

Pastor's Report — April 30, 2025 – Christ the King

Lent

Thank you to everyone who helped with Lent & Holy Week worship. I think we had good participation at all the services, so I trust they were meaningful to those who came. Together with Living Hope, Lighthouse, First Congregational, and Grand Ave UMC, we raised \$787.10 in Lenten offerings for Family Promise!

Podcast

I'm excited that as of this month, we've passed 3,300 downloads of our sermon podcast, which started at Christmas 2022. It's impossible to know how many actual listens it has, but the average number of downloads per weekly sermon is 27.

Summer Weekends

Looking ahead to later this summer, I'm going to be gone for several weekends in July & August with a family weekend away, my college roommate's wedding, a Teens Encounter Christ weekend, and the Lighthouse mission trip. Before I look for supply pastors to fill in, I'm wondering if there are people in our congregation who'd be interested/willing to lead worship for one or two of those weeks? The dates are July 13, August 3, August 17, and August 31 (Labor Day weekend). Let's discuss at the meeting.

Synod Assembly

This year's Synod Assembly is May 30-31 (~5:00 pm Friday – 4:30 pm Saturday) at the Brookfield Conference Center. In addition to our elected voting delegates, I've also heard good things about the Friday keynote speaker, Rev. Khader El-Yateem, Executive Director of the Service and Justice home area of the ELCA. A Palestinian born in Bethlehem, he previously served as developer and pastor of Salam Arabic Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Tickets to the dinner, keynote, and worship are available for \$50.

Thank You

Thank you to the liturgical arts committee and everyone who helped make Easter Sunday a special time of celebration and worship!

Thank you to Fred for troubleshooting and fixing various technology issues during and after Holy Week!

Thank you to Carrie for keeping on top of everything in this busy season with extra worship services and details!

Vacation Bible School

This summer's Vacation Bible School is coming up soon! We'll be asking for donations and volunteers in May, in preparation for VBS June 9-13 (five days!) at Living Hope.

2025 Combined In-Person Attendance Average Jan-April: 83 (LH: 48; CTK: 35)

2024 Combined In-Person Attendance Average Jan-April: 71 (LH: 40; CTK: 32)

2023 Combined In-Person Attendance Average Jan-April: 71 (LH: 40; CTK: 31)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Week of June 9 – Joint Vacation Bible School at Living Hope with CTK, LH, & HWG

Sunday, June 15 – Joint worship at Living Hope – this will be a fun and unique service celebrating the end of VBS with a message given by an illusionist!

Sunday, July 27 – Joint outdoor worship at Kolbach Park (across from Christ the King)

Pastoral Records for 2025

Baptisms – 2 at Living Hope

Funerals – 2 (1 at CTK, 1 at LH)

Vacation and Continuing Education for 2025

Vacation Days Taken: 2 (including 0 weekends) Vacation Days Unused: 26 (including 4 weekends)

Continuing Ed Days Taken: 7 (incl. 1 weekend) Continuing Ed Days Unused: 7 (incl. 1 weekend)

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