

CTK CONNECTIONS

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

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Grace and peace to you, friends in Christ,

During the time of COVID, society and church life changed all around us. (And they say, the church can't change!) I believe that God is leading us into something new in this season of Lent, as we await returning to the CTK building for in-person services. As some return face-to-face and some will remain on-line --we hold fast to the God who fashions us into God's beloved community. We are holding our plans loosely, remaining flexible as we enter into Phase One of our re-entry plan and assessing where we are with the environment.

During the time of COVID, some of my time was spent more introspectively. I have been pondering this quote. It talks about the opportunity that the pandemic provides.

It [the pandemic] is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it. Arundhati Roy's latest novel is 'The Ministry of Utmost Happiness' Copyright © Arundhati Roy 2020

With God strengthening and guiding me, I'm ready to imagine another world with Christ the King. One where God leads, faith is strong, community matters, issues are discussed, all people are valued, and love is spoken.

Now Lent begins, historically a time of repentance and reconciliation. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that "we are dust and to dust we shall return," which doesn't seem comforting today. So I did some digging and found that the ashes are an ancient sign of repentance, suggesting repentance and renewal. In this context, I hold fast to the promise that God's Spirit is renewing and leading the church into God's hopeful future. Thus, Lent can also help us image what burdens will we leave behind as we become new creations in Christ.

This is an exciting time to be Christ the King! God is giving us the opportunity to take the lessons from the historical past, the recent past, and to discern what will serve the mission in the gospel for the future. Since, we worship a God who makes all things new, a Savior who redeems, and God's Spirit who blows when and where it wills, then we will not be the same people and the same congregation. God is leading us into new life in a hopeful future. Where is God leading.....let's imagine that together.

Pr. Jackie

CTK Announces In-Person Services for March

[Isaiah 43:19](#)

[19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert](#)

The pandemic has persisted and we have learned a great deal regarding transmission and protective behaviors. We have also learned that it is not going away any time soon! Our "God wants us to carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 5:13) We



are more and more aware of the long-term impact of isolation on many of our parishioners and want to serve their needs. With the current downward trend in the numbers, we believe that it is time to offer in-person worship beginning on March 7, 2021. Love for our neighbors will look like limited attendance at in-person worship with safety precautions and continued online worship services

After long, prayerful and loving discernment the Re-Entry Team created several plans and phases for opening our doors for in-person services. This is Phase 1. In Phase 1--only Sunday services will be held in-person. Mid-week Lent services will be online. All meetings, Bible Study, etc. will remain online. Our building will remain closed to outside groups and meetings. The re-entry team will

continue to assess when we move to the next phase. We appreciate your anticipated flexibility as plans will adjust with the changing environment.

Each person is asked to review the required protective behaviors below and then prayerfully determine if you feel comfortable returning for in-person services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the members of the team listed below.

Covenant of Care for Phase 1 of IN-PERSON SERVICES

- If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid, have recently been in contact with someone who has Covid, feel ill, please do not attend in-person worship but instead join us on-line this week.
- Pre-registration is required – on-line OR email/call the Jill in the office or Vicky Jaeger
- Masks required while inside.
- Hand sanitizer available upon entry.
- No congregational singing/choral speaking/responses.
- You are encouraged to be seated, so as to prepare for the service.
- Please maintain the social distancing of 6 feet.
- Please notify our office if you test positive for Covid after being at CTK.

The first in-person service on Sunday, March 7th. In this phase, registration will be capped at 75 congregants for this initial phase during the month of March. That number does not include staff and lay assistants. The total number of people in the building will be approximately 90. The team will continually review safety protocols and adjust accordingly.

***If there is a COVID outbreak or exposure and worship needs to be cancelled, word will spread through the Connections, Facebook, and on our website.

We continue to hold all of you in our prayers as God does a new thing in each of us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the team.

Re-Entry Team: Vicky Jaeger, Andy Justman, Paul Neumiller, Carol White, Paul Sternemann, Summer Markham, Mark Gould, Laurie Wilson, Mark Scheftner, Pr. Jackie and Bob Rooney

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for Phase 1 IN-PERSON SERVICES March 2021

The only entrance and exit will be through the two main doors off the parking lot/front of the building/ West Entrance. All other doors will be locked from the outside. The doors will be open if weather permits.

To keep people on the sanctuary side of the building signs will be posted on the other outside doors to direct people to the WEST entrance.

Hand sanitizer is available at the main entrances.

We will not use the coat closets; keep all winter clothing in the pews.

The pews have been repositioned so that there will be six feet from the back of the pew to the back of the 2nd pew behind it.

We will use every other pew, starting with the front row on the side aisles and with the 2nd row in the middle section. That will give us every other row pattern. The unavailable pews will be marked off with tulle.

This six-foot distance between seated people front to back seats 65 in the main sanctuary and 10 in the upper sanctuary. Parishioner attendance is limited to 75. Pre-Registration is required. The registration cap is firm. If there are any no-shows, we can allow walk-ins to register on-site.

We will limit lay assistants to approximately 15 which includes the staff, musicians, AV Team, and ushers. (No Assistant Minister, Lector, Communion Assistants or Acolytes).

Ushers will fill the seats beginning with the front pew to the back pew AND exit the service from the back row to the front.

Bulletins may be set in the pews to identify where the available seats are located.

The ushers make sure that people are spaced out appropriately within each pew.

Communion combo cups will be on a table near the sanctuary entrance. Parishioners will take one as they enter the sanctuary. We will do communion while seated in the pews.

Hymnals, communion cards and other flyers have been removed from the sanctuary

Offering plates will be on tables at the top of the stairs. They will not be passed during the service.

The service will be shortened to last no more than 30-35 minutes.

Pastor will remain behind the rail throughout the service. Summer will remain in front of the rail approaching from a front pew or side ramp entrance to do her children's message OR pre-record it.

Mark and 3 musicians/singers may be in the choir loft with social distancing. The musicians are the only people allowed to sing during the service.

In phase 1: All singers, musicians, staff, volunteers and attendees will be masked at all times. All brass instruments are to have bell covers. No flutes will be allowed during phase 1.

Restrooms will be available for emergencies. Ushers will monitor the hall to safely direct people. Closed areas will be identified with signs.

Required Protective Behavior Signs will be posted on our Entry Doors

Outbreak Response Plan:

Should a parishioner notify CTK that s/he received a positive Covid-19 result after attending church, CTK will notify all other parishioners who attended the same service as soon as possible via a combination of email messages, snail mail and phone calls as appropriate. The call team includes all members of the re-entry team.

Group Meetings

The AV team may use the Upper Sanctuary whenever needed.

CTK Committees, Bible Studies and Faith Formation classes will continue to meet via zoom until further notice.

Outside Groups (B.S. Troop 20, Quilters, etc.) are not yet allowed to meet in the building.

The building is open for voting with the City Clerk's office responsible for cleaning/disinfecting the used areas following the event.

General Cleaning Practices:

- Regular cleaning with 72 hours between uses of the sanctuary for services, baptisms, & funerals.
- Sanitize with disinfectant sprayer if the space is needed in less than 72 hours.
- HVAC Filters will be inspected monthly. They will be changed twice a year on the CTK side and as needed on the AGC side.
- Staff is responsible for disinfecting high-touch areas within their own offices/choir loft. Disinfecting wipes will be available for staff.

VIA ZOOM WITH PASTOR JACKIE

Bible Study

Starts **Monday, February 15th through March 21st**
from **9:30am to 10:30am.**

We will be studying the upcoming Gospel's for each Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348141292>

LENT ONLINE

Wednesdays
5:45pm-6:15pm
(Including Ash
Wednesday)

Beatitudes of Promise

2/17/2021 Ash Wednesday: The Promise of Heaven--
Online Communion. Ashes available ahead of
time to be use during the service.

2/24/2021 First Week of Lent: The Promise of Comfort

3/3/2021 Second Week of Lent:
The Promise of an Inheritance

3/10/2021 Third Week of Lent:
The Promise of Righteousness

3/17/2021 Fourth Week of Lent: The Promise of Mercy

3/24/2021 Fifth Week of Lent: The Promise of Seeing God



2021 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Growing in Generosity invites us all into the new thing that God is doing in Christ The King Lutheran Church's community this year with a new Pastor, a return to in-person worship, involvement in youth, music, bible studies, missions, events and much more. Truly, the glory of the Lord is rising among us!

Please pray for Christ The King's ministries that God will continue to lift up CTK for His purpose, and also pray that your own offering will be a step in your walk in Growing in Generosity with God.

Then, complete your 2021 Pledge Card for Christ The King that was mailed to you, and return it on or before Sunday, March 7th. Feel free to contact the church office if your pledge card was misplaced.

Thank You, The Stewardship Committee

Spring Worship & Events at Christ the King

March 7 - In-Person Service 9:00am, Drive-Through Communion 10:00-10:45am (weather permitting) for those not comfortable with in-person worship.

Juanita's 102nd Birthday Recognition- Contribute to CTK Scholarship Fund and/or send a card.

CTK Annual Meeting- March 7 1:00pm Via Zoom, Annual Reports can be emailed, request one at office@ctkdelafield.org

March 14- Zoom Coffee Hour with Pastor Jackie- Story of St. Patrick

March 21- In-Person Service 9:00am, Drive-Through Communion 10:00-10:45am (weather permitting) for those not comfortable with in-person worship.

March 28- Palm Sunday In person worship in addition to online.

April 1- Maundy Thursday On-line Worship 5:45

April 2- Good Friday 11:00 am

April 4- Easter Sunday In person and online, times to be announced.

April 11- Drive-Through Communion 10:00-10:45am (weather permitting) for those not comfortable with in-person worship.

April 25- Communion Class

May 1- DT Retreat at Lutherdale

May 2- First Communion 3rd grade and up

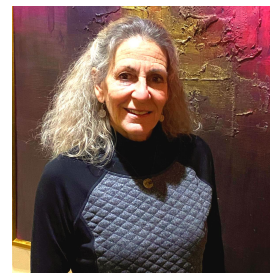
June 14- Vacation Bible School Week

LENT: Receive daily Lenten Devotions from Outreach for Hope. outreachforhope.org/lenten-devotions

February musical guests where Pam Pinahs Schultz, Bryce and Brynn Udovich (piano), Emilia Bale & Mckinley. Brynn will introduce us to the contemporary, "My Lighthouse."

We thank Gary Fluaitt, Emilia and McKinley for their music on the live streamed Ash Wednesday. McKinley and Gary's duet on the spiritual "Give me Jesus"

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NOT just your BORING BIBLE

Everyone is Welcome- Sunday School
Join us Sundays at 11:00 am via Zoom:

URGENT NEED Prayer Partners
to join us at Discipleship Training.
Seeking adults who would like to share their faith
with students. Email summer@ctkdelafield.org

CTK ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY MARCH 7 at 1:00 PM
VIA ZOOM
ANNUAL REPORTS CAN
BE EMAILED
REQUEST ONE AT
OFFICE@CTKDELAFIELD.ORG

Do you know...
How old was the oldest person in the Bible?
What the shortest verse in the Bible is?
How many books are in the Bible?
How old was the oldest person in the Bible?
How to find Psalms easily?
What animals talked in the Bible?

Join us - all ages - on Saturday mornings on Facebook to hear some of these FUN Bible facts! Learn with us, and see that this book is "NOT just your boring Bible"!

Then join us - all ages - on Sunday April 11 for a fun game and conversation to see what you know about the Bible! Bring your own fun facts and try to stump the group too!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Christ the King focuses on programs that feed the hungry, help the sick, combat racism, provide shelter and assistance to those in need and provide comfort to students, recovering addicts, senior citizens and military personnel. Links are provided below.

Great Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive!

Thanks to all of CTK members that donated food and cash. Thanks to CTK for allowing us to consolidate the food from Mt. Olive -Mukwonago, Our Saviors-Hartland and St. Olafs-Rubicon at CTK. We delivered over 1600 food items to four congregations yesterday. More food is being delivered later this week in Milwaukee and Kenosha.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Pastor Jackie, Pastor Scott and Cindy Dobberke from Mt. Olive, Tim Culhane from Our Savior's Hartland, who is also on Outreach for Hope's Board. Cindy and Tim spearheaded the program this year and we will update you when we have the total on how much was raised..



Love Gift Cards
Thank you to all who wrote notes, provided gift cards and funds to purchase gift cards.

We sent gift cards to 12 students and 5 military personnel.

One of the happy students was Jack Vento. Jack is in his senior year at UWM, majoring in film. Jack recently accepted a job at Elmbrook Church as their Broadcast and Streaming Video Specialist.

Thanks again CTK for your generosity and support of this Outreach Program.

Thank You! Salvation Army Outreach Collection

A Big thank you to all who donated scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats for the Salvation Army in Waukesha. We delivered over 112 items. They were most appreciative, especially because of the extremely cold weather. *Your Outreach Committee*

STTLC (Stop Trafficking Together in Lake Country)

Mission "To abolish human trafficking through prevention, collaboration, support, and advocacy."
Sadly, Wisconsin ranks third nationally in sex trafficking. Cases involving minors have been reported in all 72 counties.

Serenity Inn – a drug and alcohol rehabilitation house for men in Milwaukee. Monthly, we prepare meals and enjoy a time of fellowship with men at the inn.

[Reformation Lutheran](#) – A Milwaukee inner-city congregation. We provide financial support and partner with them through fellowship, leadership development, racism awareness training, and more.
[Outreach for Hope](#) – A ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod that helps provide resources to inner-city and struggling congregations in our synod. We also regularly support their annual fundraising bike ride in September.

[Family Promise-Homeless prevention program & services.](#)



Individual Prayers: Liz W., Walt E. Jan, Don W. The Lehmann family, Ann, Joan, Christine R.

The Grieving Family & Friends of Gerry Zelm (Becky's husband)

The grieving families of: Michael Kaufmann and Judy Kaufmann

Ongoing Prayers: Amira, Ethan, Alyssa and Ryan Keel and their children, Juanita, Alice S., 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.

For the work of our global partners: The Evangelical Lutheran Churches in El Salvador and their Bishop Medardo Gómez and in Tanzania and their Bishop Elias Kitoi Nasari.