

The Mission of Christ the King

To Shine the light of Jesus, Reflect his unconditional love, and Mirror his kindness to all people.



www.CtKTwinsburg.com

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

- Adopt-A-Family p. 9
- Blue Christmas Worship p. 2
- November Election Results p. 9
- SCS Christmas Pageant p. 2

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHRIST THE KING STAFF

O Lord our God,
 with Mary and Joseph,
 angels and shepherds,
 and the animals in the stable,
 we gather around your Son, born for us.
 Bless us with your holy presence,
 and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell.
 Be with us that we might share Christ's love with all the world,
 for he is our light and salvation.
 Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

God with us:
 You came as a baby to a manger.
 You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.
 You come again in bread and wine.
 Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.
 And then, through these gifts,
 help us to bless the lives of others
 in the strength of your holy name.



Pastor Matthew

Lisa

Rita

Wendy

Jean

BLUE CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP DECEMBER 20TH



While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. A Blue Christmas service may provide a time and place of solace during the often frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year, the official start of winter. Tradition says that nature and all her creatures stop and hold their breath to see if the sun will turn back from its wanderings, if the days will lengthen and the earth will once again feel the sun's warmth. On this darkest day of the year, we come with our honest yearnings seeking the return of light and hope.

Christ the King will hold its second annual Blue Christmas service at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 20th. The service will include scripture, song, a rite of healing with laying on of hands and anointing with oil, and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. A coffee and cookie reception will follow. Sign up to bring cookies or another treat to share.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

ALL CONGREGATIONAL
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 3, 2-4 PM

Christ the King will join our homebound family with song and joy. Everyone is welcome to come along. Bring a plate of cookies to enjoy with hot chocolate when we return.

Min. of Discipleship & Youth



ADVENT BEGINS SOON. DEVOTIONALS FOR ALL!

Advent is the four-week-long season of hope and reflection leading up to the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth. Advent this year begins December 3rd. Each week through December 24th we will light a candle on the Advent wreath at weekend worship services.

A display of Advent devotional material is near the mailbox hallway. There are publications for children, teens, adults, and families, so find one to enhance your personal daily prayer and reflection time.



The Sunday Church School (ages 3-103) will present a Christmas fantasy

SLEEPOVER AT THE STABLE*

DECEMBER 10, 9:45 AM

If you and your children want to be part of this production, come to

Sunday Church School to find out more.

*by Douglas J Eboch, Meriwether Publishing Ltd.,
Contemporary Drama Service

Min. of Discipleship & Youth



O NIGHT DIVINE TO BE PERFORMED
DURING WORSHIP DECEMBER 17TH

CtK Music Director Kevin Basom will lead the Christ the King singers in the Christmas cantata, *O Night Divine* by Kenna Turner West, Dale Matthews, & Steve Mauldin, at worship on Sunday, December 17th. Interested singers will rehearse at 7 PM on three Wednesdays beginning November 29th. Sign up on the bulletin board to participate.

The cantata includes a variety of song styles, including familiar Christmas hymns and some songs with music reminiscent of Trans-Siberian Orchestra arrangements. Join us at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM December 17th to hear this joyous musical celebration of Christ's birth!



DIRECTORY

Christ the King Lutheran Church
10285 Ravenna Road
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Phone: 330-425-7377
www.CtKTwinsburg.com



Reverend Matthew Groenke, *Senior Pastor*
pmatthew@CtKTwinsburg.com x109

Deacon Patricia Jabre, *Minister of Discipleship & Youth*
pjabre@CtKTwinsburg.com x106

Kevin Basom, *Director of Music*

Linda Mondry, *Saturday Worship Musician*

Wendy Gibbons, *Office Administrator*
wgibbons@CtKTwinsburg.com x102



SEASONAL DECORATING AT CTK

It's time to deck the halls at CtK for Advent and Christmas. Sandy Molnar has created a plan for getting decorations from storage and putting them up beginning November 26th. See the sign-up bulletin board to choose the decorating tasks you'd like to tackle. See Sandy for details.

SIGN UP FOR POINSETTIAS

Red or white poinsettias for the chancel for Christmas may be ordered through Sunday, December 17th. For \$11 you get a 10-inch pot holding three plants. Please note on the sign-up sheet if the flower is in honor of or in memory of someone. The commemorations will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship bulletins.



You may take your poinsettia home after 10 AM Christmas Day worship. If you do not wish to take it home, please note that on the sign-up sheet so that the flower may be given to a shut-in in a timely manner. Please make your payment to *Christ the King*, and include it in your giving envelope. See Janet Nezbeda if you have questions.



LAFF TO A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE MUSICAL

On Saturday night, December 9, Life After Fifty Fellowship (& Friends!) will attend Weathervane Playhouse's 7:30 PM production of *A Christmas Carol, the Musical*. Group tickets (12 or more) are \$16. Fewer than 12 raises the ticket price to \$22. We will go to dinner (optional) before the performance at Papa Joe's/Iacomini's Italian Restaurant right around the corner from the theater at 5:30. Carpools will leave CtK at 4:45 PM.

Because this is such a popular production, the final count needs to be given to Weathervane in advance to allow them to sell unused reserved seats. Sign up on the LAFF kiosk by Friday, December 1st to be included. Maps are on the kiosk. Questions and ticket money go to Shirley Duffy. God bless us, everyone!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

At 9:30 AM Sunday, December 24th, we will celebrate the fourth Sunday in Advent with a single, blended style worship service with Holy Communion.



Our Christmas Eve worship services with Carols, Candlelight, Holy Communion, and special music will be at 7 PM and 9 PM that evening.

Please note that there will be no Saturday worship on December 23rd, and there is no Sunday school December 24th or 31st.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day worship will be at 10 AM Monday, December 25th. The service will include Christmas carols and Holy Communion.



NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND - LESSONS & CAROLS

On Saturday, December 30th, CtK will hold 5:30 PM worship service with Holy Communion. On Sunday, December 31st, there will be a single 9:30 AM worship service with Holy Communion. Each service includes Lessons and Carols. There is no Sunday church school.



SHINING THE LIGHT AT CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Look for a sign-up sheet to help with either 7 PM or 9 PM Christmas Eve worship or 10 AM Christmas Day worship. We will need greeters, ushers, acolytes, lectors, communion assistants, communion set-up & clean-up helpers, nursery volunteers, and coffee makers.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Music



Talk to Music Director Kevin Basom by December 17th to present special Christmas music at either Christmas Eve worship service. Talk to Saturday Musician Linda Mondry to share a musical number on Christmas Day. Both vocalists and instrumentalists are encouraged to share their musical gifts at worship.

WOMEN OF FAITH....

"She followed her aunt to the segregated coach." The dining car was off limits to them so they ate sandwiches from their picnic basket packed for the three-day train ride from New Orleans - "sixteen-year-old Mahalia Jackson stepped foot onto the streets of Chicago. Until now her "universe was her family and Mount Moriah Baptist Church... Even as a child Mahalia knew she possessed a special gift-an uncommonly powerful voice."



The first thing Mahalia did in Chicago was find a church, Greater Salem Baptist Church, and she was soon touring with the Johnson Singers, Chicago's first professional gospel group. They sang for as little as \$1.50 a night. She referred to herself as a "fish and bread singer." By 1938, age 27, she was married and had made her first recording with Decca Records.

Influential figures tried to convince her to broaden her repertoire include secular genres. She refused, vowing to sing only gospel. She called it "the staff of life." This refusal led to her divorce. A DJ Louis Terkel interviewed her and continued to play her only recording, introducing her voice to the world beyond the black church community. By 1948 she recorded *Move On Up a Little Higher*, selling millions of copies, and becoming the highest-selling gospel single in history.

She sang at Carnegie Hall in 1950 to a racially segregated audience and by 1954 had her own gospel program on CBS Television. She made her debut on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1956. By the end of the decade she had achieved international fame, performing at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961.

She toured extensively but still faced racism and segregation everywhere, especially in the south. Despite earning thousands of dollars, she was not served at restaurants, gas stations, restrooms, or hotels. Even in Chicago her home was hit by rifle pellets. "Mahalia's fame and her personal struggle with racism made her a natural advocate for the civil rights movement."

Civil rights leaders called on her to lend both her powerful voice and financial support to rallies, marches, and demonstrations. Gospel music became the soundtrack to the civil rights movement with her at the forefront. She was invited by Martin Luther King, Jr. to sing at the 1963 march on Washington, the largest demonstration in the history of the nation. Five years later she sang at King's funeral.

She enrolled in only one music class. When the teacher suggested she sing slower and sweeter to appeal to more white folks, she walked out, never to take another lesson. "Her style-dramatic, loud and demonstrative—was her own and she sang for one reason only: to 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord.' "

Check out her music on YouTube if you want a truly uplifting connection to your Lord!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVxl7UI4Ink>

*All quotes are credited to *50 Women Every Christian Should Know*, DeRusha

Deacon Patricia Jabre

Women are often mentioned in the Bible as conduits of faith. Both Jesus and Paul recognized them as leaders in the faith community. Sadly, the politics of Medieval Europe obscured contributions of women in many aspects of the culture, including those of faith. During 2017, which is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I hope to bring to light the context and life of women without whom the church would be a different entity.

STAR LIGHT STAR BRIGHT

A star lit the night and brought the faithful to celebrate a new birth.



Jesus came as a little child to give us a gift. Actually, many gifts, that we might become rich.

- ✦ Rich in faith
- ✦ Rich in Christ
- ✦ Rich in hope
- ✦ Rich in eternal life

These precious gifts are given freely to all of us by our Creator.

Let us not be consumers of religion, but true Stewards of God's manifold gifts.

Let your light shine to celebrate Christ's life every day, not just at Christmas. Let us keep Christmas alive every day and keep shining His light.

Sandy Molnar, Financial Secretary



DIRECTED THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Christ the King received a gift in the amount of \$427 in November from Thrivent. The following members of Thrivent requested we receive this gift. Thank you for your support.

- | | |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Rob Doty | Rev Matthew Groenke |
| Lisa Doty | Sandy Molnar |

TAKE A BOOK LEAVE A BOOK

A bookshelf has been moved into the narthex immediately left of the Giving Center. Many of us have home bookshelves overflowing with books we have enjoyed and shared with others, but that we haven't the heart to throw into the recycle bin. Bring those books to the shelves!



Check out the shelves. See something interesting? **Feel free to take it home. There's no librarian or rules** for returning. Read the book, share the book, keep the book, or return it to the shelves. If you put a book there it may not come back. If you have a book you wish to donate to CtK, please indicate that on the fly leaf, then whoever takes that book should return it. Books that languish on the shelf will be given to the Twinsburg Library. Happy reading!

FAREWELL TO PAM GARRUD

On Sunday, November 19th, the 8:30 worship service included a tearful Farewell & Godspeed to CtK member Rev. Pam Garrud. She & her husband, Trevor, are moving to Edinburgh, Scotland at the end of November so that Pam can begin her tenure as Chaplain at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People on December 4th. They will live in temporary housing in the Edinburgh area while they search for permanent housing.



Pam & Trevor met in 1991 in London, and they were married there in 1992. Pam has attended CtK since late 2009 - she first visited CtK because she'd received a postcard advertising our Christmas services! - and has been a member since April 2011. Ordained in the British Methodist Church, Pam has served at CtK as supply pastor, lector, communion assistant, lay prayer leader, Saturday worship song leader, cantata participant and adult Sunday school teacher. Farewell, Pam. You will be missed, but we can find you on Facebook!



NEWEST CTK MEMBER BAPTIZED

On Sunday, November 12th, Owen Christopher Smith was baptized at 11 AM worship. Owen, born October 18th, is the first child of Kayla & Eric Smith. **Kayla is Rae & Ray Kendrick's granddaughter.** Sponsors for three-week-old Owen are his aunts, Rachel Viti and Shawna Ishihara. In addition to Rae & Ray, **Owen's grandparents and other relatives** witnessed his baptism. Welcome, Owen!

OCTOBER 2017 FINANCE REPORT	
<i>Complete financial information is posted on the kiosk outside the office.</i>	
Operating Income	\$20,641
Other designated income	\$2,863
Total Income	\$23,504
Operating Expenses	\$20,083
Other payments	\$2,618
Total Expenses	\$22,701
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$803
Monthly Budget	\$21,257



The National Youth Gathering Team, currently at six students and two adults, will hold these events:

- January 28 - Chili Cook-off FOR ALL!
- February 10, Saturday 8pm-8am Sunday, February 11, Rock-A-Thon
- February 21 & 28—Lent Suppers & Worship

Look for more information about these projects, and help us get the word out. We need your prayers & participation, your help in making these programs **successful, and your financial assistance.** Talk to CtK's NYG team members who are registered to go to Houston next June for details: Gabrielle Doty, Adam & Elijah Groenke, Justin Hartland, Claire & Lydia Schiopota, Pastor Matthew, and Deacon Patti.

Min. of Discipleship and Youth

YOUR NATIONAL YOUTH
GATHERING TEAM IS
COLLECTING OLD TOWELS



COME EARLY SPRING WHEN YOUR CAR IS
CAKED WITH SALT,
WATCH FOR THE NYG TEAM'S
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CAR WASH!



We will need lots of towels to get your car clean and dry. Please put them in the Giving Center bin.

Minister of Discipleship & Youth

BEER, BRATS, & M-A-R-T-Y A GOOD TIME!

On Saturday, October 28th, CtK celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with the **National Youth Gathering's Beer, Brats, & M-A-R-T-Y (BINGO)** gathering. The brats were exceptional, the side dishes were delicious, and the M-A-R-T-Y was enjoyable for all. We had a special guest - Martin Luther, himself - and a musical presentation by the **Men's Quartet Plus.**

OCTOBER SCS PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1st – 3rd Grades – Noah Lue, Alex Sudnik

4th – 6th Grades – Grace Lue

Adults – Denise Tearney, Amy Williams

CONFIRMATION CORNER...

December 10 class, 5pm, CtK,
Deacon Patti *Saul, David, Solomon;*
Jesus' Lineage.



Sunday, January 14, 2pm—Monday, January 15, CtK, Confirmation Lock-in. We will be studying the Ministry of Christ. Supper will be provided. At 7pm all 7th - 12th grade youth are invited to come and enjoy the lock-in. Monday morning we will be prepping our February 4th Youth Sunday worship. February 11 class, 5pm, Church of the Covenant, Pastor Brad, *The Psalms.*

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday Set up, serve, & clean up Lenten Soup & Sandwich Supper.

Min. of Discipleship & Youth

7th - 12th GRADE YOUTH CORNER



January 14-15, 2018 –Lock-in.
7pm Sunday until 12:00 noon
the next day. We will work on our Youth Sunday Worship Service. Breakfast will be provided. Bring games, DVDs, and ideas for service.

February 4, 2018—Youth Sunday

Min. of Discipleship & Youth



Classes for All Ages

0 OR 103 Years Old?

9:45 on Sunday Mornings

Staffed nursery available for those under 3 years old.

*3 years-Kindergarten - Room 102 - *Amy Williams*

*1, 2, 3 Grades - Room 105

Denise Tearney & Denise Hall

*4, 5, 6 Grades - Room 101 - *Katie Bach*

*7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Grades - Youth Room

Dave Schiopota

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Understanding the Bible - *Simply Good News: Why the Gospel is News and What Makes it Good* by N.T. Wright - Room 103 - *Dave Denes*

Adult Forum on Current Topics - Fellowship Hall

John Humrichouser

Min. of Discipleship & Youth

December 2017

For the most up-to-date event schedule for Christ the King, go to www.cktwinsburg.com/?page_id=72

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <caption>Nov 2017</caption> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <caption>Jan 2018</caption> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div>					S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			S	M	T	W	T	F	S			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			1 Deadline to sign up for 12/9 LAFF event <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Limited</div>	2 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Fresh Start 5:30 PM Worship w/ comm.
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
		1	2	3	4																																																																																					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																				
26	27	28	29	30																																																																																						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
		1	2	3	4	5																																																																																				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																				
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																						
3 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Christmas pageant practice 9:45 AM Sunday Church School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 2:00 PM -4:00 PM Christmas Caroling <i>Holy Communion at both services.</i>	4 9:00 AM Offering Counters 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	5 10:00 AM Pastors' study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - room 105 7:00 PM Finance - rm 103 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Limited office hours - Please call ahead</div>	6 12:00 PM Faith Wednesday 7:00 PM Cantata rehearsal 7:00 PM Outreach	7 7:00 PM Senior Choir	8	9 12:00 PM-3:00 PM Pageant practice & lunch 4:45 PM LAFF copious to dinner & play 5:30 PM Worship w/ comm.																																																																																				
10 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Christmas Program 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Confirmation Class <i>Holy Communion at both services.</i>	11 9:00 AM Offering Counters 10:00 AM Congregational Care 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	12 10:00 AM Pastors' study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - room 105 6:00 PM G. S. 91007, 90691, 39691 - F. Hall 7:00 PM ITSC	13 12:00 PM Faith Wednesday 4:45 PM G. S. Troop 91449 - F. Hall 6:00 PM Worship planning 7:00 PM Cantata rehearsal	14 9:00 AM Cleveland East - Celebration, Chardon 7:00 PM Senior Choir Newsletter deadline	15	16 5:30 PM Worship w/ comm.																																																																																				
17 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday Church School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Council meeting, lunch following office Adopt-A-Family gifts due Deadline to order poinsettias O Night/Dine cantata & Holy Communion at both services Poinsettias sign-up deadline	18 9:00 AM Offering Counters 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Stephen Ministers	19 10:00 AM Pastors' study 1:00 PM Assemble Messenger - room 103	20 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Fellowship hall reserved 10:00 AM Twinsburg Ministerial - Arbor Glen 10:30 AM Mail Messenger 12:00 PM Faith Wednesday 7:00 PM Blue Christmas worship	21 7:00 PM Senior Choir	22 10:30 AM -1:30 PM Office open	23 No Saturday worship today																																																																																				
24 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 7:00 PM Worship with Carols, Candles & Communion 9:00 PM Worship with Carols, Candles, & Communion Christmas Eve	25 10:00 AM Christmas Worship w/communion Christmas Day Office Closed	26 9:00 AM Offering Counters 10:00 AM Pastors' study 1:00 PM Staff meeting <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Limited office hours - please call ahead.</div>	27	28	29	30 5:00 PM Gave at Haven of Rest 5:30 PM Worship with Service of Lessons & Carols and Holy Communion																																																																																				
31 9:30 AM Worship with Service of Lessons & Carols and Holy Communion																																																																																										

Go to ctktwinsburg.com, About Us, Newsletters to see current Weekend Messenger with assistants.
Please contact Wendy in the office to volunteer for any openings shown below.

SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS AT WEEKEND WORSHIP IN DECEMBER 2017						
	December 2 nd & 3 rd	December 9 th & 10 th	December 16 th & 17 th	December 24 th Christmas Eve morning	December 30 th & 31 st	
Acolytes	5:30 pm	Lydia Schiopota	Lydia Schiopota	No Sat. worship today	Lydia Schiopota	
	8:30 am	Madisyn Wise	Julia Noble	9:30 am – Gabrielle Doty	9:30 am – Elijah Groenke	
	11 am	Grace Lue	Jillian Harnak	No Sat. worship today	Dave Denes	
Sat. Worship Assistants, Lectors (L), Communion Assistants (C)	5:30 pm	Dave Denes	Katie Bach	9:30 am – Shirley Duffy (L, C)	9:30 am – Chris Driver (L), Karen Reid (C)	
	8:30 am	Mike Coss (L, C)	Lisa Doty (L), Shirley Duffy (C)	Sally Morris (L, C)		
	11 am	Linda Mondry (L), John Humrichouser (C)	Jenn Lue (L), Kristin W. Goss (C)	Sue Simmons (L), Denise Tiearney (C)		
Lay Prayer Leaders	8:30 am	Mike Coss	Shirley Duffy	Patti Jabre	9:30 am – Jenn Lue	
	11 am	Diane Procop	Karen Reid	Kristin Wedemeyer Goss		
Ushers	5:30 pm	Ron Miller	Dave Denes	No Sat. worship today	Lynne Bailey	
	8:30 am	Joanne & Rich Ciarniello	Kristin Bedford, John McBride	Jean & Mike Coss	9:30 am Kristin Bedford, Wendy Jones	
	11 am	Chris Driver, Ginger Pituch	Chuck Goodnight, Kate Hartland	Linda Bendler, Denise Hall	Chris Spitz	
Greeters	8:30 am	John McBride & D. Urban	Sue Brunst	Joanne & Rich Ciarniello	9:30 am Denise Tiearney	
	11 am	Volunteer needed	Chanon Bortak	Chris Spitz		
Sound Booth	5:30 pm	Charlotte Miller	Wendy Gibbons	Claire Schiopota	Wendy Gibbons	
	8:30 am	Kristin Bedford	Amy Bates, Marge Bowman	Gabrielle Doty	9:30 am – Joanne Ciarniello, Jenn Lue	
Punch Maker	11 am	Sue Simmons	Karen Scarpelli	Jane Zaremba		
	by 9:30	Kate Hartland	Kristin Bedford	Mary Ellen Robinette	Rich Ciarniello	
Coffee Clean-up	After noon	Office Staff	Ginger & Tom Pituch	Sandy Molnar	Office Staff	
January 2018 Messenger Assembly Team: Shirley Duffy, Sandy Molnar, Mary Ellen Robinette, Sue Simmons - Tuesday, December 19, 1 pm in Room 103				January 2018 Messenger news deadline: Thursday, December 14, 2017		
Thanks to Mike & Rita Mitch, Ginger Pituch, and D. Urban for assembling the December Messenger!						

NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

CtK President Rob Doty opened the November 19th Congregational Meeting with the Casting Crowns song *If We Are the Body* to remind us that we are all part of Christ's body. At the meeting these people were elected:

CtK Council Members - two-year term ending December 31, 2019: Tom Pituch, Karen Reid, Mark Tiearney

CtK Endowment Committee Member - four-year term ending December 31, 2021: Kristin Bedford

CtK Nominating Committee Members - one-year term ending December 31, 2019: Mike Coss, Dave Denes, Denise Smith-Hall, John Humrichouser, Sandy Molnar, Janet Nezbeda

A 2018 budget totaling \$251,695 was approved by a show of hands with boters' eyes closed.

Thanks to our outgoing Council members Dave Denes and John Humrichouser for their years of service on Council, our outgoing Endowment Committee member Lisa Doty, and our 2017 Nominating Committee of Kristin Bedford, Bob Bortak, Shirley Duffly, Mike Mitch, Mike Pereksta, and Marty Spitz.

SECOND YEAR FOR ADOPT-A-FAMILY AT CTK

Adopt-a-Family is CtK's holiday collection sponsored by Sunday school and the Outreach Ministry. CtK has "adopted" a Summit County family. The mother is going to school for an accounting degree while providing a peaceful for her seven children as they have left an abusive situation. The family will not receive gifts from any other agency.



Preferred gifts for each family member are listed on ornaments on the Adopt-A-Family tree in the narthex. CtK members are encouraged to choose an ornament, sign the sheet near the tree, and purchase the specified Christmas gift. Please wrap your gift and attach the ornament with the recipient's name on it. There are also some gift card options. The deadline for returning all gifts to CtK is Sunday, December 17th.

DECEMBER 30TH HAVEN OF REST SUPPER SERVERS NEEDED

Five or six volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Haven of Rest in Akron on the evening of Saturday, December 30th. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to serve food. Younger volunteers are given other tasks like helping with set-up and clean-up. The group often carpools from CtK around 5 PM and returns around 8:30 PM.

Sue Simmons set up this ongoing outreach opportunity several years ago for every month with a fifth Saturday. Sign up on the bulletin board to participate; see Sue for details.

WE REACHED OUR GOAL! THE NEW SIGN IS ON ITS WAY!

Thanks to the generosity of many CtK members and friends, we raised \$10,330 for our new electronic sign. It was ordered in late October and should arrive in mid-December!

Ongoing CtK Events

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

All men 18 and older are invited to meet for food and fellowship at Fresh Start at 9810 Ravenna Road on Twinsburg Square at 8 AM the first Saturday of the month, December 2nd. See Tom Pituch for details.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The CtK Tuesday Women's Bible Study meets most weeks at 10 AM in Room 105. The group will meet on December 5th to discuss an Advent reflection from the December issue of *Gather*. They will have a Christmas lunch on December 12th at a location to be decided. They will take a break until January 9th. Watch the *Weekend Messenger* for details.

Wendy Gibbons leads the hour-long sessions, which include Bible study, fellowship, discussion, and prayer. All women are invited to attend when their schedules permit. The group collects an offering to support the Cleveland YWCA's Nurturing Independence and Aspiration initiative to assist youth aging out of foster care.

Bibles and copies of the study are available at class. To subscribe to *Gather* call 844-409-0576; a year's subscription (10 issues) is \$20. See Wendy with questions.

FAITH WEDNESDAYS

Pastor Matthew leads a noon Wednesday study in the fellowship hall. There is time to eat your brown bag lunch in the class. The December study will be a continuation of reading Old Testament prophets. Class will be held every Wednesday in December except on the 27th.



Tim Stahlman	12/1
Jon Drenski	12/3
Tina Heath	12/3
Linda Mondry	12/3
Dottie Wheater	12/3
Aiden Ripley	12/4
Bob Roe	12/4
Thomas Royon	12/6
Lynn Pereksta	12/7
Aaron Smith	12/9
Kevin Smith	12/9
Lisa Doty	12/13
Carlton Spitz	12/13
Doug Corbin	12/15
Greg Tulley Sr.	12/15
Ray Kendrick	12/18
Claire Schiopota	12/18
Truman Goss	12/19
Jenn Lue	12/20
Rich Wilhelms	12/22
Braden Susnik	12/24



Bill & Joan Marcy	12/4
Gretchen & Brian Lange	12/20
David & Tina Heath	12/29

Shining the Light of Jesus...

MANY THANKS FOR STORM DEBRIS CLEANUP!

A big thank you to John Humrichouser, Jim Wells, and Rob Doty for clearing the debris that fell onto the CtK driveway/property after the storm barreled through on the evening of Sunday, November 5th. Also, to MJ Neel, Lisa and Rob Doty who volunteered their time on the following Saturday morning to help with the final clean up of all the debris. The large branches were cut into small logs and are available to anyone who would like some fire wood. The parking lot was cleared of all the leaves and pine needles that accumulated as well. Letters from the sign that had been strewn over the front yard were collected and hopefully all were found. Thank you for your service!

Submitted by a humble, hardworking CtK member

[Editor's note: At press time the Twinsburg Service Department was working its way through the city and will clean up the branches in the circle.]

CTK MEMBERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR HAVEN OF REST

Ten members and friends of Christ the King attended a dinner for the Haven of Rest, Akron, at the Hilton Garden Inn in October. The program is one of their many money-raising events. Haven of Rest is supported by donations and receives no federal funds.

The program included a dinner, music by a men's chorus from the Haven, a guest soloist, and two spokespersons who changed their lives thanks to programs offered by the Haven.

Thanks for the support for Haven of Rest from these people: Joanne Ciarniello, Lynne Bailey, MJ Neel, Vickie Mazur, Jim & Louise Susnik, Paul Bucholtz, Mary Ellen Robinette, Sandy Molnar, and Sue Simmons.

Submitted by Sue Simmons

Thanks to Leatrice Alexander, Marge Bowman, Joanne Ciarniello, Shirley Duffy, Wendy Gibbons, and Ginger Pituch for helping at the November 7th Red Cross blood drive Thanks to Megan Rowh of Mancan Staffing in Northfield for donating cases of bottled water for the blood drive and other CtK events.

Thanks to Karen Reid for disposing of the old TVs from the Sunday school rooms.

Thanks to Rob Doty for purchasing two wireless mice with a Best Buy certificate left from buying the TVs and DVD players for the education wing. (Both Patti's and Wendy's mice bit the proverbial dust.)

Thanks to Lisa Doty for procuring a second park bench & to Bill Reid for finishing it like the bench outside the Fellowship Hall. The "new" bench is situated near front door.

Thanks to Sandy Molnar for stuffing, stamping, sealing, and mailing the annual stewardship mailing.

Many thanks to these November 19th Work Day participants for helping to deep clean the education wing, clean the coffee bar, polish the narthex end tables, fix work room blinds, eliminate cobwebs: Pastor Matthew, Jay & Justin Hartland, Deacon Patti, Sandy Molnar, Tom Pituch, Karen Reid, Dale & Mary Schlosnagle, and Sue Simmons.

Thanks to Janet Schiopota for donating several cases of legal-sized paper to the office.



KAREN REID EARNED AN A+ FROM ST. PAULY!

Here is an excerpt from a letter CtK recently received from St. Pauly Textile:

“We have identified your shed as being particularly well taken care of! It appears as though your volunteer is doing an excellent and consistent job. We just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate this dedication to the project. Without your volunteer’s support, our partnership would not be as strong as it is today. Everything your volunteer has done and continues to do has been noticed and greatly appreciated.”

Take a minute to thank Karen for her many hours organizing CtK’s St. Pauly clothing shed, and ask her about some of the “gems” that have been donated in the past! (*Duck Dynasty*, anyone?)



SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS GOODIES

After the 7 PM Wednesday, December 20th, Blue Christmas service, we will host a light coffee & cookie (or other finger foods) reception. Sign up on the bulletin board to share something.

A table will be set up in the narthex if you would like to share your Christmas goodies on December 24th or 25th or the weekend of December 30th & 31st. (Remember that there is no Saturday worship on December 23rd and that Sunday worship will be at 9:30 AM only on December 24th & 31st. See page 3 for the complete Christmas worship schedule.)



COLLECTIONS AT CHRIST THE KING

The ongoing collection for the Salvation Army’s Bed & Bread program totalled \$21.50 for October.



For October, the St. Pauly clothing shed by the parking lot brought in clothes worth \$185.09 (CtK has received \$1168 year-to-date and \$4043 since the shed was installed.)

SALLY MORRIS BECOMES MISS HANNIGAN IN DECEMBER

CtK’s own Sally Morris is playing Miss Hannigan in the Beachwood Recreation Community Theater’s production of *Annie* in December. Sally’s performance dates are:



- 2:00 pm Sunday, December 3rd
- 7:30 pm Friday, December 8th
- 7:30 pm Friday, December 15th
- 2:00 pm Sunday, December 17th

Tickets are \$8 for students & seniors and \$9 for adults and are available at the door 30 minutes before curtain time. The theater is located at Beachwood Middle School auditorium. Call 216-292-7970 for information.

MARTIN LUTHER’S CORNER



The following “You Know Might be a Lutheran if” was taken from the St Luke Lutheran Church’s web site in Buffalo, Wyoming.

- during the entire service you hold your hymnal open but never look down at it.
- during communion you hum the hymns so you can see who’s at church that Sunday.
- a midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.
- you forget to put water in the baptismal font but never forget to put water in the coffee pot.
- your choir believes volume is a fair substitute for tonality.
- you think a meeting isn’t legitimate unless it’s at least three hours long.
- the church is on fire, and you rush in to save the coffee pot.
- the only open pew is up front, so you volunteer to shovel the sidewalk.
- you tap a church visitor on the shoulder and say, “excuse me, but you’re in my seat.”
- your congregation’s first two operating rules are “Don’t change” and “Don’t spend.”

This monthly blurb about Martin Luther is compiled by John Humrichouser for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



DECEMBER MESSENGER 2017

www.CtKTwinsburg.com



Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

9:30 AM - 4th Sunday of Advent Worship with Holy Communion

7 PM & 9 PM Christmas Eve Worship with Special Music, Carols, Candlelight, & Holy Communion

Monday, December 25th

10 AM - Christmas Day Worship with Carols & Holy Communion

Saturday, December 30th

5:30 PM - Worship with Lessons & Carols & Holy Communion

Sunday, December 31st

9:30 AM - Worship with Lessons & Carols & Holy Communion

No 5:30 PM worship December 23rd; no Sunday church school December 24th or 31st.

Blue Christmas Worship with Rite of Healing



7 PM Wednesday, December 20th

Coffee & cookie reception follows.

Christ the King welcomes you to our worship, fellowship, and service!

Saturday worship each week at 5:30 PM except Dec. 23

Sunday Worship and Schedule:

Contemporary Worship except Dec. 24 & 31..... 8:30 AM

Sunday School except Dec. 24 & 31 9:45 AM

Traditional Worship except Dec. 24 & 31 11:00 AM

Sunday Worship 12/24, 12/31 9:30 AM

Holy Communion at all Saturday & Sunday services

Cover this box with the mailing label!

Dated Material - DECEMBER 2017
Please Rush!



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED?

Christ the King Lutheran Church
10285 Ravenna Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Twinsburg, Ohio
Permit No. 1