

Pastor's Report — April 16, 2024 – Christ the King

Book: *The Invitational Christian*

Our devotional for this month will be a discussion of chapters 3 & 4 of *The Invitational Christian*, by Dave Daubert. It will be helpful if as much as possible, everyone's read the chapters ahead of time – thanks!

Continuing Education

I'm registered to attend this year's edition of the *Inspired to Thrive* one-day conference from the Siebert Foundation in Brookfield on May 14. The keynote is "From the Steeple to the Street" focusing on fresh expressions of church, and there are three breakouts on forming congregational leaders, cultivating resilience for church leaders, and "From Opposition to Opportunity: 'That will never work here,' But Then it Does." Anyone else interested in attending?

Lighthouse Lock-In

Lighthouse youth will be spending the night in our building on Friday, May 17 for a lock-in.

Membership

I learned this week that Jill Steffen, whom we welcomed as a member in February, will be leaving our congregation to continue her faith journey in another religious tradition.

Synod Assembly

Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly is coming up May 17-18 at the Italian Community Center. Our congregational delegates are myself, Robin Honish, and Vicky Lidicker. Worship on Friday evening at 7:00 pm is open to all with no registration required, or anyone is welcome to buy a ticket for \$50 to attend dinner and hear a keynote address from Vance Blackfox, ELCA Director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Holy Week and Easter worship services!

Thank you to everyone who made food and helped serve the delicious Easter breakfast!

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."

Vacation Bible School

We are partnering with Living Hope for Vacation Bible School! Our theme is *All God's Creatures*, and VBS will take place for four mornings June 24-27 at Living Hope. We need lots of volunteers and some donations to make this happen. Most importantly, we need to invite children to participate! Christin Flucke is coordinating, so talk to her for details.

Worship

I think Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship services all went well. I'm particularly happy that several people commented on how meaningful the Good Friday service was for them, as that was a new idea I was excited to try for this year.

Pr. Jon Breimeier led worship on April 7 while I took a few days off, and (not unusual for the week after Easter), attendance was very low. We've also had some technical difficulties with the media computer for a few weeks now, so I'm hoping we can figure out what's going on there and how to fix it.

Looking forward, we have a few more weeks of the Easter season left, then Pentecost is on May 19. On June 30, we will have a joint worship service at 10:00 am at Living Hope, followed by a family fun day with a meal, bounce house, and some petting zoo animals to mark the end of VBS. Christ the King will host our other joint service of the summer on August 18 at 10:00 am at Upper Lake Park.

2024 Combined In-Person Attendance Average: 72 (Living Hope: 41; Christ the King: 31)

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 – 3 (0 at LH, 2 connected to CTK, 1 community)

Vacation and Continuing Education for 2024

Vacation Days Taken: 4 (including 1 weekends) Vacation Days Unused: 24 (including 3 weekends)

Continuing Ed Days Taken: 2 (incl. 0 weekends) Continuing Ed Days Unused: 12 (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