



CTK CONNECTIONS

Keeping you informed on the Mission and Ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Delafield, WI

Sunday, December 22



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Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sermon
"Emmanuel, God-With-Us"
Pastor Jim Holmberg**

The Gospel Story is Always Contemporary

This week we will hear stories from the lectionary about Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus from different perspectives. On Sunday the 22nd we have the brief birth account from Matthew 1:18-25. In Matthew we hear the story from Joseph's perspective. On Christmas Eve December 24th, we get the longer account with a focus on Mary. From both Gospels there is a consensus on the miracle nature of this birth and shock from both parents. With the intervention and counsel of angels, Mary and Joseph both accept the reality that they will be parents of the Savior and expected Messiah.

The Gospel of Matthew also takes a new direction with the story of the wise men from the East bringing very special, and very odd, gifts to Jesus. The wise men come to Herod and asked how they might find the one born "king of the Jews". Herod, sensing a threat to his leadership over the Jews and the region of Jerusalem, sought to find this child. Joseph receives another dream with a warning to leave Bethlehem and flee to Egypt. Since Joseph and Mary with Jesus, evade Herod's trap, Herod orders the slaughter of all male children in Bethlehem two years old and under. The Holy Family flees to Egypt and become refugees hiding from certain destruction.

December 18th was designated United Nations International Migrant Day. This year over 270 million people are displaced from their home of origin because of fear for their safety or other compelling reasons. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, remember and pray for the countless refugees who, like Joseph and Mary, flee from their homes because of war, oppression, and for some certain death.

The Good News of Jesus birth is always contemporary. We are daily faced with both the joy of this amazing birth and challenged to bring the light of Christ to the world that can hold many dark spaces. Praise God that we truly have Good News of Great Joy!

With the Light of Christ,
Pastor Jim Holmberg

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 22, immediately following service. The purpose is to vote on the corrected slate for the call committee.

Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Sunday, December 22 at 3 pm

Choirs, Bells, and Orchestra
including a Sing along!

Bruce Bengtson, guest organist.
Featuring many young area
musicians:
Torrin Hallett, Alex and Brendan
Mortensen, and Eric Bergendahl.

Noah Manke, senior music education
major at Luther College, Decorah, IA,
will be singing and playing trombone
with other young music majors.



Eric Bergendahl & Mark
Gould



Noah Manke

Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken.
All are invited to join in a reception to follow.
Directed by Mark Gould



**Please Join Us For A 20 Minute Musical Prelude
Before Each Christmas Eve Service.**

Christmas Eve Worship

at Christ the King Lutheran Church

Tuesday, December 24

Services held at 3 pm & 8 pm

Come celebrate our Savior's birth!

All are welcome to join us!

Pastor James Holmberg
Christ the King Lutheran
Church 1600 N. Genesee St,
Delafield 262-646-2343



Nothing is insignificant
when you serve God.

"Plug Into Service"!

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Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Welcome
Announcers, Coffeemakers, Bakery Set-up and
Clean up, Tech Team, Alter Flowers, Volunteers
Sunday School Teachers.

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We hope you will prayerfully consider serving on Sunday mornings. Everyone has spiritual gifts that are meant to be shared.

CTK NEWS

Update from the CTK Call Committee

The CTK Call Committee has met twice and 3 more meetings are scheduled into January.

The first meeting was mostly organizational with significant time invested in process and the how it all works presented by our Synod Representative, Jennifer Arnold. Our protocols, rules and functional assignments were made and communications processes were ironed out. We are a diverse group in age, careers, length of CTK membership and personal interests in the selection of our next pastoral leader, yet we are charged with a unanimous selection process.

Our second meeting was spent discussing the creation of interview questions guided by the MET report which is now called the MSP or Ministry Site Profile as the Synod now titles it. We agreed that with a group of eleven we could not all ask all the questions but we would distribute specific interview subjects to groups of 1 to 3 persons based on the interest of the committee member(s). We also planned best meeting times and days when most if not all members could be present. For those traveling electronic or call in processes would be used to maximize attendance.

Roland Broberg

Christmas Decorations

Thank you to Rick & Bunny Kunstmann and family for using your time and talent to

decorate the sanctuary and church for everyone to enjoy this Christmas season. Everything looks beautiful!

New CTK Web Site

We have hired a consultant to help us build a new and more user-friendly web site. The plan is to go live with our new site some time next week. As you use the new site please be patient as we slowly continue to add more information. Your corrections and suggestions are welcome. We want our web site to contain the most useful and up-to-date information for our members and other visitors. Please send any comments regarding the new site to Toni Schnorr at afschnorr@gmail.com.

The 2020 Flower Chart

The 2020 Flower Chart is hanging on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have a special occasion or date that you would like to commemorate, sign up to sponsor the Chancel Flowers.

The cost is \$30. Make check payable to CTK and bring it to the church office.

Please form an orderly line after service on Sunday to get your choice pick of dates for 2020.

Year End Letter From Your CTK Council President, Carol White

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has passed and we have much to be grateful for at Christ the King. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Jim serving as our interim pastor. We have a leadership team committed to the future of Christ the King. We have much to be thankful for!

Click below to read the full letter.

[Year End 2019 Letter To Congregation](#)

Prayer Ministry



Individual Prayers: Steven, Jean Meyers, Jessie, Dan, Michael, Mary Lynn, Effi White

Grieving Families of: Arilla Stein, Dorothy Richards

Ongoing Prayers: Bob, Kim & Kyle, Emil, Shari Muenta, Elaine Irwin, Kelly, Trisha Seeley, Matt, Bill, Jeannie & Mark Corgiat, Mike Corgiat, victims of human trafficking, those serving in the military, those who are incarcerated and their families.

Ministry Partners:

Serenity Inn, Family Promise, Reformation Lutheran Church, Lutherdale Bible Camp, All God's Children, Mt. Meru Coffee Project & Outreach for Hope Congregations.

Faith Formation & Fellowship

It's Time to Check Your Calendar

The 2020 Mission Trip for Adults is now forming. We are heading to the Panhandle of Florida, to help those affected by Hurricane Michael.

Read information by following the link below.

[You can also use this link to register and pay your deposit.](#)

If you can't take the trip but would still like to help you could give any of the following to help with materials needed while we are there:

- Home Depot Gift Cards
- Lowe's Gift Cards
- Fuel Cards
- Cash

Thank you in advance for your generosity. See Paul Sternemann for questions.



New Year - - - 2020

New Look

New Bible Study For Women

Plan on joining the women of CTK as they explore the book, "BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND" by Joyce Meyer. We will cover two chapters per month with various leaders throughout 2020.

Put this on your calendar - - - January 21st at 1pm AND each subsequent third Tuesdays of the month at 1pm. Meeting will be held at CTK. The first session will cover chapters 1 and 2 of the book. Chapters are short hence VERY manageable!

Any questions, contact Barb Justman 262-367-3542 or Cheryl Steinbach 262-646-2418. Please join the women of CTK on Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00 p.m. for a new opportunity to study God's Word together. We will meet at CTK the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Women's Bible Study will not meet in November and December.

Education/Children's & Youth Ministry

High School Youth -Get plugged in!

Sundays 10:00 - 11:00

Interested in what's happening in the world around us? Questioning how faith plays a part in our community? Want to get involved? Need community service hours?

The 1st Sunday of the month we will be together for the Intergenerational events.



Discipleship Training Meals

It has been a long standing CTK tradition for our discipleship students to share a meal together before class.

We ask each discipleship family to assist us in continuing this tradition by volunteering to bring in meals for the students and the teachers.

Meals can be as simple as baked potato bar, breakfast for dinner, pizza or soup and salad.

Sign up to bring a weekly meal.



CTK Youth

Please help our youth by signing up to bake and sell donuts.

****All DT students are encouraged to sign up for at least one Donut Sunday.***

***Dates: January 19, February 16, March 15**



CTK Eucharistic Ministry

Would you like to receive Communion but unable to attend worship on Sundays?

We have a team of Eucharistic ministers (the formal term for people who are trained to bring Communion to your home) who are able to provide that service. They share Scripture and prayer along with Communion as part of the visit.



If you would like to have a Communion visit, please contact the church office at 262-646-2343 or [Pastor](#).

Resources

2020 Census Job Opportunities
Join the 2020 Census Team

- Great Weekly Pay
- Flexible hours
- Paid Training

For more information call 1-855-job-2020.
There is also a flyer on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Looking for Daily Spiritual Refreshment?

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