

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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ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

The first season of the church year, Advent, begins on Sunday, November 28th. The season lasts four Sundays and is a time to contemplate the impending arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There are Advent materials for kids, teens, adults, and families, including some Advent calendars, on the rack near the mailbox hallway. Most Advent devotionals begin with December 1st. Choose the material that best fits your spiritual needs!



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES PLANNED

Plans for two worship services are in the works for Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th. One will be a 7:00 PM drive-in service in the back parking lot with Holy Communion, and it will be broadcast on 90.1 FM. The other will be in the sanctuary at 9:00 PM with Holy Communion, masks, and distancing. The 9:00 PM service will be livestreamed.



NEW YEAR, NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE!

Beginning Sunday, November 28th, the First Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of a new church year, CtK will begin a new worship schedule!

Weekly **outdoor worship** with Holy Communion will begin at 9:30 AM. For the first time since March 2020, weekly **indoor worship will resume with an 11:00 AM service** with Holy Communion and singing! Masks and social distancing will be required at the indoor service.

If you can serve as a worship assistant - reading the lessons and leading the prayers - or an altar care volunteer for either worship service, please contact Wendy in the office, telling her what you can do at which service.

Beginning November 28th, plans are to livestream the 11:00 AM indoor service. CtK will need people to help with indoor livestreaming. (During the winter there will be no outdoor speakers, so livestreaming the outdoor service isn't feasible. It will be broadcast on 90.1 FM.) Watch the *Weekend Messenger* for details about worship changes.

There will be no Christmas Day service this year, but on Sunday, December 26th, the First Sunday of Christmas, there will be relaxing, fun, song-filled services with Holy Communion at 9:30 AM outdoors and 11:00 AM indoors.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME IS BACK!

As the weather has cooled, coffee is brewed before outdoor worship on Sundays, and there is also hot water for tea or cocoa. There will be fellowship time in the narthex (or outside, if you prefer!) between the 9:30 AM outdoor and 11:00 AM indoor worship services. Since foam cups are environmentally unfriendly, please consider bringing your own coffee mug, or use a ceramic mug from the Cup Board in the fellowship hall - after giving it a rinse! (If people begin using many CtK mugs, we will need volunteer mug washers. Talk to Wendy if you can wash mugs.)



ATTENTION ALL CTK ELVES:

CtK's Outreach Ministry is searching for elves who want to bring warmth and joy this winter to those in need. Beginning November 28th, you can place items in one of two places in the narthex:



1. Mitten/Scarf/Hat Tree for men's, women's, & children's winter accessories
2. Plastic Gift Box by the Mitten Tree for socks and undershirts for men, women, & children.

All mittens, gloves, scarves, & hats will be donated to The Emergency Assistance Center serving northern Summit County. Socks & underwear will be donated to Haven of Rest in Akron. The collection continues through January 16th, 2022.

If you have any questions, please talk to Joanne Ciarniello, Jody Clare-Harnak, Kerry Dominick, Mary Ellen Robinette, or Lynne Bailey. If you prefer, we will shop for you. Make checks out to *Lynne Bailey*, or put cash in an envelope in her CtK mailbox.

Submitted by Lynne Bailey

The Red Cross reports that 39 pints of blood were collected November 16th. The 2022 blood drive schedule is not complete, but the tentative schedule will include one or two blood drives monthly.

**ORDER POINSETTIAS BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

Please sign up for poinsettias on the bulletin board or call the office with your order by Sunday, December 12th, and be sure to specify the number of red or white poinsettias you'd like. The cost is \$12.00 per 10-inch pot of three plants. Make checks payable to *Christ the King* and place in your offering envelope. You may take your flowers home after the final Christmas Eve worship service. Please talk to Wendy in the office if you can pick up the plants (from Hiram) and/or arrange them for Christmas Eve worship.

Poinsettias will be labeled with the donor's name. You must make arrangements if you'd like your plant delivered to homebound people after Christmas.

**FINAL 2021 BLOOD DRIVE IS ON CALENDAR**

Because the Red Cross is having difficulty staffing their blood drives, CtK will host a single blood drive in December, on Tuesday, December 7th, from 12 - 6 PM. All donors are encouraged to register for an appointment at redcrossblood.org. Please let Wendy know ASAP if you can register donors for a couple hours at the drive. At press time the Red Cross required all donors and staff to be masked in the building.

Some Sunday evenings...

...a Twinsburg-area church serves a free Community Meal from 4 to 5:30 PM. (Meals are carry-out only during the pandemic unless noted below.)

**Location Schedule**

2nd Sunday - Faith United Methodist Church, 2560 Post Road, Twinsburg - limited indoor seating is available; **their clothing closet is also open.**

4th Sunday - First Congregational Church, UCC, 9050 Church Street, Twinsburg

5th Sunday - Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10285 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg Meals will next be offered at CtK on January 30th, 2022.

All are welcome for a free meal!

JANUARY MESSENGER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15

Because of family commitments, Wendy's office hours will fluctuate between December 17th and January 5th. As a result, the deadline for articles for the January 2022 *Messenger* will be Wednesday, December 15th. Wendy's regular hours will resume Friday, January 7th. Thank you for your understanding!

**OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH - JANUARY 3RD**

The CtK office will officially be closed from noon on Friday, December 24th, through Monday, January 3rd. Email and phone messages will be checked periodically during this time, but Wendy has permission to tell you that you may also call Pastor Jeff with immediate concerns.

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May Christmas this year be a reminder to Christ the King how much God loves each of us.

May you have silence to hear His quiet coming.

May the holy day of our Lord's birth be a beautiful day of grace to all.

May you have peace to feel love subtly stirring.

May you have joy to respond with hope renewed.

May God bless you always and fill your hearts with His special gifts.



ANY COLLEGE GRADUATES THIS MONTH?

If you are completing a college degree this semester, please contact Wendy in the office if you'd like to share the news with your Christ the King family.



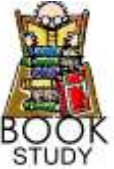
TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN ADVENT

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study group will meet weekly at 10 AM through and including December 14th. The topic of study is *Women of Advent* from the November/December issue of *Gather* magazine, discussing Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anna.

The group meets in Room 105 except on Tuesdays when CtK hosts a blood drive, when the group meets in the Fellowship Hall. Gatherings will resume January 11th, 2022 at 10 AM after a three-week break for Christmas and New Year's. All women are invited to attend the hour-long sessions when their schedules allow.

WEDNESDAY NOON BOOK STUDY CONTINUES

Pastor Jeff's Wednesday noon class is studying *Mary Magdalene Revealed* by Meggan Watterson. The group is open to everyone, and a typical session lasts until 1:30 PM. See the calendar in the *Weekend Messenger* for the weekly topic of discussion. You may bring your lunch to eat during class.



Sandy Molnar
Financial Secretary



Christ the King received a gift of \$51 in November from Thrivent. The following member of Thrivent requested we receive this gift. Thank you for your support.
Jim Baker

St. Pauly Used Clothing Shed

Christ the King received \$123 for items put in the St. Pauly Shed in October, which adds up to \$1354 year-to-date, and \$10,058 since the shed was installed in 2014. Thanks to Karen Reid for her diligent monitoring of the donations in the shed and to everyone who donates clothing!



Aluminum cans Christ the King members and friends donated 13 pounds of aluminum cans in October, netting \$4. This makes a total of \$26 for 46 pounds of cans so far in 2021 and \$153 for 417 pounds since early 2015. Thanks to John Gibbons for carting the aluminum cans to the recycling business and to everyone who leaves their empty cans in the Giving Center bin.

OCTOBER 2021 FINANCE REPORT	
<i>Complete financial information is posted on the kiosk outside the office.</i>	
Operating Income	\$15,566
Other designated income	\$295
Total Income	\$15,861
Operating Expenses	\$17,601
Other payments	(\$3,195)
Total Expenses	\$14,406
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,455
Monthly Budget	\$18,184

FALL 2021 ENDOWMENT GRANTS APPROVED

Requesting Person(s) / Organization	Description	Type	Granted
Haven of Rest-Joanne Ciarniello	To provide complete meals, shelter	outreach	\$6,000
Our Community Hunger Centers-Lynne Bailey; Terry Piteo	Twinsburg residents in need of emergency food assistance	outreach	\$2,000
Aurora Food Pantry-Lynne Bailey; Jeff Jackson	Aurora residents in need of emergency food assistance	outreach	\$3,000
US Disaster Response-Domestic-Lynne Bailey	Natural disaster response	outreach/emergency	\$5,000
CTK parking lot repair-Tom Pituch	Endowment and matching funds to repair parking lot	matching	\$15,000

The Longest Night

Many years ago, not long into my first year of seminary, I stepped into a deep pit of despair. I was surrounded, suffocating really, within and without, by a thick cloud of darkness. I felt isolated, alone, abandoned even. I was grieving, both for all that had been that I had lost, and for all I had expected and hoped to be that never developed. I was overwhelmed, filled with anxiety and exhaustion, and I reacted to the people around me with agitation, irritation, and even anger.

Depression was the clinical name given to my official mental health diagnosis.

Whatever anyone wanted to call it, all I knew is that I felt terribly lost and hopeless. It didn't seem like there was any possible way out of the darkness, like I was stuck in the muck and mire of the deep, dark, dank pit . . . forever!

In the northern hemisphere, we are entering a time of darkness, as the natural rhythm and cycle of the seasons unfolds. The leaves are completing their journey back to the earth, the temperatures are falling, and the days are shortening, as we pick up steam towards the climax- the winter solstice on December 21 - the longest night.

Just like the leaves, we are invited to return to where we came from, to begin anew, to reset, to die and be reborn, again and again. We are invited into the darkness, into the beginning, into the earth, and into the dark womb from which we were born.

For it is in the darkest darkness that the Light shines brightest!

(Isn't it interesting that we hear stories of near death experiences that include moving through some sort of tunnel-like pathway towards a bright light, which exactly mirrors our birthing process from the dark womb into the light of this human experience?!)

Long, long ago there were many peoples and traditions that celebrated the natural rhythms and cycles of life. They were, and are, earth-honoring traditions, meant to connect and reconnect us to the earth, the natural elements, the seasons, the plant and animal worlds, the sun and stars and moon and heavens, to one another and our ancestors, and to the deepest parts of our own hearts, the Light and Love of our true nature, often hidden deep within the darkness of our inner worlds.

Then, when the early church formed and became the official religion of the empire, these earth-honoring traditions were vilified, demonized, and called (in an intentionally derogatory way) pagan. Of course, anything 'pagan' was, and is, heretical, bad, and evil; while anything 'Christian' is good. Thankfully, today, we know better. We know this isn't true. And more and more people are remembering and returning to our roots, reawakening and rebirthing many of these ancient earth-honoring traditions!

In the church, we are also entering a time of darkness, as the natural rhythm and cycle of the church seasons unfolds.

Advent is the name we give to this time. We practice waiting and watching and preparing as we steam towards the climax on December 25 - Christmas - the birth of Light in the midst of great darkness!

Jesus, we call this great Light. And we place on him all of our hopes and expectations to be the light in the midst of our darkness.

And yet, here we are, still, thousands of years later, and not only are we still waiting for the Light in the midst of our darkness, the darkness seems to be growing and strengthening and spreading.

Perhaps there's something we're missing?? Perhaps there's another way??

Jesus was/is also known as 'the Christed one.' We often say Jesus Christ, or Christ Jesus, but the more complete translation is Jesus, the Christed One.

This isn't to imply that Jesus is the only Christed One. Rather, we see that following the Way of Love that Jesus followed leads each of us to be Christed Ones as well!

Simply put, a Christed One is one who has turned inward, entered the darkest darkness, and dwelt deeply there, over and over and over and over again.

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Dwelling in the depths of darkness deep within our own hearts and beings is not for the faint of heart. It is hard work, and liberating work as well! We come face to face with unpleasantness of all kinds - a buffet of hurts and disappointments and fears and scars.

When we are able to be fully present with what is, with no judgment, no pushing away, no holding on to, simply allowing what is to be, breathing in and out Love, little by little the heavy cloud of darkness begins to soften and lift, much like how the sun warms the morning and melts the dense fog away.

And much like the sun becoming clearer and clearer and brighter and brighter, the Light we've been searching for in the midst of our darkness becomes brighter and brighter and clearer and clearer!

And to our surprise, we find that this Light we've been longing and searching for, to dispel our darkness and fill us with peace and joy and Love, is within us!

This Light is within our own hearts! It's been there all along!

It always has been, is, and will always be!

It's never left us and we've never left it!

It's available any time- every time- we boldly and courageously enter the darkness within, dwell deeply in Loving presence (without judgments of any kind), allow what is to simply be, and return to the Light that has always been within us, always beckoning us, always showing us the Way, always ready to welcome us home!

This is the invitation that my experience of depression offered me.

This is the invitation the earth-honoring traditions offer us.

This is the invitation the rhythms and cycles of the seasons offer us.

This is the invitation the falling leaves and the longest night offer us.

This is the invitation the Advent season offers us.

This is the invitation Jesus, the Christed One, offers us:

'Let us dwell together, within our own hearts and beings, in our deepest darknesses.

Let us practice Loving presence in this place,

breathing in and out Love with whatever we find,

leaving all judgments at the door,

simply allowing what is present to be,

and meeting it with Love in this moment.

Let us find, and return, again and again,

to the Light and Love that has always been within us!

And let us nurture and grow this Light,

climaxing with new birth at the winter solstice and Christmas Day!'

What gifts of Love are your heart asking you to give birth to, out of your deepest darkness, from the Light that is, and always has been, within you???

So grateful to be sharing this journey with each of you, and so excited to witness and support the growth and birth of more and more Light and Love from within each of you!!!

Love, Love, Love,
PJ

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**CUSTODIAL SERVICE RESUMES AT CTK**

Christ the King Council has contracted with a cleaning service to perform weekly custodial duties. The regularly scheduled cleaning time will be on Friday afternoon/evening, when the building is seldom in use. (Other arrangements will be made for Christmas Eve.)

**BUILDING BEING USED AGAIN BY OUTSIDE GROUPS**

As pandemic restrictions have loosened, CtK Council has approved the use of the building by outside groups once again. Please check the CtK calendar and *Weekend Messenger* for the most up-to-date schedule.



**POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS DECORATING?**

If anyone would like to Deck the Halls of CtK this Advent/Christmas season, let Wendy know in the office. While she is not gifted at decorating, she is willing to clutter your Inbox in an effort to spread the word to any of you who want to help. And if you take charge of this project, you get to decide how simple or elaborate the decorations will be!



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| Tim Stahlman     | 1-Dec  |
| Linda Mondry     | 3-Dec  |
| Dottie Wheeler   | 3-Dec  |
| Aiden Ripley     | 4-Dec  |
| Bob Roe          | 4-Dec  |
| Nathan Spagnola  | 6-Dec  |
| Lynn Pereksta    | 7-Dec  |
| Lisa Doty        | 13-Dec |
| Carlton Spitz    | 13-Dec |
| Doug Corbin      | 15-Dec |
| Greg Tulley      | 15-Dec |
| Ray Kendrick     | 18-Dec |
| Claire Schiopota | 18-Dec |
| Truman Goss      | 19-Dec |
| Jenn Lue         | 20-Dec |
| Ariella Smiddle  | 21-Dec |
| Rich Wilhelms    | 22-Dec |
| Glenn Fasnacht   | 24-Dec |
| Braden Susnik    | 24-Dec |



Charlie & Dolores Poulton 26-Dec

**DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**9:30 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

December 5 - Kristin Wedemeyer Goss  
 December 12 - Katie Bach  
 December 19 - Mike Coss  
 December 26 - Karen Reid

**11:00 AM INDOOR WORSHIP**

December 5 - Linda Bendler (lector)  
 December 12 - Denise Tiearney (lector)  
 December 19 - To be assigned  
 December 26 - To be assigned

Contact Wendy in the office to help at either service.

**THANKS FOR HELP WITH OCTOBER COMMUNITY MEAL**

The October 31st Community Dinner was a success in spite of the Browns game and despite its being Halloween. Fifty-five dinners were served, and nine very hard workers took home dinners. Also, six members made enough cookies to add five or six to each of the dinners, in addition to candy for Halloween.

A heartfelt thanks to all of these helpers. Paul and I could not have done this gift of generosity and sharing without their help.

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|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Allison Bach      | Katie Bach     | Lynne Bailey   |
| Joanne Ciarniello | Jean Coss      | Mike Coss      |
| Kerry Dominick    | Glenn Fasnacht | Nancy Fasnacht |
| Sue Simmons       | D Urban        |                |

*Submitted by Mary Ellen Robinette & Paul Bucholtz, Meal Coordinators*

[Editor's note: Special thanks to Mary Ellen for distributing fliers about the meal at CtK to local groups and to Glenn Fasnacht for putting up the vinyl outdoor sign advertising the meal!]

**THANKS TO CTK FAMILY**

A Big Thank You to all my CtK family for your support (prayers, lending medical equipment, rides back and forth to doctors, meals, phone calls, babysitting grandchildren, etc.) during my back surgery and recovery time. Things are finally getting back to normal. I'm still only working five-hour days as my body isn't tolerating longer hours at work. Hoping to resolve this issue soon.

Love to all of you!!

*Denise Tiearney*

**shining the Light of Jesus...**

...October 30<sup>th</sup> Haven of Rest volunteers: Katie & Allison Bach, Mike Coss, Kerry Dominick, Chris Driver, Wendy Gibbons; next date to serve is January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

...October 31<sup>st</sup> community meal volunteers named in note above

...Bob Coleman for replacing a faulty switch in the coffee maker in time for weekly coffee

...Pam Wolfe by making a new white banner that debuted on All Saints Sunday

...Worship helpers, including: Katie Bach, Kevin Basom, Paul Bucholtz, Bob Coleman, Tina Coleman, Mike Coss, Glenn Fasnacht, John Gibbons, Wendy Gibbons, Kristin Wedemeyer Goss, Danny Lange, Sally Morris, Karen Reid, Pam Wolfe, Wiley Wolfe, Jane Zaremba

...Sunday coffee makers: Rich & Joanne Ciarniello, Wendy Gibbons, Crystal Stokes, Pam Wolfe

...Glenn Fasnacht and Tom Pituch by spending hours installing a handrail along the sloping sidewalk going into the building in anticipation of icy winter days

...Ginger Pituch by shopping for CtK supplies

...Jean Coss by showing the ropes to the new custodial company

...Katie Bach by bringing treats for Christ the King Sunday

...Glenn Fasnacht by finding errant microphones & helping prepare for indoor livestreaming

# December 2021

For up-to-date Ctk information, go to <https://ctktwinsburg.com/about-us/calendar-2/>

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                             | Saturday                                                     |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |                                                                 |          |  |
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| Flexible office hours this week; please call before stopping in!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |                                                              |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |                                                                 |          |  |
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| Office is officially closed this week. Email & phone messages are monitored                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |                                                              |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |                                                                 |          |  |

**CHRIST THE KING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES from 10/11/21 at 7:05pm** (Approved)

*Approved Council minutes are also posted on the Council kiosk.*

Present in person: Pastor Jeff, Mike Coss, Karen Reid, Katie Bach, present by zooming: Glenn Fasnacht, Bob Coleman, Sally Morris.

Mike Coss shared a song by the group Nickelback called If Everyone Cared, noting the meaningful lyrics especially "If everyone shared, nobody'd die".

Agenda for this meeting and minutes from 9/13 and 9/26 were approved.

Pastor's report: Pastor Jeff reports 672 miles. Pastor Jeff contacted the synod office and got information about a Congregational Resource Team to aid in transition. He also got info about John Slesman, an accountant who works with the synod who may be able to help with our recent financial review report. On Thursday 11/14 Pastor and council will be on a zoom call with Hilary Beatrez to discuss the financial review report with us. Mitch at the synod office also notified Pastor that a complaint made by one of CTK's members about inappropriate behavior by Pastor Jeff was dismissed as baseless. Pastor will follow up with the member.

Mike talked about the plans for the next 3 Sundays leading up to the Gratitude Celebration. Week one 10/17- Receiving gifts, week two 10/24- Gratitude, week three 10/31- Sharing gifts. On 10/31 Icthus will sing, Katie and Sally will coordinate a crafts project, and members will submit gratitude response cards. Members may also wear costumes, and help distribute treats to children.

The Continuation and Improvement Plan will be presented to the congregation on 10/24. Council will present a plan which will reflect the needs of the congregation by funding all the ministries and prepare to fairly compensate the pastor and staff.

Upon reviewing the results of the survey about worship times, (60 responses) CTK will begin to offer 2 services per Sunday starting 11/28. The services will be 9:30am outdoors, and 11am indoors. This will be reviewed in March 2022.

Katie wished to review the endowment ministry grants for fall 2021. Although Mike Pereksta indicated the ministry could gift 22K, Katie's own calculations show more dollars available to gift. The ministry approved grants totaling 31K.

At the Nov.8 council meeting, Glenn will present the devotion.

On 10/14/21 at 7:10pm until 8:30pm all council members except Sally were on a zoom meeting with Hilary Beatrez, the CPA who reviewed CTK's financial records and processes. Hilary expressed his goal of presenting a neutral, objective report to CTK. He noted that he saw no red flags in the records and no significant misbehavior was evident. For more detail, see the actual report. In summary, Hilary noted that additional signers are needed for the Ameriprise account. Also additional checkers are needed to review all reports monthly. Also, there is no investment policy statement to guide the financial advisor and Hilary could supply a sample statement. CTK might need an endowment advisor (perhaps from the synod).

On 10/17/21 all council members met at 10:30am to discuss the presentation of the financial review report to the CTK congregation. This will occur on Nov.7 after the worship service. Prior to 11/7, an email will be sent to members to prepare them to receive the report. Each member present on 11/7 will receive a copy of the report along with some guidelines to help them understand the report. The report will be emailed to all members on Monday 11/8. Members will be given some time to read the report. There will be a short discussion of the report, focused on the "accountant's observations". Then questions, only concerning the report, will be answered.





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**OCTOBER COUNCIL MINUTES, CONTINUED**

Additional discussion concerned the need to purchase a camera and laptop to record the indoor service. Also permanent outdoor speakers may be needed for the outdoor service. Hilary has already sent the sample investment policy statement. Pastor Henderson from Lord of Life Lutheran is a member of the synod resource team who may help us with transitions. Mike C raised the possibility of hiring an independent attorney to review and interpret Jeanette Cooper's will for the congregation. Council voted to give permission for the Girl Scouts and the Chinese Christian church to meet in our building and also to allow them to have a building key.

Submitted by Karen Reid, secretary, 10/17/21 8:30pm

**2022 PROMISE CARDS RECEIVED**

Thanks to the 22 CtK members/families who have returned a 2022 Promise Card with their promises of Time, Abilities, & Resources! Financial Secretary Sandy Molnar received all Promise Cards and removed and recorded the Resources Promise before forwarding the Abilities portion of cards to Wendy Gibbons in the office. Wendy will forward names of those who submitted any Abilities Promises to appropriate ministries. It's never too late to complete a 2022 Promise Card!



**SUGGESTIONS FOR SPENDING TIME WITH GOD**

An explanation and suggestions for regular spiritual practices were included on the 2022 Promise Cards.

*Time with God is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God through regular spiritual practices are we truly prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.*

- ◆ Participate regularly in worship.
- ◆ Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer/meditation.
- ◆ Share my experience of God's Loving presence in my life with my children/grandchildren
  - ◆ Spend 10 minutes a day enjoying nature
  - ◆ Pray/meditate together with my family
    - ◆ Engage in a daily devotion
    - ◆ Read a book
  - ◆ Spend extra time with loved ones, listening deeply to them
    - ◆ Exercise 30 minutes, three times a week
- ◆ Spend 10 minutes a day breathing in & out Love, listening to my heart



**2021 CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS**

On Sunday, November 21st, the congregational meeting with elections was held in the sanctuary. Congratulations to Council-at-Large Members Dusty Basmagy, Bob Coleman (re-elected to second term), & Kerry Dominick, who were elected and whose terms will be from January 2022 through December 31st, 2023. The entire 2022 Council, also including President Mike Coss, Vice President Katie Bach, and Member-At-Large Glenn Fasnacht, will be installed at worship in January 2022.

Congratulations to Lisa Doty, elected to a four-year term on the Endowment Committee through December 31, 2025.

The 2022 Nominating Committee is Kate Hartland, Cindy Meyer, Ginger Pituch, Karen Reid, & Stacy Reyes.

Thanks to outgoing Council-at-Large Member Sally Morris, serving since January 2020, and to outgoing Member-at-Large & Council Secretary Karen Reid, serving since January 2016. Thanks to outgoing Endowment Committee member Kristin Bedford, whose term began in January 2018. Thanks to our 2021 Nominating Committee of Linda Bendler, Paul Bucholtz, Chris Driver, & David Schiopota.

A proposed 2022 Continuation & Improvement Plan of \$254,561 was presented by Council. Financial Secretary Sandy Molnar announced that 22 2022 Promise Cards had been received, with a total promised amount of \$97,476. Based on historical giving, the projected giving for 2022 is \$192,947.12 The 2022 Continuation & Improvement Plan was discussed and is a work in progress. Talk to a member of Council with your ideas and comments about how to improve and continue CtK's ministries as we head into 2022.

**PHOTO DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!**

About a year after the initial portraits were taken by Universal Church Directories, CtK's 2021 photo directories have arrived. A copy has been given to everyone who either sat for a portrait or submitted a photo for the book. Thanks to everyone who participated! Seventeen portraits were taken, and an additional nineteen photos were submitted.



Watch for information about availability of an online membership app that was part of the directory package.



# DECEMBER MESSENGER 2021

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**Christmas Eve Worship**  
Friday, December 24th, 2021

**Drive-in Worship with Holy Communion**  
7:00 PM, broadcast on 90.1 FM

**Indoor Worship with Holy Communion**  
9:00 PM, masks & distancing required  
livestreamed on CtK Twinsburg channel of  
[YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

**Sing Your Way Through the First Sunday of Christmas!**  
December 26th, 2021



**9:30 AM Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion**  
**11:00 AM Indoor Worship with Holy Communion**

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

Sunday Schedule

**Drive-In Worship** w/Communion .....9:30 AM

Fellowship Time in Narthex..... 10:40 AM

**Indoor Worship** w/Communion ..... 11:00 AM

Livestream Worship on YouTube..... 11:00 AM

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