

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Day December 25

11:00 a.m. Carols and Communion

First Sunday of Christmas January 1

No Taizé on Saturday, December 31

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Organ Concert with Paul Tegels

Eve of Epiphany Thursday, January 5

6:00 p.m. Festival of the Epiphany with
blessing of the house and home



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New Year's Day Organ Concert with Paul Tegels January 1, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate the New Year

with Dutch organist Paul Tegels as he presents the organ masterpieces of Bach and those from his homeland. Prosecco and cake reception following.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Carols and Communion, nave

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

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Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

No Taizé service

Sunday, January 1

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Organ Concert with Paul Tegels

Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to worship today. Please sign the guest book and enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks after the service. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

The pastors and worship servers look forward to meeting guests after worship and answer questions about Christ the King Church.

Festival of the Epiphany January 5

Join us on the Eve of Epiphany, **Thursday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m.** to celebrate the festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord and the culmination of the season of Christmas. Following the service will be a time of fellowship with king's cake.

Blessing of Homes at Epiphany

The festival of the Epiphany offers an occasion to bless our homes where God dwells with us in our daily living. A printed rite of blessing and chalk will be supplied to all who wish to bless their home and inscribe their entrance door with 20+CBM+17. When the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother." (Matthew 2:10-11)

Taizé Service to Include Prayer Around the Cross on January 7

The Prayer Around the Cross at Christ the King Church is held at the 6:00 p.m. Taizé Eucharist on the first Saturday of each month. A wooden cross on the floor of the altar sanctuary confronts worshipers with the suffering of Christ on behalf of humanity. In its presence the suffering of the world and our own burdens come to light. Christ gave salvation to all on the tree of the cross. It is the tree where life might be restored. Worshipers may choose to meditate on the cross from the pew or may enter the altar sanctuary and kneel at the cross.

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Luther League Reunion Dinner

December 28, 6:00 p.m.

All high school youth and college students are invited for an evening of fellowship. The evening will have opportunities to catch up with our past Luther League students. We will gather together at church at 6:00 p.m. and go into the village to have dinner and return back to church for an evening of board games. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Ben Remmert by December 27.

Flowers for January and February

The 2017 Altar Guild Flower Chart is on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. **January and February have many open Sundays for flower dedications.** Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. For online giving use the Donate link on the church homepage. Checks to Christ the King Lutheran Church or cash in an envelope should say "Altar Flowers."

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Taking Faith Home



Looking for a way to link Sunday worship with family faith formation Monday to Saturday? *Taking Faith Home* offers scripture readings, prayers, devotions and rituals to use all week! Look for inserts in the Sunday bulletins or online at ctkelc.org/daily-bible-verse/

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:

Katie Feuille	Anna Fay Williams	Charles Turner
Evren Gener	Louis Monroe	Andreas Beck
Niell Gorman	Peter Nikonowicz	Shanna Thorvilson
Oliver Miertschin	David Jurgens	Lucky Sahualla
Alexander Skoracki	Penny Linsenmayer	Meredith Murphy
Marlee Thompson	Will Mallon	Eric Olafson
		Pierce Mathis

Church Photo Directory

Photo dates are: January 4-7, 17-21

We are excited to prepare a new pictorial directory of our church family. This new directory will serve as a valuable tool to help promote fellowship, showcase our congregation, and help us reach out to new members.

Photo sessions are January 4-7 and January 17-21. Sign up in the narthex before and after worship during December or sign up electronically by using the link on our homepage, ctkelc.org. Please plan now to participate. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!



ELCA World Hunger Appeal

The December Mission Offering is designated

for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Appeal. The ELCA's commitment to supporting people who live with chronic hunger, disease, and poverty around the corner and around the world is carried out by ELCA World Hunger through relief, development, education, and advocacy. **Last year, we contributed \$14,477** to the World Hunger Appeal and, historically, our congregation has regarded the World Hunger Appeal as one of our distinctive global mission priorities.

All money raised by the World Hunger Appeal comes through specially designated offerings and donations from ELCA members, congregations, and friends. ELCA World Hunger receives no benevolence (general budget money from general ELCA member offerings); the ELCA's world hunger ministry is based in congregations, where most of the fundraising takes place.