



LOGOS

*Christ The King Lutheran
Church*

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From Pastor Chris

Are You Ready to ACE the Holidays?

There is so much going on this time of year that it can be a daunting season for many of us. Some approach the holidays with dread, perhaps especially those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and feeling the pain of their absence at holiday gatherings for the first or second time. Most of us probably approach these days with some excitement and anticipation, but even then there is anxiety over everything that must be done to be ready for parties, gift exchanges, house guests, and special meals.

ACE is an abbreviation for the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle of the church year. The best way to ACE the holidays is to not lose sight of their true identity as holy-days. A holiday is not a vacation then, but a holy time set apart for worship, for self-examination, and for prayer.

Advent is the season of anticipation, where we wait for two things at the same time: the coming of Christ as the Babe of Bethlehem, and the coming of

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Christ as the returning King of Glory. On Sundays in Advent, the candles on the wreath mark time for us, as we reflect on what it means for us to be a people who wait – waiting for Christ’s coming and second coming. The colors of the season are either purple or blue. The purple connects this season to Lent (another time of waiting and self-examination), while the blue is the color of the pre-dawn sky, signifying a sure and certain hope in the one who is coming, and who is the bright and Morning Star and the Sun of Righteousness.

Attendance at worship every Sunday in Advent will help increase that sense of anticipation and preparation for the Coming One. It will give you a regular rhythm to your week that will help you ACE the holidays. Additionally, the Wednesday night service of Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm provides a quiet time for the reflection that this season warrants and that we all need.

This year on Wednesdays our theme will be “Tidings of Comfort and Joy: Close Encounters with Angels,” and as you might expect the theme hymn will be *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*. On November 30th we will examine Zechariah’s Doubt, on December 7th Joseph’s Obedience, on December 14th Mary’s Wonder, and on December 21st the Shepherd’s Proclamation.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services then become the culmination of the Advent anticipation, as we experience again the coming of Christ, the Word made Flesh. Christmas Eve services of Candlelight and Communion will again take place at 4pm, 7pm, and 10pm, and the Christmas Day service will be at its regular 10am time, even though the 25th falls on a Sunday this year. The following Sunday is still in the season of Christmas, and is also New Year’s Day so it will be a 10am combined service too.

We get to enjoy 8 Sundays of Epiphany this year, spanning January and all of February. Just as light reveals the things that darkness hides, so Epiphany reveals who Christ is. Sundays in Epiphany will give us insights into Christ, and will illuminate the teachings of Christ from Matthew 5. Regular attendance on Sunday mornings in this season will serve as a great confirmation review for all ages. So, I invite you to truly ACE the holidays! May God empower us for mission in and through our congregation. And may God bless you each with the peace from above in this season.

Pastor Chris



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our year is ending and beginning as I write these words. Omega and Alpha. Period and ellipses. What has been and what is to come. This month's LOGOS article encompasses that duality as well.

In early December we'll be presenting the proposed 2017 budget for consideration and approval by the congregation. This budget represents the best estimate of what it will take to operate our mission and ministry for the coming year. We face the same challenges as the church has in every time and every place - reaching the lost, lifting the downtrodden, speaking for the oppressed, glorifying God in all we say and do. The specifics of our ministries will evolve and change but our mission remains constant. As we give thanks for the staff, the ministry teams and all the members who've supported that mission in 2016 we look to 2017 with hope and confidence that God's plan will be done in and through us.

Our 2017 estimated giving, both pledged and that based on historical estimates of non-pledging giving, is slightly over 2016's estimates. Council and I thank everyone for their offerings of time, talent and treasure. We give thanks for your prayerful and generous response to the 2016 Graceful Giving

campaign. And we look forward to the ways in which God will work through those offerings in 2017, in our congregation, community and world.

2016 offerings continue to track in line with historical trends. We have December remaining to meet our challenge budget, and we can do this with your help and God's. We continue to monitor expenses, knowing that we also anticipate being asked for special gifts to ministry partners and mission activities as the year comes to a close.

Council met to review the proposed 2017 budget and spent considerable time discussing both the general philosophy underlying the proposal as well as getting into the details of what particular activities are funded and how to improve the process for the future. Some details on council activities in November include:

- Recommendation of the 2017 proposed budget to the congregation for approval
- Approval of recommendation to use \$1500 from the Global Mission Support fund to enable pastoral and spiritual presence in the 2017 El Salvador Mission Trip planned through Habitat for Humanity
- Approval for building use by Girl Scouts and community musical groups
- Received an update from the Constitutional Committee

- Discussed handling of out-of-budget expenses and how best to communicate needs to members - expect to see more on this in the coming year

From an administrative view, the new phone system will be completely on-line by the beginning of December. A new hearing assist system is already in place in the sanctuary for use by those with need. New contact and member giving software is in house and planned for installation in early 2017, to improve timeliness in giving reports and our ability to generate more detailed information for ministry teams looking to match needs to talents.

Council gives thanks this month to all who have given to the Outreach programs this year, especially those who participated in the Thanksgiving Baskets, Food Pantry, and ministries reaching those with food insecurity. We pray for our youth who are attending synod gatherings in November, December and January, asking God to bless their participation and grow their faith. We offer thanks for all who will be leading and accompanying worship services in Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, for our called ministers and our lay staff. We send love and comfort to those who mourn during these months, and we pray for God's presence among all gatherings of his children no matter where they are.

In Christ's peace, Brent Kemp



“Tidings of Comfort and Joy: Close Encounters with Angels”

Holden Evening Prayer, with Readings, Hymns, and Meditation

Leading up to the birth of Jesus, angelic messengers pay a number of visits to people who have been chosen to play a part in that miraculous event. In each encounter, the persons involved respond to the angel's message in a different way, mirroring the full range of our own responses to the good news of God in Jesus Christ. In the end, however, the divine One who comes to share our full humanity will also fill our hearts with true comfort and deep joy.

Nov. 30: Zechariah's Doubt

Dec. 7: Joseph's Obedience

Dec. 14: Mary's Wonder

Dec. 21: The Shepherd's Proclamation

Each service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include an offering to be divided between the three designated mission funds of the congregation (Congregational Mission Support, Fund for Leaders Scholarship, and Global Missionary Fund)



CTK Women - December 2016

Please note the CTK Women's Meetings as listed below:

PRISCILLA CIRCLE Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am.

The meeting for December 13 is the lesson found in the December Gather magazine. The Circle of Faith will meet with the Priscilla for the Bible Study and fellowship.

GINTER HALL BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday, December 8.

CIRCLE OF FAITH will meet with Priscilla Circle on December 13 and will meet again on December 27. We continue to collect manufacture coupons for the military (We can't use store coupons). We are making cards for the prayer ministry.

THE HOLY TEARERS will meet on the third Tuesday, December 20. The quilting group makes beautiful quilts of love for donation to various groups. The quilters could use sheets for backing of the quilts, any size or color will be useful. We hope you will join us.

SHOE BOXES FOR THE PINE RIDGE Reservation Indian children. Thanks to all who participated in this ministry. Fifty boxes were taken to St. Michael's Lutheran in Blacksburg. Thanks to

Jack and Diane Shearer who took the boxes to Blacksburg.

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CIRCLE OF FAITH will meet with Priscilla Circle on January 10 and will meet again on January 24, 2017. We continue to collect manufacture coupons for the military (We can't use store coupons). We are making cards for the prayer ministry.

THE HOLY TEARERS will meet on the third Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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All women of Christ The King are members of the Women of the ELCA. Go to the website www.womenoftheelca.org to learn more about the organization. .

Sherry Frye

Please let the Property Committee know if you see any issues around the church that need to be fixed or addressed. We are maintaining an active "To-do" list and always need things to do! We will have a workday on Saturday, December 3rd, starting at 8:30am to clear the leaves off the lawn at CTK. We will use December 10 as a backup in the event the weather doesn't cooperate on the 3rd. We will move leaves to the woods or the streets surrounding the church. The City of Richmond will pick up leaves starting on December 19, so this should put us in good shape. If you have a backpack or other leaf blower, a tarp to move leaves or a favorite rake, please bring it. If we have enough blowers we can clear leaves pretty quickly. Contact Dave Reinhart if you plan to help out. We will also have some workdays in January and February to work on some indoor projects such as painting and refurbishing some of our restrooms. Dave Reinhart



Thanksgiving meal, and 40 bags of food for individuals to stock their pantries. We also received enough money to buy gift cards to give families for perishables. A member also received Thrivent Action Team project money to help support this program. We will also be able to give the office gift cards to help families who need extra help this time of year. As Paul teaches us in the book of Romans: 12:9-13 *“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”*

Our focus for December will be ELCA good gifts. Our gifts are making a difference in people’s lives and around the world. Your donations support long-term, sustainable solutions that ensure that these good gifts last for more than a couple days or weeks. Liz and Rebecca Yates will coordinate this effort.

In January our focus will be on our mission trip partnering with Habitat for Humanity to El Salvador.

We will have our next Outreach meeting on January 10th. If you are interested in serving in this way, please join us.

Outreach-

God’s Work, Our Hands



**OUTREACH
COMMITTEE**

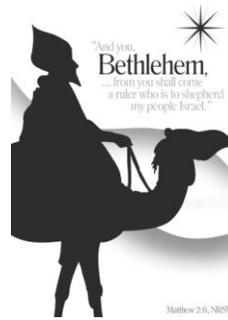
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving project for Virginia Supportive Housing. We collected 20 bags of food for families for their



Mission Team Returns to El Salvador in January

On January 14-22, 2017, a group from Christ the King, along with Patrick and Katie Freund from Chicago, will be taking their third trip to El Salvador for a Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity Global Village Team build. We will be working in Santa Ana, the city of our first build where we helped to complete the new church for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church. We are looking forward to re-connecting with our friends at our sister congregation there and helping build a home for a deserving family in Santa Ana. There are many ways you the members of our congregation can support our efforts in El Salvador. The first is through your prayers: for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, the people of El Salvador, and the team members. Another is through donations either to support Cristo Rey (including scholarships for the church's high school youth to attend school) or to the team fund to help defray costs for this and future trips to El Salvador. Finally, please consider participating in a future trip to El Salvador. While it is too late to sign up for this year, this is an exciting and on-going ministry and we hope you will consider going with us on a future trip.

Bethlehem Market 2016



Again this year from Nov 27 to Dec 21 on Sundays and Wednesdays "Bethlehem Market" will be open to support merchants and craftsmen in the "little

town of Bethlehem" where Jesus was born. Olive wood trimmings from ancient trees are carved into decorative and useful items. Mother-of-pearl is carved as jewelry—including pins with Martin Luther's coat of arms. There are some textiles and unique silver jewelry.

Your purchases support Bethlehem Christians and 10% of all sales is donated to Tent of Nations—the Lutheran Nassar family farm on a Palestinian hill near Bethlehem. CTK supports this ministry of ecology and peacekeeping which gathers visitors and volunteers from around the world. Last year CTK donated 50 trees to plant on the Farm. The family—with the support of international volunteers--cares for the land and builds bridges of understanding among peoples of the world. Check out websites www.tentofnations.org and www.fotonna.org to learn more about this ministry. Pray for those who as Easter people demonstrate hope in the shadow of the challenges they encounter under continuing occupation. Prayerfully consider travelling to Palestine to volunteer at Tent of Nations. For more information contact Pr. Liz Yates (540)336-9616 or George Nassar. God bless you for your generous support.

Commemorating
the Reformation 2017



It all started on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted *95 Theses* on the Church door in Wittenberg. A scholarly debate was invited, but the subject was changed to the authority of the Pope and the church. And the Western world was changed! We Lutherans inherit the name and the theology of the “Reformation.”

Lutherans, among other churches including Roman Catholic, will *Commemorate* the 500th anniversary of this history changing “Reformation” during 2017. In Richmond all the Lutheran churches will join in a blood drive—as our logo suggests. Here at CTK a Task Force led by retired Pr. Liz Yates will coordinate our congregation’s participation in this significant year of *commemoration* (“we don’t celebrate a conflict,” a wise theologian noted.)

Pray for unity of Christians in our witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ—Luther’s passionate plea. Prepare to give blood for our community. Consider also a challenge to read at least one book about people and events of the Reformation. A variety of new

books, as well as classics, commend themselves. A bookcase full of books for you to “check out” will appear soon! Discussions about our reading would be most worthwhile.

Announcement of the names of Task Force members will come soon. Your ideas and participation are invited. We pray that all we do to remember will help us be faithful to reforming which brings glory to God in Jesus’ Name.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

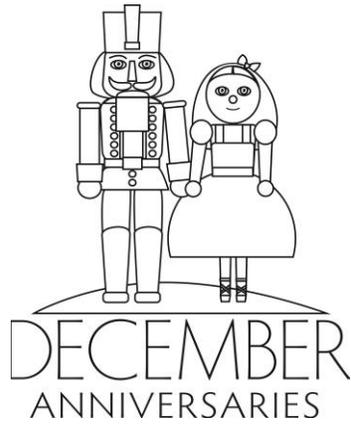


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	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$52,910	\$49,250	\$499,093	\$492,500
Expense	\$53,103	\$50,788	\$506,278	\$507,877

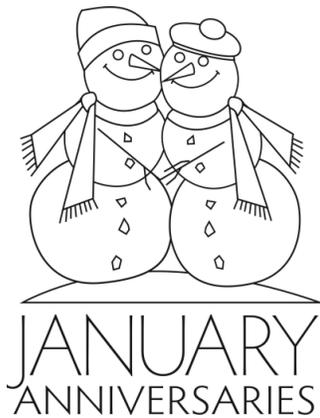


**CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

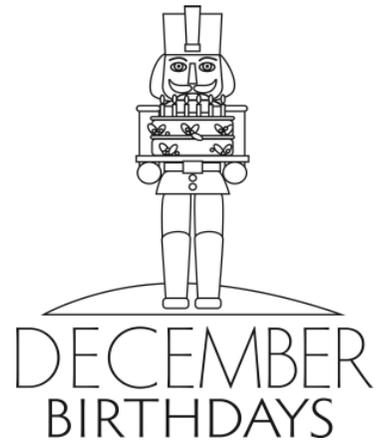
“Angels Unsupervised”,
our annual Christmas Pageant,
will be December 18th, 4pm.



- 2 Earle & Rosmond Fraser
- 19 Martin & Jojo Shorter
- 20 Paul & June Powers
- 27 Ned & Aggie Bothwell
- 30 Wayne & Leslie Hausser
Terry & Kristi West



- 15 Ryan & Danielle Ripperton
- 19 Chris & Nicole Yohn
- 26 Mike Kerwin & Mary T. Guarnieri



- 1 Everett Wood
- 2 Nancy Lee Tyler
- 4 Jenna Adkins
- 8 Nate Carpio, Lisa Grimm,
Bruce Meyerson,
Dave Reinhart
- 9 John Gavin
- 11 Debby Demmler, Dolph Moller
- 12 Mike Kerwin
- 13 Meredith Gavin
- 14 Andrew McKeague,
Carolyn Sprinkle
- 16 Chris Carr, Terry West
- 21 Marlene Muddiman
- 22 Maggie Noble
- 25 Jesus, Lindy Moore
- 26 J.D. Finney, Tom Johnson
- 27 Chris Ellis
- 30 Caroline Lenhart
- 31 Porter Bothwell



- 1 Mary Hovey, Erika Oliver,
Renée Lefever-Wilson,
Kathleen Reinhart
- 3 Tallie Hausser,
Jack McLean, David Nelson,
Lynn Niedermayer
- 7 Erica Johnson
- 8 Mark Killian, Kevin Rose,
Madi Sabalewski
- 11 Elizabeth Yates
- 13 Mary Jo Adams,
Paula Shearer, Judy Skarie,
Artie Strunk
- 14 Mary Ellis (Agie)
- 17 Anna Hoyle
- 18 Jaimee Bernard, Maren Reiner
- 19 Ann Stieler
- 21 Cheryl Wittman
- 22 Denise Gomes
- 23 Emily Fournier, Graham Lohr
- 24 Nick Grohowski, Lara Hoyle
- 27 Duff Young
- 28 Rosmond Fraser
- 29 Steve Kozlowski, Chris Yohn
- 31 Mack Burgett, Sara Hoyle
Nina McCord

FOR MEMBERS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING:

Janet Bruns, Sherry Frye, Ruta Goodwin, Anna Hoyle, Julia Jones, Mark Killian, Bruce Kohl, Steve Kozlowski, Dolph Moller, Ruth Nees, David Nelson, Scott and Joan Recher, Ann Stieler, Paul & Bea Wittenbraker

FOR EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF HEALTH AND HEALING:

Tishae (CTK & Tusing friend), Peggy (VSH), Shirley Ade (Capel friend), Kate Altomose (Smith grandchild), Sam Barnhill (CTK friend) , Roland & Jewell Bernard (Stephen Barnard's parents), Harriet Bledsoe (Redding neighbor), Roy Blickwedel (Hunt friend), Anne Bordelon (Mountcastle friend), Linda & Grady Bubenzer (Huey friends), Jennie Buchenauer (Carla Waldron's mother), Bill Costello (Amrhein friend), Connie Glass (Hunt employee), Marvin Grimm (Lisa's brother), Tracy Green (Anne Hamilton friend), Gail James (Mike Kerwin's sister), Jeanne Kemp (Brent Kemp's mother), Marcus Keum (Betty Dol's grandson), Maia Kraft (Yates grandchild), Lorne Lefever (Renee's father), Fermen & Linda Lowe (Anne Hamilton's friends, Gary Lowe (Wayne Lowe's brother), Pete Mahler (Clancy friend), Dora Majer (Hunt friend), Custer & Wilda Maynor (Demmler parents), Larry Meeks (Hutchinson friend), Cynthia Oliver (Erika's daughter), Jo Potter (Capel cousin), Miles Redding (Jean & Terry's son) , Ruth Reece (Debbie Reinhart's mother) , Juan Serrano (Tito Fortis nephew) Sam Spehn (Brooks friend), Judy Suder (Danielle Ripperton's mother), Shawn T (VSH

resident), Ellen Thompson (Jane Lane's friend), Yvonne Travis, Jacob Varney (Ruth's son), Esdras Villatoro-Rodriguez (Fortis friend), Diane Winn (former member), Richard Wood (Mountcastle friend).

FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Delores Bell, John Brenner, Alfonso Dooley Dixon, Ruta Goodwin, Jackie Lohr, Marta Ruch, Alberta Smith, Gail Smith, Carolyn Sprinkle

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Lt. Andrew L. West, Col. Dan Canfield, Major Eric Doctor, Chief Petty Officer Scott Recher II, Gunner Sgt. Steven Ramus, Corp. Randy Graville, Capt. James P. Guthrie, 2nd Lt. Whitney Noel, Staff Sgt, Jason Tracoma

FOR HOMEBOUND EXTENDED FAMILY:

Freda Erickson, Nancy Kay, Joan Waldron

IN THE SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION to everlasting life, we remember before God, Gail Drummond, wife of Doyle Drummond and mother of Chris and Sean Drummond.

FOR ALL CAREGIVERS: doctors, nurses, family members, and others who care for the ill and disabled.

FOR SEMINARIAN STUDENTS: Katie Freund, Patrick Freund

FOR PEACE CORP VOLUNTEER: Mathilda Nassar, Ukraine

FOR SISTER CONGREGATION: Cristo Rey in Santa Ana, El Salvador and Pastor Carlos Najera, Bishop Medardo Gomez, the people of El Salvador, and all those working to promote peace.

FOR THE TENT OF NATIONS: The Palestinian West Bank farm of the Nassar Family celebrating 100 years and working to promote peace and awareness for all people.



The Adult Choir, Handbell Choir and Children's Choir of CTK, along with professional instrumentalists from the Richmond area, will present a concert of Lessons and Carols on December 11th at 3pm.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 4th, at 7pm

Soundworks is the men's a cappella chorus that uses our facility for rehearsals each week. This concert is their annual Christmas benefit at CTK to raise money for the Youth Mission & Ministry Fund.



Senior Adults

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 8, Noon

Once again, D&D Diner is planning a festive Christmas meal for our senior adults group on Thurs. Dec 8 at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will be serving ham, twice baked potatoes, salads, vegetables, bread, and lots of desserts. Bring a friend with you, but please sign up on the Inreach bulletin board or call Donna Finney at 804 492-4960. In the past, Santa brought plenty of quick breads for our seniors; hopefully he will share the love again this year! We hope all will join us in singing Christmas songs!

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Sunday Schedule

Worship (Organ-led) 8:30 a.m.

Adult Ed. & Children's Music 10:00 a.m.

Worship (Band-led) 11:00 a.m.

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