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ALL ARE WELCOME

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Grace and Peace

A message from Pastor Bryan

It feels good to give, but we are blessed with so much more when we give generously. The act of giving truly blesses us by shaping our personalities and developing our character. Generous people tend to be the kind of people we want as friends and neighbors. We often think of generosity only in terms of financial giving, but generous people go way beyond that, embodying generosity with all they have and all they are. They are not merely generous, they are *generous-hearted*.

pray
without ceasing

Gratitude and generosity go together naturally. Whether you're a millionaire or middle-class, when you are grateful for what you have, you'll likely be happier and more satisfied with your life. You will tend to see the world through the eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself. And it has nothing to do with wealth. Some of the most generous people you meet are poor, and some of the wealthiest people in the world are stingy. But generous people, rich or poor, tend to look at their lives with gratitude.

How can we embrace gratitude as a spiritual practice? Paul gives us a good start in the Scripture verse above. If we reverse his order, things flow pretty well:

Give thanks in all circumstances - It's easy to give thanks when everything is going along swimmingly, but much tougher when we face problems (and we all do). Notice that Paul says give thanks *IN* all circumstances, not *FOR* all circumstances. In hard times, we can be grateful for the parts of our life that are going well and for the resources, relationships and faith that help us get through.

Pray without ceasing - You can communicate with God anytime and anywhere. Pray in the shower, in your car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at a stop light, in a grocery line. God hears your all our prayers, whether spoken, whispered, or just thought. So pray without ceasing.

Rejoice always - Look for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? High-speed Internet? Enough to eat? Friends? Loving relationships? Then rejoice!

Anyone can develop a generous heart, or a *more* generous heart. Begin by deepening your relationship with God, seeking guidance and wisdom in daily prayer. Then simply begin to pour yourself out for the sake of others, giving generously as a spiritual exercise and discipline. Do these things:

- **Give smiles.** Smile at everyone you see. You may be surprised at how it changes your outlook.
- **Give nice words.** Say something nice to everyone – family and friends, coworkers, parishioners, store clerks, folks in an elevator.
- **Give your time.** Serve people *face-to-face*: tutor schoolchildren, serve meals, visit a shut-in, teach ESL, volunteer at a homeless shelter.
- **Give your resources.** Slowly increase your giving to God's ministry. Make tithing a long-term goal.

Generosity 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 we have people making all of these contributions! Thank you for your generosity!

Worship

Pet Blessing **DURING WORSHIP!** October 1

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 29



Was ist das?!?! Uhh... what?!?!

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.

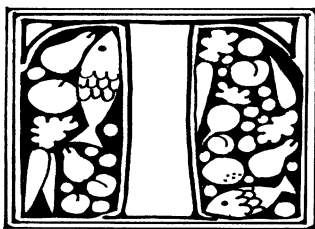
This day is a celebration of the Holy Spirit that continues to move us toward the grace and mercy of God even today.

All Saints Sunday

November 5

Historically, the Church has confessed a belief in the "communion of the saints," which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we experience the communion of saints, feasting with believers past, present and future. The author of Hebrews 12 reminds us that these saints, a "great cloud of witnesses," surrounds us and cheers us on. On All Saints Sunday, we publicly remember and honor those who have passed away and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us.

Worship continued



THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 22, 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 21 and

November 11

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 29, 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 5, 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*

Trackside in Waverly – October 29, 7pm

A small but mighty group checked out Trackside Grill in Waverly 13901 Guildford St # H, Waverly, NE 68462 and decided it was a great place for a check-in. Take exit 409. Waverly is still between Lincoln and Omaha and easy to get to. Added bonus, there isn't going to be an hour long wait. and the food is good!

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

Prehistoric Putt – October 22, 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 22, 12:00pm

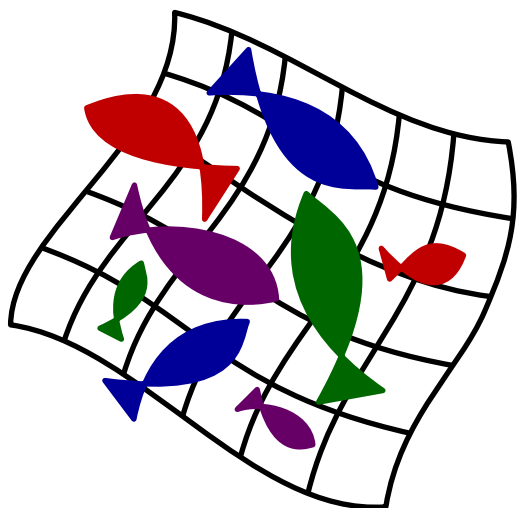
Join your friends at church for lunch on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving break and then we'll head to Prehistoric Putt (11134 Q Street). An indoor miniature golf course unlike anything you've played on before: 2 warped walls, a half-pipe, plinko, volcanos, and many more. You can even try to divert your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

Fall Family Campfire

October 27, 6pm-8pm

Come TOGETHER FOR JOY Friday, October 27 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 the entire Bible!

Important dates this month!

October 8 and October 29 *Fifth Sunday*

November 5 SING IN WORSHIP!

November 12 and November 26

Discussion and Watch Party

October 18 and 25

November 1 and 8

11:30am-2:00pm



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.

We have already watched all of Seasons 1 and 2 and now we're moving on to Season 3. If you missed earlier seasons, 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>

News and Information *from the Office*

Each year when the season of fall begins, I reflect on the previous year. I start to recall the many reasons I am thankful. I am thankful for time with my sister, my brother, and his family. Also, for time with my husband's family. My husband's grandmother passed away in July just shy of her 100th birthday. I am thankful for the many years I shared summers and holidays with her.



I continue to be thankful for our church home at Christ the King. I love sharing the ups and downs of life with our congregation. I am thankful for the traditions we share, and the activities that bring us together across generations. I find peace in the traditions and joy in the multigenerational activities. I think many of you do as well.

This is the time of year we think about our commitment to the church for the coming year. We think about volunteering time, activities, and financial giving. I am thankful for the commitment the congregation has made to consistent giving. Some give weekly, some monthly, some annually and some when they can. Offerings arrive through bill pay, PayPal, VANCO, checks or cash. If you are over 70 you can direct a portion of your mandatory distributions directly to the church as a charitable donation and you might lower your taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor. All the offerings add up to financial stability for the church.

If you have not made a financial pledge to the church in the past, consider making one this year. It does not need to be large, consider starting with \$10 a month. The \$120 total offering covers 2 months of trash removal or the plowing after a major snowstorm! The small contributions add up, every bit helps cover the cost of keeping our congregation and building in good standing.

Thank-you!
Laurel, Treasurer

Make a Contribution Make a Pledge

Counting

The Finance team is looking for people to help count the offering after church on Sundays. Counting take only about 20 minutes right after service on Sunday. If you can read, know the denominations of United States Currency, and use a calculator we could really use your help! If you just completed Confirmation class and are looking for a way to be involved helping at church this is for you! Each week we need two people to separate, count and record the generous offering from the congregation. This usually takes 20 minutes or less working in a team of two. If you want to know more ask Laurel, Nick, Beth, Kathryn Heldt, or Elijah Christy. Look for a sign-up sheet in the entry way.

The Finance Team

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Study 10am Worship Pet Blessing 11:15am Fellowship	2 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	3 9am Quilting	4 6pm Fitness Club	5 6pm Fitness Club	6	7
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22 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 12:30 Youth Prehistoric Putt	23 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	24	25 11:30am The Chosen Lunch, Watch and Discussion 6pm Fitness Club	26 6pm Fitness Club	27 6pm - Family Campfire	28
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