

50th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY OF CONGREGATION

Christ the King Lutheran Church
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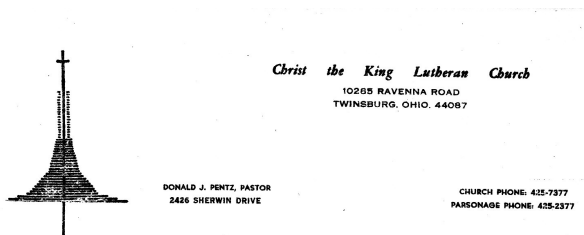
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The first service of Christ the King Lutheran Church was held on October 2, 1961, in the library of R. B. Chamberlin High School on Ravenna Road in Twinsburg with Pastor J. David Brostrom officiating. Pastor Brostrom with his wife Sharon, having just completed seminary, became the first pastor of the new mission church called Christ the King.

Services continued in the school library until April 15, 1962, at which time we became an organized congregation under the Augustana Synod. On Palm Sunday (April 15, 1962) we held our first business meeting and a community Vesper Service in the afternoon. At the time we received into membership 57 adults and 59 children. The Rite of Organization was conducted by Dr. Thorsten Gustafson, President of the Conference. The sermon was delivered by Pastor Reuben Lundeen, Regional Director of the Board of American Missions. Shortly thereafter during the summer of 1962 a merger was formed and we became a member of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA).

While we met in the high school library each Sunday, volunteers set up the chairs, organ, and the altar. During this time a building fund drive soon got under way and shortly thereafter land was purchased consisting of some 5 acres at 10285 Ravenna Road across the street from the high school, and a groundbreaking ceremony was held early in 1965. The architect for the new church building was Keith Haag & Associates who prepared a scale model of the present and future church buildings. Shortly after the groundbreaking, construction began on the first unit. Upon its completion a cornerstone laying ceremony was held. We held our first services in the new church building on Sunday, September 6, 1965 and dedication services were held on October 17, 1965. The new church building holds the original altar equipment that was used in the library of the school and was donated to us. We were also very fortunate to have received all of our first pews from Ss. Cosmas and Damian Catholic Church, and our Senior Choir robes were also a donation.

In January of 1966 we sadly accepted the resignation of J. David Brostrom who had accepted a call to Calvary Lutheran Church in Cleveland, and he began his new calling on February 1, 1966. The congregation then began their long hard look for a new pastor. After much prayerful consideration we joyfully welcomed into our church family Pastor Donald J. Pentz and his wife Mary Ann and son Paul. Pastor Don was installed on June 12, 1966. After the Pentz's arrival they were blessed with another son, Mark, and a daughter, Miriam.



Christ the King letterhead during tenure of Pastor Donald Pentz

In April of 1967 we held a 5-year anniversary dinner attended by many members old and new who enjoyed an evening of reminiscing.

On March 1, 1969 we became a self-supporting congregation no longer under the Director of the Board of American Missions. It was a proud and happy time for all church members.

In January 1970 we became one of the first congregations to elect a youth member to be on the Church Council.

Since the organization of our church we have grown under the capable leadership of Pastor Brostrom and Pastor Pentz and now have a baptized membership of 391.

END OF HISTORY FROM ABOUT 1971

April 11, 2012 ADDENDUM

The church parsonage at 2426 Sherwin Drive, Twinsburg, had been purchased, brand-new, in August 1961 with a mortgage of \$13,000 for twenty years at an interest rate of 6% per annum. The Brostrom and Pentz families resided here. Aluminum siding was installed on the parsonage at the end of 1971.

The congregation celebrated its 10th anniversary in April 1972 with special guest Synod President Dr. John Rilling. Other honored guests at the event included Pastor Dave & Sharon Brostrom and Roger & Eileen Kneppshield, who had served as organist and choir director, respectively, from 1965 – 1969.

Pastor Pentz resigned his call to Christ the King in October 1976 when he accepted a call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minerva, Ohio. The confirmed membership was 194 at the end of 1976, and baptized membership was 325. The average weekly worship attendance was 106. The Reverend Clyde McGee served the congregation as Vice Pastor after Pastor Pentz resigned.

Pastor G. Thomas Osterfield succeeded Pastor Pentz in March 1977. Pastor Osterfield and his wife, Gail, had two small children, Paul and Miriam, and the family also resided at the Sherwin Drive parsonage. Pastor Osterfield resigned from Christ the King in September 1979 and went on leave from call. At the end of 1979, Ctk's confirmed membership was 167, and baptized membership was 251. The average weekly worship attendance had fallen to 61.

After Pastor Osterfield left, the congregation voted to sell the parsonage. (By the 1980's most pastors preferred receiving a housing allowance and building equity in their own homes rather than living in a church-owned house.) The Sherwin Drive home sold for \$57,500 in September 1980 after an extensive fix-up by members.

The green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) was printed in 1978 and a specially formed committee recommended to Council that the LBW be introduced to the congregation in early 1979, with its adoption by no later than March 4, 1979. The First Setting for Communion was initially used, and it met with mixed reactions. The LBW replaced the red Service Book & Hymnal published in 1958, from which Setting Two had been used in worship.

Pastor Clinton Anderson succeeded Pastor Osterfield in March 1980. During Pastor Anderson's tenure he changed the wording of some of the liturgy in the LBW because he endorsed a more charismatic theology. (After Pastor Anderson left, the liturgy in the LBW was returned to its originally published form.) Kevin Basom, a Twinsburg area native, began his service as the church organist and Senior Choir director in 1980.

The sanctuary was refurbished in 1981, with the dedication on May 31. Bishop Kenneth H. Sauer officiated at a special Service of Rededication. Orange carpeting, orange padded pews, and choir risers were installed. The wood on all the chancel fixtures was changed from a light finish to a dark finish. The entire refurbishing project was dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ctk charter member John P. (Jack) Glover, who had died in November 1980.

In 1981 a 20th Anniversary Committee was formed to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first worship service in October. The Mission Developer and first pastor of Christ the King, J. David Brostrom, sent a taped message to those in attendance. Photos for a church directory were taken in June 1981 but the book was not printed until 1982.

On October 16th, 1981 the Social Ministry began the “Joyful Noise Coffee House.” This free event was held at the Twinsburg Recreation Center on Fridays to bring in Christian music groups, drama & comedy groups, and to spread the Gospel message plus prayer and counseling. Also in 1981, the Worship & Music Committee added an informal 7:30 pm “Prayer & Praise” service on Sundays. Fifth graders now received First Communion instead of waiting until their Confirmation at the end of eighth grade. The Property Committee poured a cement floor for the wooden storage shed that was subsequently built behind the church that year.

An Allen digital computer organ was purchased in December 1981 but installation was not completed until 1982. According to the Annual Report of the Congregation for 1982 there were still challenges in placing the organ’s speakers so that “the sound will be properly dispersed without ringing in peoples’ ears!” Funds from the 1980 sale of the parsonage were used to pay for the instrument, but pledges and gifts from members were also contributed.

Jeanette Cooper began teaching a weekly adult Sunday school class in 1982! She is still teaching in 2012. Jeanette was also instrumental in helping to make the church lounge (the Youth Room in 2012) a welcoming place around this time.

On April 18, 1982 a 20th Anniversary celebration was held with Pastor Don Pentz the guest preacher at the 10:30 AM worship service. A luncheon was held after the service with fellowship, the puppet ministry, God’s Company (junior high & senior high youth) leading songs, and organ solos by former CtK organist, Rick Zucker. (Cost for the luncheon was \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.) Mary Schlosnagle & Nancy Castellano Green created a large collage of historical photos. China mugs imprinted with “Our 20th Anniversary, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Twinsburg, Ohio 1962 – 1982” were sold for \$2.50 as mementos.

One property highlight of 1982 was the installation of a security light on the back of the building, and there were indications that the roof would have to be replaced soon! In 1982 the choir retired its old green robes for brand new brown robes.



Christ the King letterhead from early 1980's.

Pastor Anderson remained at Christ the King until August 1983 when he resigned from the Lutheran Church in America and began an independent congregation with some CtK members. At the end of 1983, confirmed membership stood at 193 and baptized membership at 292. There is no record of the average weekly worship attendance for 1983. When Pastor Anderson left the pastorate was left vacant. Pastor Bruce Hathaway was retained as Vice Pastor. A member of CtK, Pastor Charles Ronkos, played an important role in keeping the congregation worshipping while awaiting the call of a new pastor.

Pastor William J. Kimball was called to Christ the King in July of 1984 as a recent graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He was installed in late August 1984. Pastor Bill, as he became known, and his wife, Christine, resided in Twinsburg and eventually had two children, David and Kristyn. By the end of 1984, confirmed membership was at 196 and baptized membership at 237. Weekly worship attendance had fallen to 55.

In 1984, the time of worship changed to 10:30 a.m., and the congregation stopped using the red Lutheran Service Book & Hymnal entirely in favor of the green LBW. The congregation received \$10,000 support from the LCA Division for Mission in North America (DMNA) because of its precarious financial footing. During 1985 the amount from DMNA decreased to \$8333.

In his report to the congregation at the end of 1984, after less than a year as pastor, Pastor Bill wrote, "Finally, we need to move forward. In one of his more harsh encounters, Jesus told a man who wanted to follow him: "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) If we try to retrieve the past, we will die a cancerous death of nostalgia. If we cannot let go of the past hurts and bruises, we will sink under the hypochondriacal [*sic*] millstone. If we will not forgive persons and mistakes, we will not be able to forgive ourselves. But if we embrace our past as part of what God has used to bring us to this point, we may use our history to look forward. We may then celebrate all the good that we've shared in the past. And most importantly, we may share and celebrate the new life in Christ. "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Christ the King's membership grew during Pastor Bill's tenure. The triangle logo including the silhouette of the church was adopted in 1986. Also in early 1986, the small kitchen area in the Fellowship Hall was expanded to include a full-sized refrigerator, range, and double stainless steel sink. An L-shaped countertop was designed and installed with custom-built cupboards by CtK member Michael Green. This was the same year that a Kimball spinet piano was purchased with memorial funds for use in the sanctuary. DMNA support decreased to \$7800.



In 1987, Christ the King celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday, May 17, with Bishop Kenneth Sauer preaching at a special 10:30 AM service at the R.B. Chamberlin High School library, site of worship services before 1965. Sharon Brostrom, widow of the founding pastor, and Pastor Don Pentz also participated with Pastor Bill Kimball. In the afternoon a tree was planted at the church in memory of Pastor Dave Brostrom and dedicated to the future growth and life of CtK. A catered dinner was held in the church fellowship hall at 5 p.m. (Cost for the dinner was \$6.) A church photo directory was completed in honor of the anniversary.

The church purchased its first computer (an IBM-compatible personal computer), software and printer in 1987 for use in the office. The Evangelism Committee instituted the use of Fellowship Pads in the pews to help track worship attendance of members and visitors. The Social Ministry became known as the Helping Hands Committee. DMNA decreased its support of CtK to \$5600 for the year.

In 1988 the congregation joined the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) that was a merger of The Lutheran Church in America (LCA), The American Lutheran Church (ALC) and The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC – former congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod). It was at about this same time that CtK moved toward calling its various working groups "ministries" instead of the customary "committees," as in Property Ministry, Worship & Music

Ministry, etc. The Evangelism Ministry created members' nametags in 1988 to help people get to know one another better. This was the final year for DMNA support, with just under \$4000 received.

CtK member Ginger Pituch was hired as the first paid secretary for the office in April of 1989. Secretarial duties had been performed by many volunteers prior to this. In August 1989 a mortgage-burning celebration was held. Each member was given a facsimile of the mortgage to throw into a fire ring.

To accommodate the growth in worship attendance, in September 1989 a contemporary worship service was added to the weekly Sunday worship schedule at 8:30 AM. Sunday school was held at 9:45 AM and the traditional service moved to 11 AM. The prayer chain was started this year, and offering envelopes were distributed to Sunday school students for the first time to encourage youth to contribute regularly. At the end of 1989 CtK had 208 confirmed and 295 baptized members; average weekly worship attendance had climbed to 102.

In 1990 Mike Pereksta began to serve as the Treasurer for the congregation, a position he still holds in 2012.

A 2000 square-foot addition that included a narthex, a nursery, a sacristy, two offices and two classrooms was completed on the north side of the building in the fall of 1991. Pastor Bill's former office became the church library. Ginger, the church secretary, was moved from a tiny workroom outside the furnace room to the much larger, more comfortable front office. A skylight was installed in the church lounge because all of its windows had been covered by the adjacent sacristy.

We hired a nursery attendant to work in our nursery during both worship services and Sunday school beginning in 1991. CtK member Carla Erbe designed an elaborate Noah's Ark mural for two walls of the new nursery and completed painting the mural with the help of several other members in 1992.

In 1992 the Stewardship and Finance Ministry was separated into two entities: the Stewardship Ministry and the Finance Ministry. This was also the year that the city of Twinsburg widened Ravenna Road to include a center turning lane. As a result of Pastor Bill's bargaining with the city, the congregation was paid \$1651 (50 cents per square foot) for the frontage that was lost. The congregation first purchased its membership with Sam's Club in 1992 and also bought a new copier for the office.

By its 30th anniversary in 1992 CtK had adopted this Mission Statement: *Our Mission is to glorify God by providing a Christian fellowship for the teaching and learning of God's love and word.* To celebrate the anniversary, Director of Music Kevin Basom led the Easter cantata "Crown Him King" and Linda Bortak directed the Junior Choir at a special 10:45 AM worship service on April 26, 1992. Members and friends gathered for a "gourmet potluck" dinner at 5 PM that afternoon.

By 1993 the baptized membership stood at 442, confirmed members totaled 297, and an average of 145 people attended worship each week.

Christ the King extended a call to Deaconess Jeanette Rebeck to serve the congregation part-time beginning in March of 1994. Deaconess Jeanette became known as DJ to the members (to minimize confusion with long-time member Jeanette Cooper). She concurrently served a congregation on the west side of Cleveland while residing in Berea with her husband Dave and teen-aged children, John and Ann. DJ's office was set up in the former church lounge. Her ministry focus at CtK was on Christian Education, Youth, Congregational Care and Outreach.

Pastor Bill had begun work toward his Doctorate in Ministry at Ashland University in 1991, and he was awarded his D.Min. in the spring of 1994.

In 1995 a Praise Band with vocalists, guitars, percussion, and a keyboard began providing special music at the 8:30 AM contemporary worship service. This Praise Band was dubbed Ichthus by 1997 and accompanied organist Kevin Basom in leading music at that service most weeks. Late in 1995 the blue *With One Voice* Lutheran hymnals were purchased with memorial funds to supplement the existing green *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

1995 is the same year that the first sign with changeable letters was installed in the church's front yard. This created an opportunity to notify the community about events at the church and also to share brief thought-provoking quips with those driving by. Volunteers were responsible for changing the message on the sign, sometimes leading to the office receiving calls to explain or defend the posted message! (Joanne Ciarniello was one of the original sign volunteers and served until late 2011.) Another large purchase in 1995 was the Duplo digital stencil duplicator to speed the process of creating weekly and monthly publications. The congregation's constitution was amended in 1995 so that a lay member of the congregation would be the president of the council instead of the pastor holding that position.

At the beginning of 1996 the congregation investigated the possibility of selling its property to the city of Twinsburg with the intent of relocating and enlarging. Without consulting Ctk, the city had published a document stating that they considered creating a school campus including Ctk's property. The city ultimately declined to purchase Ctk's property. A building campaign called "Hearts on Fire" was begun in an effort to enlarge the size of the facility. Hearts on Fire ended in early 1997.



On April 13, 1997 Ctk celebrated its 35th Anniversary with special guest Bishop Marcus Miller of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA preaching at worship services at 8:30 and 11 AM. At 12:30 PM a catered celebration luncheon was held at R.B. Chamberlin High School with special music, recognition of charter members, and guest speakers. (Adult tickets were \$8, and children's were \$4.50.) The theme of the 35th anniversary was "On the Wings of the Spirit We Can Fly...Come Grow with Us." Special guests included Pastor Don Pentz and his wife Mary Ann.

The Faith Stepping Stones program was adopted in 1997 to honor milestones in young Christians' faith lives. This program includes special worship elements for baptism, a child's entry into Sunday school, presentation of students' first Bibles, First Communion, a student's entry into catechism, Confirmation, and high school graduation.

In August 1997 a groundbreaking was held for an addition to the existing building. When all the builders' bids were considerably higher than expected, the addition was put on hold.

In October 1997 the Church Council adopted a new congregational Mission Statement: "Our mission is to shine the light of Jesus, reflect his unconditional love, and mirror his kindness to all people." The congregation's stating this Mission Statement weekly at the end of worship has continued through 2012.

In January 1998 Wendy Gibbons was hired as a part-time Membership Information Coordinator to help keep the congregation's worship and membership records up to date. By March 1998 the financial situation of the congregation had become so dire that pay cuts and staff cuts were instituted. The paid

nursery attendant was let go, the nursery was once again staffed by volunteers, and the Membership Information Coordinator position was eliminated. In late spring 1998 members banded together and built a new, larger shed north of the parking lot.

Pastor Bill Kimball left Christ the King in July 1998 with the intent of accepting a call to Wittenberg University. Ultimately he was removed from the roster of the ELCA.

Pastor Rodney Funk served as interim pastor from July 1998 until October 1998, when he left due to health issues. Pastor George Gaiser was appointed as Christ the King's interim pastor beginning in October 1998. At the end of 1998, there were 385 confirmed and 520 members at CtK. Weekly worship attendance in 1998 averaged 170, having peaked at 177 in 1996.

Christ the King's website, www.ctktwinsburg.com, was launched in 1999. The old shed was torn down that year, and an enclosure was built at the back of the building to contain the garbage cans.

Deaconess Jeanette left CtK in January 2000 to accept a call at Bethel Lutheran Church in Middleburg Heights. Pastor George Gaiser left when Pastor Kevin S. Maxey was installed as pastor in June 2000.

Pastor Kevin and his wife Janice arrived at CtK in June 2000, and eventually bought a home in Streetsboro. In 2003 they adopted 3 teenagers, Michelle, Rachel and Thomas Salata.

By 1999 the Sunday school program had grown so large that some classes met in classrooms at Dodge school behind CtK. Planning for an educational addition had continued since the disappointment of 1997 and the congregation at last broke ground for a 4620 square foot education wing in October 2000.

The Endowment Fund was created in 2000 with a generous grant from the Lester Trust and was finalized in mid-2001. An Endowment Committee of four elected members was created to administer the fund. The goal of the endowment is to support projects related to Christian Education, Evangelism, Outreach, Youth, Worship & Music, and Capital Improvements. By 2002 the members of the Endowment Committee were able to review requests for funds in the spring and in the fall of each year.

At the end of 2000, confirmed membership stood at 265 and baptized membership at 373. An average of 150 people worshipped weekly.

When Pastor Kevin came onboard in 2000, he changed Catechism instruction from Saturday mornings to two Sunday evenings each month. Sixth graders were also included with 7th & 8th graders in Catechism. In addition to class time, students participated in a fellowship event or service event each month, led by parents of the youth. Eighth graders were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday after each student presented a Faith Statement to the congregation prior to Pentecost.

In 2001 CtK purchased an electronic Roland keyboard and moved the Kimball piano into the choir room. CtK donated the Allen organ to Mount Moriah Lutheran Church in Berlin Center, OH.

Shortly after Pastor Kevin's arrival, the office that had previously housed the pastor was converted into a workroom for the copier, a table, cabinets for storage, and counter workspace. Pastor Kevin moved his office into the adjoining classroom, and a door was cut in the wall between the new workroom and the new pastor's office. The classroom next to Pastor Kevin's office became the Youth room. Member Dale

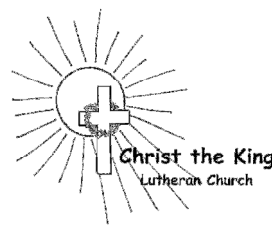
Schlosnagle installed windows in all the office doors. Member John Gibbons constructed a sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary to house a newly installed sound system.

The latest education addition was completed in spring 2001. It included a large, windowed gathering space, new restrooms, a utility room, five classrooms and a large classroom that can be divided into two rooms by a movable wall. A small unisex restroom was also included between two classrooms intended for use by young children. Pastor Kevin built a coffee counter, complete with storage cabinets and an automatic coffee maker, in the narthex.

Our printed weekly announcements had been an addendum to the worship bulletins for each service until February 2001 when *The Sunday Messenger* debuted. This weekly newsletter was printed on a separate 8-1/2" by 14" paper and included the names of those serving in worship, the calendar of events for the coming week, a list of the week's birthdays and anniversaries, a prayer list, and announcements of general interest to the congregation.

Christ the King continued to grow, and the congregation called Pastor Pamela Kelly in August 2002 as part-time Discipleship Pastor. Pastor Pam moved to Twinsburg with her husband John and their sons, Christopher and Matthew. Pastor Pam set up her office in one of the classrooms (formerly room 104) in the newest section of the building and focused upon Christian Education and deepening and growing the discipleship of CtK members and friends. With a second pastor now on staff, Pastor Kevin assumed the title of Senior Pastor of CtK. At the end of 2002 the confirmed membership of the congregation was 251, and the baptized membership was 360. There was an average of 151 people in worship each week.

Also in 2002 a contest was held to create a new logo. CtK member Brenda Henley designed a cross, sun and crown logo reflecting the Mission Statement and the name Christ the King. This became the basis of the official logo. This logo was used in official church stationery and on promotional materials that the Evangelism Ministry distributed to new visitors and to local neighborhoods through canvassing events each year, especially around Easter, Rally Day and Christmas. Golf shirts and sweatshirts bearing the logo were also sold. Members were encouraged to wear their CtK apparel to worship on Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday of the church year before Advent begins) and for other festivals.



Pastor Kevin and Pastor Pam Kelly attended training for ChristCare in St. Louis in early 2002. Several CtK members completed ChristCare training held at CtK in 2003 and began ChristCare groups soon thereafter.

In fall 2003, a lighted cross, purchased with Memorial Funds, was installed on the outside of the newest part of the building and dedicated. (Incidentally, visitors new to the building often think that the sanctuary is in the room where that cross is situated, partly because of the room's arched windows.) Dottie Wheeler was trained in fall 2003 and installed as the Parish Nurse, a volunteer position, in January 2004. Evangelism began to distribute visitor folders to introduce CtK and its programs to people who visited worship for the first time in 2003.

A major renovation of the sanctuary was undertaken in 2004. The faded orange carpeting was replaced with beige carpeting. Instead of having choir risers and a raised floor under the altar, the entire front of

the sanctuary was raised several inches above the congregation, and the communion rail was redesigned as a straight rail instead of enclosing the altar. The front brick wall was covered with drywall, and soffit lights were installed along the sides and back of the sanctuary, increasing the brightness of the sanctuary. The brass and wood cross on the wall behind the altar was replaced with a larger black walnut cross. Air conditioning was installed for the sanctuary and the ceiling fans were removed. The cylindrical light fixtures were replaced with more fashionable pendants and sconces that hold multiple compact fluorescent lights. The laminated particleboard pews with orange upholstery were replaced with solid oak pews donated by a nearby Mormon congregation. A contractor upholstered the pews with a beige fabric to coordinate with the new carpeting. The choir began to use individual chairs that can easily be moved instead of pews.

In 2004, the Council voted to change the age for youth to receive Holy Communion from fifth grade to second grade. So in that year, a class of fifth graders celebrated their First Communion in February, and a later training class was held for second through fourth graders, culminating in a second First Communion celebration in May!

In fall 2005, Frank Schenck began to volunteer at Christ the King on a regular basis as he started the process to receive his Associate in Ministry. The Youth room adjacent to the pastor's office became Frank's office, and the youth were moved into what had been Deaconess Jeanette's office.

Christ the King has been involved in the nationally known Stephen Ministry since 2005 when Pastor Kevin Maxey and Frank Schenck attended training to become Stephen Minister trainers. The first class of Stephen Ministers at CtK was commissioned in February 2006. Bob Coleman attended training to become a certified Stephen Minister trainer in 2010. Stephen Ministry remains active at CtK.

The congregation's constitution was revised in 2006 to define core congregational values, to state the roles of Council members, to decrease the size of Council, to enact term limits for elected positions, and to include provisions that the ELCA had mandated upon its inception in 1988. Sandy Molnar began training to become the Financial Secretary, allowing current Financial Secretary Jeanette Cooper to focus on supervision of weekly offering counters.

In 2006 we began to offer communion at every worship service. Prior to that, communion had been offered at alternate Sunday morning services each week and at both services on the fifth Sunday of any month. Members donated the newly published, red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) books in 2006 and 2007. These replaced the green *Lutheran Book of Worship*, but the smaller *With One Voice* hymnal remained in use, too.

By 2006 average weekly worship attendance was 162, which meant that worshippers were sometimes uncomfortably crowded in the pews. Parking was also at a premium on many Sunday mornings, and expanding the size of the parking lot was not economical. As a result, in January 2007 a blended style worship service was added at 5:30 PM on Saturdays. This service is the first to make use of projecting the order of service on a screen at the front of the sanctuary. Linda Mondry was hired to serve as the Saturday worship music leader. A Worship Team was created to help with planning music for all three worship services. *The Sunday Messenger* became known as *The Weekend Messenger* after the Saturday worship service began.

In an effort to improve communication within the congregation, in early 2007 Pastor Kevin constructed a bank of mail slots in the hallway adjacent to the sanctuary for members' use. This construction included cabinet storage space for miscellaneous office and ministry supplies.

Confirmed membership reached 302 at the end of 2007, and baptized membership was 367. Each week an average of 169 people attended worship; this was the peak average attendance for 2000 – 2010.

Pastor Kevin Maxey took a three-month sabbatical at the beginning of 2008. In his absence, Pastor Pam Kelly led the congregation. The first noontime Ash Wednesday service was held during this time to reach out to those who were unable to attend a service after dark.

In 2009 the "Warm Hands" campaign raised enough money to install air conditioning in the fellowship hall, old restrooms, library, and entrance to sanctuary. All of the windows and the exterior doors in the fellowship hall (from the original construction!) were replaced with more energy efficient products.

In March 2010, Pastor Pam Kelly resigned her call at Christ the King and went on leave from call. Patricia Jabre, Associate in Ministry, was called to the fulltime position of Minister of Discipleship and Youth. Patti's installation was in January 2011, and her office was set up in Pastor Pam's former office.

Pastor Kevin resigned his call to CtK in late May 2011 for a call to Hope Lutheran Church in Toledo. Pastor Patrick Persaud served as the interim pastor of CtK beginning in June 2011. Confirmed membership at the end of 2011 was at 352, and average weekly worship attendance was 139.

After several months of a capital fund drive, in the fall of 2011 a major roof replacement for the sanctuary was finally undertaken. There had been many repairs to the roof over its lifetime, but the source of many of the leaks in the sanctuary was determined to be the cross that was mounted to the top of the building through a hole in the roof. While the large rooftop cross was a primary distinguishing feature of CtK's image in the community, there was no apparent solution for the leaks it caused. The cross was removed from the roof, intact, in September 2011 and put in storage until a suitable method to display it was completed.

Pastor Persaud was instrumental in celebrating CtK's 50th anniversary, beginning with celebrating the 50th anniversary of its very first worship service on Sunday, October 2, 2011. At the 11:00 AM traditional worship service, Deaconess Judy Hoshek from the Northeastern Ohio Synod preached. The hymns included in that 2011 service were from the original worship service on October 2, 1961.



Frank Schenck was approved for his Associate in Ministry (A.i.M.) candidacy in the fall of 2011 and is scheduled to be installed as an AiM sometime in 2013. Also in the fall of 2011, the congregational logo was adapted to honor the 50th anniversary with inclusion of a banner reading "1962 – 2012: Shining the Light for 50 Years." Golf shirts and Henley style long-sleeved shirts were offered for sale with this logo, and Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2011 was set aside to continue the 50th anniversary celebration.

The middle school and high school youth led and served at all three 50th anniversary services on the weekend of January 13th & 14th, 2012 with high school junior Matt Kelly, son of former pastor Pam Kelly, giving the sermon at each service. The women continued the 50th anniversary celebration at all three services February 18th & 19th, with members Reverend Pam Garrud and Joan El-Bey preaching. On

March 17th & 18th, CTK men led worship, and members A.i.M. Frank Schenck and John Humrichouser preached.

The 50th anniversary celebration will culminate in Director of Music Kevin Basom leading a 27-voice choir in the Easter cantata "No Stone Could Hold Him" at both the 8:30 AM and 11 AM worship services on Sunday, April 15, 2012, the exact 50th anniversary of the organization of the congregation. At 12:30 PM a catered luncheon will be held across the street at the Twinsburg Community Center. (Adult tickets were \$13, and children's tickets were \$9.) Special guests Pastor Don Pentz, Pastor George Gaiser and his wife Judy, Deaconess Jeanette Rebeck and Pastor Kevin Maxey and his wife Janice plan to attend worship and share some thoughts at the luncheon.

CtK charter members who are still active in the congregation 50 years later are Dale & Mary Schlosnagle, Mark Tiarney, Sr. and Jane (Balogh) Zaremba. Other charter members expected at the luncheon include Art Balogh, Jim Balogh, Janese Barrett, Lynne (Tiarney) Mansfield, Miriam Tiarney, and Tom Tiarney, Sr.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Northeast Ohio Synod of the ELCA is scheduled to preach at a single 10 AM worship service on April 22, 2012, also in honor of CtK's 50th anniversary. We hope to have a large number of people in worship for this celebration.

A Call Committee was formed in the summer of 2011 following Pastor Kevin Maxey's departure, and as of the April 15, 2012 anniversary celebration, a candidate had not been selected for the position of Senior Pastor. It is with a combination of excitement and apprehension that the congregation waits for the changes that are certain to follow the calling of a new pastor. With the guidance of Pastor Persaud as our interim pastor, we have prayed faithfully each week for the Call Committee, prospective candidates and the congregation. We are confident that the Holy Spirit has guided Christ the King for the past 50 years and will continue to guide us into the future.

As Christ the King worshippers state at the close of worship each week, "Our mission is to shine the light of Jesus, reflect his unconditional love, and mirror his kindness to all people."

April 12, 2012 Addendum to Christ the King History compiled by Wendy Gibbons.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CHRIST THE KING

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Arnold, Pamela, Susan
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Balogh, James, Jane
Mr. Arthur Balogh
Mr. & Mrs. Judd Barrett, Patricia, Lawrence
Mr. James Bejger
Rev. & Mrs. David Brostrom
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Burge, Darrell, Sharon
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Conley, Michele
Mr. & Mrs. John Glover, Phillip, Susan, Jacqueline
Mr. William Glover
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hazlett, Ronald, Paul
Mr. & Mrs. Nils Kroon, Chris, Gretchen
Mr. Roy Lundstrom, Doreen, Roy Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Magneson
Mrs. August Maran, Ronald, Patricia
Mr. Thomas Maran
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martikkala, Carol Ann, Rosemary
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Moller, Ronald Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. David Munn, David Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Noyd
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pearson
Mr. Edward Pearson
Miss Lois Pearson
Mrs. Irene Plotz, Patricia, Linda, Debra
Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Quayle, Michael
Miss Dorothy Quayle
Mr. Jack Quayle
Miss Martha Quayle
Sgt. & Mrs. Irvin Roser, Linda, William, David, Susan, Richard, Patricia, Sandra
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Schlosnagle, Ann Marie
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Soinski, Chester, Janet, Earl, Bryan
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Taborn, Wesley, Annette, Karen, Albert, Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tiarney, Thomas, Mark, Lynne, Kevin
Mrs. Doris Trudeau
Mr. Tim Trudeau
Miss Barbara Wymer

CHURCH STAFF AND GROUPS AT CHRIST THE KING

CHRIST THE KING ROSTERED STAFF

Rostered Staff: Installation Date to Relinquished Office Date

Pastor J. David Brostrom - April 15, 1962 - January 31, 1966
Pastor Donald J. Pentz - June 12, 1966 - October 15, 1976
Pastor G. Thomas Osterfield - March 1 , 1977 - September 29, 1979
Pastor Clinton Anderson - March 16, 1980 - August 29, 1983
Pastor William J. Kimball – August 26, 1984 – July 12, 1998
Deaconess Jeanette Rebeck – March 1994 – January 2000
Interim Pastor George Gaiser – October 25, 1998 – May 21, 2000
Pastor Kevin Maxey – June 6, 2000 – May 29, 2011
Pastor Pam Kelly – Aug 4, 2002 – March 14, 2010
Patricia Jabre, AiM – January 23, 2011 – present
Interim Pastor Patrick Persaud – June 15, 2011 – present
Frank Schenck – Late fall 2005 – present

CHRIST THE KING MUSICAL STAFF

1961 – 1964 Organist: George Dodson; Choir Director: Roger Knepshield
1965 - 1969 Organist: Roger Knepshield;
1965 - 1969 Choir Directors: Eileen & Roger Knepshield,
1967 – 1973 Children’s Choir Director: Mary Ann Pentz
1969 – 1971 Organist/Choir Director: Joan Thompson
1969 – 1971 Youth Choir: Eleanore Billy
1971 – 1982 Organist: Rick Zucker
1973 – Youth Choir: Rosalie Black
1982 – 1983 Organist: Kevin Basom
1983 – 1984 Organist: Linda Mondry
October 1984 – present Music Director: Kevin Basom
January 2007 – present Saturday Music Leader: Linda Mondry

GROUPS IN THE CONGREGATION

A Senior Choir has been in existence as long as the congregation. When a second Sunday worship service was added in 1989, the Choir sang exclusively at the 11 AM, Traditional Service.

Youth have had varying degrees of opportunities for learning and fellowship over the years. Groups of senior high youth have attended triennial Lutheran youth gatherings since the ELCA formed.

1988 – San Antonio, Texas. 7 youth, 4 adults
1991 – Dallas, Texas. 4 youth, 3 adults
1994 – Atlanta, Georgia. 6 youth, 3 adults
1997 – New Orleans, Louisiana. 16 youth, 3 adults
2000 – St. Louis, Missouri. 6 youth, 2 adults
2003 – Atlanta, Georgia. 12 youth, 2 adults
2006 – San Antonio, Texas. 18 youth, 5 adults
2009 – New Orleans, Louisiana. 12 youth, 4 adults

2012 – Seven youth and three adults plan to attend the Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana in July.

The Men's Quartet Plus began in 1991 as a singing group that performed barbershop style harmonies for annual Women's Dinners. Although the Women's Dinners ended in 2003, five of the men have continued singing together at worship several times each year and at other venues. These members are Kevin Basom, John Humrichouser, Tom Pituch, David Schiopota and Mark Tiearney.

In 1991, the Evangelism Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry were divided into the Evangelism Ministry, the Outreach Ministry and the Congregational Care Ministry. The intent of the Evangelism Ministry is to make Christ the King visible to the community. The purpose of Outreach is to provide social outreach to those who are not necessarily CtK members, and Congregational Care ministers to CtK members in an effort to keep them engaged in the congregation.

A children's choir was started in 1991 for youngsters in third grade and up. The choir eventually became known as the Kingz Kidz Chorus and existed until 2002, with a brief reappearance in 2004. Leaders and helpers for the group over the years included Ellie Billy, Linda Bortak, Wendy Gibbons, Sally Morris, David Schiopota and Denise Tiearney.

A ministry to the older members of Christ the King called ANEW (A New Ecumenical Witness that later became known as A New, Exciting Witness) existed from 1992 to 1997, with regular fellowship events. Pastor Kevin Maxey held a monthly Lunch Bunch for retired members of the congregation for several years during his ministry. This was a chance for seniors to gather for midweek lunch and fellowship at the church. In 2008, a group for those fifty and older was begun, called the Young Elders. They met for monthly fellowship events in the area. The name of the group was changed to LAFF (Life After Fifty Fellowship) in January 2012.

The city of Twinsburg has been the site of a Twins Days festival at Chamberlin Park across the street from CtK on the first weekend in August since 1976. From 1995 – 2000, members of the congregation worked at a chicken dinner at the festival as a fundraiser. The organizers of Twins Days did not allow the congregation to earn enough money to justify the amount of work that was involved in the event. From 2004 – 2011 the congregation hosted a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning during the Twins Days festival, also as a fundraiser. Youth preparing to attend triennial National Youth Gatherings have often helped at the breakfast in exchange for keeping the profits. Other years the funds were designated for repairing the roof, replacing the refrigerator and other projects in the congregation.

In 1995 Deaconess Jeanette Rebeck began leading a Women's Bible study on Tuesday mornings throughout the school year. The Bible study has continued through 2012, including monthly gatherings during the summer. The women involved have included members of Christ the King as well as members of other denominations. For many years they sponsored an orphan in Southeast Asia, but since 2010 they have financially supported a Cleveland YWCA program for young women aging out of foster care.

In the fall of 1996 a bus trip was organized for adults to visit nearby wineries. This grew into an annual fall event, with trips to as far away as the Chautauqua area of New York State and has continued through 2011. Participants include members of CtK as well as friends and family of members.

A group of men met one Saturday morning a month during 1997 then began to meet weekly for fellowship and Bible study in 1998. These meetings often included maintenance and service projects around the church. Weekly meetings continued through 2007 when the men took a hiatus. For many of

those years the men sponsored an orphan in another country. The men began having monthly breakfast meetings at a local restaurant in 2008.

In 1998, the Outreach Ministry began to hold a "Holiday Gift Shop" in December for preschool students who attend Head Start in northern Summit County. The purpose of the Gift Shop is to give youngsters a chance to "shop" for family members' Christmas presents. New and gently used items suitable for all ages are collected from the congregation and community. This project has grown to the point that Outreach chair Joanne Ciarniello obtained a storage garage in which to keep donations year-round. Outreach cooperated with other local congregations in sponsoring an Ecumenical Gospel Songfest with several other Twinsburg congregations in the summer of 1999. A freewill offering at the event was donated to the Twinsburg Stranded Travelers Fund. This Songfest occurred annually through 2004.

In 2003 a ChristCare group called Going Deeper in Christ began meeting year-round on Tuesday evenings under the leadership of John Kelly, Pastor Pam's husband. In addition to their weekly Bible study time, the group participates in periodic service projects outside the congregation as part of their charter as a ChristCare group.

STEPHEN MINISTERS, present (*) and past, beginning in 2006:

Lynne Bailey *	Rex Durdel
Eileen Burda	Joan El-Bey *
Rachel Chisholm *	John Humrichouser *
Joanne Ciarniello *	Diane Procop *
Bob Coleman, trainer *	Frank Schenck, trainer *
Debbie Costa *	Sue Simmons
Shirley Duffy *	Dottie Wheeler

CtK has supported numerous recycling opportunities over the years. CtK youth have collected and recycled inkjet printer cartridges and empty toner cartridges to raise money for their National Youth Gatherings since before 2006. CtK member Alexa Tiearney has collected pull tabs from aluminum cans since 2009 to benefit Hattie Larlham, a home in Mantua for developmentally disabled people. Mike Coss, another member, has a collection bin for aluminum cans which he recycles to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (after removing the pull tabs for Alexa!) CtK allowed River Valley Paper Company to install a large green recycle bin at the back of the parking lot in September 2010. This serves as a receptacle for paper and cardboard to be recycled, for which the congregation receives a monthly payment. Members are encouraged to bring recyclables from home. A paper recycling container has also been set up in the building for people to easily recycle their weekly worship bulletins.

CHRIST THE KING COUNCIL LEADERS

Year	Leader's Name	Leader's Title
1964	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1965	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1966	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1967	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1968	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1969	James Remick/Pastor Charles Ronkos	Vice President
1970	Robert Spivey	Vice President
1971	Robert Spivey	Vice President
1972	Bruce Beardwood	Vice President
1973	John (Jack) Grueling/Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1974	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1975	Tom T Kearney	Vice President
1976	Ken Brandeburg	Vice President
1977	Ken Brandeburg	Vice President
1978	Phil Sommerfeld	Vice President
1979	Ronn Candow	Vice President
1980	Ronn Candow	Vice President
1981	Ronn Candow	Vice President
1982	Phil Isaac	Vice President
1983	MaryLou Keres/Ronn Candow	Vice President
1984	Ronn Candow	Vice President
1985	Pat Kugler	Vice President
1986	Jim Janzig	Vice President
1987	Jim Janzig	Vice President
1988	Jim Janzig	Vice President
1989	Steve Nitzsche	Vice President
1990	Steve Nitzsche	Vice President
1991	Steve Nitzsche	Vice President
1992	Stu Ruff	Vice President
1993	John Bortak	Vice President
1994	John Bortak	Vice President
1995	John Bortak	President
1996	Mark T Kearney	President
1997	Bob Nikolajczyk	President
1998	Tom Pituch	President
1999	Tom Pituch	President
2000	Tom Pituch	President
2001	Tom Pituch	President
2002	Karen Reid	President
2003	Karen Reid	President
2004	Karen Reid	President
2005	Dave Beveridge	President
2006	Rich Flenner	President
2007	Rich Flenner	President
2008	Rich Flenner	President
2009	Mike Procop	President
2010	Mike Procop	President
2011	Rich Flenner	President

CHRIST THE KING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

<u>CtK Membership Statistics</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Baptized Members	162	195	214	266	296	375	398	388	392	393
Confirmed Members	90	109	127	153	166	217	230	222	229	229
Communing Members	89	96	112	143	158	210	223	222	220	191
Confirmed, Communing, Contributing/Active	90	109	127		158	158	168	166	163	164
Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance					131	136	152	136	134	130
Avg. Weekly Sunday School Attend.					66	71	86	84	80	65
Percentage Attending Worship					44%	36%	38%	35%	34%	33%
Percentage CCC/Confirmed					95%	73%	73%	75%	71%	72%

<u>CtK Membership Statistics</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Baptized Members	303	320	309	325		327	251	334	295	307
Confirmed Members	186	194	188	194		202	167	224	198	210
Communing Members	166	171	152	150		126	108	141	145	135
Confirmed, Communing, Contributing/Active	176	183	163	179		134	108	137	136	126
Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance	124	129	116	106		75	61	82	90	85
Avg. Weekly Sunday School Attend.	58	61	58	50		44	32	41	42	51
Percentage Attending Worship	41%	40%	38%	33%		23%	24%	25%	31%	28%
Percentage CCC/Confirmed	95%	94%	87%	92%		66%	65%	61%	69%	60%

<u>CtK Membership Statistics</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>
Baptized Members	292	237	277	309	335	267	295	340	366	404
Confirmed Members	193	196	221	241	259	200	208	223	248	280
Communing Members	?	97	101	122	130	156	151	127	171	194
Confirmed, Communing, Contributing/Active	?	89	?	125	136	150	121	144	155	159
New Members Received	?	14	46	39	32	43	47	38	33	50
Members Removed	?	69	6	8	6	111	8	1	7	12
Net Increase/(Decrease)	?	-55	40	31	26	-68	39	37	26	38
Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance	?	55	71	91	92	93	102	113	116	132
Avg. Weekly Sunday School Attend.	?	18	?	?	39	44	43	47	55	70
Percentage Attending Worship		23%	26%	29%	27%	35%	35%	33%	32%	33%
Percentage CCC/Confirmed		45%		52%	53%	75%	58%	65%	63%	57%

CtK Membership Statistics	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Baptized Members	442	436	456	494	496	520	471	373	359	360
Confirmed Members	297	313	337	360	367	385	342	265	254	251
Communing Members	228	259	252	272	244	276	255	212	228	233
Confirmed, Communing, Contributing/Active	164	237	232	217	199	235	233	185	199	183
New Members Received	48	55	38	48	18	42	25	21	30	36
Members Removed	10	61	18	10	16	18	74	119	44	35
Net Increase/(Decrease)	38	-6	20	38	2	24	-49	-98	-14	1
Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance	145	158	174	177	165	170	156	152	150	151
Avg. Weekly Sunday School Attend.	81	90	103	112	98	91	92	81	76	73
Percentage Attending Worship	33%	36%	38%	36%	33%	33%	33%	41%	42%	42%
Percentage CCC/Confirmed	55%	76%	69%	60%	54%	61%	68%	70%	78%	73%

CtK Membership Statistics	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Baptized Members	339	338	349	355	367	380	384	362	352
Confirmed Members	245	254	271	285	302	310	309	297	292
Communing Members	241	260	277	282	295	301	299	283	265
Confirmed, Communing, Contributing/Active	196	225	230	220	215	222	208	207	193
New Members Received	21	25	36	26	25	35	15	4	6
Members Removed	42	26	25	20	13	22	11	26	16
Net Increase/(Decrease)	-21	-1	11	6	12	13	4	-22	10
Avg. Weekly Worship Attendance	150	150	159	162	169	160	163	144	139
Avg. Weekly Sunday School Attend.	71	69	70	63	49	47	48	41	46
Percentage Attending Worship	44%	44%	46%	46%	46%	42%	42%	40%	39%
Percentage CCC/Confirmed	80%	89%	85%	77%	71%	72%	67%	70%	66%

