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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Grace and Peace

A message from Pastor Bryan

It is out of a profound sense of gratitude for God's many gifts, that we make the choice to return some of what we have been so graciously given for God's work to continue in our congregation and in our world. I don't always express it, but thank you for the offerings you have made and continue to make to Christ the King. Your offerings of your time, God-given talents, and your earnings, help support all that we do at Christ the King. Our congregation could do nothing without the faithful offerings of its members. Together, we are the living, breathing, Body of Christ. When we are giving, we are being the faithful people God calls us to be.

Our offerings in each of these ways bring blessings on many levels. We are transformed and made new through our offerings. We believe in a God who is generous and created in his image. So, we are called to be generous because God is generous.

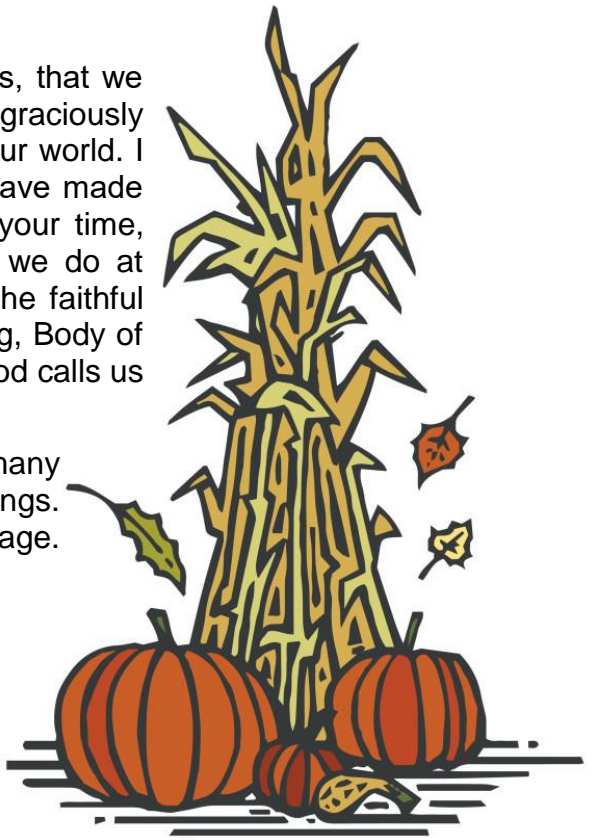
Our offerings help transform others. There would be no Sunday School without our offerings. It is through Sunday School that young people learn about God, about his love and generosity. In that learning they are transformed through the financial offerings which provide study and activity materials. The offerings of time and talent by volunteers who offer care and patience help build the character of our youth.

I am so thankful for the sacrifices made out of love for our young people. I am also thankful for those parents who care enough about their child's spiritual growth to bring them. In a world full of busyness, be it sports events, business schedules, or just plain weariness, there are so many roadblocks that divert our attention away from God and our church family. Yet, it is heartening to know that there are parents that make church and Christian Education a major priority.

In addition to Sunday School, there would be no opportunities for our older youth without our offerings. Those opportunities mold the next generation into faithful Christian adults, who will in turn carry the banner of faith to the next generation, and then the next. We firmly believe in giving youth a spiritual foundation and an extended sense of community will help to secure their eternal future, and the future of the Body of Christ. Without the support of our congregation, none of this would be possible.

Without our offerings quality worship would not be possible. It takes considerable contributions to purchase worship materials and to generally utilize and maintain our facility—not to mention those who offer their time and talents to help maintain it. When we make these various contributions we give glory to God.

Without our offerings as a community of love and compassion, we would not have mobile food pantries distributing hundreds of pounds of food each year or have contributed school supplies and made quilts for LWR. Further, events such as Vacation Bible School, Fish Frys, Christmas Worship, Easter Egg Hunts, participation in the Arrows to Aerospace Parade, the Summer BBQ, and Pet Blessing are all means of welcoming our neighbors.



Grace and Peace *continued*

Through the rich contributions of your offerings, we can continue this work, and by God's grace even expand it. That will require a greater role for all of us – willfully and joyfully participating where we can in ways that the offering of our talents can best benefit others. In October we will begin our Stewardship emphasis with 3 weeks of Council members sharing how they think about giving, making us all aware of the many ways that our offerings of our time, talents, and treasures are needed to make ministry at Christ the King thrive.

We will tie it all together on November 6 with celebration of Appreciation and Gratitude in worship followed by lunch. Watch for further details in your bulletin inserts and on Facebook. Stewardship is more than writing a check, or joining a committee, or helping out at an event—though, all truly valuable needs! I am always grateful that we have people making all of these contributions!

Stewardship is a way of looking at life. You are among those who have this unique vantage point. It is a perspective unique to the Christian life. Thank you for your generosity! Because of you, we are better equipped to give back to our people and help our neighbors in so many ways. You help keep Christian Education and Faith Formation accessible. You make the love of Christ visible and tangible to those who are poor, vulnerable and on the margins of society. Your many gifts mean more people will hear and see the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

As always, our resources are limited. I give you my pledge that we will be good stewards of your gifts, and do our best to responsibly maximize what you have entrusted to us financially, and to help you to grow deeper and stronger in faith and in your commitment to being a part of advancing God's kingdom.

Thanks be to God for all of you!



Mission and Service *Reaching out in the community*

Mobile Food Pantry

October 29 9am-noon

The Mobile Food Pantry is a drive through event of shelf stable food relief supplies. Pantries operated in this fashion last spring, but ours happened after the need for that practice had ended. Based upon what the next six weeks are projected to look like, it is likely that our pantry will operate as a drive through relief station. We will receive prepacked boxes for each car that comes through. This will enable us to have minimal contact with those who come. When we get closer to the date, we will use Facebook to update you on the details.



What can you do to help?

- Set-up begins at 9am – we will need help
- Do you know someone in need but can't get here? Pick up a box and take it to them!
- HELP US GET THE WORD OUT! Leftover food does no good.

Worship

Pet Blessing **DURING WORSHIP!** October 2

We have done a pet blessing for many years, but it has always been in the afternoon. We are going out on a limb here with the birds and have it during our regular worship service. The service is likely to be shorter and will not include communion.

This is a great opportunity for you to invite someone to worship. Pets of all kinds are welcome; horses, dogs, cats, birds, mice, guinea pigs, spiders, turtles, snakes, and other reptiles. If you have a bird and squirrel feeder, bring your feeder for a blessing as well. (Heads up – prayers to keep raccoons and opossums away seem largely ineffective).

There will also be a time to remember our animal friends who have passed away.

We even have collar tags to give away, so if your pet is anti-social, come anyway and we will bless the tag and you can take the blessing home.



Reformation Sunday **WEAR RED!**

October 30

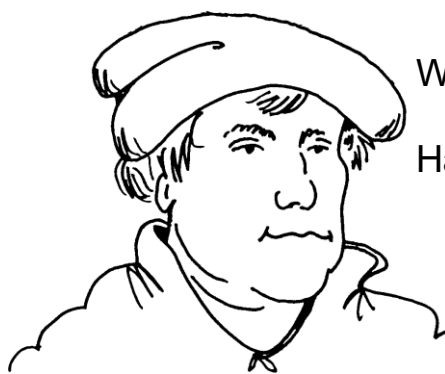
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Why would I wear red?!?!

Have you seen the Huskers play this year?!?!?

Many Lutheran churches have a tradition of wearing red on Reformation Sunday because red is the liturgical color of the Holy Spirit and Luther believed the Reformation was born from the moving of the Holy Spirit.

This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.



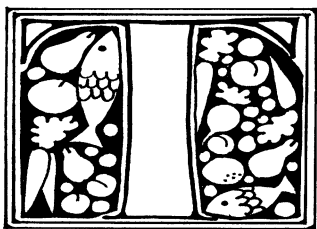
All Saints Sunday

November 6

Last year on All Saints Sunday we dedicated a new gold chalice and paten given in memory of those who passed away in our congregation last year. It was our intent to purchase matching trays and dedicate them this year. If you would like to contribute a memorial (suggested \$15) please use one of the envelopes available by the offering plates. Please be sure to include who it is for so we can list in the bulletin like we do for poinsettias and lilies.



Worship continued



S E R V I C E

Thanks-giving

November 23, 7:00pm

*Thank the Lord
and sing his praise;
tell everyone what
he has done.*

What are you thankful for? Sometimes it is easy to answer that question, especially when things seem to be going well in our lives. Other times, when we may be going through a rough time, it may be harder to come up with an answer. One way that we grow in our relationship with God is to share with others in our church family. Pie and other pumpkin desserts will be served after the service.

Congregational Life Events for the whole community

Mid-Month Breakfasts

Served 9am-10:30am

October 15 and

November 12

SNIFF, SNIFF* Do you smell pumpkin spice?!?!?!

Start your weekend off with a nice breakfast and conversation with some friends at church. There is always hot coffee and good conversation.

October 30, 2022

Immediately following worship



Join us for a Fellowship Lunch at Don and Millie's after worship. We get a portion of the receipts to put toward the Capital Fund, so tell all your friends to go to Don and Millie's and say, "I'm with Christ the King!"



Congregational Appreciation and Gratitude Lunch November 6, Immediately following worship

Join us after worship for a Congregational Lunch featuring a Baked Potato and Salad Bar. A variety of toppings will be available for both including popcorn chicken and nacho makings which may interest our little ones who haven't made the jump to an adult meal.

Youth and Family

Events for specific age

If you have a young person in your life please encourage them to participate.
We promise a welcoming space for all.



Young Adults *Post-High School*

Parker's Smokehouse – October 23, 6pm

Let's meet at Parker's in Ashland for a check-in Parker's is about half way between Lincoln and Omaha so it should be a good place to meet up. And the food is good!

Youth *Grades 8-12 (2022-2023)*

Prehistoric Putt – October 16, 12:30pm

Join your friends at church for lunch after worship and then we'll head to Prehistoric Putt (11134 Q Street). An indoor miniature golf course unlike anything you've played on before: 2 warped walls, a half-pipe, plinko, volcanos, and many more. You can even try to divert your opponents shot on the "foosball" obstacle.

This is a group we really want to help grow together. We attend different schools but having people outside of school to help you grow your faith can be a huge asset. Just ask any of the people in the young adult group. We'd love to plan a summer trip for 2023 and it will be way more fun if we already enjoy being with one another.



Intermediate *Grades 5-7 (2022-2023)*

Prehistoric Putt – November 23, 12:00pm

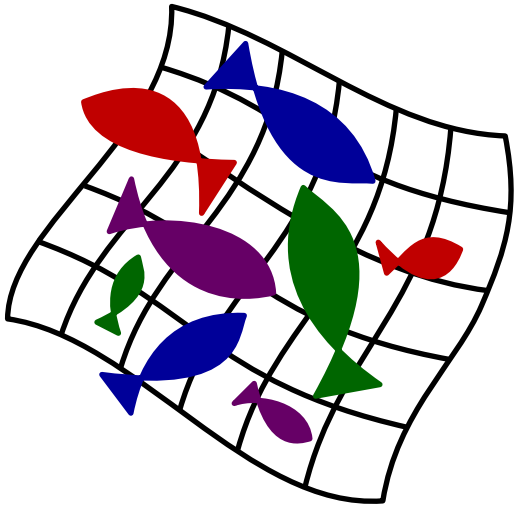
Join your friends at church for lunch on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving break and then we'll head to Prehistoric Putt (11134 Q Street). An indoor miniature golf course unlike anything you've played on before: 2 warped walls, a half-pipe, plinko, volcanos, and many more. You can even try to divert your opponents shot on the "foosball" obstacle.

Fall Family Campfire

October 28, 6pm-8pm

Come TOGETHER FOR JOY Friday, October 15 from 6pm-8pm at the fire ring for s'mores, chili, hot dogs, and chips!





Sunday School and Confirmation

The academic year began on Rally Sunday August 14, but that doesn't mean if you have yet to join us you have missed out for the year! Bring your young person and maybe even a guest. We always have a great time. Generally speaking, we have lessons on the second and fourth Sundays from 11:20 – 12:30. We'll begin in the Sanctuary all together, then move to groups. For Sunday School ages kids, there is a Bible lesson, music, and an activity that reinforces the lesson. Confirmation this year will take us through Luther's Small Catechism.

Date	Sunday School	Confirmation
October 9	Queen Esther	Commandments 8-10
October 30 <i>Fifth Sunday</i>	Martin Luther and the Reformation	
November 6	SING IN WORSHIP!	
November 13	Jesus and John the Baptist	Baptism
November 27	Creation	The Apostles Creed

Discussion and Watch Party

October 19 and 26

November 2 and 9

12:00pm-2:30pm



The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you.

The Chosen takes the freedom to describe the background narrative of some individuals with creative vision and conversation as they first encounter Jesus. This is Biblical fiction, not merely acting out of scripture, though scripture forms the foundation of the narrative.

This past Summer we watched all of Season 1 and now we're moving on to Season 2. If you missed season 1 there is plenty of time to catch up as it is free to watch with an app for either google or iOS devices.

We will start with lunch and then watch 2 episodes each afternoon taking a break for discussion.

News and Information from the Office

Church Directory

Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.



A few brief reminders...

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com

Follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

UPDATES...

Did you take some new pictures? Maybe while you were on vacation? Email a new picture to Taylor in the office and she will update your listing. That goes for new addresses, phone numbers, and emails too!

ECHO Prayer app

The Echo Prayer Manager is an app available for both Android and iPhone users. It is both cost and ad free. A simple explanation is that it is a closed group social media app. You are only connected to people in a group you are asked to join... not to the world. Christ the King has a "feed" that once you join you will have all of the up to date prayers of the congregation and you will be able to reach out to those requesting prayer through the comment option.



We are aware that not everyone has a smart phone and that not everyone who does will want to use this app. We will be sending out a weekly email to those who have asked to be on the "prayerchain" email list. If you would like more information on either the app or getting on the email list please contact Taylor in the office.

We want to emphasize that NOTHING replaces sharing joys and sorrows with friends with words you speak. Encouraging words spoken during the peace, at fellowship or other congregational events, and phone calls are vital to our spiritual life together. The goal is to connect more of us in prayer and in so doing, help us connect to God.

Church Calendar

The church calendar for beyond what is published in the newsletter is available on the congregation website - <https://ctklc-bellevue.org/calendar/>. Here you will see congregational events (green) and community use of our building (red). Hall rentals are not listed here.

If would like to subscribe to the Congregational Events calendar on your iCalendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/ctklcbellevue%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

If would like to subscribe to the Congregational Events calendar on your personal Google calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ctklcbellevue%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

Electronic Giving

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

Electronic Giving (Direct Debit) is the term used to describe automatic methods for making contributions on a regular basis without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes.

Christ the King offers the ability to give electronically. You can choose to give weekly, bi-monthly, monthly or in any way the Lord leads you. Many of our members enjoy the convenience of making utility or other payments electronically; why not give to the Church electronically?

If you have a bill paying feature on your checking account at your bank you can ask your bank to send your contribution in the same way they pay your bills. Or, if you don't, the church has a service that is simple, secure, and easy to set up.

This will help us in our giving when we miss a Sunday and help us to prioritize the Church in our finances and be good stewards of what God has entrusted us. It will also help us in being consistent and obedient in keeping with our commitments that we have made to the Lord.

Three benefits to *Electronic Giving*:

- 1) You are taking a step of faith – When you sign up to give electronically, you are deciding in advance to faithfully give.
- 2) You will simplify your life – You won't have to remember whether you gave this month or need to send in an offering by mail when you are on a trip.
- 3) You will be helping the church – Every person who gives through electronic giving makes our record keeping much easier and saves us from paying check deposit fees and it evens out cash flow.

Some other ways to give...

Gifts of Stock

Stocks that have appreciated are subject to capital gains taxes. However, if you donate stock rather than selling it, capital gains taxes no longer apply. As a 501(c)(3) organization, Christ the King is able to accept your stock through our account set up specifically for this purpose. We did this at the request of a Member who chose to give this way. This way of giving puts the full value of the stock toward the mission of the church. This way, neither you nor the congregation pays a capital gains tax, and you can still deduct as a charitable contribution the value of the stock at the time it was transferred.

IRA Distribution Option

Our needs at Christ the King are real, and there are many ways to help meet those needs. We are strengthening our community of faith for the people of today and tomorrow. One way some donors may consider fully fulfilling their pledge, while receiving a tax break, is by withdrawing funds from their IRA. Donors age 70½ and older may give up to \$100,000 directly to a nonprofit from an IRA without paying taxes on the distribution. This option was signed into law permanently in 2015. As we approach the end of the year, consider utilizing this payment option!

Consult with your financial professional before making a decision on either of these alternative ways to make a contribution.

For more information or to set up *Electronic Giving* contact
Laurel Wiegand at 402-547-7978

October and November 2022

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