

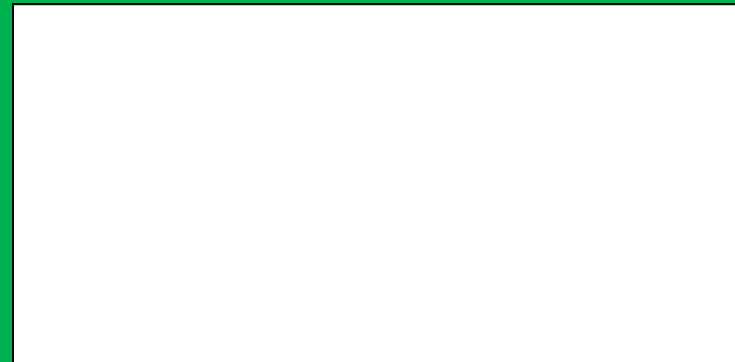
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A NEW SEASON TOGETHER



Thank you so much for the warm welcome you've shown to Christin, Micah, and I as we've begun to get settled in this community of faith! I've genuinely enjoyed getting to know the people of Living Hope and Christ the King, and if we haven't had a chance to talk yet, I hope we will soon. Please don't hesitate to reach out—give me a call, send an email, or stop by during my office hours.

Thank you for calling me to serve as your pastor. Please continue to pray for me and for our life as God's people together in Port Washington and Saukville.

This is an exciting time in the life of our congregations. **We truly are entering a new season together this fall.** As you will see in this mailing, there are quite a few things happening including; new Sunday School, Confirmation and adult education opportunities, as well as service projects and fellowship events.

Most visibly, for the first time since the pandemic began over 2.5 years ago, **we will be beginning regular weekly worship services**, gathering every Sunday at each church building for worship (*and of course, we'll continue livestreaming each week as well!*)! If it has been a while since you have made it to worship, know that we have missed you and this is the perfect time to reconnect. And, if you know anyone looking for a church home, please reach out and let them know that there is a place for them in our churches.

Living as two congregations while sharing a pastor brings some unique challenges and I thank you your patience with me as I learn to navigate this call. There are also great opportunities as we cooperate to serve Jesus and love our neighbors. We do not need to agree on everything or worship in exactly the same ways, but I believe **we are stronger together** as the Holy Spirit guides us into the future and calls us to boldly share God's love and grace with a world in desperate need of the hope found in Jesus Christ.

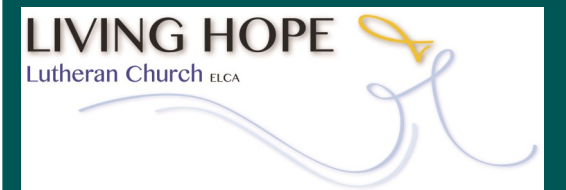
In Christ,
Pastor Daniel



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8:30am Sunday Worship Service
9:45am Bible Study

Pastor Daniel's Office Hours
Wednesday & Friday Mornings



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9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship Service

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Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

STRONGER TOGETHER: DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, September 11

10am: Worship at Living Hope
Backpack Blessing
11am: Intergenerational Rally Day Activities
including games, a bounce house, crafts and our
"God's Work. Our Hands." service project
Noon: Potluck Lunch

Sunday, September 18

Weekly Worship Begins
8:30am Christ the King
10:30am Living Hope

Friday, Sept. 30 & Saturday, Oct. 1

Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event
Grafton, WI

Saturday, September 24

Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk
Volunteer at the beverage station
in Port Washington

Saturday, October 15

Polka Service at 5pm
Oktoberfest supper to follow
(Brats, sauerkraut and beer)

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday



Living Hope Council President



Greetings! My name is Jen Eason and I am excited to serve as Living Hope's next council president. My husband, Joe, and I live in Port Washington with our three children. Sam and Maddie are 14 and getting ready to enter their freshman year of high school. Dylan is almost 13 and getting ready to enter 7th grade. I am the school psychologist at Port Washington High School and Joe teaches history and coaches cross country and track at the University School of Milwaukee. Joe and I have been members of Living Hope for 12 years. Dylan was baptized at Living Hope and our children have attended Sunday school, confirmation and youth group. One of the things that drew us to Living Hope was their commitment to children and families. As we enter into a post-COVID world, I am excited to see all of the things that God has planned for Living Hope. Our prayers have been answered with the arrival of Pastor Daniel and his family. Lighthouse Youth Group is ready to roll with a reboot this fall. We will soon have new neighbors and the relationships that have been formed will lead to much needed upgrades for Living Hope. I look forward to having the opportunity to talk with all of you as we move forward in the coming months. In Christ, Jen Eason, Living Hope Council President

Christ the King Council President



Hello to my siblings in Christ - As you may know, I've been slowed down a bit by a bad case of sciatica over the past 4 weeks. I do appreciate your thoughts and prayers and I am slowly recovering, although I'm still working on getting back on my feet and walking upright.

CTK has made some amazing milestones in 2022 - from calling a new Pastor, to a new parking lot, and plenty in between. The strong support in so many ways from all of you makes this all possible. There is a lot of good progress and spiritual growth happening!

Fall 22 holds so many promises for community and spiritual growth with new worship schedules, "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, Outreach for Hope, and more. These are exciting times to be a Child of God at CTK. "Raise up your Shine"!

-Paul Hoffmann
Christ the King Council President



Fall is in the air and I am very excited to kick off an incredible new year of ministry at Lighthouse! Since stepping into my role as the new Lighthouse Director on June 1st, I've been busy getting to know board members and various community partners and doing visioning work to discern the next steps for this ministry. I've gotten to meet some of the awesome youth from both Living Hope and Christ the King and greatly look forward to working with these students and their families this year!

We kicked off the year with an open-house event at Lighthouse on August 28th, which was a great chance to meet families and share about all the exciting things we've got planned. We'll be meeting (more or less) every other Sunday evening for a mix of social events, group bonding activities, and service projects to help our community and beyond. These events are open to any/all students in grades 5-12, so please help spread the word! If you have questions or know of anyone who'd like to be involved, please don't hesitate to contact me

- Christin Flucke, Lighthouse Director

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



"God's Work. Our Hands." Celebration Sunday, September 11th

September 11 is the ELCA's national day of service. It's also our final week of joint worship services before we begin weekly worship at each congregation. Please join us for a special **Fall Rally Sunday at 10am** at Living Hope as we celebrate what God is doing in our congregations and work to serve our neighbors.

Following worship, we'll have a variety of activities including games, a bounce house, craft projects, and our service project of assembling 'Break Room Care Baskets' to give to staff at area nursing homes, police & fire departments, and hospitals as a way of encouraging them and thanking them for serving our neighbors and community.

Then around noon, we'll enjoy a potluck lunch together. Beverages and hot dogs will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side or dessert to share. This celebration is for everyone of all ages connected to our faith communities and we hope to see our entire church family there!

A Word on Giving and Stewardship

"The person who keeps looking ahead for happiness is on the way to miss it, no matter how anxious and eager she is. The person who looks around for chances of making other people happy and carries them out, cannot escape being happy."

—Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of *Little House on the Prairie*

"Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'"

—Hebrews 13:5-6



Welcome Pastor Daniel!



Thank you to all who celebrated and participated in the Installation Service and Reception for Pastor Daniel Flucke.

He was installed by Pastor Kristin Nielsen of the ELCA's Greater Milwaukee Synod as pastor of Christ the King and Living Hope Lutheran Churches on Sunday, July 10.





New Fall Bible Study

We will begin a 6-part Bible Study series "Right in the Eye" after worship at CTK on September 18th. Hope you can join us!

Fall Bible Study

"It's my life. I should be free to do what I want, when I want, with whom I want . . . as long as I'm not hurting anybody." In this provocative 6-part series, Andy Stanley plunges viewers into the moral mayhem depicted in the Old Testament book of Judges.

Sundays at 9:30 - Beginning September 18



Choir Rehearsals

The choir will begin rehearsing weekly at Christ the King each Monday at 6:30pm on September 19th.

Bell choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Monday, October 10th at 7:30pm.

All are welcome - please join us!
You do not need to be able to read music to participate.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:
Paula Juedes (Choir)

Kathy Wiskow (Bell Choir)



A MISSION OF SHARING
Christ the King and Living Hope Lutheran Churches

StoneSoup will begin meeting again on the first and third Saturdays (9am - Noon) at Christ the King on Saturday, September 17th. Become a Soup Angel and join us to make soup delivered to those in need!



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Our quilting group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (9am-11:30am) to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Please Join us for our next meeting on September 7th, if you would like to participate. Those who would like to sew quilt tops are also more than welcome to take material home to do that at their convenience.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Kathy Wiskow:

Christ the King Worship Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Greeter/Usher | Altar Care | Communion Assistant | Reader | Coffee Hour | Offering Counter |
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| 9/18/22 | Mark Dybdahl | Leslie Braun | Deb Bruns | Robin Honish | Kathy Wiskow | Pat Bialzik |
| 9/25/22 | Ellen Smith | Pat Bialzik | Leslie Braun | Leslie Braun | Ina Wenzler | Kathy & Jerry Wiskow |
| 10/2/22 | Leslie Braun | Tom Bruns | Deb Bruns | Ron Voigt | Rick & Ellen Smith | Paul Hoffmann |
| 10/9/22 | Bonnie Probelski Fern Rathsack | Pat Bialzik | Bonnie Probelski | Paul Hoffmann | Rick & Ellen Smith | Fred Walls |
| 10/16/22 | Jan Nealy Gene Bialzik | Robin Honish | Leslie Braun | Jan Nealy | Paul & Connie Hoffmann | Pat Bialzik |
| 10/23/22 | Jerry Wiskow | Tom Bruns | Deb Bruns | Becki Hill | Kathy Wiskow | Paul Hoffmann |
| 10/30/22 | Mark Dybdahl | Jan Nealy | Robin Honish | Ron Voigt | Bonnie Probelski Fern Rathsack | Kathy & Jerry Wiskow |

ELCA Churchwide Assembly



Our congregations are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States. In August, 800 delegates gathered in Columbus, Ohio, for Churchwide Assembly.

The Assembly elected officers for the Church Council, approved churchwide budgets for the next three years, debated and passed over 70 memorials and resolutions on topics such as supporting Native American ministries, opposing racism, supporting mission developers, updating social teaching statements, and caring for creation by reducing carbon emissions. One significant resolution passed was to form a “Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church” to reconsider the principles of the denomination’s organizational structure and the statements of purpose for its churches, synods and the churchwide organization.

Imran Saddiqui, who lives in Atlanta and is the current vice president of the Southeastern Synod, was elected as ELCA vice-president, the highest lay office in our denomination. Saddiqui grew up Muslim and became Lutheran in 2011. He was elected on the fifth ballot.

In his speech, Saddiqui said, “The thing that is so revolutionary about [God’s grace] is the idea that it is something subtle across several of the Christian denominations when they talk. But what Lutheranism and the ELCA, at least in my church, have really hammered home is that it’s not about what you’ve done or how you think of yourself. It’s that God loves you just as much as God loves anyone else. You could be anybody. You could believe you’re unforgivable, but you’re not unforgivable. There is nobody that is outside of God’s love. It’s such an amazing feeling to know that you don’t have to worry. That God loves you and God will pick you up regardless of how many times you fall, and that God loves you as much as anybody else. That’s an incredibly powerful thing.”

Read more on the Churchwide Assembly at www.livinglutheran.org.