

The King's Herald

December 2020

**Christ the King
Lutheran Church**
"Where We Are
About God's Grace
For God's People"



**Advent:
Watch,
Wait, Listen**

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The Delta Conference churches have combined resources and are putting together Advent services for Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16. Members of Christ the King have been invited to join along.

All will gather to hear God's Word proclaimed, watch, wait, and listen in an interactive 30-40 minutes of Holy Spirit conversation. Rev. Dennis Meyette, Pastor of Immanuel, Escanaba believes God is calling us to view this disruptive time of our lives as a way to prepare for the coming Christ. The holiday season is always disruptive and combined with our current realities of a virus this is a great opportunity to Watch, Wait, and Listen for the coming Christ.



May the
Christmas season
fill your home
with joy, your
heart with love,
and your life with
laughter.

You're invited to join in on the
Wednesday's of December 2, 9 and 16
@ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

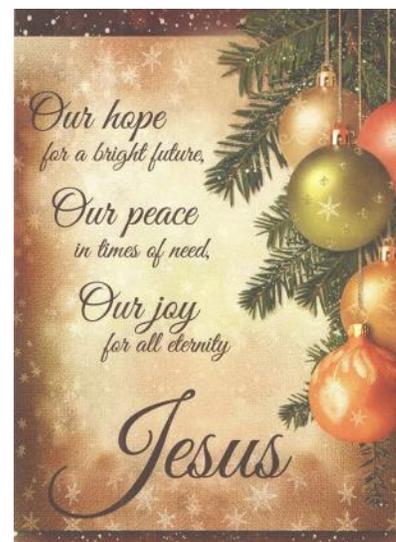
Pr Dennis will facilitate an interactive
Advent experience and send an email ZOOM
Link for us to gather as we
Watch, Wait, and Listen for Christ

From the Interim Pastor's Desk

Romans 5:3-5 – ³ Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance, character, and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

This has been quite a year, hasn't it? From wildfires to a record year hurricane season, to a global pandemic with its stay at home orders and encouragements not to travel and to avoid get-togethers for family traditions. The list of normalcies stripped away goes well beyond these, of course. If there is anything that can be said about the year of 2020, it is that, for most people, this has been a year of trials and suffering.

Now don't think that this is going to be one of those pastoral letters that says we should see this year of suffering as a blessing and that we should see all suffering as a blessing. No, to be blunt, suffering sucks. Now we can find blessings while we are undergoing suffering and/or trials, but I have a hard time calling much of this tragedy in 2020 a blessing. I cannot bring myself to minimize the suffering we have witnessed. So as the year wraps up I want to take a moment and call 2020 out for what it is and talk about why I still hold out for hope.



Let's not beat around the bush, this has been an awful year. More specifically the battle with Covid-19 and how it has forced us to shut down and isolate. Sure, maybe many of us were able to spend more time with immediate family, however, the threat of the virus made it so that we were unable to see loved ones who were most vulnerable. Gatherings were dangerous and hugs could be hazardous. Contact was made at a distance or via electronic communications, hospitals have been full of patients with no family able to visit, people breathing their last with no family to hold their hand, and nursing homes had residents visit with family looking in only from the outside. This virus has brought suffering to so many in so many different ways.

So where is this hope that does not disappoint? Isn't that what Paul says, suffering produces hope? Sure there's perseverance, endurance, and character in between, but isn't Paul saying that in suffering there is hope? When I talk about hope, I'm not simply talking about the hope we have that a vaccine will be widely available come spring, I'm talking about a hope that goes much deeper that helps us endure the trials and sufferings that we all face in this life.

Isn't this the message of Christmas; that hope has come down to us all? The reality is that we all will face hardship in this life, and at times we will endure suffering. The hope for you is that God does not leave you alone. God does not abandon you in your time of need. In fact, He fully embraces your life so much that He is born into your world to set you free. The

Jesus that was born in a stable and placed in a manger is the same Jesus that bears your life with you and takes the worst of it and nails it into Himself on the cross.

The hope that comes in the midst of suffering is the hope that came down that first Christmas. God has indeed seeing your trials, your tribulations, and your sufferings, and He has come down to rescue you. The path to the cross is a path that leads to the death of death itself. It is a path that leads to the death of the things that crush you and try to destroy you in this world. It is a path that leads you to new life and hope. 2020 has been an awful year, but we have a hope; a hope that does not disappoint us. Why? We have a God who entered into the worst of our lives to carry you through safely to the other side.

In God's Peace,
Pastor Dave



Synod-Wide Christmas Eve Worship Broadcast

The Northern Great Lakes Synod is hosting a Christmas worship service that will be televised on WLUC and FOX-UP! The tentative days and times of the broadcast are listed below, but please be sure to check the Synod website, Facebook page for update leading up to Christmas. Gather your household in the living room and enjoy this special event!

Christmas Eve

WLUC: 4-5 pm ET

FOX-UP: 7-8 pm ET

Christmas Day

WLUC: 12-1 pm ET

FOX-UP: 9-10 am ET

Congratulation Camree!

On Reformation Sunday, October 25th 10th grader, Camree Bonifas affirmed her baptism as she made her confirmation. Following is a few words that she would like to share.

“Hi! I’m Camree Bonifas, I just got confirmed here at Christ The King on October 25th. I would like to say thank you to all the kind folks that have helped me go through confirmation I couldn’t have done it without you! I’m currently a Sophomore at the Escanaba Highschool and am involved in Color Guard, Marching band, and Robotics. Some other things I enjoy are playing piano, fishing, and crafting or scrapbooking. Thank you for all your support over the years! “

XOXO Camree Bonifas

General Fund

Year-To-Date Income: \$113090.03

Year-To-Date Needed: \$157,689.12

Difference: - \$44,599.09

Debt Retirement Loan Balance:

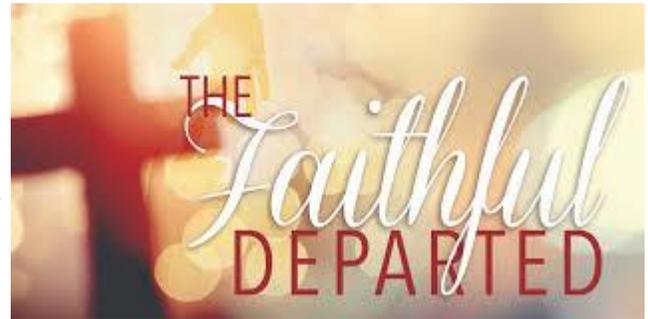
\$9,694.03

Remembering the Newly Departed Saints

On All Saints Sunday Roland Jacobson payed tribute to our members of Christ the King who had died this past year. We are taking the opportunity to share this testament to these fine individuals with you as we miss each and every one of them deeply. After the reading of their names a chime sounded in their honor.

Ottie Dimock

Ottie was a frequent participant of the church services for many years. Ottie loved to visit with others and she loved to hear, and to share stories, and she always greeted others with a big smile. Even after having extensive heart surgery, Ottie returned to services – not quite the same feisty and engaging Ottie as from before, but still displaying gratitude to be with her friends at Christ the King. Ottie was a long-time volunteer, as a Senior Companion, to others in the community. In picking one word to describe Ottie, I would use the word smile. Ottie had the greatest smile.



Ron LaCasse

Ron was a long time and faithful member of Christ the King having joined the church in 1974. He was a quiet and unassuming person but he had many gifts that he gladly shared with this church. He was a gifted wood worker and made gifts for others in the church and for the church. The manger in the manger scene was one of his gifts to the church. He also was known for his baking skills and the great sweets that he made. Ron was a steady customer at the senior luncheons and he frequently brought guests with him. In picking one word to describe Ron I would use the word gentle – he was indeed a gentle giant.

Jim Anderson

It is hard to think about Christ the King Church without thinking about Jim Anderson. Jim truly loved this church and he showed it in so many ways during his many years of service at Christ the King. Yes, sometimes Jim could seem to be hard headed but he truly was soft hearted. He could be hard headed regarding the finances of the church but he really knew the financial situation of the church and he saw Christ the King through more than one tough financial time over the years. His blessings to this church are many that include faithful attendance, service on many committees, and faithful giving. In picking one word to describe Jim I would use the word steward – Jim truly was a steward of Christ the King.

John Herlik

John was a proud man and he had every reason to be proud. He was proud of his accomplishments in life and he had every right to be proud – he achieved a lot in spite of his handicap. He was involved in many of the building projects at the church along with serving as an usher for the services. John loved to visit with others and you never had to worry about having something to talk about when visiting with John – he always had plenty to say and he was interested in what you had to say. When I think about John I think about brotherhood – he treated everybody as a brother and his smile was always his gift to all of us who were his brothers in faith.

Vivian Frossard

Vivian seemed to be quiet and meek but she was truly a strong woman of faith and strong determination. She lost her husband at a young age and found herself having to step out into the world of work on her own. She took on a full time job at the Escanaba schools and flourished in an environment primarily filled by men. She was a faithful attender, and a faithful giver, at services and volunteered in the quilting program. She was a faithful Lutheran Christian and that is the word I think of regarding Vivian – faithful. Faithful in her love and service to her family and to this church.

Leonard Johnson

To know Leonard was to love and admire him. Leonard never sought the limelight and he seemed very satisfied not to be at the center. Leonard was the oldest of 4 younger siblings who lost their father at a young age. Leonard knew what it was to sacrifice and to work hard for his family and his church. His attendance and giving to this church never wavered over many years and he did it all in his low key way. Leonard had deep roots as a Lutheran and a great love and commitment to his family – his sister, his children, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren and to his wife who died way too soon. When I think of Leonard the one word that comes to mind is family – his love for his birth family, his married family, and his church family.

Dan Hedman

Dan was a long time teacher with the Escanaba Public Schools. You could tell that he loved children and he always seemed to have a way to say hello to the kids before or after they were in Sunday School or arriving for services. Until he became ill, and had to go into care, you could count on Dan being at the Sunday services. He certainly enjoyed his coffee, and was very social, and you could always count on him to attend the church events. When I think of Dan the one word that comes to mind is teacher – a teacher who truly loved attending to the needs of children.

Barb Dahlgren

Barb enjoyed a good joke and she also appreciated Christ the King and what it meant for her and her family. She was a true artist as could be shown in the beautiful quilts that she created. She was generous in sharing her talent and she would gift members of the church with her quilts as her way of saying thank you for their contributions to the church. She loved to tease but it was always done in a gentle and loving manner and you couldn't help but love her attention and teasing. As Barb grew more ill, and could no longer attend services, she still continued to give to the church and looked forward to the visits from members when she would receive Communion. Barb should be remembered for her laugh – an infectious laugh that always warmed the hearts of everyone.

Lorna Hiney

Lorna and her husband transferred to Christ the King and it sure didn't take her long to become involved, she frequently had her grand-daughter Valerie with her at services. You could always count on Lorna to be in the kitchen for all of the church events and she certainly was missed when she was no longer able to attend services. It was evident that her family and her church were very important to her and she showed it through her generous giving of her time and talents. The word to describe Lorna – volunteer.

Cathy / Dennis Schaefer

Cathy and Dennis were long time, and very active, members of Christ the King. They both always attended the prayer groups and bible studies. Dennis was a choir member and they both were readers and assistants in the church services. After Dennis retired, they decided to move to the Green Bay area to be closer to their children and they were certainly missed after they moved. They always kept up with the happenings at Christ the King over the years and they maintained an associate membership at Christ the King. The one word that has to come to mind for this devoted couple is devout. Devoted and devout for so many years here at Christ the King and where ever they happened to be.

Mary Hovey

Mary was a quiet person but you did not want to get on the wrong side of her – you see, she was an accomplished archer. Both Mary, and her husband John, were accomplished with the bow and arrow. Mary usually attended the Saturday service until she was no longer, due to illness, able to attend the church services. After that she received communion at home from our volunteers here from church. Although she missed her husband very much after he passed away, she still had the companionship of her automated cat. Mary appreciated all that Christ the King provided to her over the years.

Christmas Family 2020

This year the Christmas Family is a single mom with 5 children. She lives separately from the father of her children, but they do co-parent together and usually get together for holidays, like Christmas. The dad has an older son from a previous relationship as well. That means Christ the King can make this Christmas a happier one for 6 local children! Here's their Wish List.

Boy Age 4

Size 5-6 shirts
 Size 5-6 pants
 five nights at Freddy's
 Iron Man Halloween Costumes
 Size 5-6 shoes/boots
 nerf guns/nerf darts
 Size 6 winter coat/snow pants
 LOL boy's doll/LOL pets
 Rechargeable batteries
 Ninja Turtles



Twin Boy Age 2

Size 2T pants and shirts
 Little People Vehicles
 3 T snow pants/winter coat/shoes and boots
 Melissa and Doug Toys
 Batman toys
 Scooby Doo toys

Twin Girl Age 2

Size 2T pants and shirts
 Jumbo Crayons
 3T snow pants/winter coat/shoes and boots
 Coloring Books
 Melissa and Doug wooden toys/puzzles



Boy Age 9

Size 10 shirts
 Scooby Doo toys
 Size 10 pants
 Blue Clues toys
 Size 5 or 6 boots/shoes
 Tractors/semis/cars
 Size 10 winter coat

Five Nights @ Freddy's
 OMG Doll
 Art and Crafts Kits
 LOL Doll
 Shopkins
 Make-up Kits
 Walmart Gift Card
 Make-up bag
 winter coat/snow pants size 10
 Rechargeable batteries

Boy Age 11

XL shirts
 Fortnite
 34 X 36 or 32 (length) X 36 (width) pants
 Minecraft
 10 ½ size shoes/boots
 Five Nights at Freddy's
 XL winter coat/snow
 X Box One Games
 Rechargeable batteries
 Deodorant/Shower set
 Walmart Gift Card

Mom is also home schooling all of the older children, so school supplies would also be welcome.

Mom

Kitchen items like (not breakable) plates, dishes, cookie sheets, pots/pans
 Men's boot size 8.5
 Native American Print blankets/clothes
 XL long sleeve black shirts

Dad

Girl Age 8

Size 8-10 shirts/pants
 Unicorns
 Shoes/boots size 3

Walmart Gift Card
 XXL shirts
 Size 11 men's work boots
 Dragon Ball Z

There will be a table in the narthex, by the library for you to leave your donations. When making a drop off at the church please keep in mind the church doors are open M-Th, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. We look forward to being a blessing to this family and give them hope for a brighter Christmas!

Let Us Pray For Those Celebrating Birthdays On:

December 1: Barb Botwright, Cash Kenneally, Alesha Swanson
 December 2: Sandy Jacobson
 December 4: Jillian Cobb
 December 5: Tony Cody
 December 7: Kyle Sundberg
 December 8: Wayne Botwright
 December 10: Sally Farrell
 December 11: Brett Boudreau, Kelly Kenneally
 December 16: Linda McDonald, Laurie Tufnell, Holly Wendrick
 December 18: Ron Elie
 December 19: Bree Burroughs
 December 20: Josh DeVet, Holly Miron
 December 23: Josh Weber
 December 24: Carrie Boudreau
 December 25: Sandy DeMars
 December 27: Thure Dahlgren, Barbara Hammerberg, Estelle Henderson
 December 28: Macy Degnan
 December 29: Makayla Marshall, Carol Williams
 December 30: Michelle Alexander



Please Note: If we have your birthday or your family members birthday listed incorrectly or if it isn't listed at all please let the office know.

December Scripture Readings

November 29—1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor.
1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 6—2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 13—3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126; 1 Thess.
5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20—4th Sunday in Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Advent Worship via ZOOM	3 10:00 Coffee with the Staff	4	5 5:00 Communion Service
6 10:30 Communion Service	7	8	9 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Advent Worship via ZOOM	10 10:00 Coffee with the Staff	11	12 5:00 Communion Service
13 10:30 Communion Service	14	15	16 9:00 Quilting 6:30 Advent Worship via ZOOM	17 10:00 Coffee with the Staff 6:15 Church Council Mtg.	18	19 5:00 Communion Service
20 10:30 Communion Service	21	22	23	24	25 	26 5:00 Communion Service
27 10:30 Communion Service	28	29	30	31 10:00 Coffee with the Staff		

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday—5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday— 10:30 Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday and Sunday service.
