



# eNEWSLETTER

February 2019

**There are many things** which we can get excited to plan for; vacations, retirement, birthday parties, social events, date nights, and other fun activities. Not many people are excited to plan for what will happen after they die. While we as Christians believe in the promises made to us through our baptism, we may not always be thinking of those who will be mourning our death as we live into our baptismal promise.

Planning for the end of your life does not need to be sad or frightening. In fact it can be a very joyous opportunity to make your wishes known to your family and to share with them the gift of your faith in Christ.

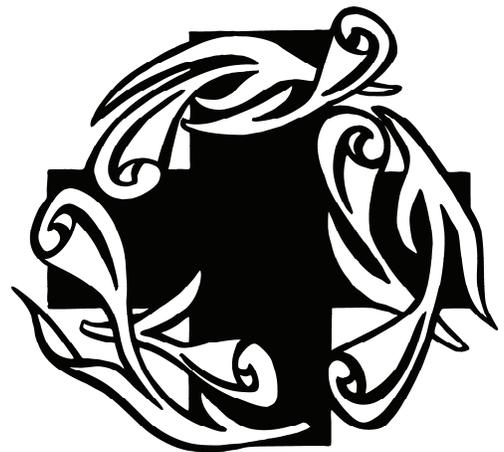
We will be having an **End of Life Planning seminar** at Christ the King on February 23rd from 10am-12pm. People of all ages are invited to come and learn about the process of funeral planning and making arrangements for the end of their life.

I will be making a presentation on how you can plan your funeral service and make choices for which type of arrangements you would like to make for your resting place.

Chris Burnette, the ELCA Region 6 Gifts Coordinator, will give a presentation about estate planning, creating trusts and wills, and will be available for one on one consultation.

While this topic may be uncomfortable, it is something that nobody will be able to avoid. Having a plan in place and making your wishes known can be a wonderful gift to your loved ones in the midst of their grief.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Matt



# WORSHIP

## Worship Schedule

Saturday @ 5 pm

Sunday @ 11 am



### Cottingham Worship

Sunday, February 10 @ 2:00 pm

Cottingham Retirement Community  
(3995 Cottingham Dr.)

CtK leads worship the second Sunday of each month. Additional voices for singing, praying, and fellowship always enhance the experience for both residents and those of us who attend. Help is needed in handing out bulletins and serving communion. Christ the King is the only church who regularly brings Holy Communion to the residents for their Protestant worship.

Contact [Denise](#)



### Dixieland Worship & Fat Saturday Dinner

Saturday, March 2

Service @ 5:00 pm; Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Come for this special service featuring Mark Dauterman & the Jambalaya Jazz Band. There will be catered Cajun meal following worship. See more information about dinner on page 6.

### No worship Sunday, March 3

There will be no service, but there will be a pancake breakfast! See more information on page 6.

### Weekly Lectionary Podcast

You're invited to tune-in to a new podcast which is devoted to reading the weekly lectionary. The podcast can now be found on iTunes, Stitcher and Google Play. Look for "The Weekly Lectionary"  
[www.weeklylectionary.com](http://www.weeklylectionary.com)

Contact [Steve](#)

## Readings for February—Lectionary Year C—LUKE

### February 2/3 - 4<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Luke 4:14-30

### February 9/10 - 5<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

### February 16/17 - 6<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

### February 23/24 - 7<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

## EDUCATION

### Mid-week Lectionary Bible Study

**Tuesdays @ 10:00 am**

Join Pastor Matt in studying the readings for the upcoming weekend's worship.

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

### Creative Connections

**Sundays @ 9:30-10:30 am**

Creative Connections will take an out-of-the-box look at the Gospel lessons during Epiphany. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

### Lutheranism 101

**Sunday, February 17 @ 12:30 pm**  
**"The Disciples"**

Come and look deeper into our understanding of the Christian faith as Lutherans. This class meets monthly through April. All ages are welcome!

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)



### Parent Resource

*Storypath* is the work of Union Presbyterian Seminary and provides online resources connecting weekly passages from both the Revised Common Lectionary and the Narrative Lectionary with stories from children's and youth literature. This is a creative tool to use with your children or grandchildren. Posts are made linking themes between a book written for children or adolescents with the gospel text for a particular Sunday. Most of these books should be available at a public library. **Go to <http://storypath.upsem.edu/> for more information.**

## PRAYER MINISTRY

### First Friday Prayer Vigil

**Friday, February 1 @ 11:00 am-3:00 pm**

The sanctuary will be open for anyone to come for quiet prayer and meditation. Names of those on our prayer lists will be made available, so that you can lift up their names. **Please sign up for a time-slot on the Gathering Area kiosk.**

## MEMBER CARE

### End of Life Seminar

**Saturday, February 23 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

All ages are invited to learn about funeral planning and making other arrangements for the end of life. A presentation will also be made about estate planning and creating wills and trusts. Thinking through these topics and preparing is a wonderful gift to give your family. **To help with planning, please sign up on the Gathering Area kiosk.**

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

### Support for Home Meals, Transportation, and Funerals

CtK is using the online organizational tools on the "Lotsa Helping Hands" website to coordinate providing meals and transportation for members in need, as well as, preparing meals for funerals. Each of these 3 ministry areas is organized in a different "community". If you would like to participate in preparing home meals, providing transportation, or preparing funeral meals, follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.LotsaHelpingHands.com](http://www.LotsaHelpingHands.com)
2. Click on "Join a Community" and enter "Christ the King" into the community name search. You should see a listing of 3 communities.
3. Join the ministry communities you would like participate in by selecting "join" and follow the sign-in directions.
4. You will be notified by email when a need arises.

Contact [Kathy](#) or [Laura](#)

## YOUTH

### Youth Group Meeting

**Sunday, February 10 @ 12:30 pm**

The youth group will discuss upcoming events. A light lunch will be provided.

### Dixieland Decorating Party

**Friday, March 1 @ 6:00 pm**

All youth group members are encouraged to come decorate the Gathering Area Mardi Gras style for the Dixieland service. There will be pizza, fun, and fellowship. The Dixieland Dinner on March 2 is the biggest youth fundraiser for the year and all youth families are needed to help.

### Looking for Volunteers to Grow Plants from Seed

Do you enjoy watching things grow? The CtK Youth Group would like to recruit your time and talent. As part of the ongoing effort to help save the Monarch butterfly, the CtK Youth Group will be giving away free milkweed plants to the community at an event scheduled for June 1 at CtK. We are currently looking for people in the congregation who would like to grow milkweed plants from seed. We are also looking for donations of small plastic pots and seed starter medium and we would gladly borrow any unused grow lights.

Contact [Donna](#)



## OUTREACH

### CtK to Host Family Promise

**February 3-10**

Due to a change in the schedule, CtK will be hosting Family Promise

the first week of February. There are many ways, both big and small, that you can help with this powerful ministry to families in need. Come meet our guests and hear their stories. Volunteers are needed to set up rooms, provide food, spend the night, and clean linens after our guests leave. **Please sign-up in the Gathering Area to help as you are able.**

Contact [Sue](#)



### Family Promise Training

**February 19 @ 7:00pm**

**Princeton Pike Church of God**

Family Promise will have a training session for coordinators, volunteers, pastors etc. This training will be on **Trauma Informed Care** which will show participants how someone's story not only affects the decisions they make, but how they respond to their surroundings.

Contact [Sue](#)

### Hoxworth Blood Drive

The Outreach team is trying to determine interest in having a blood drive at CtK. The date and time have not been determined. **If you are interested in donating blood, please sign up on the kiosk.** More details will become available depending on the response.

Go to <https://hoxworth.org/donors/eligibility.html> to determine if you are eligible to donate.

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## EVANGELISM

### Join the Evangelism Team

Mary, the new Evangelism chairperson, is in the process of putting together a team to help spread the word to the community about what is happening at Christ the King. No door knocking is required! No Bible thumping on a corner will take place! If you are interested in joining this ministry group, contact [Mary](#).

## WELCA (WOMEN OF THE ELCA)

### Mary Martha Circle

**Tuesday, February 12 & 26 @ 11:30 am**

Bring your lunch and join in the creation of quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local needs. All are welcome!

Contact [Ruby](#)

### Rachel Circle

**Tuesday, February 19 @ 7:00 pm**

**Meet @ CtK**

All women are invited and welcome to join in study, fellowship, and service. The Bible study looks at how we come to faith in Jesus, based on readings from John. The project for February is to provide items needed by the VEIL community.

Contact [Mary](#)

### Thank You!

A big thanks to all who made the Holiday Baskets such a success! ALL thirty-five baskets were sold, generating \$300 to Fair Trade and \$260 for the Lutheran Disaster Relief fund.

Looking ahead to the 2019 gift basket sale.....the after-Christmas markdowns are a good source for restocking supplies, i.e. baskets, mugs, small dishes, napkins, ornaments, etc. If you wish to donate items, they may be left on the shelves in the CtK coat closet, marked for Mary. Thank you.

## THE COLLABORATIVE

### Welcome to The Collaborative!

This is a 2-year journey for Christ the King to experience the depth and breadth of God's love in worship, prayer, study of scripture, and sharing of faith as we discern the presence and will of God in our midst.

### First Steps, Part 2

#### —Dig Deeper into Prayer

Throughout the month of January the entire congregation was invited to spend 10-15 minutes in prayer each day. **This practice will continue through February.** A February Prayer Calendar is available in the Gathering Area or online at [www.ckluth.org](http://www.ckluth.org). Daily reminders are posted on Facebook and by text alert. Use the verse and prayer prompts on the calendar as inspiration. In addition to praying every day, consider expanding your prayer experience by journaling your reflections or working with a prayer partner.

**You are also invited to post on the prayer wall in the sanctuary**—What are you learning through daily prayer? How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in your life? In the life of CtK? Where is the Holy Spirit leading Christ the King?

### Collaborative Listening Posts

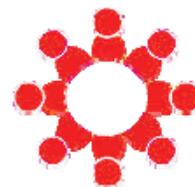
**Sunday, February 3 @ 12:30 pm (lunch provided)**

**Tuesday, February 5 @ 10:00 am**

**Wednesday, February 6 @ 7:00 pm**

Please sign up on the Gathering Area kiosk to attend a Listening Posts to discuss January's month of prayer. Your insight is valuable!

Contact [Laura](#)



**The Collaborative:**  
**Stronger · Better · Together**

# FELLOWSHIP

## Book Club

**Tuesday, February 5 @ 6:30 pm**

Join the Book Club as the group discusses ***A Spark of Light*** by Jody Picoult. All are welcome. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. Book club is a great way to get to know fellow CtK members. Happy reading!

Contact [Donna](#)

## Lunch with Pastor Matt

**Thursday, February 7 @ 11:30 am**

**The Wooden Barrel (9303 Cincinnati Columbus Rd)**  
Grab something to eat and join Pastor Matt for lunch.

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

## Grapevine

**Friday, February 15 @ 6:00 pm**

Everyone age 50+ is invited to come for a fun evening of food and games. The hosts will supply drinks and desserts. You are asked to bring a side dish to share. All are welcome!

Contact [Jeanine](#)

## Coffee with Pastor

**Tuesday, February 26 @ 7:00 pm**

**Coffee Beans & Brew (7051 Yankee Rd.)**

Join Pastor Matt for relaxed conversation and fellowship.

Contact [Pastor Matt](#)

## Fat Saturday Dinner

**Saturday, March 2 @ 6:00 pm**

Stay after the Dixieland worship service for a catered Cajun dinner featuring entrees by J. Gumbo's Cajun & Creole Cooking Company. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12, and free for kids 5 and under. RSVP by February 24 either online ([www.ctkluth.org](http://www.ctkluth.org)) or on the Gathering Area kiosk. This special event is hosted by the youth group and is a fundraiser for the 2021 Youth Gathering.

## Pancake Breakfast—Save the Date

**Sunday, March 3 @ 10:00 am**

Come back to CtK the morning after the Dixieland service for fellowship and a pancake breakfast. (There will be no worship that morning.) More details coming soon! If you have an electric skillet or electric griddle that can be borrowed that day, please contact [Kathy](#).

# OFFICE

## Cancellations Due to Bad Weather

This is the time of year when weather conditions can make traveling dangerous. If cancellations are necessary, you can look to the following sources for information: the office voice mail (777-4370), the website ([www.ctkluth.org](http://www.ctkluth.org)), the Facebook page, and on TV channel 12 (WKRC.) When in doubt, always use your best judgement.

## Sign up for Text Alerts

If you would like to receive text alerts from CtK concerning important announcements, go to <http://bit.ly/2CtICOR>, click “join group”, and follow the directions. Create a Groupme account if you don't have one—it's free. You can receive messages through the Groupme app or on your regular text messaging app.

Contact [Laura](#)

## Contact the Church Staff

### Pastor

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Ramona Burns      [office@ctkluth.org](mailto:office@ctkluth.org)



## PROPERTY

### Project Updates

#### Repairs completed over the past month:

- Sacristy—A new upper cabinet was installed in the sacristy, the room behind the altar. The bottom cabinet was renovated with new doors and hardware. The hot water heater was reinstalled due to defect inlet tubing. Thanks to Todd for this extra effort.
- Kitchen—A new oven was installed in the kitchen. The operation book is in the storage room Property file cabinet. A new disposal unit was installed in sink.
- Baptismal font—A new pump and check valve were installed in the font. Thanks to John.

#### Status of open projects:

- Parking lot—The handicap parking lot area has been completed and is open for use. The seal coating and marking will be done in late spring.
- Sanctuary Slab Repair—The small crack repair has been completed. Thanks to Perry, Les, and Mark. After consultation with the slab engineering consultant, the decision has been made to go ahead with the slab construction joint repair. This will involve grinding down the difference between the slab elevations and removing the high spots and spall points in the construction joint. Bid solicitation is in process with a target of February 15 completion.
- Sanctuary Carpet—The contract has been bid and the contract will be award shortly after the sanctuary slab repair contract is awarded. The tentative completion is for the end of February.

## For the Good of the Church

#### Thanks to...

- Todd for installing new upper cabinets in the Sacristy that had to be replaced, and for resurfacing the lower cabinets to match the new ones.
- John for working on the baptismal font and for lighting in the sanctuary.
- Perry Les, Susan, and Bill for working on the slab floor in the sanctuary.
- Pastor Matt for providing pastoral care to many over the busy, extraordinary Holiday Season.
- All who planned and participated in the Christmas celebrations.

## COUNCIL

### A Note From the Council President

Friends in Christ,

“We are so blessed” is the phrase I hear repeated in church council meetings each month. Your church council is always amazed at the many things that are happening here at Christ the King. They happen because the Holy Spirit is at work among us. We are blessed with the many talents that come together to not only create great worship services, but to also support a great deal of community outreach. I'm excited to hear the results of our listening posts and move into our second month of working with our Collaborative team and the beginning of developing our vision and focus for the future of Christ the King.

We will soon have another week of support for Family Promise. This time, we will support the program by switching our week with another congregation on rather late notice. Once again our family came together quickly to support other families in dire need of life's most basic things.

“God's work. Our hands. In here. Out there.”, not just a tag line, it's a way of life at Ctk!

Yours in Christ,  
Sheila



## THANK YOU

Thank you for the contribution of gifts collected at Christ the King to help local children and their families this past holiday season. The holidays can be an especially difficult time for those facing financial hardships, so your generosity could not have come at a better time.



I'm delighted to report that our 2018 Holiday Giving event was a tremendous success! **Through the generous support of individuals, local parishes, and community partners we were able to provide holiday help to over 300 families, including more than 780 children.** The Reach Out Lakota Holiday Giving Program - that provides holiday food baskets for families as well as new toys for their children - is proof positive that our community is great place to live.

Year after year Reach Out Lakota makes an impact on families in our community in ways that cannot be measured but will be remembered. On behalf of all of our recipients, Sue and I sincerely thank you and our many donors and volunteers whose collective generosity is improving the lives of so many in West Chester and Liberty Township.

**Andrea Subler & Sue Cheney**

Reach Out Lakota, Holiday Program Coordinators



To the Congregation of Christ the King,  
Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.  
Growing old is quite a challenge! And your support is so welcome. God bless all of you.

Lovingly, Lorraine



Dear Christ the King Family,  
Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment to campus ministry and the Edge House. We truly couldn't do what we do with and for students without folks like you. I hope we will be able to visit again soon and deepen our relationship.

Peace, friends! Alice Connor

# COMMUNITY

## Sacred Connections

**Sunday, February 17 @ 2:00 pm**

**Friends Meeting (8075 Keller Rd., Cincinnati)**

The Cincinnati Festival of Faiths extends a special invitation to worship with different faiths, learn more about each other, and enjoy fellowship in unique sacred spaces. The February meeting will take place at the Cincinnati Friends Meeting (Quaker) which has been in Cincinnati since 1815. Their faith is built on Testimonies of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship of the earth. The worship service will be followed by a brief history of the Friends, fellowship, and light refreshments. Attendance is free, but reservations are required. Contact the Friends Meeting (513-791-0788) to RSVP.

## VEIL (VIDA ETERNA IGLESIA LUTERANA)

VEIL is ...

**Vida Eterna Iglesia Luterana (Eternal Life Lutheran Church)**, a local and Synodical ELCA Latino Ministry.



## Worship Services

**Sundays @ 4:15 pm**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)**

You are invited to join VEIL for bilingual service of the Word and Sacrament.

## Homework Fellowship Program

**Sundays @ 2:00-4:00 pm**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church (6329 Tylersville Rd.)**

VEIL invites you to come, as you are able, and work with elementary age children who need assistance with reading and basic math. There is no need to speak Spanish. Sign up online if you are able to help at <http://bit.ly/2Lxh2Df>

Contact [Susan](#)

## Three Kings Epiphany Celebration

The 2019 Three Kings Epiphany Celebration (El Día de los Reyes Magos) party held January 5 was a tremendous success!

The party had the highest attendance ever, 115 persons, including pastors and members from 5 congregations. The celebration included delicious traditional food, fellowship, games, piñatas, the tree burning, and a short worship service which included music and a puppet show about the wise men, presented by the Good Shepherd Puppet Ministry. Charles provided music during dinner and party time. Susan made two delicious traditional cakes, la Rosca de Reyes. A free will offering yielded \$257 dedicated to the 2021 MYLE/ELCA Youth Gathering. The VEIL family extends their gratitude to everyone who assisted with setup, who cooked, served, cleaned, and just participated in this event.



## Kroger Community Rewards

A very easy way to help support VEIL is to sign up (either online or at the Customer Service Desk) with Kroger's Community Rewards program and choose VEIL as the group you'd like to support. The new group number is YG489 . A percentage of all that you spend at Kroger is sent to VEIL.

## Donations

Many thanks to the CtK members who donated snacks for the Homework Fellowship Program and diapers and feminine hygiene products for Mothers' Ministry! ¡Gracias, gracias!

The follow items are needed:

- Thin feminine pads (overnight or regular)
- Women's Poise feminine pads
- Men's Depends (small)
- Diapers (size 6 only)
- 100% juice boxes/pouches

Please place your items in the VEIL basket in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

## **Fri 1**

11:00 am Prayer Vigil

## **Sat 2**

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln

10:00 am Experiencing & Learning Contemplative

5:00 pm Worship

## **Sun 3—Host Family Promise**

9:30 am Creative Connections

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Collaborative Listening Post

## **Mon 4—Host Family Promise**

3:00 pm Music Lessons

## **Tues 5—Host Family Promise**

10:00 am Collaborative Listening Post

7:00 pm Book Club

## **Wed 6—Host Family Promise**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Collaborative Listening Post

## **Thurs 7—Host Family Promise**

11:30 am Lunch with Pastor @ The Wooden Barrel

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Fri 8—Host Family Promise**

## **Sat 9—Host Family Promise**

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln

9:00 am Council Meeting

5:00 pm Worship

## **Sun 10—Host Family Promise**

9:30 am Creative Connections

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Youth Group Meeting

2:00 pm Cottingham Worship

## **Mon 11**

3:00 pm Music Lessons

## **Tues 12**

10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study

11:30 am Mary Martha Circle

4:30 pm Stepping Forward Dinner

## **Wed 13**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

## **Thurs 14**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Fri 15**

6:00 pm Grapevine

## **Sat 16**

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln

5:00 pm Worship

## **Sun 17**

9:30 am Creative Connections

11:00 am Worship

12:30pm Lutheranism 101

## **Mon 18**

3:00 pm Music Lessons

## **Tues 19**

10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study

5:30 pm Collaborative Team meeting

7:00 pm Rachel Circle

## **Wed 20**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

## **Thurs 21**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Sat 23**

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ IHOP, Cox Ln

9:00 am End of Life Seminar

5:00 pm Worship

6:00 pm Collaborative Update Meeting

## **Sun 24**

9:30 am Creative Connections

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Collaborative Update Meeting

## **Mon 25**

3:00 pm Music Lessons

## **Tues 26**

10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study

11:30 am Mary Martha Circle

7:00 pm Coffee with Pastor @ Coffee Beans & Brew

## **Wed 27**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

## **Thurs 28**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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