



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH



## What are you giving up . . . for Advent?

You read that right! What are you giving up for Advent?

*Advent: The arrival of a notable person, thing or event.*

For previous generations of Christians, the season of Advent was a time of quiet preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. Much like the season of Lent, Advent was a time of introspection and preparation. Preparation for the second coming of Jesus the Christ. At some point, preparation for Christmas became the total focus! December is now one of the most stressful months of the year in our consumer society. In all the hub-bub of shopping, baking, decorating and parties we have lost the capacity to sit and wait.

What would happen if we eliminated just one Christmas expectation and made room for waiting? What if we did not put up the outside lights? What if we did not bake 10 different types of cookies, but only 5? What if we gave ELCA Good Gifts instead of more toys or sweaters?

(<https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>)

In Mexico, the traditional Mexican Christmas celebration is a stark contrast to ours. The main focus is on Christmas Eve. Whole communities reenact the story of Mary and Joseph looking for lodging. It is called a "posada". When the story is finished, the extended family feasts on a traditional meal of tamales and hot chocolate. At the stroke of midnight, the head of the family leads a toast: "the God-child has arrived." One of the children then places the baby Jesus in the nativity scene for the first time. The whole family rejoices at the long-awaited arrival of the baby.

In our celebrations on Christmas Eve, children wait for the arrival of Santa Claus and the hoard of gifts they will receive. Disappointment is a common theme from children to adults. We place so much emphasis on creating the perfect tableau that we often miss the *perfect* tableau that lies in the manger.

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Advent Soup &  
Conversation  
Dec. 6, 13 & 20  
6pm

Christmas Eve  
Worship  
December 24, 7pm

Christmas Day Worship  
December 25, 10am

Crown the Year with Praise  
New Year's Eve  
JAZZ VESPERS  
At Christ the King  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
5 pm

Is it possible to slow down during Advent instead of speeding up? Is it possible to focus on Jesus rather than on decorations, gifts and Santa Claus? Is it possible to spend time in contemplation, silence and fasting instead of scurrying hither and yon to keep up with the neighbors' extravagances and impossible societal expectations? Is it possible to focus on justice for all, the true message of Christmas rather than what I and my family "have to get done"?

Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth!

Blessings,  
Pastor Dorothy

## Living in the Word – December 2017

Christ the King joins Protestant Christians around the world by following The Revised Common Lectionary. A three-year cycle of assigned readings from Holy Scripture on which our weekly worship is based. This is year one, or Cycle A, The Gospel of Matthew and parts of the Gospel of John. You are invited to incorporate these readings into your daily Bible study in preparation for each Sunday's message.

### First Sunday of Advent (Dec. 3)

*Isaiah 64:1-9*  
*Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19*  
*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*  
*Mark 13:24-37*

### Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 17)

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*  
*Psalms 126 or Luke 1:46b-55*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*  
*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

### Second Sunday of Advent (Dec. 10)

*Isaiah 40:1-11*  
*Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13*  
*2 Peter 3:8-15a*  
*Mark 1:1-8*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 24)

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*  
*Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*  
*Romans 16:25-27*  
*Luke 1:26-38*



## DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING

Jesus invited his disciples to "come and see" where he was staying. Discipleship classes are your invitation to "come and see" where Jesus is staying. There are several options from which to choose. Come and see which class will lead you to a closer walk with Jesus.

**Spiritual Growth:** Mondays, 6pm, Library

**Reformation Video Series: Lutherans in America** - Video and guided conversation; Tuesdays, 7pm, Sanctuary, not meeting in December. Will resume January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Study:** First Wednesday, 12:30pm, Haven Hall

**Opening the Book of Faith:** Will resume January 3, 2018.

**Grief Support Group:** A community support group for those who are grieving. Facilitated by Pastor Don Voeks, ELCA Pastor.

**K.I.K.:** Kids in the Kitchen, 2018 schedule to be determined.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Dan Aamodt
- 2 Emily Johnson
- 3 Dyann Ness
- 3 Dianne Miner
- 5 Rachel Khalili
- 6 David Doss
- 9 Wyatt Landon
- 10 Betty Nesvold
- 11 Susan Gohlke
- 12 Rose Ann Lof
- 13 Ken Morrow
- 15 Daniel Barzee
- 20 Koda Tillberg
- 22 Cathy McLean
- 28 Bill Dressel
- 29 Kira Aszman
- 30 Noelle Martz

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 7 Gail & Marvin Barzee
- 14 Dick & Cathy Renken
- 27 Dave & Peggy Noles
- 27 Tom & Cathy McLean
- 29 John & Nancy Lof

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect.



**CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you again to all those who donated to our Fall Fundraiser. Our SOS (Support Our Students) Fund Balance is now at \$844 which provides scholarship funds for families in need. The CTK Preschool Board also designated \$185 to go to the ELEA (Evangelical Lutheran Education Association) Disaster Relief Fund for ELEA preschools damaged by the devastating Hurricanes. Thrivent members please consider CTK Preschool for your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Over \$600 a month this year is being provided for students to attend CTK Preschool.

On November 6th our MWF class had a Fiesta Potluck with parents providing great tasting Mexican food and our class singing Spanish songs as well as performing the Mexican Hat Dance. We had Dia de los Muertos decorations on the tables and on our preschool wall and we talked about the difference between Halloween and the special Mexican holiday honoring loved ones who have passed away. Pastor

Dorothy was also present; greeting the parents and leading us all in prayer.

Later in November the MWF had a NW Native American Potlatch. They worked together on a Totem Pole and wrote their own story for it: The Legend of the Shark, the Owl, and the Sun. At their Potlatch (NW Indian gift-giving feast/ceremony) they exchanged talking sticks they each had made. And in the spirit of giving, children brought canned goods to give to the Food Pantry bin at CTK Lutheran.

The TTH class did activities centered around our Families, Homes, and all the wonderful things God provides for us. They painted homes with pictures of their families appearing behind the doors and they made turkey hand print placemats for Thanksgiving which included what they said they were thankful for.

In December both classes will be preparing for their Christmas programs. The MWF class will be performing their annual Christmas play on Dec. 15 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary and the TTH class will have a Christmas Program in Haven Hall on Dec. 14 at 11 am. Refreshments will be provided at both events. Please come and celebrate with us the Birth of Jesus Christ! Cathy McLean, Director



**Moving Toward the Manger!**

Reflections on the writings of Frederick Buechner by Martin E. Marty will be the focus of our time together on Wednesday evenings in December. Gather at 6pm for soup, bread and fellowship. Stay for conversation, reflection and meditation. Dec. 6, 13 and 20, 2017.

# JAZZ VESPERS

## CHRIST THE KING!

**December 31, 2017, 5pm**

Ring out the old year with a classic vespers service in a newly composed style. Hear jazz classics performed by professional musicians and worship to the ancient rhythm of evening prayer. Continues monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5pm. All are welcome!

## CTK FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to everyone that took time out of their busy schedules and came and helped with the fall clean up this year! Your help was really appreciated once again. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!  
George Klein,  
Property & Grounds



## POINSETTIA'S

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one (\$8 each), envelopes are available from the poster in the narthex or call the church office. Fill out form and place it in the offering plate.

## TAKE THE RIGHT STEPS

Have you fallen before? Do you have a fear of falling? **"Take the Right Steps"**, is a fall prevention workshop for older adults, presented by Simone Carter, a trauma prevention and community education coordinator at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. She will be at Christ the King on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm to bring this special presentation following our **December Potluck Fellowship**. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact, Judy Maggio, 503-692-5025.

## ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?

Have you "liked" or "followed" Christ the King on Facebook? It's easy and it boosts our visibility. Login to your Facebook account, go to Christ the King Lutheran Church and click on the "follow" and/or "like" button. You can share any of our events on your personal page. You can invite your friends to follow CTK. Get the word out that we are active in ministry in Tigard. While you're at the computer, go to our webpage [www.tigardluthers.com](http://www.tigardluthers.com) to see the changes made by our new Media Manager, Mark Mehall. Mark is working closely with Linda Wesolowski and Pastor Dorothy to keep the webpage and Facebook page fresh and up to date. Thank you, Linda and Mark.



## Kids in the Kitchen (K.I.K)

Culinary Class for kids. Ebon Morse, a trained chef will teach children the value of healthier choices while giving them confidence in the kitchen. Members and friends of CTK bring your middle-school children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 4pm in Haven Hall and Kitchen. Classes are free. Register on line at [www.tigardluthers.com](http://www.tigardluthers.com)

## PARKING LOT REMINDER

If you are able, please park in the upper parking lot and leave the lower lot available for our senior citizens, visitors and people with mobility issues. Thank you for your help!

## OUR SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Virginia Jones who went home to be with the Lord on November 14, 2017. A memorial service will be held at CTK on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at 10 am.



DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	2
3 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent 9am Vineyard Worship  9am Choir 10:30 CTK Worship New Member Reception	4 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Spiritual Growth Group	5 8:30-11:25am Preschool  4-7pm Kids in Kitchen	6 8:30-11:25am Preschool 9-11:45am Quilting 12:30 pm Gather Bible Study 6pm Advent Soup & Conversation 7pm Vineyard Youth	7 8:30-10am Preschool	8 8:30-10 am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	9  12 – 5 pm Pinochle Group
10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent 9am Vineyard Worship 10:30 CTK Worship Potluck –“Take the Right Step” Presentation 3pm Grief Group	11 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Spiritual Growth Group 7 pm Council	12 8:30-11:25am Preschool	13 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Advent Soup & Conversation 7pm Vineyard Youth	14 8:30-11:25am Preschool 11am Sing-a-long	15 8:30-11:25am Preschool 10:30 am Play  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	16  10 am Virginia Jones memorial service
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24 4 <sup>th</sup> Advent 9am Vineyard Worship 9am Choir  10:30 CTK Worship  7pm Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 10am Christmas Day Service   Office Closed	26 Pastor Dorothy on Vacation Dec. 26- January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	27  7pm Vineyard Youth	28	29  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	30
31 New Year's Eve 9am Vineyard Worship  10:30 CTK Worship  5pm Jazz Vespers						

**Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule**

Wednesday Advent Soup Supper and Conversation, (3) Wednesdays beginning December 6  
Sundays of Advent, lighting of the Advent candles, 10:30am December 3, 10, 17, 24  
Christmas Eve Worship, December 24, 2017  
Christmas Day Worship, December 25, 2017

CTK OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM



Merry Christmas!

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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
The mission of Christ the King  
Lutheran Church is to:

**WELCOME**  
All people with God's unconditional love

**CELEBRATE**  
Jesus Christ and each other

**GROW**  
In faith through the Holy Spirit

**SERVE**  
Human and community needs

**Church Staff**

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**Sunday Services**

10:30 am Worship  
Nursery Provided

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