



Reasons why Your In-House Worship of the LORD is Important to you and to the Kingdom of God.

As we approach the Nativity of our Lord and the beginning of a new calendar year, I want to lay before you truths about your worship life because you are a person who has professed a faith in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Before we begin, I want to remind you that these are not mere opinions about your worship life. These are unchangeable truths presented to you and to me by Christ Jesus, Himself the very incarnate Son of God. God the Father, Son and Spirit presents these lasting truths to you and me in His unchangeable, inspired and errorless Word.

Think about the following truths in relationship to your most recent worship life. Why do you as a Christian come to worship?...

Matthew 13:23. IN WORSHIP YOU RECEIVE THE WORD, HEAR IT, BECOME ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT, AND BEAR FRUIT IN YOUR FAITH LIFE.

Jesus says: "but he who received the good seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty." Truth: One does not bear fruit apart from Christ and His Word.

Matthew 7: 24 IN HEARING GOD'S WORD IN WORSHIP, YOU BECOME TRULY WISE AND BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ONLY FOUNDATION THAT LASTS. "Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock." Truth: One is not wise nor builds on a lasting foundation in his life living apart from the worship of Christ and the hearing of His Word.

John 8:31 THROUGH REGULAR WORSHIP YOU WILL ABIDE IN JESUS' WORD AND BE HIS DISCIPLE IN TRUTH. "Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him: 'if you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.'" Truth: If we are not connected to Jesus by the regular hearing of His Word and the reception of His Body and Blood, we cannot remain in Him.

Luke 10:16 IN WORSHIP, WE ARE GIVEN THE TRUTH AND PREPARED BY JESUS FOR WITNESS, SO THAT OTHERS CAN BELIEVE AND BE RECEIVED BY JESUS AND THE FATHER. "He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him Who sent Me."

Truth: Rejection of opportunities to hear the Word is a rejection of Jesus and His Father Who sent Him.

Colossians 3:16 IN WORSHIP, CHRIST BRINGS HIS WORD TO DWELL IN US IN ALL WISDOM, SO WE AS BELIEVERS CAN TEACH AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER RIGHTLY WITH PSALMS, HYMNS AND SONGS. "LET THE Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD." Truth: we need the Word of Christ dwelling in us in wisdom so that we sing, teach and encourage each other in the Lord.

I Corinthians 12:26 IN THE CONGREGATION WE REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE AND SUFFER WITH THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING, THEREFORE FULFILLING OUR GOSPEL PURPOSE IN JESUS CHRIST. "and if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." Truth: our loving work of caring for each other as believers will not happen readily when we are often apart.

Hebrews 10:25 IN WORSHIP, WE TRULY HONOR THE LORD'S DAY AND REMAIN READY FOR HIS APPEARING. "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Truth: God commands us believers to worship Him and hear His Word, not because He needs this, but because this is the way He keeps us ready for Jesus' Second appearing.

How healthy is your spiritual life and your worship life? True worship is an attitude of the heart, expressed in correct words and forms of truth! Responding to God's love which He visibly shows us at Christmas, come to worship with us for all of these reasons.

Rejoicing in God's truth in Jesus, and grateful to join you in worshipping Jesus our God and Savior,

Paster Boelter

Advent and Christmas are Upon Us!

Our Advent Worship Schedule began Wednesday, November 30 with worship at 11:15 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Midweek Services are held on each Wednesday: November 30, December 7 and December 14th. Our special sermon series this year is: "Be Born in Us Today." We are reminded this season that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us each day to strengthen and to support us, to save us and to renew us. We are changed by His presence within as we become more and more like Him in the living of our lives.

Wednesday November 30: Based on Genesis 12:2, we hear the Good News that God promises Abraham that an offspring from his line would bring blessing to all! When our Lord Jesus was born, that promise came true with abundance! The theme of this day is: "Born in Us Today: Bringing Blessing."

Wednesday December 7: In this Second midweek worship service, we turn to Isaiah 40:31. Here the Prophet Isaiah declares that a Holy One from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and the weary. Jesus Christ's birth restores our strength that we might serve Him. The theme of our Second Midweek Service is: "Be Born in Us Today: Bringing Renewal."

Wednesday December 14: In our third Midweek services, we turn to Psalm 31:3. The children of Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years, often doubting God's plan for them. With the arrival of Jesus in our world, we have a clear path to the promised land of heaven through Him Who alone is the Way. Our Theme is "Be Born in us Today: Bringing Guidance."

Come Join us each Wednesday at 11:15 A.M. or 7:00 P.M. to sing our Advent hymns, to share in a special liturgy, and to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth and His promised Second Coming. Each service is approximately 45 minutes in length.

Adoring Him with Our Gifts

Throughout Scripture, everyone who has come into the presence of the Lord has been in awe of Him and has adored Him. Think of Moses and the burning bush. Quietly watching over his father-in-law's sheep, Moses saw a bush on fire but not being consumed. When God spoke to Moses telling him to remove his shoes, Moses realized who was speaking,

and "Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God" (Exodus 3:6). But he listened and spent 40 years showing adoration to God by obediently leading God's people according to God's direction.

Isaiah writes about the vision through which God called him to be His prophet: "I saw the Lord. . . high and exalted. . . [and the angels] were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.'" His reaction was to confess his sinfulness and, like Moses, to adore God by answering His question, "Whom shall I send?" with "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-8).

This is the Christmas season, and we cannot help but think of the Wise Men, too, who came in search of the newborn King, bringing their gifts and bowing before Him in adoration. Matthew 2:11 records, "On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him." And they offered to the Christ Child the gifts they had brought for Him, "gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

The shepherds adored Him, too. They heard about Jesus from the angels as they sat outdoors watching their sheep and ran to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child. They didn't have gifts to bring as the Magi did, but they, too, responded in adoration. Luke writes, "When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them" (Luke 2:17-18).

God gives gifts to each of us and uses us to tell the Good News of the birth of His Son Who came to bring us forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Some of us, like the, Wise Men, are blessed with monetary gifts to be used to support mission and ministry. Others of us are more like the shepherds, able to "spread the word concerning what [we] have been told. . . about this Child" By God's grace, all of us can respond in faithful obedience to God's Word. In these ways, we adore our Savior.

Sunday Worship During December and January:

Sunday December 4: 8:15 Holy Communion; 10:45 Divine Worship. 12:00-3:30: Living Nativity

Sunday December 11: 8:15 worship, 10:45 A.M. Holy Communion.

Sunday December 18: 8: 15 worship service with Holy Communion... "Be Born in us Today: Bringing Power" based on Exodus 15:6; 10:45 Children's Christmas Worship Service

Saturday, December 24: TWO SERVICES CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00 P.M. with Communion; 10:00 P.M. Candlelight Late Service

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day ONE Special, Christmas SERVICE ONLY! HOLY COMMUNION Celebrated At 10:45. NO BIBLE CLASS/Sun. School (No 8:15 am Service)

Sunday, January 1, 2023: ONE New Year's Day Service at 10:45 A.M. With Holy Communion. NO BIBLE CLASS or SUNDAY SCHOOL (No 8:15 am Service)

Christmas Eve Services:

Our Service Times are once again 5:00 and 10:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve. Our Divine service at 5 will include the Sacrament of the Altar. Both services will be celebrated under the theme: "Born in us Today: Bringing Light" based on Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior Who is Christ the Lord." Both services will be candlelight services, concluding with the singing of "Silent Night" as is our tradition. Our services will be narrative in nature, with 3 brief messages, interspersed with the Christmas Gospel and many, many of our favorite Christmas hymns!

Remember: for the 5:00 Service, we welcome fellow Lutherans and those who have communed with us before to join us at the Lord's Table. However, if you are inviting guests, please make plans to have them speak with the pastor or one of our elders **before** attending the Lord's Supper with us, so that each communicant receives the Sacrament to their soul's

health and not in unbelief. We ask all who commune with us to examine their lives and hearts with us by answering the following questions as God’s Word directs:

1. Am I truly sorry for my sins? Psalm 51. Only penitent believers should receive the reconciliation of God in Christ in the Sacrament.
2. Do I believe that I receive the True Body and Blood of Jesus in, with and under the forms of bread and wine? Jesus says: “This IS.” I Cor 10:16. We are to believe Him.
3. Do I believe with the Body and Blood of Jesus, I truly and actually receive the forgiveness of my sins? Jesus says: “For the remission of sins.” We are to take Jesus at His Word of promise. Matthew 26:28.
4. Is there anyone with whom I need to reconcile before I receive the reconciliation of God in Christ in the Sacrament? (Mt. 5:23-24).
5. Do I promise to amend my sinful life with the power of the Holy Spirit as He works through Word and Sacrament in my life? (John 8:11) (Eph.4: 22-24).

These heartfelt questions, if answered with faith and truth, will help your family and friends prepare beforehand before coming to receive the Body and Blood of our incarnate God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Day

ONE Service on December 25th at 10:45 A.M. Holy Communion will again be celebrated. Our Advent and Christmas theme continues as we celebrate “Born in us Today: Bringing Salvation” based upon Psalm 85: 7 where we read: “Show us Your steadfast love O LORD and grant us Your salvation.” Join us this blessed Christmas morning as we gather for worship and continue to sing our favorite Christmas hymns.

Advent Dinners

will be held On Wednesday November 30, December 7 and December 11 from 5:30-6:45 P.M. in our Church Library. Individual families and groups will be sponsoring these three dinners, so do call ahead to register your attendance to help with food preparation. Come join us, enjoy a nice dinner with your church family and then worship with us at 7:00! We look forward to seeing you! A free will offering will be taken to help our serving family defer costs. Thank you.

Official Acts

The following Official Acts were performed by your pastor on behalf of the congregation:

Holy Baptism

Maddison Rose McBratnie- daughter of Joshua D. McBratnie and his wife, Mary R. ne’e Loria McBratnie, born July 2, 2022, at Troy Beaumont Hospital. Baptized Sunday, October 23, 2022. Godparents: Leo Loria and Kristie Loria. Officiant Pastor Boelter.

Christian Burial

John Thomas Jenó- died in the Lord August 28, 2022, in Warren, MI. Funeral Service Temrowski Funeral Home, Warren, MI. Committal: Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI September 2, 2022. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Patricia Kathleen Kennedy- died in the Lord October 4, 2022. Cremation. Memorial Service held on October 29, 2022, at Christ the King. Pastor Boelter officiating.

Holy Marriage

Renewal of Vows: Michael William Snyder and Amanda Cecelia ne'e Josefiak Snyder, ceremony October 21, 2022. St. Clair, MI. Pastor Boelter officiating.

To be performed: Mitchell Vaughn Bantien and Brooke Marie Brown, to be joined in Holy Marriage December 9, 2022, at the Lafayette Grande in Pontiac, MI. Witnesses: Sara Bain and Kyle Cosens, Pastor Boelter to officiate.

Confirmation Instruction Resumes this January 10th, 2023, from 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

We are most happy to inform the congregation that our 2023 Confirmation Program is off to a great start in terms of our plans!

Our new year of instruction begins for Levels I and II this year on Tuesday evening, January 10, 2023!

Level I, which is the starting class in our three-year program, is again being taught this year by Jennifer Knapp. We have at least one student enrolled for instruction at this time in Level I which begins study of the 10 Commandments, the Books of the Bible, Church History and a unit on Lutheran Church History.

Level II, which will consist of the three students who successfully completed their Level I course with Mrs. Knapp will be moving into their review of the Commandments and their Meanings, instruction in the Articles of the Creed and their Explanations, and Instruction regarding the Sacrament of Baptism and the Table of Duties for the Christian. Level II Class will also be taught from 5:30- 6:30 and will encompass 19 sessions.

Classes begin January 10 and are held each Tuesday evening, breaking for the Grosse Pointe School's Winter Break on February 21, Spring Break on March 28 and Holy Week April 4. Level II class will run until May 9, and then break for the summer. Classes will resume after the Summer Break on September 12 and run until October 3rd. Students who successfully complete their courses of instruction with Mrs. Knapp in Level I will then move to Level II with Pastor Boelter, and Level II students who complete their instruction with Pastor Boelter will proceed to Level III with Pastor Boelter in January of 2024.

If you have a student who is confirmation age and you would like to start them in our Level I program, please contact the Church office by December 15th so that materials can be ordered, and we can make plans for instruction. You may call Pastor Boelter at 313-884-5090 or email him at rsboelter@christthekinggp.org or call Jennifer Knapp regarding Level I instruction at 313-886-1455.

Students who enter our program must make a commitment to attend class regularly, complete assignments and come to worship regularly with their parents. We look forward to another great year of learning and growing in our faith and in our understanding of God's Word. Each Student will need a Bible, preferably an English Standard Version Bible and a Copy of Luther's Small Catechism, which you can order online from Concordia Publishing House. Workbooks will be provided, and we will simply ask parents to remit the cost of the workbook to the congregation. The workbook for Pastor Boelter's Level II Class will also be used a Second Year for Level III!

Any Questions do not hesitate to call us! We look forward to another great year!

Preschool News

Dear Parishioners,
A few highlights and announcements....

Our school year so far has been nothing but AMAZING! It certainly has flown by and I can't believe it's the Christmas season already! What a wonderful time it is though!!

*Our little ones and families are sooo excited for the Living Nativity we have quite a few already signed up to participate!!!

*The 2023-2024 school year Priority registration will begin January 31st!

*Our Open House will take place on February 5th from 1pm to 3pm! Spread the word! We have several different programs for the families to choose from!

*We are having amazing success with our Moms and Twos program and are already full for our winter session! Please continue to spread the word and pray these families not only join our preschool family but the church family as well!!!

Again, thank you for All your continued support!!

In Christ,
Melissa Pieper

You may give your offerings and special gifts to CtK via the link on our website at any time!

If you are behind in the giving of your regular offerings, please bring your offerings to the church as soon as you can, so that the obligations of the ministry of our church and preschool can continue to be met in a timely way. Did you know that you can donate each week through our secure website link? You can go to our webpage at any time by typing "Christ the King Grosse Pointe." When our website comes up, scroll down the home page and click on the link entitled "Donate Now." We encourage those of you for whom this is a better option to use the link regularly! Please help us by passing the word about this option to your family and friends!

Sticker Activity

A special Sticker Activity for Advent is available for our Sunday School aged children. On the first day of December, the students can assemble the manger which is provided. Then, each day, a devotion and a new sticker is added to the manger, telling the story of our Savior's birth. The activity is entitled "Great Joy!" If you would like one for your children, please come to the church office and we will provide you with one for your child or grandchild.



The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to Christ the King based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card with Christ the King Grosse Pointe, all you have to do is swipe your Shopper's Card and Kroger will donate a percentage of your spending to us.

Enrollment is easy, and only takes a minute or two!

1. Create an online Kroger account. If you already have an online shopper account linked to your Kroger Shopper's Card, move to the next step.
2. Link your card to Christ the King Grosse Pointe by searching for us by name.
3. Any transactions moving forward using your Shopper's Card associated with your online account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you.

Gifts and Memorials

The following gifts and memorials were received at Christ the King Lutheran Church. While we are most grateful for all gifts received, only gifts of \$25.00 or higher are publicly acknowledged. We thank the Lord for the Christian generosity and kindness of each giver. Gifts were received from the following individuals:

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Burns	Ms. Sue Mack	Ms. Barb Reitzloff
Dr. J. Tilles	Mr. Walter Dailey	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Sedrowski
Mr. & Mrs. James Ropes	Mr. Elliott Fuller	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mullinger
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Koeppe	Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Champine	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Bohannon
Ms. Faye Anderson	Ms. Elaine Martin	Ms. Linda Jacobi
Mrs. Linda Sieszputowski	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nuechterlein	Ms. Joanne Demos
Ms. Jenna Carroll	Ms. Christine Rhoton	Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Newman
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nuechterlein	Mr. & Mrs. James Touhey	Ms. Karen Westrick
Ms. Patricia Caruso	Ms. Beverly Zimmermann	Mr. & Mrs. Jan Hendrickson
Ms. Diane DeNardis	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hager	Mr. Robert Wicks
Ms. Judith Dettloff	Mr. & Mrs. William Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Miller
Mr. & Mrs. John Stempfle	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Linsdeau	Mr. & Mrs. Mimmio Padovini
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Fedell	Mr. Scott Forster	Mr. & Mrs. James Dane
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Gade	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Shanley	



Jeffery and Jennifer Knapp	12/17
Edward and Janis Fleck	12/19
Michael and Linda Renema	12/19
Murray and Margaret Davis	01/14



Deann Newman	12/04
Linda Sieszputowski	12/08
Lynn DeSantis	12/09
Nick Sedrowski	12/12
Rob Burns	12/13
Hassan Azar	12/14
Sue Mack	12/15

James Paavola	12/15
Roland Bernardi	12/18
Paul Navetta	12/19
John Anderson	12/20
Robert Hays	12/20
Kevin Paavola	12/20
Bret Samyn	12/24
Jenna Isherwood	12/28
Murray Davis	12/29
Heidi Genzman	12/29
Lisa Segletes	12/29
Diane Droege	12/31
Heidi Zook	12/31
Lukas Finkelmeier	01/03
Michael Mullinger Sr.	01/03
Michael Mullinger Jr.	01/04
Wesley Peters	01/04
Roy Pochert	01/04
Judith Dettloff	01/06

Madelyn Fabry	01/06
Robert Heiss	01/06
Lisa Bush	01/10
Katherine Knapp	01/15
Audrene Apostolos	01/16
Michelle Allen	01/17
Scott Forster	01/17
Cameron VandeVorde	01/17
Noel Paavola	01/22
Barbara Chase	01/23
Mila Quartana	01/24
Julie Tavery	01/25
Elliott Fuller	01/26
Lori Sedrowski	01/28

New Year Resolutions

In chapter 4, beginning with verse 13, James talks about our planning. He reminds us that our lives and plans and futures are in God's hands, and that we should pray, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that" (verse 15). With that preface, then, we can begin to do some self-evaluation of how we can best spend our time, abilities, and resources. A new year can provide a new resolve and commitment to do many things in a new and better way. We may find that our priorities are a little skewed. Our lifestyles could possibly use some redirection, and a New Year's resolution based on God's plan for us could be what we need.

How can we make our resolutions a reality? One way is to talk with one of the members of the church staff or the chairperson of one of our boards and volunteer our time, energy, and abilities. Another commitment may be to spend more time reading God's Word and join a Bible Study group to stimulate spiritual growth. We may find that God is leading us to increase our knowledge and commitment in the area of our financial stewardship as well. God has blessed us so we may be a blessing to others.

The Apostle Paul tells us, "work out your salvation with fear and trembling, because, he adds, "it is God Who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose. " (Philippians 2:12-13). To the faithful, God has made known his will and purpose which is "to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ (Ephesians 1:10). God wants us to have a relationship with Jesus as the head. The personal relationship Jesus develops with us compels us to serve and honor Him through our faithful stewardship. Faith enables us to understand that we "are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). May it be our resolve and commitment to do what we were "created to do" as God's workmanship.

Congregation Survey of Needs to Begin in January 2023!

The first step in the calling of a New Pastor to begin work here at Christ the King sometime in June of 2024 will be our congregation completing a survey of needs which will make clear the congregation's desires regarding its ministry and

future goals. Not only will the congregation's voice be made known through the results of this survey, this information will eventually assist the congregation in its selection of its next pastor, and the same results will be of help to any pastoral candidate who receives a Divine Call from our congregation in assessing our needs and his own personal gifts and abilities.

The survey to be taken by all MEMBERS will come from our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and will poll the congregation's mind and heart on a variety of topics such as worship, outreach, current ministry and ministry the congregation hopes to initiate. The survey will be sent from an entity in our Synod to our congregation's leaders, and your leaders will then roll-out the survey to the congregation, making it available sometime very early in January 2023. The congregation will have the month of January to take the survey. More information about the roll out of this survey will come to you by letter, by email and by newsletter and by special announcements made in our Sunday Bulletin Supplement. Look for this information at the end of December and in the beginning of January.

After the survey is taken and the results are gathered electronically through this program, the Synod will return the results to our officers, who will begin a process of making the results known to our congregation for discussion. We can tell you that the survey will be an on-line format. Those who may not have access to the internet will be able to reach out to our officers for assistance and take the survey. Our officers will avail themselves to helping those without computer access to participate in the survey. We understand that no paper surveys will be utilized. The survey will be completed in January, so that results are available to share with our District President in March 2023. In mid-March, a special meeting is planned with our church officers, District President and Circuit Visitor in attendance to discuss the survey's results and to receive the assistance of our District President, not only in establishing a time-table for our call process, but to help him begin the process of preparing a list of call candidates for our Divine Call to be extended in 2024.

There is much work that will have to be done in 2023 to keep our congregation on track for the calling its next pastor early in 2024. It will all begin with you taking the survey in January. Please do your part to participate and to be diligent in your responses, thinking through all questions carefully. You can be sure that your leaders will be keeping you informed throughout the entire call process, not only sharing the time-line of activities that must take place, but also gathering with the congregation to share vital information and to provide helpful updates. Eventually, the Call Committee will present a list of candidates to the congregation, make a recommendation to the congregation of the candidate they feel should be called, and then ask the congregation to vote and extend the Divine Call to the candidate of the congregation's choice. This will only happen after due publicity and proper consideration of the list of candidates is made by the congregation. The constitution calls for the pastor to be elected by 2/3 a majority vote by ballot, and this vote is then made unanimous and a Divine Call is extended.

This is an exciting time for us at Christ the King. Our Constitution and Bylaws calls for the chairman of our congregation, Ed Fleck, to appoint a call committee. Please refer to Article 6 of our Constitution and Bylaws, pages 9-10. If you as a member do not have a copy of Christ the King's Constitution and Bylaws, you may obtain one by contacting the Church office during business hours. The constitution requires that the Call Committee "shall include the current Pastor, the Executive Board and the Board of Elders." Other members in good standing in the congregation may also be appointed by the Congregation's Chairman to serve on the Call Committee at his discretion.

For the time being, you can expect to hear more from our leaders very soon about the survey, which is "step one" in this process. We believe with all of our heart that the process of calling a pastor is led in the Church by God's Holy Spirit. While we are called by God to make a prayerful, diligent effort, God already knows who the next Pastor of our congregation will be and He will reveal that man to us in time. We believe that through this process in the Church, God, Who is a God of decency and order, calls men to this Holy Office by the power of His Holy Spirit. It is a tremendous privilege for all of us as members of our congregation to be part of God's work in this process. It will be up to us to do our part responsibly and with diligence and prayer.

With that being said, look this January for information about our Congregational Survey!

Living Nativity...Sunday, December 4, 2022.

Our Annual Living Nativity will be held Sunday afternoon, December 4 from 12:30-3:30 P.M. We are grateful for Grant Harris and Nancy Josefiak organizing the details of the event.

This event is always greatly anticipated by our community, and it has been a unique way for us to reach out to our Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities with the Good News of the Christmas Gospel.

We are always in need of willing volunteers to work in our kitchen, to help the children change into their nativity costumes, to help welcome and hand out invitations to join us for Christmas worship, and to work securing our church and the grounds during the activity. The living tableau of children and animals is repeated each 30 minutes so that more children can participate. We thank Mr. Tom Weiss for helping us with sound and with video services, as he has done now for over 35 years! Come and help us welcome the Newborn King Jesus, and help us welcome our community to Christ the King!

You may sign up to have your children be a part of the Live Nativity by calling Melissa Pieper in our Preschool. She will help schedule your child!

Three Nights of Concerts at Christ the King: December 15-16 and 17!

Alongside our Live Nativity, we have three other great community events planned at Christ the King for the celebration of Christmas. The Grosse Pointe North Choir will perform their Christmas Concert in our church nave on Thursday Night, December 15 and Saturday night December 17th at 7:00 P.M. The house will be full those evenings, and we welcome you to come and enjoy the evening with us! Tickets will be on sale at the door. Members can also help us host the event by welcoming the public and by helping us with security.

Friday December 16th...will host the Judelaires performing their Christmas Concert for us at 7 P.M. The Judelaires have been performing their Christmas Concert with us now for over 35 consecutive years!

The evening will host many beloved Christmas hymns and favorite traditional tunes. A reception will be held for the Judelaires in our Library after the concert. You can help us by sharing some homemade Christmas cookies for this event! Helpers are also needed for welcoming the public, ushering, and helping us serve during the afterglow in our Library. This is another evening that many people look forward to each year...and we are so blessed to be able to invite people to our beautifully decorated Church during the Advent/Christmas Season.

A free will offering is taken for the Judelaires that evening. Please mark your calendars and come!

Sunday School Children's Rehearsal Dates:

In order to prepare for their Sunday School Children's Service at 10:45 on Sunday December 18th, our Sunday School Children will rehearse here at Church on Saturday, December 10 and Saturday December 17 from 10-11:00 A.M. We also welcome any siblings and parents who would like to help us! Even if only singing with us and sharing your support, we welcome your participation! If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer your talents, please call Deann Newman at 313-919-3434 or email her at denewman@comcast.net.

"80 for 80"

We thank the Lord...and we thank all of you who participated! We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has so generously donated to our "80 for 80" project celebrating our 80th Year here at Christ the King.

Our goal this year was to raise 8% of the balance of our mortgage above and beyond our normal, weekly plate giving to reduce our mortgage more quickly. We are so happy to report to you that over \$34,000.00 was raised this year, which will greatly help us toward an earlier mortgage pay-off. This is especially important as our loan is scheduled to be readjusted in 2024 with a higher interest rate, and as you know, interest rates are now rising quickly. As stated in other communications, we also wish to eradicate our mortgage as soon as we can so the congregation and our next pastor can have a greater ability to expand and enhance our existing day-to-day ministry in directions that we cannot presently go with our monthly mortgage. The LORD has been so good to us! Presently, our mortgage now stands at \$ 271,049,00. Our “80 for 80” was a simple thank-offering, challenging each household of our congregation to give an \$ 80.00 contribution (or whatever one could afford) to thank God for our 80 years of blessing. Again, thank you one and all who participated. The “80 for 80” Thank-offering ends on December 31st of this year, 2022. For any who would still like to participate, we welcome you to do so, and thank God for your love and generosity.

Bring a Friend to worship with you this Season! Our beautifully decorated church is a perfect time to welcome someone to come and worship with you and receive Christ’s heavenly gifts. Who could you invite to rejoice in God’s comfort and grace with us this season?

Offering Envelopes for 2023- will be made available to you as soon as they arrive! So far, the company has been behind in our church’s order...but we will have them ready for your pick up as soon as we can...we are hoping they will be here by Christmas! If they do arrive in early December, please do not utilize the 2023 envelopes until after the 1st of January!



Thursday, December 1, 2022	- 10:30 AM	- Sunrise Service
Sunday, December 4, 2022	- 8:15 AM	- Service with Holy Communion
	- 9:30 AM	- Adult Bible Class
	- 10:45 AM	- Service
	- 12:30 PM	- Living Nativity
Monday, December 5, 2022	- 10:45 AM	- Preschool Chapel
Tuesday, December 6, 2022	- 7:00 AM	- BNI
	- 10:45 AM	- Preschool Chapel
	- 7:00 PM	- Judelaires Practice

Wednesday, December 7, 2022	-	10:00 AM	-	Bible Class
		11:15 AM	-	Advent Service
		4:30 PM	-	Exercise Class
		5:30 PM	-	Advent Dinner
		7:00 PM	-	Advent Service
Saturday, December 10, 2022	-	9:00 AM	-	Litany
		10:00 AM	-	Sunday School Rehearsal
Sunday, December 11, 2022	-	8:15 AM	-	Service
		9:30 AM	-	Adult Bible Class
		10:45 AM	-	Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	-	7:00 AM	-	BNI
		7:00 PM	-	Judelaire Practice
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	-	10:00 AM	-	Bible Class
		11:15 AM	-	Advent Service
		4:30 PM	-	Exercise Class
		5:30 PM	-	Advent Dinner
		7:00 PM	-	Advent Service
Thursday, December 15, 2022	-	10:30 AM	-	Sunrise Service
		7:00 PM	-	Grosse Pointe North Concert
Friday, December 16, 2022	-	7:00 PM	-	Judelaire Practice
Saturday, December 17, 2022	-	7:00 PM	-	Grosse Pointe North Concert
		10:00 AM	-	Sunday School Rehearsal
Sunday, December 18, 2022	-	8:15 AM	-	Service with Holy Communion
		9:30 AM	-	Adult Bible Class
		10:45 AM	-	Service w/Children's Program
Tuesday, December 20, 2022	-	7:00 AM	-	BNI
		7:00 PM	-	Judelaire Practice
Wednesday, December 21, 2022	-	10:00 AM	-	Wednesday Bible Class
		4:30 PM	-	Exercise Class
Saturday, December 24, 2022	-	Christmas Eve		No Litany
		5:00 PM	-	Christmas Eve Service
		10:00 PM	-	Christmas Eve Evening Service
Sunday, December 25, 2022	-	Christmas Day		No 8:15 Service
		10:45 AM	-	Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, December 27, 2022	-	7:00 AM	-	BNI
Wednesday, December 28, 2022	-	No Bible Class		
		4:30 PM	-	Exercise Class
Saturday, December 31, 2022	-	New Year's Eve		
Sunday, January 1, 2023	-	New Year's Day		No 8:15 Service
				No Adult Bible Study
		10:45 AM	-	Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	-	7:00 AM	-	BNI

Wednesday, January 4, 2023	-	No Bible Study	
		4:30 PM	- Exercise Class
Thursday, January 5, 2023	-	10:30 AM	- Sunrise Service
Sunday, January 8, 2023	-	8:15 AM	- Service
		9:30 AM	- Adult Bible Class
		10:45 AM	- Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, January 10, 2023	-	7:00 AM	- BNI
		5:30 PM	- Confirmation Class Lv I & II
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	-	No Bible Study	
		4:30 PM	- Exercise Class
Saturday, January 14, 2023	-	9:00 AM	- Litany
Sunday, January 15, 2023	-	8:15 AM	- Service with Holy Communion
		9:30 AM	- Adult Bible Class
		10:45 AM	- Service
Tuesday, January 17, 2023	-	7:00 AM	- BNI
		5:30 PM	- Confirmation Class Lv I & II
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	-	No Bible Study	
		4:30 PM	- Exercise Class
Thursday, January 19, 2023	-	10:30 AM	- Sunrise Service
Sunday, January 22, 2023	-	8:15 AM	- Service
		9:30 AM	- Adult Bible Class
		10:45 AM	- Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	-	7:00 AM	- BNI
		5:30 PM	- Confirmation Class Lv I & II
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	-	10:00 AM	- Bible Class Resumes
		4:30 PM	- Exercise Class
Saturday, January 28, 2023	-	9:00 AM	- Litany
Sunday, January 29, 2023	-	9:30 AM	- Adult Bible Class
Sunday, January 31, 2023	-	7:00 AM	- BNI
		5:30 PM	- Confirmation Class Lv I & II