

December 2019

Alive and Growing
through God's Grace

The Advocate

A Publication of Christ the King Lutheran Church, ELCA, Delafield, WI

Christmas AT CTK

Sunday, Dec. 1 10:30am
First Sunday in Advent
Gingerbread House Event

Monday, Dec. 9 6:30-8:00
Women's Christmas Gathering

Sunday, Dec. 15 9:00am
"O' Christmas Tree"
Children's Christmas Program
& Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, Dec. 22 3:00pm
"Lessons & Carols"
Christmas Concert
"Gloriam Dei"
by
Torrin Hallett
Featuring the Sanctuary
Choir, Children's
Jubilate Choir, Royal
Bells, organ, brass &
many guest musicians.
Admission is free

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship
Celebrate the Savior's
Birth at one of our two
services. 3:00 & 8:00pm



Unprepared But Still Ready

The early snow and sudden cold snap caught me unprepared this year. Leaves still cover much of my yard underneath the snow. Even the city crews didn't get the chance to collect leaves at the side of the curb. I am still trying to play catch-up with my projects to get ready for winter. The season of Advent is upon us and again I feel unprepared. But wait a minute. Advent is a time for preparation and getting ready for the celebration of the birth of our Savior and his return in glory.

The practices of the season will help us get ready and be prepared. Advent literally means "coming". Take a breath and slow down a little.

Let the traditions of Advent help you to prepare your hearts for the great celebration of the birth of Jesus. Since the twelfth century, during the time of Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1183), Christians have celebrated three "comings", the coming of Christ at Bethlehem, the Savior coming daily into our hearts, and finally Christ's return in glory. Simple devotional practices will help you get ready for the season.

A home Advent wreath is a practice that you may already use, accompanied by a prayer and scripture each time the candles are lit. It won't be much trouble to find an Advent calendar in the stores since they seem to grow in popularity each year. My family likes the chocolate ones. Find a movie that speaks to your heart about the focus of the Christmas season. For many years during the early part of December we read "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and watched the movie starring Loretta Swit. This story that features the Herdmans, a hard-luck ragtag bunch of kids that seem bent on destroying the local Methodist congregation that is preparing for a Christmas Pageant, might melt your heart just as it does mine each time I see it.

Whatever your plan, make it simple. The first Christmas was simple, but with some spectacular special effects and an eternal outcome. May Christ's coming, as a baby born in Bethlehem, his coming into your heart each day, and his return in glory, change us all as we reflect his joy to the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim Holmberg

Sunday, December 1-First Sunday In Advent
Everyone welcome, registration not required but appreciated.



CTK's 14th Annual
**Gingerbread House
Decorating Event**

All are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship!
10:30 am in the Great Hall of Christ the King Lutheran Church

This event marks the beginning of Advent - a season of preparation and waiting for the coming of Christ which will be celebrated on Christmas Eve.

Christ the King
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee of Christ the King Lutheran Church - members
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Contact: Laurie Wilson (lauriewilson@gmail.com)

Reserve Your Gingerbread House(s)

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Number of Gingerbread Houses: _____ @ \$20 each x \$5

Please make checks payable to Christ the King Lutheran Church. Submit completed orders with this form to CTK, 1400 N. Genesee St., Delafield, WI 53018, by Wednesday, November 27th.

Shorehaven Christmas Giving Tree

Please look for the Shorehaven Outreach Christmas Giving Tree in the Narthex.

Take an ornament or two off the tree with the gift you would like to bless a Shorehaven resident with this Christmas.



Please bring your unwrapped gifts back to CTK by **Sunday, Dec. 8**

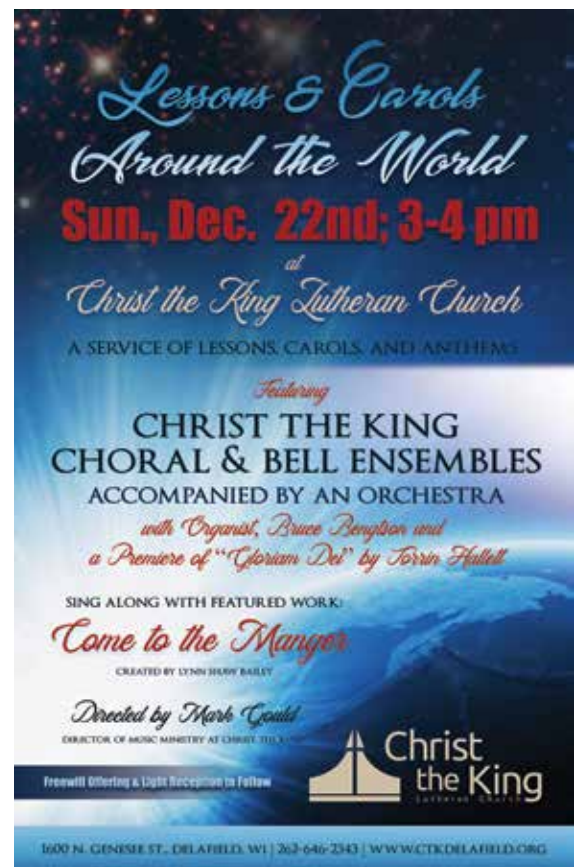
List of Christmas Gifts to bless a Shorehaven Resident.

Adult Coloring books, Aftershave (non-aerosol-Old Spice), Body Spray & Lotion Set for men, non aerosol, Body Spray & Lotion Set for women non aerosol, Body lotion for dry skin, Box of candy, Classic DVDs, including musicals-between the years of 1940-1970, Gift Certificate for the Beauty/Barber shop (call 567-8341) Greeting Cards-All occasions, Soft Socks, Diabetic socks appreciated or socks with grippers, (No Holiday Socks please), Scarves decorative/indoor, Stationary, Scented Powder (Shower to Shower), Sudoku, Sun Catchers (birds, flower, wild life) with suction cup, Tin of Cookies.

Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert Sun., Dec. 22nd | 3 pm | CTK

Admission is free with an offering and a reception to follow. For more information contact Mark, mark@ctkdelafield.org.

"O Come let us Adore Him!" Love came down at Christmas in Jesus the Messiah, God among us, Emmanuel. This supreme gift of Godself is the ultimate love that responds to the loneliness of our world. Come share in song. Share in faith. Share in the Spirit of God that sings in our souls."



*Lessons & Carols
Around the World*
Sun., Dec. 22nd; 3-4 pm
at
Christ the King Lutheran Church
A SERVICE OF LESSONS, CAROLS, AND ANTHEMS

Featuring
**CHRIST THE KING
CHORAL & BELL ENSEMBLES**
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ORCHESTRA
*with Organist, Bruce Benson and
a Premiere of "Gloriam Dei" by Torrin Hultell*

SING ALONG WITH FEATURED WORK:
Come to the Manger
CREATED BY LYNN HEAVY BAILEY

Directed by Mark Gould
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY AT CHRIST THE KING

Freewill Offering & Light Reception to Follow

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**Congregational Meeting Called
Sunday, December 8
following worship for the purpose of the
congregation voting on members of the
2020 Church Council**

Do You Feel Called To Serve?

Per our Church Constitution and as Chair of the Nominating Committee we wanted to let you know that the Nominating Committee will be meeting over the next two weeks to continue planning the 2020 Church Council Roster. The Nominating Committee consists of Carol White, Andy Justman, Amy Bonesho, Shari Showers, Kirk Carlson and one at large congregational member.

Council terms will expire for the following council positions at the end of 2019: Education, Youth and Property & Grounds. Additionally, two positions currently remain vacant: Personnel and Stewardship. If you have a desire to step up with your time and talents to serve our Church with vision towards 2020 and beyond through leadership please contact me or anyone on the Nominating Committee. Thank you! Andy Justman, CTK Vice President

Stewardship Sunday Results

THANK YOU PLEDGER'S!

Sunday's Pledge results to date are 64 units pledging over 183,000 for Christ The King's ministry in 2020. A GOOD START!

YOUR PLEDGE for the continuation of the ministry at Christ The King in 2020 is very important to help discern how the church will meet its general operating needs, including supporting a new pastor. .

PLEASE turn in a Pledge Card addressing your intended financial support. Pledge cards may be mailed, or placed in the offering on any given Sunday, or dropped in the "Pledge Card Box" located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.. Should you need a Pledge Card, just pick one up from a pew shelf, or the sanctuary table. Electronic givers are encouraged to file a pledge card as well. **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PROVIDED A PLEDGE CARD, WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR PLEDGE.**

THANK YOU. Stewardship Committee.

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.

Sunday School Christmas Program

"O' Christmas Tree"

December 15 at the 9:00 Worship Service



Sunday school students and youth are invited to participate in the Sunday School Christmas program, "O' Christmas Tree"! We are practicing songs during Sunday school each week, please join us!

We will have a big rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 14 , 9am-noon at CTK. During this time we'll make

the crafts for the program, have lunch, and put all of the pieces of the program together. If you would like to be in the program but cannot make it on Saturday, please email Summer at summer@ctkdelafield.org.

Save The Date

Sunday, January 26

Reading of the 2020 CTK Budget

Saturday, February 1-9

2020 Adult Mission Trip to Florida

Sunday, February 23

CTK Annual Meeting

2020 Adult Mission Trip To Florida

February 1-9, 2020

The cost will be about \$400-450

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

For detailed information, registration and to make a deposit go to: <https://stlukeslutheran.org/adult-mission-trip/>

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.

Family Promise Week.

Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for your gifts of food, fellowship, building logistics, and overnights during our Family Promise host week.

We are so blessed to have a wonderful group of volunteers that share their gifts with our families. We have a relatively small group of these dedicated volunteers but they have, for the most part, all been with us since we started this Outreach in 2015. We are beyond grateful for each and everyone of you!

We also extend a heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Holmberg and the Discipleship Training leaders, parents and participants who provided a delicious meal and spent time with our family during our host week!

This past week wrapped up our four week commitment for 2019. As we move forward to 2020 we will be hosting two times:
April 19-25 & October 11-17

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us in what ever capacity you can..Please contact any one of us with any questions.

God's work, Our hands,

Shelly Fuller, Vicky Jaeger, Jenni Marquardt

Veterans Day Well Attended



We remember and honor all our CTK Veterans who have passed.

Bob Brassington	Al Newman
Tom Coules	Bob Richards
Gerry Gelhar	Chuck Schneider
Ed Hoffmann	Harvey Schuster
Ed Jones	Tom Short
Edna McB-e	Doug Skumatz
Don Miraz	Bill Timm
Howard Nelson	

Veterans Day Recognition Sunday was attended by about 130 people. Pastor Jim recognized all veterans during the service and Mark's musical selections for choir and youth vocalists were beautiful. People then enjoyed a box lunch in the Upper Sanctuary which was donated by Thrivent.

After Boy Scout Troop 20 presented the colors, everyone was intrigued with Roland's presentation on his trip to Normandy for the 75th D-Day anniversary. The Free Will offering collected \$334 to go towards the next Warrior Songs retreat for Vietnam War Veterans struggling with PTSD.

Thank you to all our helpers and everyone attending for showing our strong support of our Veterans.



All God's Children

Our kids have settled into a routine and learning so much through their play at preschool! This cold, snowy weather has been an abrupt change for the children as they now need to have all of their snow gear ready to go. Our playground has been great fun for the children exploring the outdoors in fall and with snow on the ground. The Rainbow room children have been learning about all of the various community helpers including chefs. They all enjoyed wearing chef hats donated by Bartolotta Restaurants. They also have had a special sharing day bringing in their favorite food which is donated to the local food pantry. So great to instill giving with our littlest children. The children in the Alligator and Monkey classroom have been sailing on the Mayflower and learned just how crowded that ship really was. The imaginative play is so important to their growth and development as preschoolers. The children in our KMSD 4K class have been working hard on their names, sounds and letters through many various ways including scarecrows and their five senses.

Our City Lights fundraiser was a great success raising over \$2500. It was a wonderful, fun evening for adults to socialize with others without children. We are so grateful for the generosity of City Lights welcoming our families and hope that you can support them as well!

There are just a few openings in our preschool and are happy to add children throughout the year. Please continue to share the message about our preschool here at All God's Children as your support is so valuable to us all!

Laurie



Prayer Concerns & Praise

Individual Prayers: Steven, Bill Steinbach, George, Dottie Richards, Jessie, Bunny K., Emil, Dan, Jeannie & Mark Corgiat

Ongoing Prayers: Bob & Linda Hamilton, Kim & Kyle, Shari Muenta, Elaine Irwin, Kelly, Sylvia, Trisha Seeley, Matt, Jean Meyers, Bill, 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.



Jubilate Chorale in Concert

A Rose in Winter

Vicki Taylor, Director
with special guest
The Nordic Brass

Saturday, December 7, 2019
7:30 pm
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
800 Carroll Street, Waukegan

Sunday, December 8, 2019
4:00 pm
Commission Presbyterian Church
46 W33449 Alberta Drive, Delafield
(Hwy 83, 1 mile south of I-94)

Jubilate Chorale is a proud partner of FOS Milwaukee member benefits.
For ticket information, call (262) 290-5321 or visit www.jubilitechorale.org

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- Dec 1 Preparing for Advent & Gingerbread House Event
- Dec 8 Congregational Meeting
- Dec 8 Call Committee Installed
- Dec 8 Call Committee Meeting
- Dec 9 Women's Christmas Gathering
- Dec 14 Christmas Program Rehearsal
- Dec 14 AA Chili Supper
- Dec 15 Sunday School Christmas Program "O Christmas Tree"
- Dec 15 Birthday Party for Jesus
- Dec 22 Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services
3:00 pm & 8:00 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day



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December 21st at 4:00 PM
PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG
AT THE CORNER OF MILWAUKEE ST. & N. GENESSEE ST. (ONLY C) BY
THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN DOWNTOWN DELAFIELD
Let us renew the spirit of the Christmas season as we lift our voices!!
Coffee and hot chocolate will be available.
Words to cards displayed on large, large screen for all to see.
Come and enjoy the spirit of the holidays with us.

Joy to the World!

Worship With Us: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Staff & Ministry

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Ongoing Meetings

- Mon Boy Scouts
- Mon Al-anon Meeting (Room 105)
- Tue Women's Bible Study
- Tue Serenity Inn Dinners Monthly
- Wed Sanctuary Choir
- Wed Bell Choir
- Wed Discipleship Training
- Thur Lake Country Quilters
- Thur Garden Advisory Committee (Monthly)
- Fri Men's Bible Study
Perkins at 6:00 a.m.
- Fri Alcoholics Anonymous AA
- Sat Bible Study (BBB)
- Sat Boys Breakfast Bible Study
(1st and 3rd Saturdays at CTK with breakfast)

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!

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