



In all we do...
growing disciples for Christ

The King's Herald Christ the King Lutheran Church Universal City, Texas

DECEMBER 2020

WORSHIP UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Because of the uncertainty of Covid numbers presently, the church council has decided that we will continue to celebrate worship in the parking lot in our Drive-In format at least for the rest of the year. We realize this is not what everyone wants (especially for Advent & Christmas services), but we simply can't justify putting people at risk considering that infection rates are increasing again. The church staff and worship committee are working on creative ideas for worship during this especially meaningful time of year. So while these worship services may not be "normal" in the sense of what we expect for our annual traditions, **God will be praised** therein nonetheless (and THIS is what worship is actually all about). If you haven't checked it out, come join us!

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ADVENT

Psalm 126 opens with the line: *"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream."* What does it look like to live as those who dream? The prophets, the psalmists, John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds and the Magi—they were all dreamers. They received, discovered, and responded to God's dreams for the world. In Advent, we step into the mystery and awe of God's dreams and pray they shape our reality.

What does it look like to live as those who dream? How can we embody and bring forth God's dreams? How do we dream of a better world when our current one is harrowing and disorienting?

This theme and the accompanying materials are for the dreamers in all of us—those who dream of a deeper connection with God and those who dream of a better world. They're for those who dream of comfort and for those who have given up on their dreams. They're for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God's dreams for our world through Bible study, your personal devotions and in worship.



The weary world rejoices

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24 at 6:30 & 8 p.m.

Drive-In style with creative ideas including candlelight, hymns and Holy Communion*

Please note the change in time for the early service from previous years. This is to help our worship experience.

* Bring your own or use the individual sets available at Church.

Advent is not just a kind of preamble that prepares us for the Christmas celebration. Advent is an invitation to hope. But that hope is not a conventional, fictional, artificially imposed experience; not even an exercise of hope reduced to four weeks and ending on Christmas Day. The hope to which Advent invites us transcends the framework of the liturgical. It goes further. The key to understand it is offered by the liturgy of the first Sunday of Advent, with its readings and prayers throughout all the season. Advent invites us to look at the coming of the Lord, at the end of time, the *parousia*, when the messianic promises will be consummated, when the new human being and the new earth will become definitive reality. It will be the great reconciliation, the great gathering of the scattered, of the different. The reconciling peace of the cosmic Christ will come true forever. This is the goal that provokes and nourishes hope, which strains our lives and permeates it with strength and dynamism. That is why we say that the hope of Advent exceeds the framework of the liturgy, stimulates the whole of our Christian life by making it a permanent Advent.

Advent is always a season of hope, a season that reminds us never to lose sight of the hope we Christians are called to live with year-round. I believe this year, more than ever, we really need to focus on hope! We have been bruised and battered by the COVID-19 pandemic, a polarizing election, racial strife, and so much more. In the face of such difficulties, we can easily fall into despair. The message of Advent, however, is that despair will not prevail because of the hope we find in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Our hope must be active and constructive. We must denounce and condemn everything that opposes Jesus' great project: injustice, selfishness, violence, abuse of power. On the contrary, we must nourish and enhance the establishment of the great values of the Gospel: peace, fraternal love, solidarity, respect, and care for the creation. The experience of Advent is, in this way, a rehearsal for active, revolutionary, and constructive hope. Therefore, Advent goes beyond four weeks. It invades the whole of our lives. As the German theologian Jorgen Moltmann tells us, we must regain the centrality of hope. The hope that projects us to the future of promise. God's word is backing us. Let us lean on it.

May this year Advent not only be a beautiful liturgical season for us, but may we experience an affirmation of hope, and that hope becomes a real and concrete practice of our personal and collective spirituality.

May the Lord of the manger enlighten us with the Spirit of tenderness to rethink over that with Christ's birth our hope is reborn. Welcome Christmas!

Paz!
Vicar Ricardo



**Merry
Christmas**
from the Church Staff!

Wishing Each of You a Holiday filled with
blessings and joy!

Pastor Mike	Vicar Ricardo	Mariesa
Kathy	Carol	Sally
Suzanne	Margaret Melanie	Dale
Mr. & Mrs. Diaz		Leona
		Vanessa



Since we can't have an Advent Fair this year to prepare and learn about the Advent Season, we are changing things up with Advent in a Box (bag)!

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, families are spread thin. What more can I say except 2020 has been far from normal and we are putting together a resource for you to share Advent Resources with your children and grandchildren this Advent. While time spent at church is precious, it is never enough to convey the wonder, mystery, and importance of the Advent and Christmas stories. That's where the home comes in.

Advent in a Box will help to bring resources for faith at home efforts to support, love, and connect families where and when they need it most. That means: at home, on the go or wherever! We hope that families will open the box with delight and think, "We can do this! We can hold back some of the Christmas crazy, and spend a few special moments together on the real purpose of the season."

These boxes will be distributed during Thanksgiving week and will be available at church to families on November 29. Advent bags will be available as well as other devotion options that day.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

As always, we will have a variety of Advent devotional options available. Mariesa is assembling "Advent in a box", which will include some devotional material for families. We also have the devotional booklets which coordinate with our Advent Theme – "Those Who Dream".

This material includes some stunning and beautiful artwork; some of which is designed as "paper lace" (similar to the papel picado banners you may see downtown, at Market Square and at Fiesta). Given our pandemic restrictions, there are some neat ways to use these resources at home (either coloring the art or cutting it out for yourself with an Exacto-knife). If you would like to do this, please contact the church office and we will send you the artwork on larger cardstock for this devotional activity.

We hope these devotional options might inspire your dreaming of hope, peace, joy and love and help you discover how God is at work in your dreams and subsequent actions. We invite you to carve out time each day to listen for God speaking to you through art, poetry, reflection, and embodied prayer.

The "Those Who Dream" devotional includes mention of issues that are sensitive areas (especially this year) and may make you upset or uncomfortable. Rather than getting offended or simply stop using these materials, ask yourself why you are upset, uncomfortable or feeling whatever it is you are feeling. Dive into a perspective that might be different than your own and see how you can learn from that. Use these moments to reflect and dig into the message God is sending you even through these topics/images with which you may not agree. God may be using these moments to help us understand one another and our perspectives.

WORSHIP UPDATES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL - continued

We will continue to live-stream the worship services (and record for later viewing). These can be found on our YouTube channel (also with a link on the church's Facebook page) and on our website. Watch Facebook for announcements about technical problems, if you are unable to get the live-stream to work.



BULLETINS: To limit exposure, please remember to print your bulletins at home or use a phone or tablet with the digital version that is emailed out and available on our webpage. If you don't have a printer and just simply prefer a paper copy, call Margaret in the church office to get on the mailing list. We are only printing a few to have on hand on Sunday mornings and would really prefer to keep these for visitors.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP THANKS

HUGE thank you's continue to everyone who has helped prepare and implement our worship services during November: Susan Abbey, Jill Cooper, Linda Dowda, Kathy Hanley, Carmen Hawkins, Will Jackson, Lisa Lopez, Ray Lopez, Joyce Lucas, Rita Lucas, Carol McClelland, Dale Meyers, Patsy Meyers, Rich Patterson, Mariesa Robbins, Kathy Staley, Cathie Theis, Tim Walters, Don Vogt, and Margaret Vogt.



Also, a SPECIAL thank you to Sally Walters, Ryan Agrella, Dan Healey and Dale Meyers for managing the sound, to Sally Walters and Vanessa Jackson for music, and to Ryan Agrella and Mariesa Robbins for live streaming the services.

**THE DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
WITHOUT YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE!**

WORSHIP SURPRISES & A THANK YOU!

Dear Christ the King Family,

I have had the opportunity to meet with other Church Council Presidents (from around our synod) and the bishop monthly to discuss church operations within the synod. From those meetings, I have learned that we are meeting or exceeding every expectation many churches have faced since the beginning of the pandemic. Although we are not meeting inside for worship, our attendance is equal to or even higher than churches that meet inside* for worship services. When asked about attendance, some of the council presidents have reported anywhere from 20 to 35 members at their services. Since starting our Drive-In worship service in June, our attendance has been between 60 to 85 members. Not only are our numbers steady, but contributions remain stable compared to churches meeting in person for worship. **Thank you for your continued generosity!**

Please know the worship committee and council have had many discussions about in person worship and the safety of our community remains the top priority moving into 2021. Stay safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, and please remember to physically distance.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Kathy Staley, Council President

* - due to their geographic location and Covid case numbers in those counties, they are able to meet inside with restrictions.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

At Christmas time, our congregation has traditionally expressed our appreciation to the staff for the work they do during the year. It's time to start thinking about that again. Staff gifts are not included in the budget. Gifts for our staff will come from your specific contributions.

Please prayerfully consider this request. If you choose to participate, please put your contributions into an envelope, mark it "Staff Gifts" and put it into the collection bin on Sundays, bring it by the church office, designate it in online giving or mail it in by Sunday, December 13. Any money received after this date will be held for distribution the following year.



In His Service,
Kathy Staley, Council President



a service of readings, prayer, music and candlelight embracing lament and hope

Not everyone experiences the Christmas season as a time for glitter and tinsel, joyous gatherings of family and friends, or “tidings of comfort and joy” for all. There are those who are alone... those who grieve... those who have lost hope... those who need to give voice to the discomfort of their souls... those who need a guided time of quiet and reflection on the life-giving word of God. The Christmas season of 2020 will surely be such a time for many in our communities.

“The Longest Night” is a pre-recorded worship service produced by the Southwestern Texas Synod for those with such spiritual need. It is being made available for use by individuals, congregations, or groups of persons who desire to focus a worship time on the hope and promise of God that came to us in the manger... and lives among us still... amidst the reality of life in this time of Covid, chaos, challenge, and change in the church and society. The service will run approximately one hour in length and be available on the SWT synod website (swtsynod.org) by December 15 for use on the solstice (the “longest night,” December 21) or any time during the remaining Advent/Christmas season. Please share this information with anyone who you feel may want to participate.

THANK YOU'S

- Continued THANKS to Leona Hietala and Kathy Staley for counting the offering and updating the financial records **EACH week** during the pandemic.
- Thank you to John and April Poe for the use of their trailer for drive-in worship.
- Thank you Sheri Boos in October and Desiree Alvarado in November for being an extra adult presence for confirmation workshop.
- Thank you to Bruce Lemire for working on the advent candles.
- Thank you to Maggie Boos for designing outdoor advent signage.
- Thank you to Joyce Lucas for diligently “installing” the parking lot barricades **EVERY WEEK** for our Drive-In worship since June.
- Thank you to Joyce Lucas and Rich Patterson for serving as our Volunteer Coordinators for Drive-In worship each alternating week since June.



BLOOD DRIVE



American Legion Post 667 at 504 Bowie Drive, Universal City, is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or you can sign up by logging onto <https://no-click.mil/?https://www.militarydonor.com>. Click on locate a blood drive. Under search by sponsor in the box for CODE enter AL667 then click enter. Click on the date you would like to donate. Click on what you would like to donate. Enter your information.

All donations will be deeply appreciated. Give blood! Save a life!

ALTERNATE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Most of us spend too much money on gifts and yet many of us admit that the tradition of gift-giving leaves us with too much stuff and too few meaningful memories. We invite you again this year to consider giving gifts to your loved ones using the ELCA Good Gifts program. With ELCA Good Gifts, you can find more than 50 life-changing, charitable gifts – such as a pair of goats, school fees or a water well – and give a gift the world truly needs. Each gift can be given in honor of a friend or loved one, and you can send or download a personalized card to let them know about it. Shop now at ELCA.org/goodgifts.

PAJAMAS FOR NEW LIFE

We Will again purchase pajamas and slippers for New Life Children's Center in Canyon Lake for Christmas. The info about the girl's sizes and favorite colors will be available at our Craft Sale on December 5th. That gives us a little less than 2 weeks to shop, and still allow time to wrap, sort by cottage, and deliver before Christmas. We do have some on hand. If you want to shop now, please do. Our biggest need is women's size large, then medium, then extra large. If you want to wait and shop for specific girls, please call Erika Robeson.



Guidelines for pajamas: Pants may be long or capri, but no shorts; tops may be long or short sleeve; but no sleeveless, no tank tops, no spaghetti straps; no metal such as zippers or grommets; as for decoration, no inappropriate sayings, no skull and crossbones, no hearts.



As 2020 draws to a close, we continue to move forward in faith and expectation of God's continued provision.

We sponsored two families through Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) this year for Thanksgiving and will be sponsoring two for Christmas. Thank you for your donations to this endeavor. RACAP's needs continue to be paramount during this time of high unemployment due to the pandemic. Please continue to drop off donations at the church.

The ladies' Christmas event will be on Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At this time, goody bags will be handed out during this special drive-by event.



The WELCA Cards and Crafts Sale is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be recycled cards, pot holders, scrubbies, casserole carriers, dish towels, hand towels, bowl koozies, shopping cart handle covers, and Christmas table runners available plus other items. Come out and shop for Christmas. **Masks must be worn to attend.** We will have additional protocols in place in keeping with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Margaret is in the church office Monday-Friday from 8am to 2 pm while the rest of the staff are still primarily working from home. But if you need something, contact any one of the staff. (Phone numbers may be found in the church directory.) **For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Mike or Vicar Ricardo on their cell phones.**

WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday, December 28th and Friday, January 1, 2021. It will be open on Tuesday, December 29th, Wednesday, December 30th, and Thursday, December 31st, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any last minute offering donations for 2020.

If you have not picked up your 2021 offering envelopes, you may also do so during these hours.

Christmas Blessings!

Margaret Vogt, Administrative Assistant

Stewardship

**“The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’
Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’”**

by Bill Maddox

As we approach the end of the year, we look forward to Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. We have been blessed in many ways and we thank God for His abundant love.

But we may ask, how can we say we are so blessed? Just look around and consider what we have and continue to experience, i.e. Covid 19, millions out of work, food pantries depleted, business failures, social unrest, and political division. So, having said that, we again ask how can we say we are so blessed? Let’s have a look.

Despite these challenges, our congregation continues to strive. We continue to have worship services, we continue to have communion, we continue to support our youth ministry, we continue to support our local food pantry, we continue to support our synod and churchwide activities (ministry beyond the parking lot), and we continue to support our Mission Endowment Fund. The list goes on.

Why does this happen? It is because of our stewardship in action. Members have provided the time, talent, and financial resources to ensure that our ministry continues, meaning that stewardship is not a spectator activity, but one of action. Things have changed, but our mission has not. We **are** blessed and continue to be.

Looking ahead to Thanksgiving, we may not be able to gather with family and friends as in the past, but the one thing we need to remember is that we are blessed and should be thankful.

We also look forward to the season of Advent, when we are filled with anticipation for the coming of the Promised One, confident that the Promised One is our Emmanuel—God with us—now and forever. **The Advent message is a stewardship message—prepare for the fulfilment of the Kingdom, a time to reflect on our life, and to share, as we are able, our time, talent, and treasure.** During these challenging times, God calls us to continued service, and encourages us to invest our time, talent, and treasure in the Kingdom of God. Even a simple gift of time spend in prayer is an act of stewardship.

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and guide us in our work through the end of this year and into the next. Let us remember that *by sharing what we have, sharing what we are, and sharing what we hope to be*, we will continue “Growing disciples for Christ”.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelope boxes for 2021 are being completed and will be available in your church mailbox on Friday, December 4. They can be picked up during office hours from Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pastor Mike and Vicar Ricardo will also hand them out on Sunday morning as people leave worship.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult faith formation is just as important as when we were children. Therefore, we have a number of opportunities here at Christ the King for you to get involved. **These are open to everyone! So come join the discussion of your choice and bring a friend!**



Saturdays at 8:30 am – via Zoom

Join us as we explore the book “Humble Roots: How Humility Grounds and Nourishes Your Soul” by Hannah Anderson. Contact Thomas Hawkins for details if you are interested.

Where Mom’s Connect - Saturdays at 10am



The Mom’s Connect Class meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We are reading the book The 5 Love Languages of Children, by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. The class will meet on-line to discuss a chapter each Saturday. ALL moms are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us, please e-mail Carmen Hawkins at Carmen.hawkins67@gmail.com for the zoom code.

We would love to have you join us!

Soulful Conversations - Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom

“I don’t think of you as Black.” “That’s so ghetto.” “You are so articulate.” “You listen to opera?” Have you ever heard these comments? They are common examples of microaggressions. What is a microaggression? A microaggression is an indirect, sometimes subtle put-down toward a person from a marginalized community, often wrapped up in what pretends to be a compliment. Some might say it is a back-handed compliment. Regular exposure to these types of insults and indignities causes a person of color to feel isolated and invalidated.



Whether you have the book or not, come and listen to our conversation. Each week our awareness increases as we learn something new. And, there is so much to learn!

We continue to meet virtually every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. “Zoom in” to join the conversation – Meeting ID: 848 5961 2107; by phone: 346-248-7799, then use the same meeting ID number.

Wednesday at 10:30am via Zoom

Again this year, we will be exploring the Advent Theme (“Those Who Dream”) and the texts for Sunday through the practices of Lectio Divina and Visio Divina. “Lectio Divina (Latin for “Divine Reading”) is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God’s word. In the view of one commentator, it does not treat scripture as texts to be studied, but as the living word.”¹ Visio Divina, (Latin for “divine seeing”) is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery. Vicar Ricardo has previously encouraged the use of both these prayer practices and this will give you another opportunity to engage in them.

Everyone is welcome to join us and enjoy our entertaining and informative discussions. **We will NOT meet on Dec. 23rd or 30th!**

1 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lectio_Divina

RACAP CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS

Items Needed: Jelly, Canned Fruits, Tomato Products (Paste, Diced, Whole), All Canned Soups, Hamburger/Tuna Helpers

And for Christmas Baskets: flour, granulated sugar, brown sugar, evaporated milk, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, yams, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, and chicken broth.



Our Facebook page is entitled “Christ the King Lutheran Church Universal City” and this is our profile picture. 



Watch devotions and much more on our new YouTube channel, found at: bit.ly/ctkluther or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.





On Sunday December 6, join Pastor Mike and Vicar Ricardo for Confirmation Workshop from 10:30—1:30 pm. Please bring a sack lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Wear clothes that can get DIRTY!



Kids from preschool through 5th grade — Join us each week from 11:00—11:45 for Children's Church on Zoom.



Youth will continue to meet from 1:30 til 2:30 pm each Sundays on Zoom.



Parking Lot Christmas Party from 10:30—1:00 Pm

Youth from 5th grade thru High School are invited join in a picnic in the parking lot. We will play Christmas games and Gaga ball.

Getting Ready for Christmas Place Mat

Make Mealttime Family Time
...at home or out for a meal!

Use this place mat as a tool to jump-start your family's fun-n-faith time during a meal!

TONGUE TWISTER

Try saying "sleigh slides on slick snow" three times fast!

What is the real meaning of Christmas? How does this true meaning get lost in the celebration of Christmas?

BIBLE TIME

Read Isaiah 9:6

- B** What do you like the **BEST** about this passage?
- I** What do you **IMAGINE** God is like from this passage?
- B** What kind of person does God want you to **BE** now?
- L** What do you like the **LEAST** about this passage?
- E** What do you think God **EXPECTS** from you now?

What does this mean?*

L Why do you think Jesus' first bed was an animal feed trough called a manger?

What are your favorite Christmas traditions?

How does your church celebrate Christmas?

What do you like about how your church celebrates Christmas?

Add more fun to your church mealtimes without adding any extra calories!

Gorilla Jingle Bells

"Mom, can I get this super hero Christmas ornament?" Tyler asked his mom while they were doing some pre-Christmas shopping.

"Tell me again what super heroes have to do with Christmas," said his mom.

"Well, nothing really, I suppose," said Tyler after a minute. "I just thought it would look cool on the tree."

"I'm sure it would," said his mom. "But I'm not sure that's the look we are going for to celebrate Jesus' birth. A lot of this stuff has nothing to do with the meaning of Christmas."

"Yeah," said Tyler as he looked at the display of gorillas that played 'Jingle Bells.' "I see what you mean."

How many of your Christmas traditions involve Jesus?

What would Jesus think about how you celebrate Christmas?

*ANSWER: NOEL

PRAYER PRACTICES

During this month we continue our prayer practice journey with the *Viso-Divina* practice. In *Viso Divina* we pray with our eyes. It includes the contemplation of art in conversation with God. *Visio Divina* is an invitation to wonder. So, it is always a great opportunity to remember the vital importance of prayer for Christian life, for its deep relationship with faith, hope, love, and justice. I invite you to join us watching the videos on CTK webpage, CTK Facebook, YouTube and our meetings through Zoom the 16th of December at 5:30PM.

“Prayer invites us to quiet our spirits,
to quell the distractions that otherwise avert our attention
from virtues to banalities of existence.
Prayer allows us to listen
to what is truly significant to our lives,
and to intentionally envision
how we can live life
with more integrity, gratitude, compassion, and grace.
Prayer empowers us for peaceful living,
asking us to consider the needs of others
as well as our own,
and calling us to live nonviolently
with loving-kindness and conviction
in the face of life’s trials and turmoil.
Prayer is the gift of spirit we give to ourselves
so that our lives may be a gift of service
to others and the divine.
Prayer reminds us of the sacred,
and connects us to it.” – Rev. Bret S. Myers,

Paz,
Vicar Ricardo

VIRTUAL GATHERINGS

We continue to offer virtual gatherings—Bible studies, fellowship times on Zoom* and through Google Meets. Check Facebook for the most up to date information on meeting ID’s and links or call one of the hosting leaders. We will also continue to post video devotions and children’s sermons on Facebook, the church YouTube channel and our web page.

* - If you have difficulty with Zoom, call/text Pr. Mike or your meeting host.

Sundays 11am - Family Children’s Church - Mariesa
Sundays 1:30 pm - Youth Group Zoom - Mariesa
Sundays, 4pm - Soulful Conversations - Joyce Lucas
Wednesdays, 10:30am - Bible Study - Pr Mike
Wednesday, 5:15pm (1x / mo, see article elsewhere) -
Spiritual Prayer Practices - Vicar Ricardo
Thursdays, 7:15pm - Music Makers - Sally Walters
Saturdays, 8:30am - Adult Bible Study - Thomas Hawkins
Saturdays, 10am - Where Moms Connect - Sheri Boos &
Maggie Boos

We will be taking a break
from offering Coffee Hour and
Happy Hour for awhile. But
you can still connect with
people in all these other
ways! Check them out.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles for the January 2021 newsletter are due **NO LATER THAN the 15th of December because of the Christmas holidays** and may be sent to Margaret Vogt at ctkadm@sbcglobal.net or brought to the church office.

We remember in prayer:

THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS:

David Bartley	Darlene Christiansen	Bill Laxton
Gene Bielke	Carol DeNoble	DJ Schultz
Sherry Bielke	Dick Dunsmore	Kent Schultz
Fran Bitney	Mamie Elliott	Philip Seaman
Aina Blake	Hazel Knipp	Carol Underdahl

THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES:

Anna Harman Fred Hermann

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CTK:

Roy Alvarado, *Joanne Swansiger's neighbor's brother*
 Ava Anderson, *granddaughter of Glen & Alfrieda Anderson*
 Jenny Barnes, *friend of Doreen Bowers*
 Fran Bezold, *cousin of Kathy Staley & Barbara Kovacich*
 Jerry Blakely, *Wilma Kirchman's friend*
 Mel Borgfeld, *father of Sheryl McCawley*
 Veronica Carlson, *wife of Gene Carlson*
 Jacque Donaldson, *friend of Cindy Patterson*
 Joe Dougherty, *friend of Dinah Ryson*
 Lauren Doyle, *friend of Jan Lindorfer*
 Larry Dunn, *Leonard Geyer's step-son*
 Mary Henderson, *friend of Cathie Theis*
 Terry Hepworth, *Kathy Staley's friend*
 Ted Herrera, *uncle of Chris Herrera*
 David Hitchcock, *friend of BJ & Harold Henk*
 Ronald Jensen, *Joanne Swansiger's friend*
 Pedro Jimenez, *Vicar Ricardo's brother*
 Corinne Johnson, *Joanne Swansiger's friend*
 Betty Ann Jones, *Kathy Staley & Barbara Kovacich's cousin*
 Lendell Jones, *friend of Joanne Swansiger*
 Carolyn Sue Kelly, *friend of Kathy Hanley*
 Judy Kerlick, *friend of Joyce Lucas*
 Bill Kermavner, *nephew of Joanne Swansiger*
 Steve Kerns, *friend of Joanne Swansiger's niece*
 Debbie Kittridge, *sister of Cindy Bonaccorsi*
 Todd Kittridge, *brother of Cindy Bonaccorsi*
 Diana Kotara, *Dawn Young's sister*
 Gene Kraemer, *Marion Weishaar's brother*

Pastor Marcia Kline, *friend of Joyce Lamprecht*
 Ed Leigh, *friend of Sally Zimmerman*
 Ed Leszynski, *friend of Joanne Swansiger*
 Mike Lueker, *friend of CTK*
 Claudia Molina, *Katharine Barden's friend*
 Diedre Morin, *Steve Lerum's sister*
 Michelle Neumann, *friend of Mariesa Robbins*
 Bobby Neumann, *friend of Mariesa Robbins*
 Cristian Neumann, *friend of Mariesa Robbins*
 Matthew Neumann, *friend of Mariesa Robbins*
 Steve Nordin, *Glenn Nordin's nephew*
 Donna Pichelmann, *Kathy Hanley's mother*
 Elizabeth Poe, *John Poe's mother*
 Nancy Rajanen, *friend of Don & Joyce Nelleremoe*
 Barbara Real, *Dawn Young's friend*
 Donna Scheel, *Susan Abbey's cousin*
 Julie Schmidt, *friend of Joanne Swansiger*
 Ray Schmidt, *friend of Don Nelleremoe*
 Mark Schroeder, *Suzanne Schroeder's husband*
 Randy Smith II, *friend of Richard & Marilyn Grooms*
 Don Stout, *Marge Stout's son*
 Noemy Torres, *Ramon Torres' mother*
 Glenn Uecker, *cousin of Barbara Kovacich & Kathy Staley*
 Kurt Weinelt, *Louise Cruz' brother-in-law*
 James Wieshaar, *son of Marion Weishaar*
 Keith Whitaker, *brother-in-law of Edward & Pearl Sauseda*
 Shannon Wright, *friend of Joanne Swansiger*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robbie Cooper	1	Margaret Vogt	10	Vince Cruz	20
Delilah Meiring	1	Steve Lerum	11	Becky Cabacungan	22
Melanie Vogt	1	Tyler Wilburn	14	Brendon Porter	24
Cindy Nutt	2	Lee Bennett	15	Donald Wetzler	24
Autumn Abbey	7	Collette Lopez	15	Kaylee Dorow	28
Indy McClelland	7	Wilma Kirchman	17	Kaylee Faulkner	28
Carol McClelland	8	Taylor Porter	17	Cheryl Becker	29
Lee Rhoades	8	Helen Widner	17		
Dinah Ryson	8	Kathy Staley	18		
Brendan Healey	10	Annikka Jensen	19		

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Linda Dowda	4	Jeremy & Vanessa Jackson	21
Pete & Dinah Ryson	5	Al & Sheri Boos	22
Richard & Marilyn Grooms	10	James & Becca Spencer	27
Jonny & Joy Brown	12	Philip & Trudy Seaman	28
John & Helen Widner	14		

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Church Council and Ministry Team Leaders

Church Council

President	Kathy Staley	Mutual Ministry	Ryan Agrella
Education/Faith Formation	Sheri Boos	Outreach	Leona Hietala
Evangelism	Carol McClelland	Property, Building, & Grounds	Tim Walters
Fellowship/Secretary	Susan Abbey	Worship/Vice-President	Joyce Lucas
Finance	Tyler Wilburn	Worship	Rich Patterson

Did you know ... that the Church Council prays for specific church members each month in our meetings and we work through the entire directory praying for the whole congregation this way? Please pray for them as they give of their time and talents to help lead our congregation.

Ministry Team Leaders

Fellowship Ministries

Bunco
Dominoes

Lisa Lopez
Leona Hietala

Education / Faith Formation Ministries

Sunday School Superintendent
Disciples Room Adult Bible Study
Soulful Conversations
Via de Cristo Reunion Group

Thomas Hawkins
Joyce Lucas
Mary Petermeier/
Dinah Ryson
Maggie Boos

All Other Ministries

Men's Group
Women of the ELCA
LWR Kits/Quilts
Prayer Shawls
Bereavement

Don Vogt
Carmen Hawkins
Erika Robeson
Marion Weishaar
Barbara Kovacich

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Stewardship Committee
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