

## **Pastor's Report — February 19, 2024 – Christ the King**

### **Continuing Education**

I attended the synod's *Together in Mission* event on February 10 in Wauwatosa, and participated in a workshop from Pr. Lisa Froiland-Bates on a Lutheran Perspective on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, as well as a workshop from Pr. Matt Short (our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission) on principles of outreach and mission.

I plan to attend the Ozaukee County workshop on *Protecting Places of Worship: United Against Hate* which has been rescheduled for February 28.

### **Directory**

I worked with Carrie on putting together a new church directory with our current membership. Please pick up your copy if you haven't yet gotten it.

### **Lent**

We begin our five-week midweek Lenten series this week in cooperation with Parkside UCC, First Congregational UCC, A Place to Be, and Grand Avenue UMC. Each Wednesday during Lent has a worship service at 7:00, preceded by a supper at 6:00. CTK is hosting on March 13.

### **Membership**

On February 4, we welcomed Jill Steffen as the newest member of our congregation.

### **Movie Night for Easter**

I'm considering having a church movie night (open to the public, of course) on Saturday, March 23 (the night before Palm Sunday) to show the movie *Risen*. It's a 2016 movie starring Joseph Fiennes and Tom Felton following a Roman soldier searching for Jesus' body after the resurrection. I don't know if we'd have a lot of people come, but I think at least a few would come and enjoy it - let me know what you think.

### **Texting**

Hopefully you received a text message from church last Monday with a reminder for Ash Wednesday. This is a new (free) tool that we're experimenting with. I think for this tool to be helpful, it needs to be used extremely sparingly, and only for church announcements that apply to everyone. Please pass on any feedback you get to me.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who made food and helped with the meal on Ash Wednesday!

Thank you to the folks from CTK who attended Living Hope's Fat Tuesday pancake supper! We raised \$777, which works out to \$195 for the Port Washington Food Pantry and \$195 for the Ozaukee Food Alliance, and \$387 for Living Hope.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for the Birthday Kits that Lighthouse put together for our local food pantries. They assembled 130 kits!

### **Youth**

On January 11, Christin and I led an afternoon retreat for our confirmation students. We focused on the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments. We have a couple more months of Sunday night confirmation classes remaining this spring in which we will finish walking through the New Testament.

I also spent this last weekend at Quake, a youth weekend at The Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. There were just over 500 kids participating, and we had a great group of six from Lighthouse, including three from Christ the King. This year's theme was "Breathe."

### **Worship**

I'm very happy with how the Ash Wednesday service went. It was great to have the Methodists and Living Hope with us, and *Jesus Loves Me* at the end was some of the strongest congregational singing I've ever heard here!

Pastor Jon Jacobs led worship this weekend at both CTK and LH while I was at Quake, and it looks like service went smoothly.

Looking forward to Holy Week, we will have Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm at Living Hope, Good Friday worship at 7:00 pm here at CTK, and Easter Sunday services at our usual times.

2024 Combined In-Person Attendance Average: 72 (Living Hope: 43; Christ the King: 29)

2023 Combined In-Person Attendance Average: 66 (Living Hope: 33; Christ the King: 33)

2022 Full Year Combined In-Person Attendance Average: 50

Weekly online "attendance" has averaged 10 at each congregation all year for 2023.

### **Pastoral Records for 2024**

Baptisms – 1 (1 at LH, 0 at CTK)

Funerals – 1 (0 at LH, 0 at CTK, 1 community)

### **Vacation and Continuing Education for 2024**

Vacation Days Taken: 1 (including 0 weekends)      Vacation Days Unused: 27 (including 4 weekends)

Continuing Ed Days Taken: 1 (incl. 0 weekends)      Continuing Ed Days Unused: 13 (incl. 2 weekends)

Please let me know if you have any questions about my report or anything else I'm working on. Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry!

In Christ,  
Pastor Daniel Flucke