

Pastor's Report — October 15, 2025 – Christ the King

Continuing Education

I spent a few days at the beginning of this month at the Greater Milwaukee Synod fall leadership conference. It was great to spend time with a variety of colleagues, and to learn from our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Yolanda Denson-Byers about the Gospel and anti-racism work within and beyond the church. I also met our synod's brand-new Director for Evangelical Mission, Rev. Becky Erb Strang, who will be joining us for worship on November 9 as she gets to know the congregations of our synod. I'll also be attending an ELCA Region 5 Gender Justice Boundaries Day on November 6.

Monthly Ministries

October's monthly ministry is Lutheran World Relief. With the gifts from the Polka Service, we've raised \$400 so far to accompany all the quilts and baby care kits! Next month our focus is the Ozaukee Baby Bank, and we'll be asking the congregation to select a cause for December. I hope within the next month we can get a calendar set for next year's ministry focuses.

Online Ministry

In conjunction with the *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith* series, I've recorded and shared a few videos highlighting themes in the various weeks' sermons. Although it always takes more time than I expect, I think it's valuable for our church's perspective to be represented in the online world. Podcast downloads continue to gain momentum, with 799 downloads just since September 1!

Carrie and I continue to work on adding current content to the church website, with a new wedding page the most recent addition. An ongoing frustration is how cumbersome and slow the process of working on our website is, although we're hopeful that switching to a new host might help. I understand Fred is working on that.

Sunday School

For the first time in many years, we have a Sunday School program happening here at Christ the King! Sunday School is meeting roughly monthly on weeks when both the Flucke and Lange kids are here. Thank you to Christin Flucke along with Deb Bruns for making that happen! We've also purchased a rug and some posters to brighten up the room.

Thank You

Thank you to Laura for facilitating the visioning processes at both Living Hope and Christ the King!

Thank you to Ellen, Rick, Robin, and everyone who helped with the Polka Service and supper!

Thank you to all the quilters for all the beautiful quilts we're sending from our congregation to Lutheran World Relief!

Worship

This Sunday, we wrap up a six-week fall series on *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, which I think has been very well-received. On October 26 (Reformation Day), my plan is to do a service shaped around our new mission statement. Then we'll be back to following the lectionary in November, possibly with a bit of a stewardship emphasis.

Worship Attendance

2025 Sept-Oct. Combined In-Person Attendance Average: 79 (LH: 41; CTK: 38)

2025 Combined In-Person Attendance Average YTD: 77 (LH: 42; CTK: 35)

2024 Combined In-Person Attendance Average Jan-mid. Oct: 70 (LH: 38; CTK: 31)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 25 – Trunk or Treat

November 25 – Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship

December 3 – Advent Worship at CTK

December 10 – Advent Worship at Living Hope

December 17 – Advent Worship at CTK

Pastoral Records for 2025

Baptisms – 4 (2 at LH, 2 at CTK)

Funerals – 4 (1 at LH, 1 at CTK, 2 at funeral home)

Vacation and Continuing Education for 2025

Vacation Days Taken: 6 (including 0 weekends)

Vacation Days Unused: 22 (including 1 weekend)

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

Continuing Ed Days Unused: 1 (incl. 0 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