

December 2022

Alive and Growing
Through God's Grace

The Advocate

"Welcome to the Advocate!"

A publication of celebrations and happenings in the lives of CTK family and friends. Formerly, the Advocate was a printed newsletter with church information. This Advocate (will be printed for those who would like it) will summarize what's happened, and give a preview to new events coming your way! So keep a lookout for the publication every 1st of the month. Birthdays and Anniversaries are near the bottom!

GREAT EXPECTATIONS



Advent Greetings

I remember my Nana would say: "Good things come to those who wait." Yet, how many of us like to do so? Anticipating end of semester grades, results of medical tests, a baby to be born, a visitor to arrive, Christmas to come, Jesus to come again? I'm not a fan of waiting, for time drags on, focus wanders, restlessness and anxiety set in. Yet, here comes the in-between-space of Advent once again. It provides the opportunity to draw near to God in worship and prayer, expecting God to show up.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and for Christ to come again, the

Advent sermon series called: "Meeting God in Surprising places" is meant to spark our imagination of how God meets humankind in the past, present and the future. It is based on the prophetic voice of Isaiah. Long ago, and still today, we meet God: On a mountain, in shoots from stumps, blooms in deserts, the promise of a Child, nighttime in a manger, and in the songs of Christmas.

So, how about expecting God to show up and surprise you? In everyday moments, places and spaces such as: the baptism of a child, the sound of children preparing for their Christmas program, the kind word of a friend, a delivered meal, the crisp cold evening, the Christmas lights of our neighbors.

Looking back, my Nana's words make more sense. For when I have faith that good things will come, I look for the positive and live in the hope that God is not through with me/ us yet. When I have faith, my heart is open to the little surprises of Emmanuel in and through us. In the wait, we can trust and move forward in faith.

Blessed Advent,
Pr. Jackie



Thanksgiving is....

Thanksgiving is gratitude for the many, many blessings we receive from God. This year in particular, I give thanks to God for the ways that you care for one another: sending cards, phone calls and texts to those who are sick or injured. Dropping off soup and hot dishes.

Dropping everything to sit with a friend, attending to a friend out in the cold. Bringing communion and visiting the shut-ins. Entrusting me and one another with the stories that shape and form us and knit us together as God's people.



I praise God for the teachers and Sunday school and Confirmation children and youth who learn together. And for the unpredictable and uplifting sounds of children, toddlers and babies in worship who remind us of Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me." I am grateful for the prayerful worship, inspiring and heartfelt music.

As I begin my third-year ministering in and among and through you, I am humbled and grateful for your love and support of me, one another, and God's mission in the world.

Happy Thanksgiving, dear ones!
Pr. Jackie

**Join us for the Advent Season Series:
Meeting God in Surprising Places**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. Meet us where we are. Redeem us from our sins, and protect us with your mercy and grace. Give us hope, as we await your second coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



- Dec. 4th - Shoots from Stumps (Pastor Roy Nelson)**
- Dec. 11 - Blooms in Deserts**
- Dec. 18 - The Promise of a Child**
- Dec. 24 - Nighttime in a Manger**
- Dec. 25 Christmas day - In the Songs of Christmas**

Christmas Eve Services

Come early for the "Concert of Carols" led by our Sanctuary Choir on Dec. 24th at **2:30 pm** with Worship at 3 pm. Also, at **4:30 pm** before the 5p. worship service.

Lift your voices on high!



Don't forget to get your latest copy of Christ in Our Home - Jan. -March



Fall Church Directory

The Fall church directory will be ready for you to pick up on Sunday, Dec. 4th. Otherwise, they will be available in the church office.



Veterans Day Brunch sponsored by Thrivent on Nov. 13th, donations go to Camp Hometown Heroes

We had a beautiful Veterans Day service on Sunday November 13th followed by brunch in the Great Hall. Thrivent Financial sponsored the brunch, so donations went towards Camp Hometown Heroes, a non-profit organization in Grafton which provides free summer camp for children and siblings of fallen U.S. Service members. (hometownheroes.org.)



Many people enjoyed brunch



Presenting the colors



Scouts Color guard



Veterans Day Camp Hometown Heroes



Peyton leading us in song



Honoring our Veterans

Family Promise "Host" Week Nov. 27th - Dec. 3rd Response!

Family Promise continues to support families through the Shelter Program by providing apartments. The churches and some other organizations in the area support the program by providing food for the families. As you are all aware, we have been collecting food for the families these past two Sundays. The response was amazing! On Monday the 28th four families received food for the week - more than we expected! Each family received 3-4 entrees, dinner rolls, a dozen eggs, canned vegetables, frozen vegetables, fresh fruits, potatoes, onions, carrots, salad mixes & salad dressing, snacks and desserts. They also received a loaf of bread, peanut butter and jelly. They are set for multiple meals this week thanks to all of you!! Thank you so much for adding a few items to your grocery list and bringing those items to church to be shared! We appreciated the food donations brought to us by members of St. Catherine's and Joan of Arc as well! Thank you to Jenni for creating the Sign Up Genius we used and to Toni and Shelly for sorting and packing up the boxes of food for delivery! **Thank you Church!** You sure know how to love your neighbors!!!



Car loads for Family Promise



Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You CTK from Outreach

Thank you for your generous support of Outreach projects over the last year. Because of your generosity we were able to help our local neighbors as well as our neighbors in our greater community, Wisconsin and the world. Your contributions, financial and other, have made a difference.

As we are in the Christmas season, Outreach will be offering opportunities to donate to several organizations. Please know that we are offering choices, and you should not feel obligated to donate to all the organizations. Please follow your heart.

PLEASE NOTE: If you see "**Message Clipped: [View entire message](#)**" in this email, that is not the end! There are more announcements!
Click "[View entire message](#)" to read more.

Confirmation class: class at 5:30 pm Dec 4th

Confirmation and Sunday School class Dec. 4th & Dec 11 for Christmas program practice after communion.

Journey to Bethlehem

A Children's Christmas Pageant

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
during 9am Worship

Practices will be held during
Sunday School on December 4th & 11th
9:45am - 10:15am

ALL CHILDREN are welcome to participate!



Contact the church office
to sign up and for more information:
262-646-6682 or
office@ctkdelafield.org

Shorehaven Giving Tree

Please consider purchasing a gift for the Shorehaven Outreach Christmas. A tree is in the Narthex. Take an ornament or two off the tree or see the attached wish list then go shopping for the items you would like to bless a Shorehaven resident with. **Bring**



your unwrapped gifts back to CTK by Sunday, **December 11th**. We will deliver the gifts to Shorehaven for their annual Christmas Party.

Purchasing Christmas gifts for a needy family at *The Women's Center*. Please put cash donations in an envelope marked "TWC - Christmas" and turn it in to the office or collection plate by **Dec 8**.



Join us in prayer

Ongoing Prayers: John E, Cheryl, Jill B, Jerry, Dave, Barb C, Tom F., Donna S, Tom M, Dan, Anthony, Adam and Megan, Pam, those who suffer from addiction or mental illness, those in hospice and care facilities.

Evangelical Lutheran Churches in El Salvador and Tanzania and their Bishops, Imbaseny parish in Tanzania, Serenity Inn, Family Promise, Reformation Lutheran Church, Lutherdale Bible Camp, All God's Children, Mt. Meru Coffee Project & Outreach for Hope Congregations, those serving the

military and their families and the Hope Center.

Committees/Meetings

Property and Grounds: Mondays at 6:30pm

Re-entry: 1st Monday of the month when needed

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 2nd & 4th Monday at 1:00pm

Al Anon: Mondays 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study: select Mondays at 9:00am*

Worship and Music: 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm

Executive Team: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Church Council: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Education: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm ***Moved to Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:30am**

Outreach: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous: Fridays 7:00pm

Men's Bible Study: Fridays at 7:00am

Boys' Breakfast Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 8:00am (at CTK & via Zoom)

Special Dates

Dec 4th and 11th During Sunday School will be Christmas Program Practice

Dec 7th Care Ministry meeting (formerly Eucuristic team) at 9:30am

Dec. 11 Stewardship Commitment Sunday and Breakfast bake

Dec 11th Giving Tree gifts due

Dec 18th Sunday School Christmas Program and Happy Birthday Jesus, with Gingerbread Houses! forms due Dec. 12th

Dec 21st Blue Christmas with open Sanctuary for meditation 3-4pm

Dec. 24 at 2:30 and 4:30 Concert of Carols led by the Sanctuary Choir

Christmas Eve candlelight worship services at 3pm & 5pm

Christmas Day worship 9am

Please remember events and times are subject to change due to local COVID safety measures.

Please see the CTK calendar on the website for updates!

Stewardship

As we look forward to the coming year, it is clear that God calls us to grow in creative and adaptive ways. Our hope for 2023 is to Grow with God in our: faith, welcome, connections, and generosity! A letter was sent recently to all members that included your intention card. Take time to think prayerfully and consider how your contribution will help CTK Grow with God. On Commitment Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, you can make known your intended offering for the coming year by **bringing in your card** or filling it out online through our website.

Your participation in the life of CTK is life-giving to our mission and ministries. We have many things to be grateful for: meaningful and prayerful worship, creative staff, technology, a refurbished organ for special music, and a building shared with the community and partnerships.

To celebrate our commitments on Dec. 11th come to join us for breakfast bake in the Great Hall having: Egg bake, mini muffins, fresh fruit, and Danish. This is sponsored through a Thrivent Grant and a free-will donation.



Click below to see the letter and to view how to pledge online.

[view letter](#)



Sunday, December 18th
Christ the King's 18th Annual
Gingerbread House
Happy Birthday Jesus Party

10:15am - Birthday Cake for Jesus
10:30am - Gingerbread House
decorating begins
Christ the King Lutheran Church

All are welcome in the Great Hall
for fun & fellowship!

Tim Knopps will again be baking all of the
gingerbread and making the frosting for
our favorite event.

This event is during the Advent season of
preparation and waiting for the coming of
Christ which will be celebrated on
Christmas Eve
Worship services at 3pm and 5pm

Sponsored by Christ The King Lutheran Church - Delafield
1600 N. Genesee St., Delafield, WI 53018 | (262) 646-2343 | office@ctkdelafield.org
Contact: Laurie Wilson (lauriewilson5@gmail.com)

Reserve Your Gingerbread House(s)

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Number of Gingerbread Houses: _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Christ the King Lutheran Church**. Submit payment, along with this form to:
CTK, 1600 N. Genesee St., Delafield, WI 53018, by **Monday, December 12th**

Print form



Supporting Families • Growing Futures • Changing Lives.

Just in time for Christmas! Mt. Meru has two great gift ideas. The Holiday Sampler and a Christmas Traditions Blend. These two gift ideas are on display in the upper sanctuary. Orders placed by December 18th will be available for pick up on December 21st.



This global outreach is helping farm families in the Meru Diocese in Tanzania. This project is giving the farmers a hand up rather than a hand out.

If you have any questions, please contact Toni Schnorr at afschnorr@gmail.com or call 262-416-8012

Blue Christmas is traditionally held on or around the longest night of the year, the Winter Solstice. Blue Christmas will be observed at Christ the King on Dec. 21st with a meditation vigil from 3-4pm for anyone experiencing grief or sadness. The Sanctuary will be candlelit and quiet for this time of Prayer.



St Olaf's Annual Lutefisk Dinner, Bake Sale and Butik

(including delicious Swedish meatballs)

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Serving from 11- 4 pm

reservations preferred www.st-olaf.org

St Olaf has been serving Lutefisk with all the trimmings for more than 70 years.

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

W653 Roosevelt Road Located East of Alderly
Dodge County, Town of Ashippun

FREE FOOD

Fri., December 16

3:00 - 4:30 PM

(or until supplies last)

45 Capitol Dr.

Across from Lake Country Inn



- * Stay in your car
- * Food will be Brought to You
- * Protective Gear Will Be Worn by Volunteers

2023 Schedule TBD

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Eastern Wisconsin

In cooperation with

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
& St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

Thanks to the City of Oconomowoc for providing our outdoor location.
*Thanks to Lutheran Homes/Shorehaven Campus for providing our indoor location.



Birthdays

Justman, Andrew Dec 1
Kreklow, Andrew Dec 1
Goodrich, Gerald Dec 2
Udovich, Bryce Dec 4
Fedder, Helen Ann Dec 6
Sorensen, Alice Dec 7
Danielson, Brendan Dec 8
Turner, Sandra Dec 10
Winkels, Judy Dec 10
Solsrud, Jerry Dec 12
Armiger, Alex Dec 13
Houck, Kim Dec 14
Goetz, Samantha Dec 15
Marusinec, Joyce Dec 15
Ellena, Mitchell Dec 17
Schleich, Grant Dec 18
Ouradnik, Ann Dec 23
Borgwardt, Teri Dec 24
Hamilton, Linda Dec 25
Beiler, Ruth Dec 27
Sundquist, James Dec 27
Spencer, Arlene Dec 28
Armiger, Lynn Dec 30
Armiger, Scott Dec 30

December Anniversaries

Paul & Linda Neumiller December 14
Robert & Johanna Kalman December 15



Things to submit to the "Advocate" should be sent to office@ctkdelafield.org by the 20th of the month.

Pastor Jackie Cook
Office Coordinator - Maggie Thompson
Music Director - Maria Tyksinski
Faith Formation-Jenny Nettesheim

Office hours:
Mon. - Thurs 9am-3pm
Friday 9 am - noon
Worship Sundays at 9 am

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