

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

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The King's Herald

November 2021

College Students

Christ the King church received the following letter from Brett Schlenvogt – Brett is a college student and scholarship recipient:

Hello, Christ the King Lutheran Church members. Thank you for the scholarship. I will be using it towards my commercial driver's license (CDL) training class. This will allow me to get my enhanced driver's license and drive larger trucks to move bigger equipment. I have been doing great at college with multiple A's and enjoying the city of Green Bay. It is quite large compared to home, but that just ensures I will not become bored here, HAHA. Usually, my roommate and I take turns cooking food and we pack lunches for school, but our most frequent restaurants are Chipotle, Little Caesars, and McDonalds. I am still double majoring in Electrical Power Distribution and Gas Utility. I hope to see everyone over Christmas break. Thank you again, Brett Schlenvogt.

Brett and Isaac Berthaume received scholarships this fall from Christ the King. Isaac is attending the University of Michigan majoring in Chemistry. Christ the King has started a practice this year of sending cards and food gift cards to our college students. Along with Brett and Isaac, Johnny Schlenvogt is in college and receiving the gift cards. Pray for our college students.

Confirmation Program

The confirmation program has started, but it looks different than it has in the past. The students will still need to complete sermon notes and service projects, which is the same as in the past. However, instead of the confirmation class meeting each week, a one week-day camp will be held at some point during the summer. Hopefully this will help with the students attendance and not be in conflict with many other school activities. Also, Christ the King is partnering with Bethany Lutheran for the confirmation program. On Sunday, October 31st, which was Reformation Sunday, there were three Christ the King students who were confirmed. The students were Eli Berthaume, Ian Burroughs, and Colten Carter. Congratulations to the students and their families.

Memorial Gift

Christ the King church received a financial gift in memory of Walter and Selma Olsen and Howard Olsen, parents and brother of Caryl Olsen Thompson. The gift was given by Caryl and Charles Thompson.



From the Pastor's Desk

Now that we are ready to put out a regular newsletter, I thought an update would be helpful. Here are a just a few things that may be of interest:

We are getting ready to live-stream our services. While it may seem this a little late in terms of COVID timing, it is the reality of a post-COVID world. I hate to say it, but gone are the days when going to church every week was the norm for most people. Many of us now do our shopping online, along with trips to the supermarket. In today's world, people can get spiritual content online and travel to church if desired. People have (and desire) more options today than was possible for previous generations. We can insist they come to church (good luck with that) or we can see this as an opportunity. It is not ideal, but it is necessary.

The number one way of getting people to church is through a personal invite. Please be thinking of those you can invite to the physical church and (where appropriate) the online church (we will announce how to access the online church once we work out the details and are ready to live-stream).

I am not overly concerned that our regular attendees will stop coming to physical church because the relationships they enjoy in the church are prime reasons for attending church.

Please pray for the outreach of the gospel through this new medium and for wisdom on how to engage those online in the church's life.

The church council is planning on having a "visioneering" conversation. What vision of the future will enrapture the church as we move forward? Churches without an external mission find themselves (eventually) in the company of the dinosaurs. Unless we desire the church to be an empty building or converted into an apartment building, we need a mission that keeps us vital and draws fresh blood.

While the church has worked with others on a particular mission (Hope at the Inn, for instance), we need a mission for those outside the church that rises from our own hearts, from our own people, that is unique to us. This "visioneering" will get us exploring options for what and how we want to move forward. We will keep you informed as we work out the details.

The church is moving forward with our ministry to the youth. I appreciate Roland taking the lead on this vital component of church life. Sunday School is up and running (you can feel the energy they bring to church) and confirmation is also in the loop. We are working with Bethany on the overall program. If you know of kids who might be interested, please contact Roland.

We are pleased to have a new office administrator. Her name is Buffy Smith, and she brings a great deal of organizational skill and previous office experience. Arlene is a big help in showing her the ropes as she volunteers her time with Buffy.

I now have an internship committee from the church to assist me in my eventual ordination into the ELCA. Currently, I am taking classes from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, meet regularly with other ELCA pastors from our conference, and Pastor Keith Kolstad is my supervisor.

I enjoy being your pastor & only regret my part-time status limits the opportunity to get to know you all better.

God is working in our midst & I look forward to where this will take us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Lon

Sunday School

After a year (2020) of not having Sunday School or having the annual fall Rally Day (kick off) Sunday, Christ the King had a successful Rally Day kick off this year on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Praise and thank God! The Rally Day started with registration at 9:30 a.m. for the Sunday School and Confirmation students. It continued with the regular Sunday service and after the service everyone was invited to enjoy a great lunch of Mexican goodies served by Joe and Karen Dillabough. Thank you to the Dillabough's and everyone else who helped with the great meal. After eating, the children – and a few adults – had a great time playing games and destroying a piñata outside in the front of the church. Sunday School started the next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to meet until next summer. A big thank you needs to go out to the volunteer teachers who really make the Sunday School program happen and be a success. The teachers are Beth Jacobson, Liz Schlenvogt, Tammy Jensen, Trevor Christensen, and Roland Jacobson. Included in the Sunday School program was training for the students who were being readied to take their first communion. Liz Schlenvogt led this class and there were 3 students prepared for first communion. The first communion service was held on Sunday, October 24th as a part of the 10:30 a.m. service. The students were Jordan (Jordy) Schlenvogt, Aydin Christensen, and Skylar Moore.



Prayer Requests

For God's healing and sustaining grace:

Larry Dimock, Chris Weber, Duke Raeder, Steve Tufnell, Sandy Jacobson, Phyliss Eastman, Debbie Renken (Bob VanEffen's Sister), Julie Springer (friend of Cory Tufnell), June Pearson, Tina Minzlaff (Mary Anderson's Sister), Carol Tobey, Jude Schmidt, and Tonya DeGrave.

For the Sunday School and Confirmation programs and for the volunteers in these programs.

Let Us Pray For Those Celebrating Birthdays On:

Alexis Isaacson	November 4th
Brendan Bennett	November 6th
Charlie Angsten	November 8th
Janice Mills	November 9th
Roy Dahlgren	November 10th
Judy Vanlerberghe	November 10th
Brittany Angsten	November 14th
Nancy Kutzera	November 17th
Elijah Berthaume	November 19th
Aydin Christensen	November 21st
Joe Dillabough	November 21st
Travis Heath	November 23rd
Joey Murray	November 23rd
Julie Botwright	November 26th
Jeff Kutzera	November 28th

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

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Readings For November

November 7—All Saints Sunday:

Isa 25:6-9; Wis 3:1-9; Ps 24; Rev 21:1-6a;
John 11:32-44

November 14—25th Sunday after Pentecost:

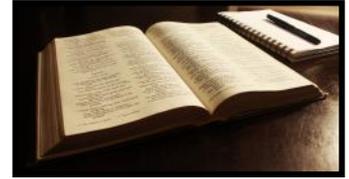
Dan 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

November 21—Christ the King Sunday

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 93; Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 28—First Week of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



Attention Volunteers

New volunteers: We welcome any new volunteers interested in signing up. Sign up sheets are on display outside the church office door if you are interested in signing up to serve.

Current volunteers: Please remember to review/sign up on an ongoing basis so the Readers and Communion Assistant roles are filled for every service. THANK YOU.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Saturday—5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday— 10:30 a.m. Worship

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Saturday and Sunday service.
