arranged Advent worships in order to keep the Congregation united in the preparation and celebration of the birth of our Christ. Thank to all involved for your work and dedication to this endeavor.

Secondly, our Sunday School children are preparing a program to proclaim the Good News of the birth of our Jesus. We should all be so fortunate to be blessed with the dedication of our Sunday School staff and Education Committee. Thank you all.

Next, the Evangelism Committee. Your group has been especially instrumental in maintaining our family unity. Thank you for your work on projects such as Operation Christmas Child, The Mitten Tree, the Christmas Card garland, and all the other efforts you have put forth to keep the family of Christ the King strong in our unity.

Finally, we are excited to welcome our new shepherd, Reverend Eric Ishimaru and his wife Bev. We will welcome them warmly into our family and make them feel welcomed. I have no doubt, Pastor Eric will continue leading us in God's word and love. Thank you to our Call Committee for their diligent work and efforts in finding and calling out next Shepherd. Let's show him the warmth of our family and do all we can to make him feel welcomed.

I wish you and your families the best as we enter the Christmas Season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Your Brother in Christ,  
Hunter J. Jenzen  
Christ the King Council President

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Midweek Advent services Wednesdays Dec. 7 & 14 @ 6:30pm



*And the angel said unto them,  
Fear not: for, behold,  
I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
which shall be to all people.*



## WOW

For the WOW meeting, Saturday, December 10th, 9:30 a.m., the LOVE Fellowship group will serve and for Sunday morning Fellowship during the month of December, the FAITH Fellowship group will serve.

WOW is looking for someone to fill the position of Sec/Treas for the 2023 year. It can be a combined office or 2 separate ones. If you are interested, please contact Marilyn Wilkus at 835-2761 or Marlene Good at 833-1204. THANK YOU!

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was again a success! Even though we didn't reach our personal goal of 100 boxes, Christ the King's 88 Christmas Child boxes joined those of 6 other area churches to be transported to Mankato which is almost 900 boxes from the Waseca area!!! They will make their way around the world, bringing joy to THOUSANDS of children. Thank you so much for taking part in this heart-warming Christmas mission outreach!!!



Year-To-Date General  
Fund Budget Totals as of  
10/31/22

GF Offering: \$186,289.40

GF Budget: \$202,387.67

Short: (\$16,098.27)

GF Offering: \$186,289.40

GF Expense: \$191,182.38

Short: (\$4,892.98)

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

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

Building:	1,381.01
Adult Education:	38.27
Sunday School:	52.29
Scholarship:	2,294.88
Youth Group:	320.95
Memorial:	6,071.68
Mission tithe:	6,348.56
Mission Offering:	286.00
Quilters:	1,282.20
Property:	455.78
Property Sub Account	
Building Impr.	3,030.00
Audio/Visual:	4,263.30
Evangelism:	688.23
Light house Worship	6,168.51
Worship Fund:	652.47
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED</b>	<b>33,334.73</b>



## Biblical Roots of Common Words and Phrases

**Phrase:** “A Still Small Voice”

**Meaning:** One’s conscience or one’s inner self.

**Origins:** There is only one place in Scripture where God is said to speak in a “*still small voice*” and that was to Elijah after his dramatic victory over the prophets of Baal. Fearing Queen Jezebel’s revenge, he fled into the wilderness afraid, dejected and alone where God sustained him and comforted him. In the Kings James Version of the Bible, we read in 1 Kings (19:11-12): “And behold the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire *a still small voice.*” The point of God speaking in “*a still small voice*” was to show Elijah that the work of God need not always be accompanied by dramatic revelation or manifestations such as He provided in giving Elijah victory over the prophets of Baal. The difference between God speaking through windstorm and earthquake and then through a still small voice can also be considered as showing us the difference between the workings of the Law and Gospel. “Elijah found no comfort and no assurance in God’s power manifested in nature through the wind (Law). Rather when God’s Word came to instruct him in a quiet voice, then the prophet found truth and strength (Gospel).” (LSB, Footnote 9:12, Page 571) We should all try to quiet the winds and earthquakes in our lives, so that we too can hear God’s “*still small voice*” within us.

(Lutheran Study Bible, “Clichés” Christine Ammer, Got Questions.org)

## LIVE NATIVITY



The Live Nativity is back and Christ the King is again participating in this multi-church outreach program. We hope you will come see this special event. **Remember, the Live Nativity is Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

## Altar Paraments

The Advent paraments are blue, the color of HOPE. Advent is a season of anticipation, repentance, and hope as we wait for the return of Jesus, our Savior. The symbol on the pulpit is of the Holy Family. The lectern symbol shows the angel announcing the birth of Christ - Savior of the world. The center symbol on the altar parament is of the Advent candles; one for each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas, and the larger Christ candle in the middle - Christ is born! The stars on each side remind us of the star that led the Wise Men to the Christ child.

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 DECEMBER**

Dec 4: Wendy Mays & Kay Marie Rahman

Dec 11: Alice Siems & Kay Marie Rahman

Dec 18: John & Doris Krause

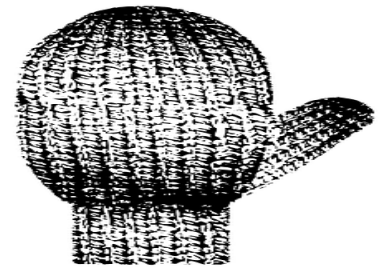
**DECEMBER USHERS:**

Terry VanderHorst & Garry Huckfeldt

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 and 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. We are very excited to have our children share the Christmas Story with you so please come join us!

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**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**

continue and will be at 6:30 on 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!!!!