

The Mission of Christ the King

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



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Christ the King's National Youth Gathering Team Announces....

A CHILI COOKOFF &
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27,
6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
All money raised to be used for the
team's trip to Houston.

Sign up to bring your best chili. If you don't
want to bring chili, side dishes (bread, salad,
special dishes) will be welcome.

Bring coins and small bills as
the ballot for chili prizes will
require voting with your
money. And of course you
won't want to go home without
winning a White Elephant at the
auction!



There will be prizes
for the best entries!!

Min. of Discipleship & Youth

EPIPHANY WORSHIP - 5:30 PM
JANUARY 6TH



Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst. From Sundays & Seasons.

CtK's Epiphany worship service with Holy Communion for 2018 will be held at 5:30 PM because the festival of Epiphany - January 6th - is on Saturday this year. Sometimes called Twelfth night since it is the twelfth night after Christmas, Epiphany is when Christians celebrate the kings visiting the Christ Child.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD FESTIVAL SUNDAY



As part of our Faith Stepping Stones program, the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 7th, we recognize those who were baptized at CtK in the previous year. In 2017 Owen Christopher Smith was baptized at CtK.



Christ the King is a Stephen Ministry
Congregation. See CtKTwinsburg.com for more
information.

BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 9 - 2 TO 7 PM

On Tuesday, January 9, 2018, the Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Room 105 from 2 to 7 PM. If you would like to help at the registration desk or in the canteen, please sign up on the bulletin board for one or more one-hour shifts. Blood donors may register at www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass on the day of the blood drive to speed the registration process.



JANUARY FOCUS ON MINISTRIES - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH

The Ministries of Focus for January will be Christian Education and Youth. Watch for bulletin board displays, Temple Talks, or *Weekend Messenger* announcements to learn about these very active CtK ministries.

YOUTH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

*Please join our youth as they
conduct the worship service
Sunday, February 4.*



There is no better way to support our youth than to be there for them. If we are to raise up generations of young believers we need to support them in their learning experiences and heed **these words of Martin Luther, "For whereas the responsibility of the councilmen is to develop a community in which Christian education may flourish, citizens and especially parents are called by the priesthood of all believers to nurture their offspring."**

Luther found the parental responsibility firmly on the Bible, citing several texts as proof. One is Psalm 78:5-7, where we read how God "commanded our fathers to teach [His laws] to their children; that the next generation might know them ... and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their **hope in God, and not forget the works of God."**

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PERSONAL SAFETY, SCAM ALERT PRESENTATION IN JANUARY

On Saturday morning, January 20, at 10 AM, Life After Fifty Fellowship will host a presentation by Sgt. Eric Sawyer of the Twinsburg Police Department on scams by con artists, personal safety, church security, and emergency procedures. Sgt. **Sawyer is the Police Department's liaison with the public** for these issues and comes with excellent credentials. He has been in the Air Force, serving in Afghanistan, and has a broad background in security and safety. See his bio on the LAFF kiosk.



The program will last 1½ to 2 hours and will conclude with a Question and Answer session. We will advertise the program in Twinsburg and the surrounding communities. LAFF will supply cookies, coffee, tea, and bottled water to keep everyone comfortable until they can get lunch.

Plan to join us. Tell your friends. Bring your neighbors. Sometimes a very simple action can ward off an unpleasant experience. There promises to be useful information for all of us.

LAFF's monthly planning meeting will be at 9:30 AM Tuesday, January 9th, in the narthex or in a warmer room if it's a cold day!

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YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLAN

A new year is beginning and resolutions and plans to begin anew are being established. It is usually recommended that you write down the plan noting what you want to accomplish or change to reach your goal. Stewardship is part of this plan.

Tips to consider on fulfilling your Stewardship plan:
Who are you?

- ◆ Hearer of God’s word (church)
- ◆ Citizen of society
- ◆ Member of family

Stewardship encompasses all of these attributes.

The pastor preaches the Gospel and administers the sacraments. When God calls us to give to the church, He has the local congregation in mind.

Our instructions are simply to give regularly, proportionally, generously, our first fruits, with a spirit of eagerness, earnestness, cheerfulness, and love.

Prayerfully consider your Stewardship plan and that God will bless you and your family as you follow the plan you have put in place.

Sandy Molnar, Financial Secretary

DIRECTED THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS



Christ the King received a gift in the amount of \$86 in December from Thrivent. The following members of Thrivent requested we receive this gift. Thank you for your support.

Jim & Bev Baker Dave Denes Jay Moellering

NOVEMBER 2017 FINANCE REPORT	
<i>Complete financial information is posted on the kiosk outside the office.</i>	
Operating Income	\$15,597
Other designated income	\$2,748
Total Income	\$18,345
Operating Expenses	\$20,384
Other payments	\$4,490
Total Expenses	\$24,874
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,529)
Monthly Budget	\$22,239

shining the Light of Jesus...

Thanks to Tom Pituch for sealing the flat roof just outside the sanctuary. No leaks have occurred since this project!

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Thanks to Tom Pituch for fixing the coffeepot that had been jammed shut.

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Thanks to Marge Bowman for taking the Giving Center bin of food and other donations to The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield Center.

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Thanks to everyone who chose ornaments from the Adopt-a-Family tree. There were 32 gifts for our "adopted" family of a single mother of seven, and ten gift cards for Pastor Matthew to distribute to local people in need. All 42 ornaments were taken within two weeks!

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Thanks to a local benefactor who donated several \$25 gift cards to be given to community members in need. (This gentleman has made this gift for at least five Christmases and wants no recognition or accolades.)

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Thanks to local Boy Scout Matt Kennicut for donating coffee, cocoa, & coffee filters to CtK. Matt held a pancake breakfast at CtK to help fund his Eagle Scout project.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT CTK  
River Valley Paper bin for October: \$19.00

St. Pauly clothing shed: \$122.02 for November: \$1290 YTD; \$4166 since inception

Aluminum cans: \$3.36 was received for 9.6 pounds of cans

Through early December, \$6.00 was donated to the Salvation Army Bed & Bread program through the collection bin in the narthex.

Thanks to everyone who supports these ongoing collections at Christ the King.



From the CTK Minister of Discipleship and Youth

## WOMEN OF FAITH....

From her birth in 1873 until her death in 1897, Marie-Francoise-Therese Martin was sickly and frail. At the age of four her mother died, changing her life forever. She told her sister that had "God not lavished His beneficent rays on His little flower", she would never have been able to acclimatise herself on this earth. She became serious and sensitive, prone to tears and melancholy.



Therese was drawn to God and a religious life. At age nine she approached the mother prioress of the Carmel convent to seek entrances as a postulant. She was told to wait until she was 16 and then 21. This brought her to wait in line to meet Pope Leo XIII. Although she was expected to only kiss his feet and ring and move on, she vowed to ask the Pope's permission to join the convent. When she reached the Pope she pleaded her case. Five months later she was accepted into the convent at Lisieux, entering on April 9, 1888.

Contemplating what her life was to be like, she wrote that she "aimed to strip herself of self, to "descend lower toward humility, rather than aspire to greater...heights." She called it the *petite voie*, or the "little way." It was a means to live out her devotion and service to God in the people and circumstances of everyday life. Her little way seem ordinary, but every step of it was steeped in love. It was simple, but required fortitude and commitment day in and day out.

Therese died of tuberculosis and would have been forgotten, but her prioress released her autobiographical manuscript. First read only in convents, it soon spread to the countryside and the convent at Lisieux was inundated with request for the book, *Story of a Soul*.

*Therese was canonized on May 17, 1925. Three years later a young Albanian nun, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, would take the name Therese in honor of Therese of Lisieux. Today we know that nun as Mother Teresa. She lived her life as a witness to the value of small acts done in faith and love, as Tberese of Lisieux envisioned. The idea of *petite voie* is discussed and utilized by many spiritual directors and those attending retreats today.*

For more information, watch [http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=105](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=105).

Deacon Patricia Jabre

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

*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. Beginning in 2017, which was the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I have hoped to bring to light the context and life of women without whom the church would be a different entity.*

# January 2018

For the most up-to-date event schedule for Christ the King, go to [www.ctktwinsburg.com/?page\\_id=72](http://www.ctktwinsburg.com/?page_id=72)

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Friday    | Saturday                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br>New Year's Day - Office Closed                                                                         | <b>2</b><br>9:00 AM Offering Counters<br>10:00 AM Pastors' study<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>No Women's Bible Study                                                                                  | <b>3</b><br>12:00 PM Faith Wednesday<br>7:00 PM Outreach                    | <b>4</b><br>5:00 PM Finance<br>Ministry - Room 103<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast - Resh Start<br>11:00 AM-4:00 PM Fall Bazaar<br>5:30 PM Epiphany Worship w/ Communion<br>Epiphany |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| <b>7</b><br>8:30 AM Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday Church School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship<br><b>Baptism of Our Lord</b><br>Holy Communion at both services                                                             | <b>8</b><br>9:00 AM Offering Counters<br>10:00 AM Congregational Care<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM Council | <b>9</b><br>9:30 AM LWF planning<br>10:00 AM Pastors' study<br>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - room 105<br>2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive<br>6:00 PM G.S. 91007, 90891, 39891 - F. Hall<br>7:00 PM ITSC | <b>10</b><br>12:00 PM Faith Wednesday<br>4:45 PM G.S. Troop 91448 - F. Hall | <b>11</b><br>9:00 AM Cleveland East - Advent, Mentor<br>7:00 PM Senior Choir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>5:30 PM Worship w/ comm.                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| <b>14</b><br>8:30 AM Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday Church School<br>11:00 AM Trad. worship w/affirm. of baptism<br>2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Confirmation<br>Holy Communion at both services<br><br>7:00 PM - 12:00 PM Youth Lock-In | <b>15</b><br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>7:00 PM Stephen Ministers<br><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>              | <b>16</b><br>9:00 AM Offering Counters<br>10:00 AM Pastors' study<br>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - room 105                                                                                          | <b>17</b><br>12:00 PM Faith Wednesday                                       | <b>18</b><br>7:00 PM Senior Choir<br><b>Newsletter deadline</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>10:00 AM Aviding Scams presentation<br>5:30 PM Worship w/ comm.                                                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| <b>21</b><br>8:30 AM Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday Church School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship<br>Holy Communion at both services                                                                                          | <b>22</b><br>9:00 AM Offering Counters<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting                                                   | <b>23</b><br>10:00 AM Pastors' study<br>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - room 105<br>1:00 PM Assembly Messenger - room 103<br>6:00 PM G.S. 91007, 90891, 39891 - F. Hall                                | <b>24</b><br>10:30 AM Mail Messenger<br>12:00 PM Faith Wednesday            | <b>25</b><br>7:00 PM Senior Choir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>5:30 PM Worship w/ comm.<br>6:30 PM NYG Chili Cook-off & white elephant auction                                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |
| <b>28</b><br>8:30 AM Contemporary Worship<br>9:45 AM Sunday Church School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship<br>Holy Communion at both services                                                                                          | <b>29</b><br>9:00 AM Offering Counters<br>11:00 AM Staff Meeting<br>11:45 AM - 2:00 PM Staff Holiday Lunch         | <b>30</b><br>10:00 AM Pastors' study<br>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - room 105                                                                                                                       | <b>31</b><br>12:00 PM Faith Wednesday<br>6:30 PM G.S. Troop #91473          | <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="7">Dec 2017</th> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="7">Feb 2018</th> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> |           | Dec 2017                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb 2018 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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 |  |  |  |
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The National Youth Gathering Team of six students and two adults, will hold these events:

- January 14-15 - Youth Lock-in. Help prepare the February 4 Youth Sunday worship service and bake cookies for a fund raiser.
- January 27 - Chili Cook-off & White Elephant Auction
- February 10, Saturday 8pm-8am Sunday, February 11, Rock-A-Thon
- February 21 & 28—Lent Suppers & Worship
- April 21, 5 - 8 PM - Jesus & Jammies congregational event with movie and food!

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 in June for details: Gabrielle Doty, Adam & Elijah Groenke, Justin Hartland, Claire & Lydia Schiopota, Pastor Matthew, and Deacon Patti.

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## CONFIRMATION CORNER...



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.  
March 11 class, 5pm  
April 15 class, 5pm  
May 20 Confirmation Service, 4 pm with NEOS Bishop Allende in attendance.

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## 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.

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

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## 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 Tiarney & 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

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## YOUR NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING TEAM ANNOUNCES FLASH CAR WASH!



COME EARLY SPRING WHEN YOUR CAR IS CAKED WITH SALT,

**WATCH FOR THE NYG TEAM'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CAR WASH!**

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## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades - Truman Goss

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades - Koren Goss

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Complete minutes are posted on the Council kiosk.

Meeting Agenda was approved as published.

**Rostered Leaders' Reports** were tabled due to the length of the meeting.

Finance Report

Contributions vs. Expenses

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| October 2017 surplus: .....   | \$697          |
| Year-to-Date shortfall: ..... | (1,493)        |
| 2016 shortfall: .....         | <u>(8,832)</u> |
| Total shortfall: .....        | (\$10,325)     |

2018 Estimate of Giving: to date, 2018 pledges and "pass through" (estimate of money given but not pledged plus other sources of contributions, e.g., Thrivent Choice Dollars): \$222,490; approximately \$20,000 less than 2017.

2018 Budget: members of the Finance Committee were present to discuss and debate various budget proposals for the 2018 calendar year. They forwarded two alternate budgets: one with across-the-board pay cuts; the second with the reduction of one rostered leader's time. To summarize:

|                                             |                  |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Requested budget</u> .....               | <u>\$257,656</u> |
| Finance Committee: <u>alternate 1</u> ..... | \$215,975        |
| Finance Committee: alternate 2 .....        | \$216,351        |

A frank discussion ensued. Due to the nature of a call, as sanctioned and required by the ELCA, a rostered leader's compensation package (salary and benefits) is determined at the time of the call (at this time, both leaders' pay is below the minimum set by the ELCA based on length of service). After the discussion, the Finance Committee members left the meeting.

Then, council reviewed the requested budget line-by-line. The revised requested budget is \$251,695.

New Business

Removal from Membership Rolls: Wendy Gibbons provided a list of members with neither a record of worship nor giving in the years 2016 and 2017. Council voted to remove from the rolls:

|                            |                |
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| Stacy, Abby, & Aaron Baker | Bill Hoffman   |
| Don & Tama Drenski         | Cara Jablonski |
| Jon Drenski                | Gretchen Lange |
| Callie Durdel              | Hailey Miller  |
| Emerson Fleischer          | Justin Noble   |
| Katie Grigger              | Chelsea Roidt  |

Building Use Request: Bob and Tina Coleman requested the use of the Fellowship Hall Saturday, January 6, 2018, 11:00am – 4:00pm; Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Both requests were unanimously approved.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted: David F. Denes, Council Secretary

# Ongoing Ctk Events

## MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

All men 18 and older are invited to meet for food and fellowship at Fresh Start Diner at 9810 Ravenna Road on Twinsburg Square at 8 am the first Saturday of the month, January 6th. See Tom Pituch for details.

## TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 9th, Tuesday Women's Bible Study will meet weekly at 10 AM in Room 105. Wendy Gibbons leads the hour-long sessions, which include Bible study, discussion, fellowship, & prayer. All women are invited to attend weekly or to drop in 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.

The study through April, from *Gather* magazine, is *Multiple Meanings: Learning from other interpretations* by Mark Allen Powell. January's topic is "Washing hands with distant hearts." This study is an exploration of what Biblical stories mean to people around the world.

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 noontime Wednesday study in the fellowship hall. There is time to eat your brown bag lunch in the class. In January the group will continue its study of the Old Testament prophets and what they mean to Christians.

Go to [ctktwinsburg.com](http://ctktwinsburg.com), About Us, Newsletters to see current Weekend Messenger with assistants.

| SHINING THE LIGHT OF JESUS AT WORSHIP AT CTK IN JANUARY 2018                                                                            |              |                                                                                      |                                             |                                             |                                                                                                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                                         | Worship time | January 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Sat Epiphany<br>Sun Baptism of Our Lord | January 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> | January 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> | January 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>                                                                                                               |
| Acolytes                                                                                                                                | 5:30 pm      | Lydia Schiopota                                                                      | Spencer Bach                                | Lydia Schiopota                             | Julia Noble                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                         | 8:30 am      | Carlee Bedford                                                                       | Volunteer needed                            | Volunteer needed                            | Volunteer needed                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                         | 11am         | Volunteer needed                                                                     | Marisa Dobbins                              | Truman Goss                                 | Evan Harnak                                                                                                                                               |
| Worship Assistants, Lectors (L), Communion Assistants (C)                                                                               | 5:30 pm      | Katie Bach                                                                           | Dave Denes                                  | Patti Jabre                                 | Katie Bach                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                         | 8:30 am      | Wendy Jones (L),<br>Wendy Gibbons (C)                                                | John McBride (L),<br>Crystal Stokes (C)     | Mike Coss (L, C)                            | Mike Pereksta (L),<br>Shirley Duffy (C)                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                         | 11am         | Julie Groenke (L),<br>John Humrichouser (C)                                          | Karen Reid (L),<br>Kristin W. Goss (C)      | Kristin W. Goss (L),<br>Denise Tearney (C)  | Diane Procop (L),<br>Jane Zaremba (C)                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                         | 8:30 am      | Patti Jabre                                                                          | Crystal Stokes                              | Mike Coss                                   | Shirley Duffy                                                                                                                                             |
| Lay Prayer Leaders                                                                                                                      | 11am         | Diane Procop                                                                         | Karen Reid                                  | Kristin Wedemeyer Goss                      | Jenn Lue                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                         | 5:30 pm      | Dave Denes                                                                           | Need volunteer                              | Ron Miller                                  | Lynne Bailey                                                                                                                                              |
| Ushers                                                                                                                                  | 8:30 am      | Joanne & Rich Ciarniello                                                             | Kristin Bedford,<br>John McBride            | Jean & Mike Coss                            | Joanne Ciarniello,<br>Volunteer needed                                                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                         | 11am         | Chris Driver, Ginger Pituch                                                          | Kristin Wedemeyer Goss,<br>Kate Hartland    | Chuck Goodnight,<br>Chris Spitz             | Linda Bender, Denise Hall                                                                                                                                 |
| Greeters                                                                                                                                | 8:30 am      | Jean & Mike Coss                                                                     | Sue Brunst                                  | John McBride & D. Urban                     | Joanne & Rich Ciarniello                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                         | 11:am        | Chanon Bortak                                                                        | Linda Bender                                | Denise Tearney                              | Chris Spitz                                                                                                                                               |
| Sound Booth                                                                                                                             | 5:30 pm      | Claire Schiopota                                                                     | Wendy Gibbons                               | Charlotte Miller                            | Wendy Gibbons                                                                                                                                             |
| Altar Care                                                                                                                              | 8:30 am      | Kristin Bedford                                                                      | Amy Bates,<br>Marge Bowman                  | Gabrielle Doty                              | Lisa Doty                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                         | 11am         | Sue Simmons                                                                          | Karen Scarpelli                             | Jane Zaremba                                | Kate Hartland                                                                                                                                             |
| Punch Maker                                                                                                                             | By 9:30      | Kate Hartland                                                                        | Kristin Bedford                             | Mary Ellen Robinette                        | Wendy Gibbons                                                                                                                                             |
| Coffee Clean-up                                                                                                                         | 12:15        | Office Staff                                                                         | Ginger & Tom Pituch                         | Sandy Molnar                                | Office Staff                                                                                                                                              |
| February Messenger Assembly Team: Lynne Bailey, Kristin Wedemeyer Goss,<br>Mary Smith, D. Urban - Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in Room 103 |              |                                                                                      |                                             |                                             | February Messenger Deadline: Please get articles to<br><a href="mailto:office@ctktwinsburg.com">office@ctktwinsburg.com</a> by Thursday, January 18, 2018 |
| Thanks to Shirley Duffy, Sandy Molnar, Mary Ellen Robinette, & Sue Simmons for assembling the January Messenger!                        |              |                                                                                      |                                             |                                             |                                                                                                                                                           |

CHRISTMAS DECORATING THANK YOU

The following people helped in various ways by bringing Christmas & Advent items in from the shed, retrieving stored decorations from the attic, decorating trees, removing & replacing the banner in the narthex, and setting up the outdoor nativity scene:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Karen Reid        | Mike & Marty Mondry |
| The Harnak family | Josh Herberth       |
| Sue Simmons       | Becca Petro         |
| Jane Zaremba      | Jennifer Wheat      |
| Shirley Duffy     | Brandon Wynegar     |
| Karen Scarpelli   | Rob Doty            |
| Tom Pituch        |                     |

A special thanks to Jane Zaremba for the additional decorating items used to further enhance our space for Christmas.

Thank you for all your time and hard work. I couldn't have accomplished this without each of you.  
*Sandy Molnar, Christmas Decorating Chair*



SUNDAY SCHOOL SLEEPOVER A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to Sunday Church School kids & teachers (Especially Katie Bach, Denise Hall, & Amy Williams)



for presenting the delightful Christmas program *Sleepover at the Stable\** on December 10th during the Sunday school hour.

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



CORRECTION TO DECEMBER MESSENGER

On page 9 of the December 2017 *Messenger*, the term end date for the 2018 Nominating Committee should have been noted as December 31, 2018. The Nominating Committee is elected to a single year's term.



**MARTIN LUTHER'S CORNER**

Martin Luther had an opinion about everybody, and this includes Muslims - or as he phrased it "Turks." During the time period Luther lived, the Turkish Empire was invading southern Europe and threatening the Holy Roman Empire. Luther believed the German people should resist the Turks. However, Luther and other Protestants also believed they had a lot in common with Muslims or the "Turks" in that they both "rejected idols, believed in one God, and fought against the Pope and the (Holy Roman) Emperor."

Luther also said "Let the Turk believe and live as he will, just as one lets the papacy and other false Christians live."

Another quote by Luther: "A smart Turk makes a better ruler than a dumb Christian".

Here is an excerpt of a letter from Turkish Sultan Murad III to a group of Lutherans in western Europe—which shows somewhat of a false impression the Muslims had of Lutherans: "As you, for your part, do not worship idols, you have banished the idols and portraits and "bells" from churches, and declared your faith by stating that God Almighty is one and Holy Jesus is His Prophet and Servant, and now, with heart and soul, are seeking and desirous of the true faith; but the faithless one they call Papa does not recognize his Creator as One, ascribing divinity to Holy Jesus (upon him be peace!), and worshiping idols and pictures which he has made with his own hands, thus casting doubt upon the oneness of God and instigating how many servants to that path of error."

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



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| Ginger Pituch      | 1/1  |
| Cheryl Stumpf      | 1/1  |
| Nichole Novotny    | 1/6  |
| Lynn Jaskiel       | 1/7  |
| Tom Foster         | 1/11 |
| Jason Stahlman     | 1/11 |
| Allison Bach       | 1/16 |
| Scottie Leverenz   | 1/18 |
| John Humrichouser  | 1/19 |
| Dylan Noble        | 1/20 |
| Elizabeth Serrin   | 1/21 |
| Leatrice Alexander | 1/23 |
| John McBride       | 1/26 |
| Wiley Wolfe        | 1/26 |
| Marty Spitz        | 1/27 |
| Kate Hartland      | 1/28 |
| Elijah Groenke     | 1/30 |



Bill & Dotti Root 1/14



#### LENT BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the church season of Lent, is on February 14th. We will have Ash Wednesday worship in the evening with communion and the imposition of ashes,

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers will also begin that day, so watch for a sign-up sheet.



## Congregational Meeting

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
*Complete minutes are posted on the Council kiosk.*

Meeting Opened: The Congregation President, Rob Doty, called the meeting to order at 9:43am. Pastor Matthew opened the meeting with a scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 12.4-13, and a prayer.

Opening Song: *If We are the Body*

Announcement of Quorum: 56 voting members of the congregation were present constituting a quorum.

Why are we losing members?

As many in the congregation have raised this question, Rob discussed this at some length. Summarizing, he offered the two most -frequent reasons:

- ◆ Members move away.
- ◆ Members are driven away by being treated badly. We need to be welcoming, friendly and kind to all who attend, a point **underscored by Council Member, Karen Reid. We don't need to like everyone, but we do need to love them, as Christ loves us.**

Ballots for Election: Ballots were distributed with the names of these nominated:

Council Member (3 openings): A slate of three candidates was presented to the congregation: Tom Pituch, Karen Reid, Mark W. Tearney, Sr.

Endowment Committee (1 opening): A slate of three candidates was presented to the congregation: Kristin Bedford, Lisa Doty, Marty Spitz

Nominating Committee (6 openings): A slate of six candidates was presented to the congregation: Mike Coss, David F. Denes, Denise M. Smith-Hall. John Humrichouser, Sandy Molnar, Janet Nezbeda

Call for Additional Nominations: There were no additional nominees.

Election Results

Council Members:

Tom Pituch, Karen Reid, Mark W. Tearney, Sr.

Endowment Committee:

Kristin Bedford

Nominating Committee

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Thanks to all the nominees for their willingness to serve.

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Discussion of the Budget: Rob presented the 2018 budget compared to prior years. It is encouraging that, for the current year, there is only a \$1,500 shortfall to date. This is after the congregation raised an additional \$10,000 for the new sign. A help, of course, was paying off the mortgage (approximately \$3,000 per month). A question was raised how to grow our talents and gifts. Generally agreed, the time and talent checklist rarely attracted members to new opportunities to serve. Rob reiterated that the best way to expand our giving of time is to invite others to participate. Other way CtK is reaching out:

- ◆ Newspaper ads: they ran for six months in the *Aurora Advocate*, *Nordonia News Leader*, and *Twinsburg Bulletin*; ads featuring our Christmas services and programs will be running in the *Twinsburg Bulletin*.
- ◆ Postcard mailing: postcards have been, and are continuing to be mailed to new residents within 5 miles of CtK.
- ◆ New electronic sign: to be installed in mid-December; especially urgent now that our existing sign has been ravaged by the weather.

Rob stressed that cutting staff is not the way to grow the church. Not only would that mean a reduction in programs, which, in turn would lead to fewer members, but also, due to the nature of a call, as sanctioned and **required by the ELCA, our rostered leaders' compensation packages were determined at the time of their call.**

Worship and Music has begun preliminary discussions about going to one Sunday service year-round. This would bring the congregation together and would be more inviting to visitors who would enter a full sanctuary. All those with comments or suggestions should contact Worship and Music.

**Pledges are down for 2018, leaving a larger 'faith factor' than in 2017.**

Another member asked whether any of the Cooper bequest could be used to cover the shortfall in operating expenses, at which point the congregation heard from Mike Pereksta again how it was Jeanette Cooper's wish that her estate bequest not be used to fund day-to-day operations.

In terms of new membership, one member stressed that, as the body of Christ, it is the responsibility of all of us to invite new members, not Council.

**Pastor Matthew concluded the discussion by reminding us: "We walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5.7)**

Rob closed the floor for discussion, then asked for a vote. Before the meeting, some had voiced the concern that it should be a written ballot, not show of hands. As a compromise, Pastor Matthew asked that the ballot be by a show of hands, however, with members having their eyes closed.

A motion was made to approve the budget and was seconded. By a show of hands the results were:

Yea ..... 37  
 Nay..... 13  
 Abstain ..... 1

The motion carried. The 2018 operating budget was approved.

Meeting Adjourned: **The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 11:03am.**

*Respectfully submitted: David F. Denes, Council Secretary*



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 All money raised to be used for the team's trip to Houston.

**Sign up to bring your best chili. If you don't want to bring chili, side dishes (bread, salad, special dishes) will be welcome. Bring coins and small bills as the ballot for chili prizes will require voting with your money. And of course you won't want to go home without winning a White Elephant at the auction! There will be prizes for the best entries!!**

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Epiphany Worship with Holy Communion



5:30 PM Saturday, January 6th

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

Saturday worship each week at 5:30 PM

### Sunday Worship and Schedule:

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Contemporary Worship ..... | 8:30 AM  |
| Sunday School .....        | 9:45 AM  |
| Traditional Worship .....  | 11:00 AM |

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