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Save the Date!

HYMN FESTIVAL
Richard Webster
COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 + 7:30 P.M.
ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
15353 PACIFIC STREET, OMAHA, NE
INFORMATION AT WWW.OMAHAAGO.ORG

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American Guild of Organists
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Hymn Festival

March 2, 2025 – 7:30PM

Our very own Erin Kurth will be singing with the *Sing Omaha Master Chorale*. The *Creighton Singers* and members of the Omaha Symphony will also be featured. The event is FREE.

Grace and Peace

A message from Pastor Bryan

It was during my time as a Vicar at Trinity Lutheran Church in Omaha that I learned about Lutheran World Relief quilting. In the basement on Wednesdays the “Willing Workers” gathered and quilted. I had not ever been a part of a congregation which had such a group and it wasn’t something that happened at seminary. I was excited to hear about the impact these quilts made as they traveled the globe; finding their way to refugee camps and disaster relief efforts.



When I worked with the Sudanese refugees who came to Omaha they saw these quilts and had stories of their own about the impact receiving these quilts had on their lives. They were tents, and walls and ways to wrap up ones belongings. The refugees we resettled here a few years back recognized these quilts as well. I saw them given away to expectant mothers who walked miles to deliver their children at Machame Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania – a “modern” hospital, outfitted with 30 year old technology.

When I came to Christ the King I heard how Alma Swartos brought the ministry from her home congregation in South Dakota. Since then for more than twenty years, a small group of faithful hands have gathered in our congregation’s fellowship hall, threading needles and stitching fabric with a purpose far greater than creating beautiful quilts. They were weaving warmth, comfort, and God’s love into every square. What began as a humble ministry soon became a beacon of service, wrapping those in need—newborns, the sick, the grieving, and those facing hardship—in tangible reminders of Christ’s care.



For more than two decades, this quilting ministry has been a labor of love, uniting members in fellowship and service. Every knot tied was a prayer, every quilt given a blessing. The ministry’s reach extended beyond our congregation, touching lives in hospitals, shelters, and mission projects near and far. Each quilt carried a message: “You are loved. You are not alone.”

But as seasons change, so too do the rhythms of ministry. This ministry, which when I came, had two tables working on quilts, then one, has grown smaller. Though the passion for service remains, the reality is that we no longer have the numbers to sustain the quilting ministry in its current form.

This is not really a sudden transition. We have attempted to have our young people in Sunday School, Confirmation, and weekend events participate in tying quilts. Phyllis Carlson led a service project activity at a Scout event. We have invited people to stay after worship and tie quilts. None of these events have really yielded the results that suggested this was the form which would keep this ministry sustainable.

As we give thanks for these 20+ years of love sewn into fabric, we also trust that the impact of this ministry will continue. The quilts already made will go on to bless others. The lessons learned—the power of community, the joy of serving, the love in each stitch—will remain woven into the fabric of our congregation.

So now we are at a tipping point. Those remaining would love to see this ministry continue. Currently they gather the first and third Tuesdays at 9am. Invitations to come and participate have been long standing. If this ministry is to continue at Christ the King it will likely need to take a different form shaped by those who would love to be a part of what comes next.

So if you have an interest and an idea to transition this ministry into something sustainable for the next 20 years, please reach out to Phyllis Carlson. To everyone who has participated in, received from, or prayed over this ministry—thank you. You have been part of something beautiful, a ministry that truly embodied Christ's call to love and serve. And though the form may change, the spirit of this work will never unravel.



Congregational Life *Events for the whole community*



Mid-Month Breakfast

Served 9am-10:30am

February 8

No breakfast in March

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

Friday March 14 and Friday March 21
4:30pm – 7:00pm

**Fish will Fry again this year
and it's still better than them
other guys!**

We will have 2 fish frys this year
– March 14 and 21!
We will be frying, serving and eating fish.
AND IF YOU THINK JUST TWO ISN'T ENOUGH,
YOU'LL HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE.

Paul and Pastor Bryan are helping raise funds
with Beta Sigma (the Lutheran Fraternity @UNL)
at the Lutheran Student Center in Lincoln.
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2024



Invite your friends and neighbors!

Worship

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day when we are encouraged to take the time to repent. The actual date of Ash Wednesday is calculated by counting backward from Easter Sunday. As Easter Sunday always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, like Easter, Ash Wednesday moves around a bit. This year Ash Wednesday is March 5 and at Christ the King we will continue our practice of Mid-week Worship. We will also have our Soup Suppers before worship, this year that will include Ash Wednesday.



March 5

6:00pm Soup Supper

7:00pm Worship With Holy Communion

March 12 – April 9 Table Worship – 6:00pm

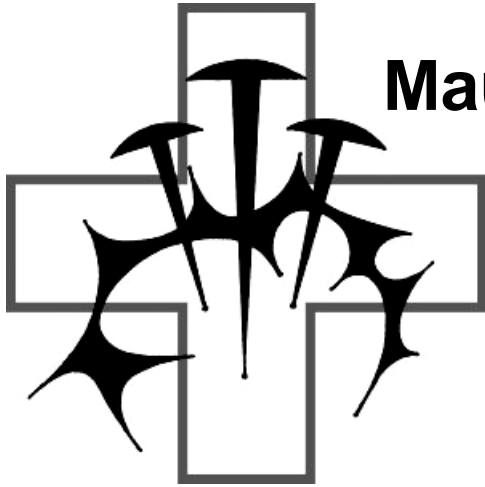
Over the course of his ministry, Jesus repeatedly creates sacred space over the dinner table, ministering to the hurting and delivering understanding to the proud. These occurrences run like a thread throughout the gospel narrative. Jesus freely extended hospitality, as well as often being the recipient of it, sharing in both physical and spiritual nourishment with people from all walks of life.



While his meals shared with those living on the fringes of society were audacious in the eyes of many, they served as the entry point to the Kingdom of God for many more. The intentionality of Jesus' table ministry and hospitality echoes throughout the gospels as he takes a seat next to the humble and hurting, offering both provision and understanding to their spiritual and physical needs.

This year, instead of going upstairs for worship after soup, we will remain at the table for worship. I'm still working out the details, but it will be a light meal beginning at 6pm. We will transition into a time of worship, listening, and communion.

Worship



Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 7:00pm



Good Friday Worship

April 18 at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Celebrations

April 20 at 7:30am and 10:00am

Breakfast Served 8:15am - 9:30am

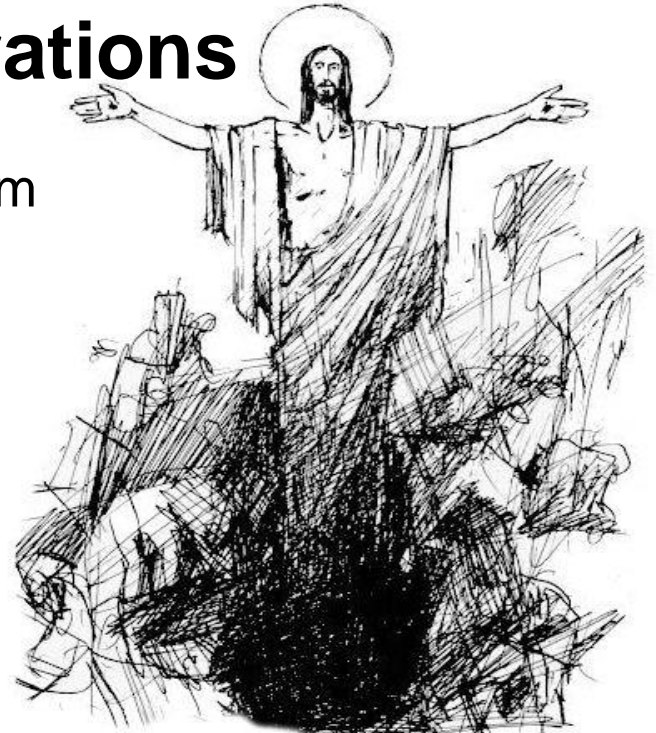
Egg Hunt 11:15am

7:30am Sunrise Celebration

Sunrise will be a festival liturgical worship celebration in the sanctuary to include Holy Communion.

10:00am Resurrection Celebration

Come for a Celebration of the Hope of Easter. This would be an excellent opportunity to invite a family to come to worship with you! Breakfast, uplifting worship, and an egg hunt for kids—it's the complete experience!



Youth and Family *Events for specific age groups*

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 – February 16, 6pm

Let's meet at Trackside Grill in Waverly 13901 Guildford St # H, Waverly, NE 68462 for a check-in. Take exit 409. Waverly is between Lincoln and Omaha and easy to get to. The food is good! All we need to have a good time is you!

First Communion?

Communion is a Sacrament that people celebrate for the rest of their lives. It has been the common practice of Christ the King to invite young people, who have received instruction, are at least in the second grade, and whose parents feel they are ready, to receive communion as a regular part of their worship experience. **We will be talking about Communion on February 16 during Christian Education.**

If you have a young person in your life who is ready to celebrate communion for the first time, please plan on bringing them February 16 and reach out to Pastor Bryan 402-618-7847. *voice or text*

Chili Bowl 2025!

February 23 at 4pm

OH... ITS ON!

Come cheer on our culinary champions as they seek, with all the Lutheran grace and humility they can muster, to destroy the Methodists in this epic battle of savor and spice!

OPEN CORNBREAD COOKOFF

If you think you make great cornbread, bring your best offering and a plate with 3 pieces or muffins for the judges. This is open to anyone!



Chili Bowl 2025
Christ the King VS Aldersgate

February and March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2-4pm PLAN
2 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:20am Christian Education 2-4pm PLAN	3 12pm Fitness Club 5:30pm T.O.P.S.	4 9am Quilting	5	6 12pm Fitness Club	7	8 9am Mid-Month Breakfast 2-4pm PLAN
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