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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

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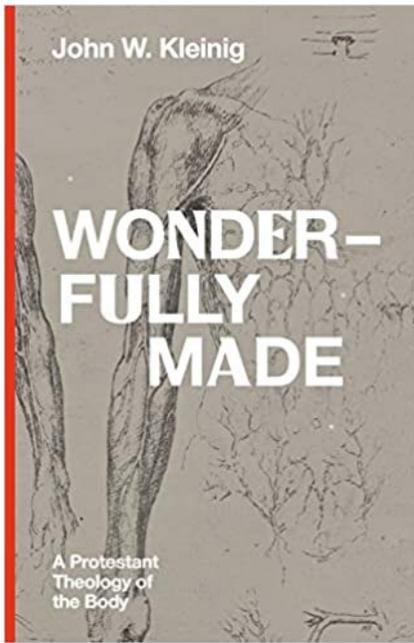
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The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
(909) 793-8722.

Bill Phillips, Treasurer

Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/23/whats-sacred-about-sacred-theology>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

Christ The King Lutheran School

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,237.52</u>	<u>274,133.57</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>10,387.38</u>	<u>7,227.68</u>
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CTK December 2021 Events



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME IN JANUARY 2022

Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:30a.m.
in the St. John Hall.

FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
12/11 John Hinkleman Sr.	12/27 David Hansen



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

CTK December 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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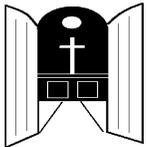
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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Servants for December 2021



Thank you for serving

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
12/19	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Loewecke
12/24	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent		David Alder
12/24	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez		Vic Haynes
12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
12/12	Cindy Currier	12/19 & 12/26	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
12/26	Poinsettias	12/5 & 12/26	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson
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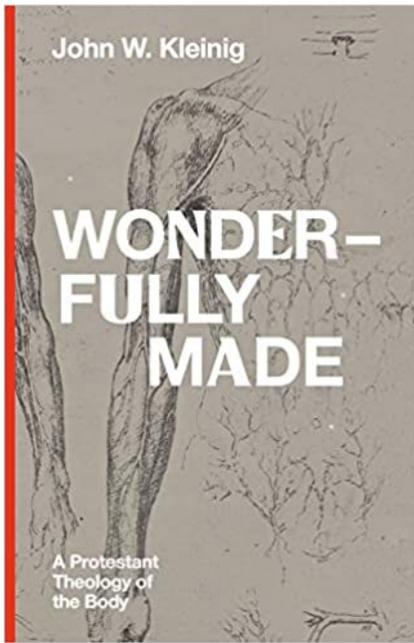
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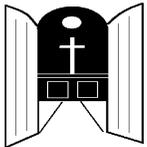
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

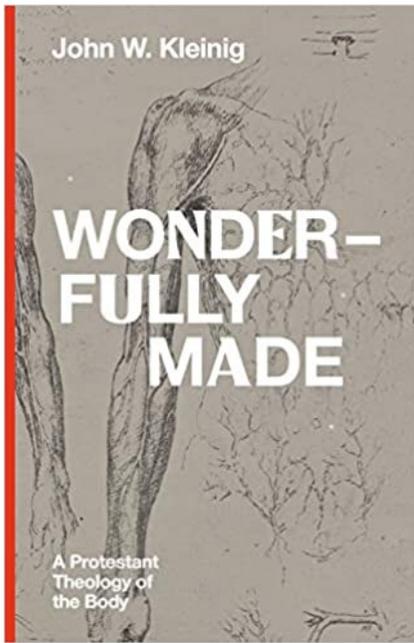
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

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A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

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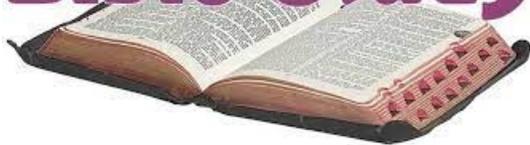
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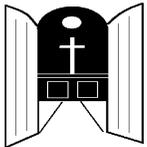
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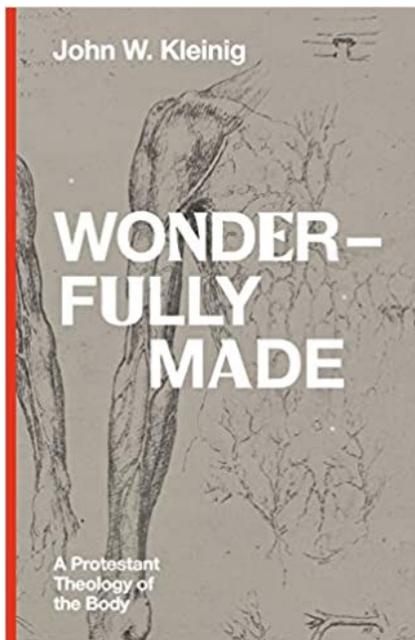
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Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.

Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.



What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
(909) 793-8722.

Bill Phillips, Treasurer

Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/23/whats-sacred-about-sacred-theology>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

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*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
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Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:30a.m. in the St. John Hall.

FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
12/11 John Hinkleman Sr.	12/27 David Hansen



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

CTK December 2021 Calendar

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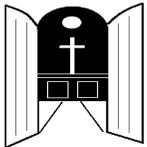
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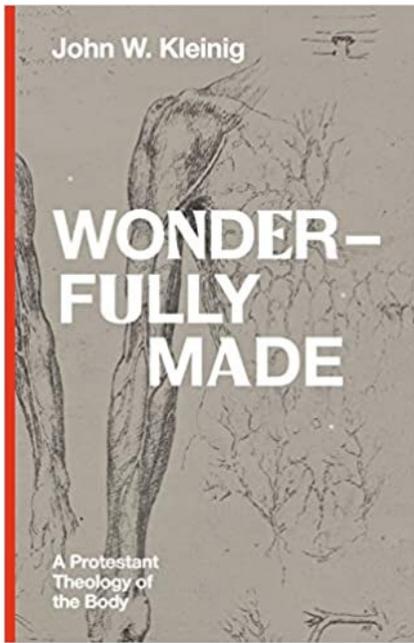
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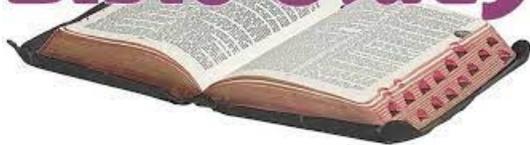
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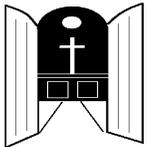
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

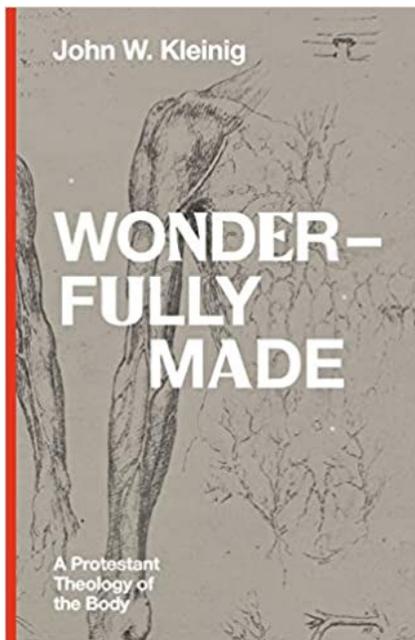
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body"](#) (Lexham Press, 2021). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

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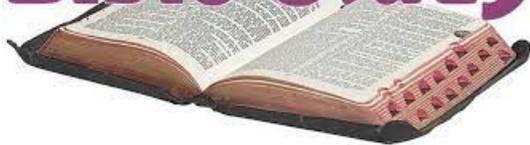
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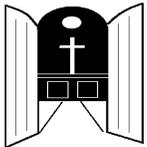
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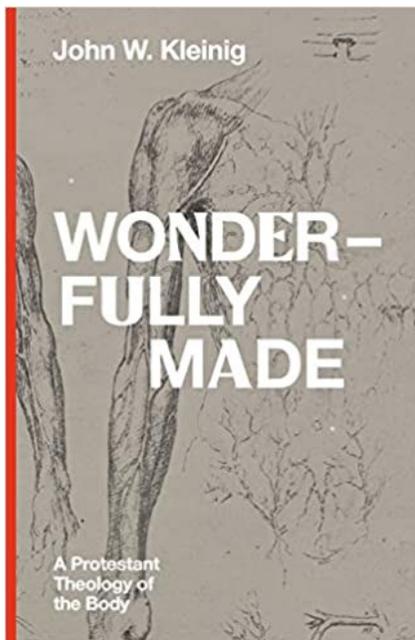
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There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

I wanted to introduce myself to the lovely congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I'm Gloria O'Hare, your new Church Office Administrator. Some of you may know me already, as I have been on staff here at Christ the King on the preschool side for the past 15 years. I left the classroom in 2018 and went to work for Gardenworks For Kids in Yucaipa while remaining here at CTK to work daycare. In 2019 I left completely, but not really completely because of course I had to come back and help out with daycare, over the last couple of years, when my schedule allowed for it. Currently, I am still involved at Gardenworks For Kids. And, I also started my own business this past year called Sprout and Blossom LLC.



A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.

Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.



What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
(909) 793-8722.

Bill Phillips, Treasurer

Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

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<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

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*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
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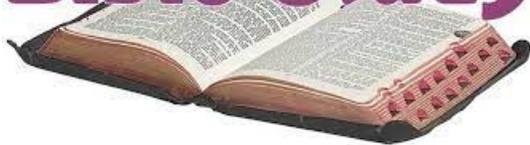
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Bible Study



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With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

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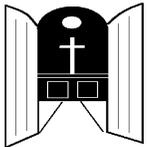
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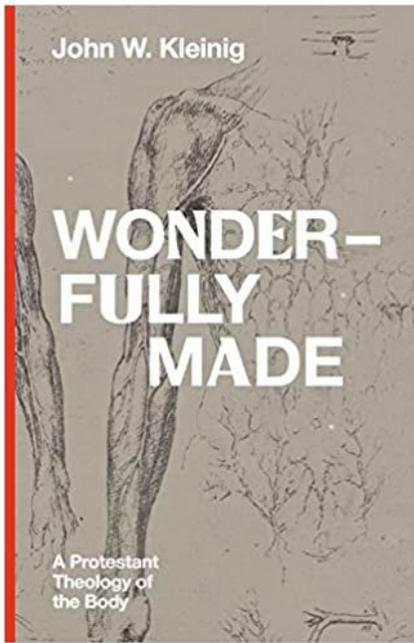
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420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
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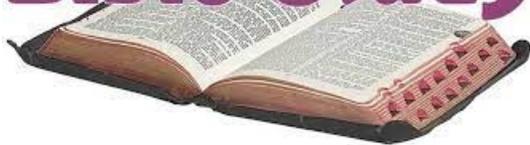
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December 3rd

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Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
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Vespers

**Wednesday,
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Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
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12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
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Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
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If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

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			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
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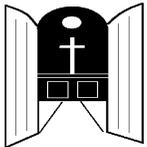
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DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
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12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
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12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

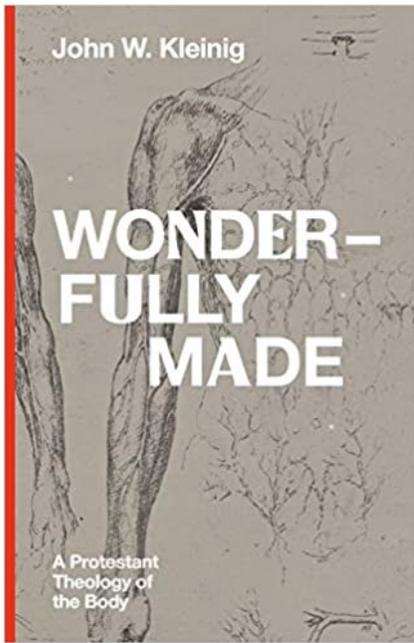
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

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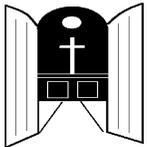
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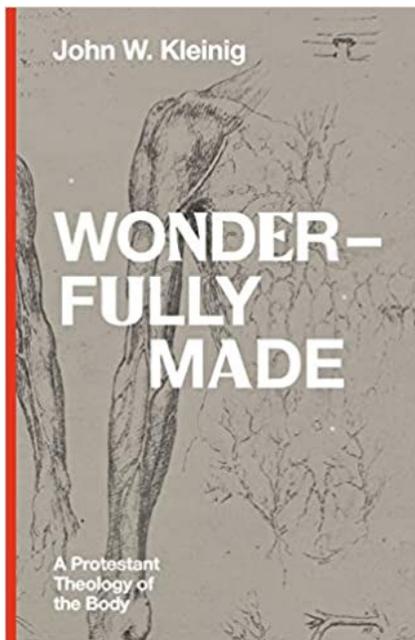
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Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

I wanted to introduce myself to the lovely congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I'm Gloria O'Hare, your new Church Office Administrator. Some of you may know me already, as I have been on staff here at Christ the King on the preschool side for the past 15 years. I left the classroom in 2018 and went to work for Gardenworks For Kids in Yucaipa while remaining here at CTK to work daycare. In 2019 I left completely, but not really completely because of course I had to come back and help out with daycare, over the last couple of years, when my schedule allowed for it. Currently, I am still involved at Gardenworks For Kids. And, I also started my own business this past year called Sprout and Blossom LLC.



A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



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Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

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<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



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From the Preschool

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Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

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Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



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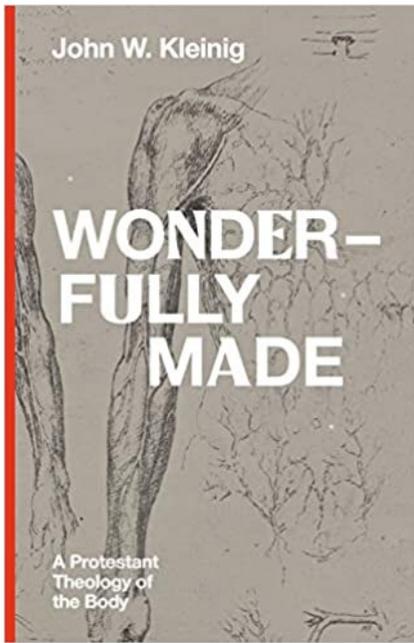
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Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

Christ The King Lutheran School

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,237.52</u>	<u>274,133.57</u>
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CTK December 2021 Events



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FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



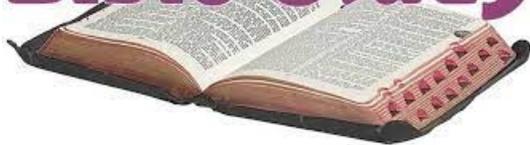
FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
12/11 John Hinkleman Sr.	12/27 David Hansen



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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Servants for December 2021



Thank you for serving

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
12/19	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Loewecke
12/24	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent		David Alder
12/24	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez		Vic Haynes
12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
12/12	Cindy Currier	12/19 & 12/26	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
12/26	Poinsettias	12/5 & 12/26	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

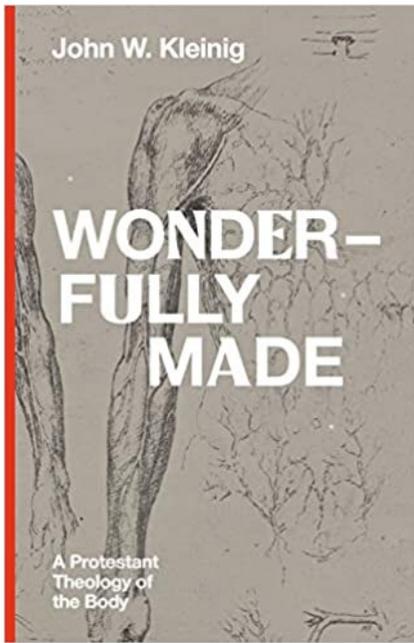
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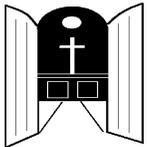
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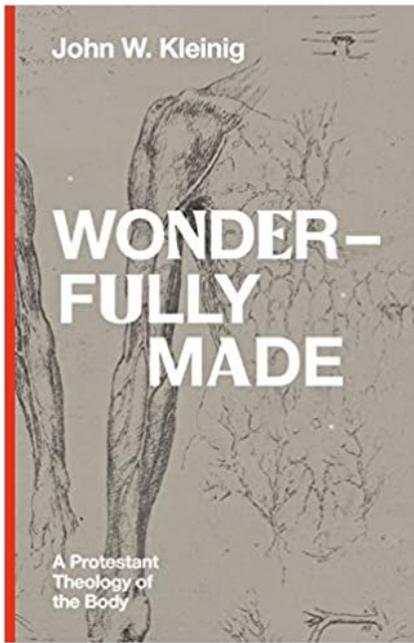
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

I wanted to introduce myself to the lovely congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I'm Gloria O'Hare, your new Church Office Administrator. Some of you may know me already, as I have been on staff here at Christ the King on the preschool side for the past 15 years. I left the classroom in 2018 and went to work for Gardenworks For Kids in Yucaipa while remaining here at CTK to work daycare. In 2019 I left completely, but not really completely because of course I had to come back and help out with daycare, over the last couple of years, when my schedule allowed for it. Currently, I am still involved at Gardenworks For Kids. And, I also started my own business this past year called Sprout and Blossom LLC.



A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

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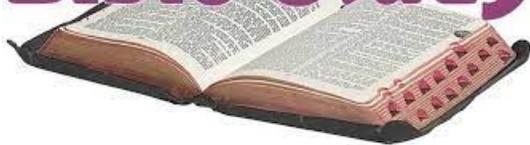
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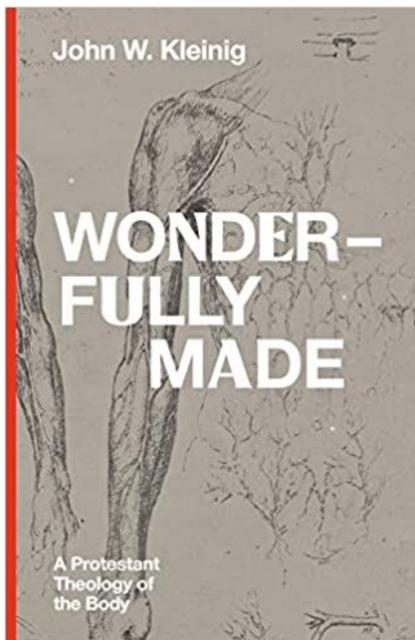
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The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
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Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

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<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

Christ The King Lutheran School

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,237.52</u>	<u>274,133.57</u>
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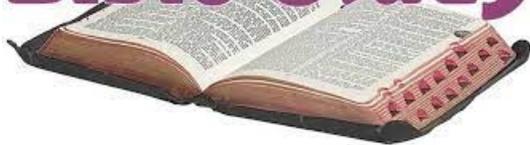
FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
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If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
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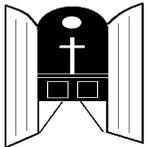
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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Servants for December 2021



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DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
12/19	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Loewecke
12/24	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent		David Alder
12/24	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez		Vic Haynes
12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
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12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
12/12	Cindy Currier	12/19 & 12/26	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
12/26	Poinsettias	12/5 & 12/26	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson
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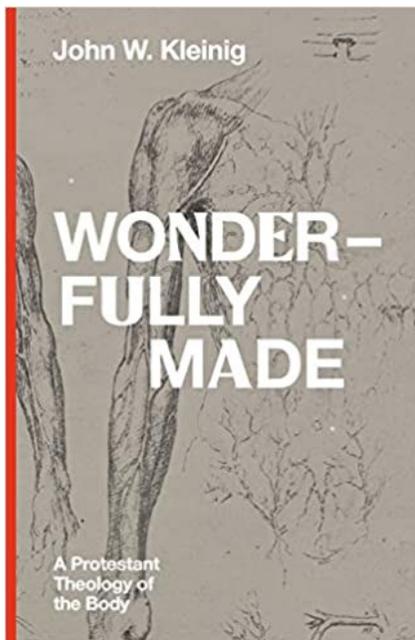
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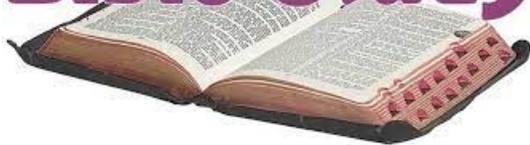
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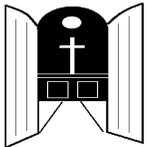
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

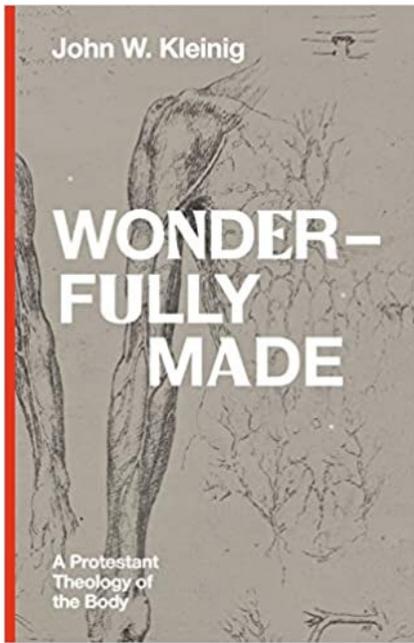
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

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A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

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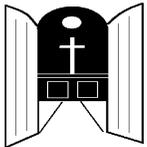
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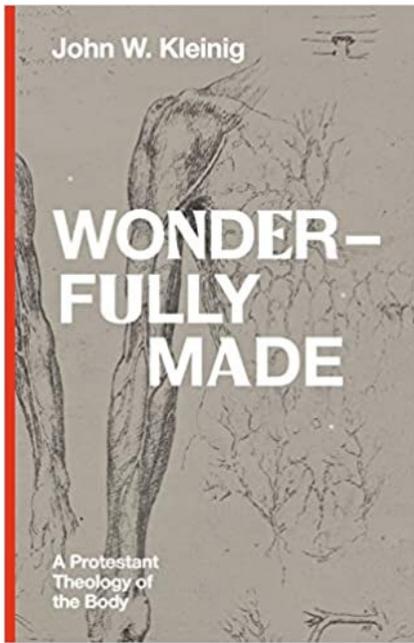
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A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
(909) 793-8722.

Bill Phillips, Treasurer

Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/23/whats-sacred-about-sacred-theology>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

Christ The King Lutheran School

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,237.52</u>	<u>274,133.57</u>
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WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME IN JANUARY 2022

Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:30a.m. in the St. John Hall.

FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



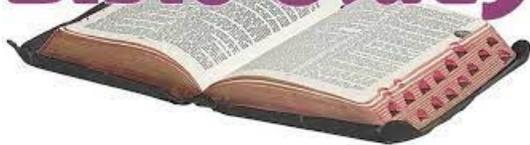
FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
12/11 John Hinkleman Sr.	12/27 David Hansen



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

CTK December 2021 Calendar

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			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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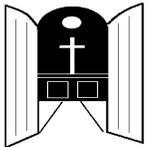
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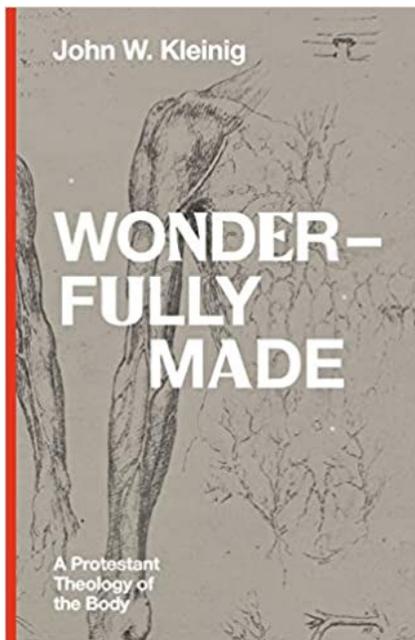
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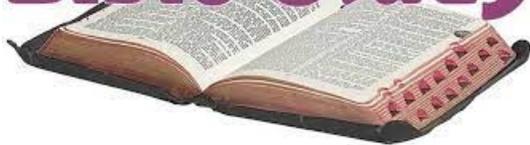
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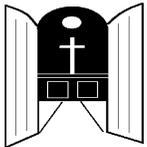
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

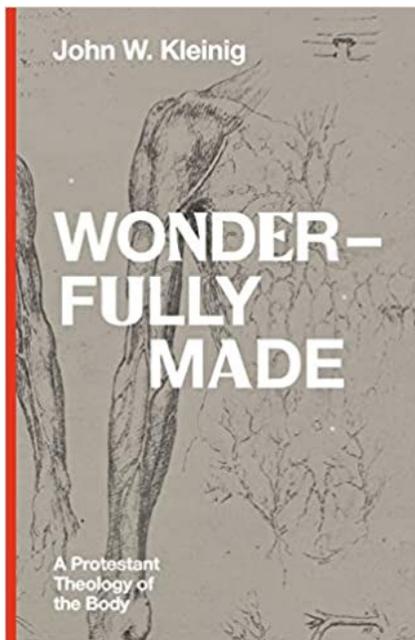
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

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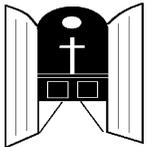
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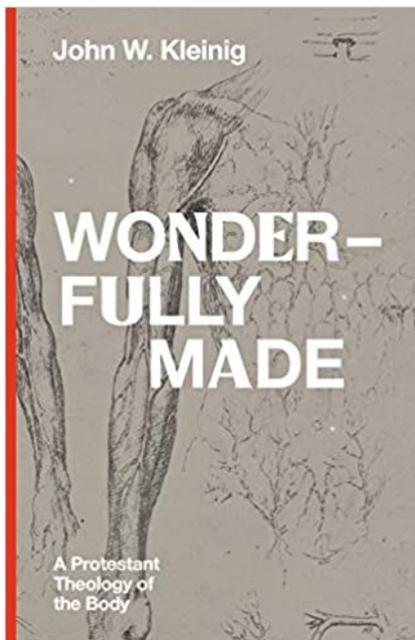
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There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

I wanted to introduce myself to the lovely congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I'm Gloria O'Hare, your new Church Office Administrator. Some of you may know me already, as I have been on staff here at Christ the King on the preschool side for the past 15 years. I left the classroom in 2018 and went to work for Gardenworks For Kids in Yucaipa while remaining here at CTK to work daycare. In 2019 I left completely, but not really completely because of course I had to come back and help out with daycare, over the last couple of years, when my schedule allowed for it. Currently, I am still involved at Gardenworks For Kids. And, I also started my own business this past year called Sprout and Blossom LLC.



A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.

Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.



What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
(909) 793-8722.

Bill Phillips, Treasurer

Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

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<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

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*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
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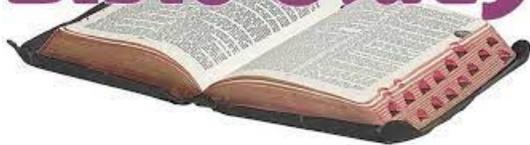
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Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
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With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

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**Wednesday,
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Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
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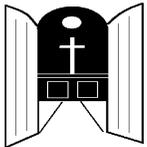
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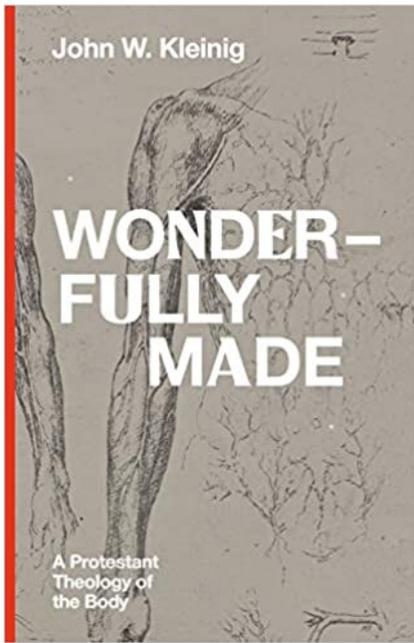
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Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
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December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

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Bible Study



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Vespers

**Wednesday,
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Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
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Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
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12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
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12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
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If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

CTK December 2021 Calendar

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			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
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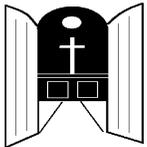
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
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DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
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12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

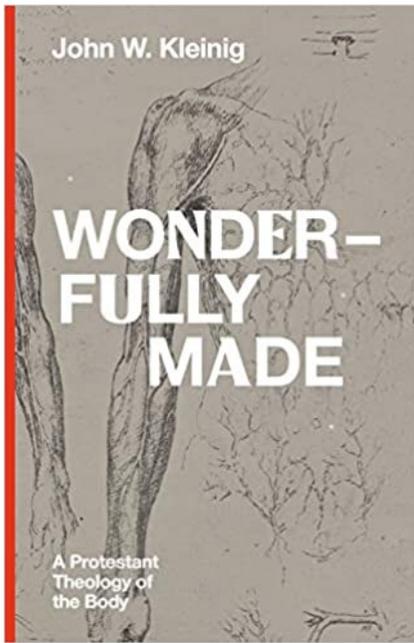
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his

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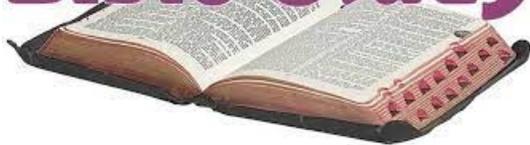
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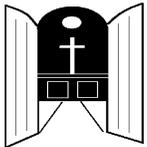
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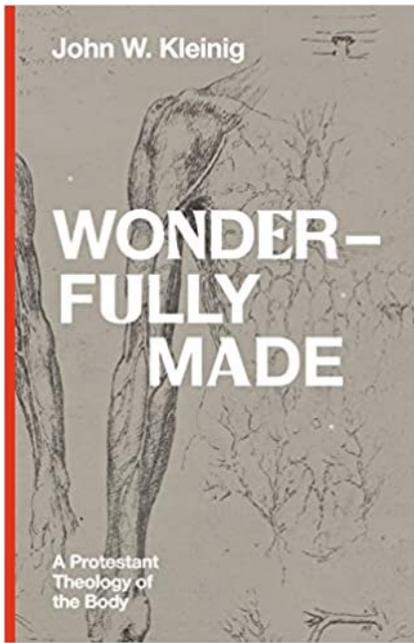
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Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

I wanted to introduce myself to the lovely congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I'm Gloria O'Hare, your new Church Office Administrator. Some of you may know me already, as I have been on staff here at Christ the King on the preschool side for the past 15 years. I left the classroom in 2018 and went to work for Gardenworks For Kids in Yucaipa while remaining here at CTK to work daycare. In 2019 I left completely, but not really completely because of course I had to come back and help out with daycare, over the last couple of years, when my schedule allowed for it. Currently, I am still involved at Gardenworks For Kids. And, I also started my own business this past year called Sprout and Blossom LLC.



A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
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- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

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Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

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Looking Back



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From the Preschool

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Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

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We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



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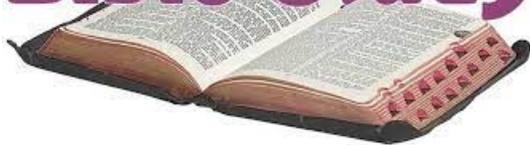
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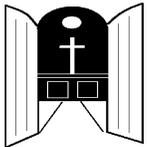
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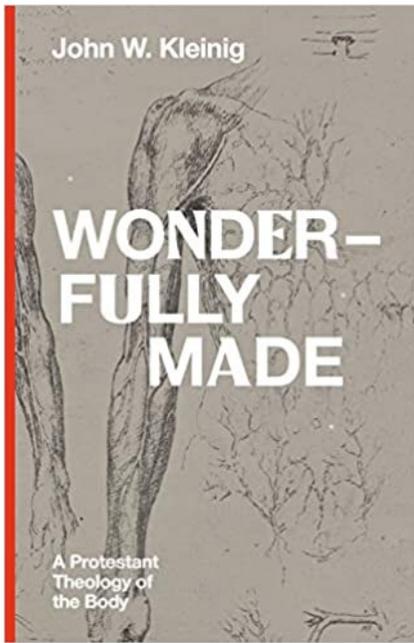
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<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

Christ The King Lutheran School

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,237.52</u>	<u>274,133.57</u>
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FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



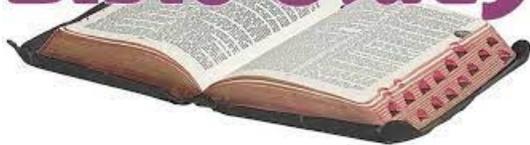
FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
12/10 Steve Wolff	12/27 Curtis Barlows
12/11 John Hinkleman Sr.	12/27 David Hansen



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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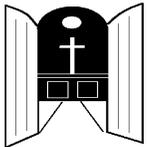
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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Servants for December 2021



Thank you for serving

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
12/19	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Loewecke
12/24	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent		David Alder
12/24	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez		Vic Haynes
12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
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12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
12/26	Poinsettias	12/5 & 12/26	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

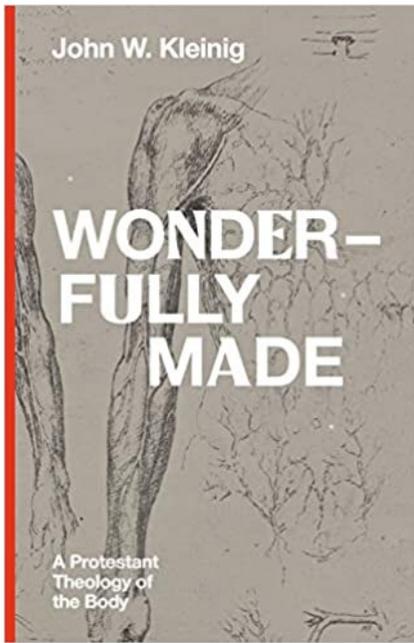
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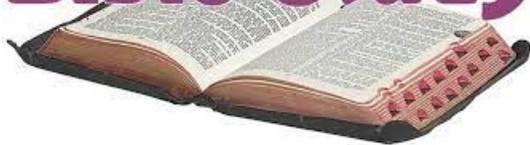
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

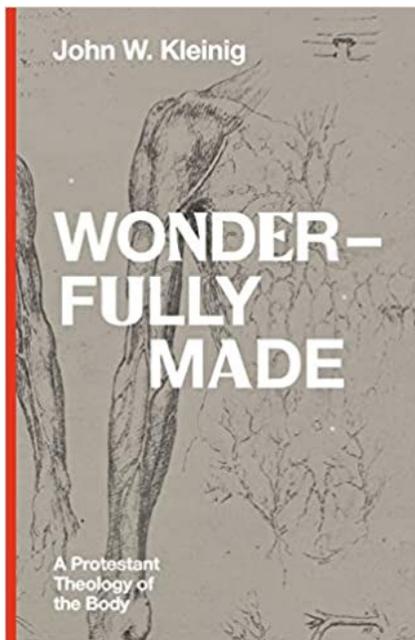
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body"](#) (Lexham Press, 2021). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

There is so much to love about "Wonderfully Made," I can hardly do it proper justice in a blog post. There are quotable passages on every single page, each one insightful and thought-provoking. Broadly speaking, the things I loved best were Dr. Kleinig's description and discussion of the personal unity of body and soul in each human being; his emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ and our Christian identity as members of that Body, along with the priority of the Church as the household and family of God, taking precedence over and finally superseding our temporal families and other relationships on earth; and his lovely treatment of the three "homes" in which he has lived in the safety and peace of Christ, namely, his childhood home with his mother and father, his family home with his wife and children, and ultimately his eternal Home with his Father in heaven. Although Dr. Kleinig's life and circumstances differ in many details from those of other Christians, his words are poignant and resonate deeply with me. I believe that what he has to say offers a similar blessing and benefit to anyone who takes the time to read this book.

Greetings

I wanted to introduce myself to the lovely congregation of Christ the King Lutheran Church. I'm Gloria O'Hare, your new Church Office Administrator. Some of you may know me already, as I have been on staff here at Christ the King on the preschool side for the past 15 years. I left the classroom in 2018 and went to work for Gardenworks For Kids in Yucaipa while remaining here at CTK to work daycare. In 2019 I left completely, but not really completely because of course I had to come back and help out with daycare, over the last couple of years, when my schedule allowed for it. Currently, I am still involved at Gardenworks For Kids. And, I also started my own business this past year called Sprout and Blossom LLC.



A quick story about how I came to find myself working at this lovely school and church. When I was just a young girl of 21 years, I met John and Lorrie Hinkleman in the Bakers Drive-Thru when they would come several times a week for their Diet Cokes. They were my regulars and we began conversing regularly. As divine intervention would have it, Lorrie asked me what I was going to school for and I told her I was studying early childhood education. She then proceeded to tell me that Christ the King Preschool was hiring and I should go apply and put her down as a reference. I was so ecstatic because I had just gone to the school to do an observation for a class and I just knew when I left there that I had to be a part of this place!

And here we are, 15 years later. Within that time frame, I got married to my husband William, and we had two beautiful children, Andrew and Paige. I earned my BA in Public Relations from California Baptist University and have made great connections with my co-workers, church staff, and preschool families that have become dear friends. I have even had some of your kiddos or grandkids in my preschool class. I have been so blessed to be a part of Christ the King serving in different capacities throughout the years. I am happy to be serving in this new position. Please bear with me as I learn who everyone is, how things are done and what I can do to help. I hope to be seeing you around campus and I thank God for opportunities afforded to me through this amazing Church and School.

Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.

Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.



What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

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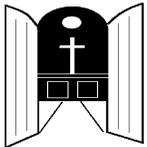
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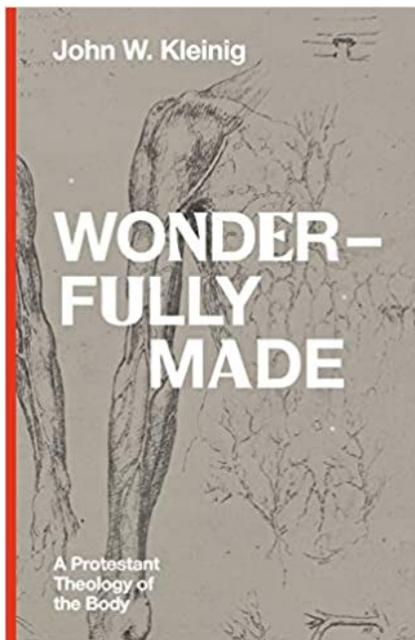
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The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.

Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.



What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
(909) 793-8722.

Bill Phillips, Treasurer

Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/23/whats-sacred-about-sacred-theology>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

Christ The King Lutheran School

*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>25,237.52</u>	<u>274,133.57</u>
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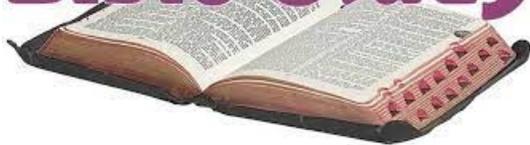
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December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
7:00 pm**



Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02	Joyce Cox	12/12	Lorenzo Perez
12/04	Thomas Crowley	12/13	Richard Reading
12/07	Bernice David	12/14	Linda Whittier
12/07	Kelli Townsend	12/20	Allison Crowley
12/09	Shelly Wilson	12/20	Claire Crowley
12/10	Jack Currier	12/24	William Arnold
12/10	Steve Wolff	12/27	Curtis Barlows
12/11	John Hinkleman Sr.	12/27	David Hansen



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Gloria O'Hare at the church office 909-793-55703.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
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Servants for December 2021



Thank you for serving

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
12/19	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Loewecke
12/24	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent		David Alder
12/24	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez		Vic Haynes
12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
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12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
12/26	Poinsettias	12/5 & 12/26	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson
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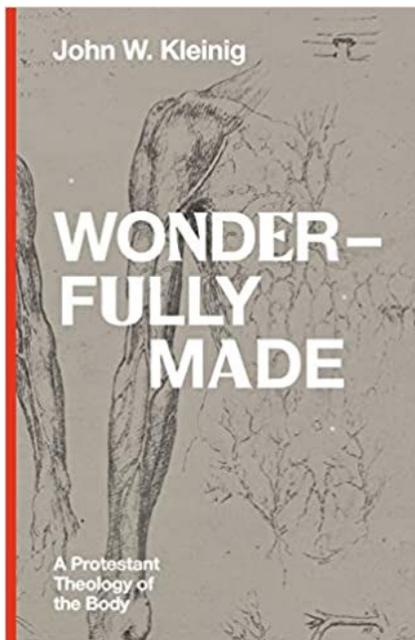
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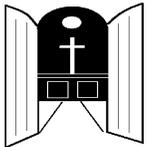
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

DECEMBER 2021

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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

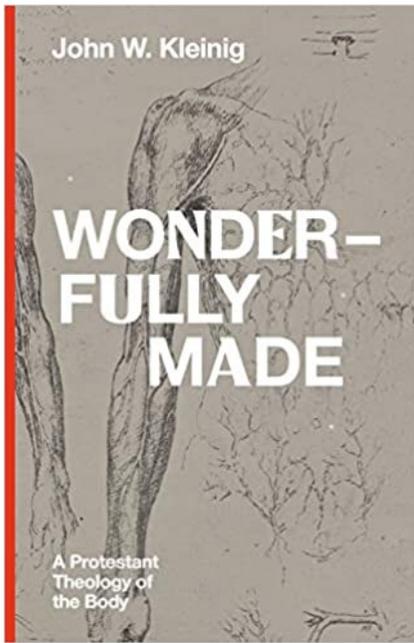
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

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Greetings

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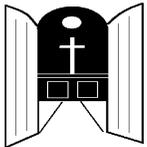
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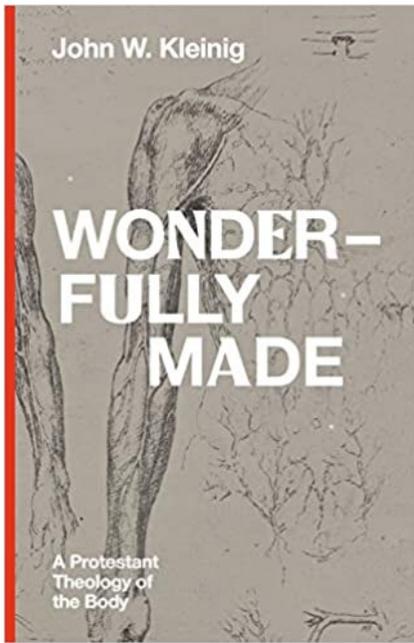
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Happenings from the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee

Spreading the Good Word during the Advent Season!

Inviting friends and family to our home away from home, Christ the King Lutheran Church, is easy during the Christmas season when our rich traditions and worship fill the young and young at heart with wonder. Besides a verbal invitation or sharing your church bulletin, the committee has been inspired to create another way to invite everyone in your neighborhood.

The Committee has designed decorative Yard Signs to help you to witness to your neighbors in an easy way. They feature a silhouette of the Manger scene with the CTK website printed on the bottom so your friends and neighbors can visit the website for dates and times of worship and celebrations. The signs should be placed near your curb so passers-by can quickly see your very subtle invitation.

The yard signs are 18"x22" and are made of corrugated plastic. They are weather proof and will last 2-3 years. The signs are available at church if you would like to place one in your yard. We have ordered fifty signs and invite you to take one. When the season has ended, place it in your garage or storage area and save it for next year.



Some have asked how much the signs run. The committee wants to thank John Hinkleman for applying for Thrivent Action Team dollars. Thrivent contributed \$250 towards the project and the remainder came from the Evangelism budget. If you wish to make a free will offering towards the project, each sign ran about \$20.

If you would like to see what the committee is all about, please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We meet in the Parish Hall.

What's going on at CTK!



Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!

- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022



The 2022 Church Budget was approved by the Nov. 14th Voters Assembly with some changes. If you would like a copy of the final version, please contact Debbie Wolff,

ctkredlandsschool@gmail.com,
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Supplemental Articles for Your Reading Benefit

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/11/23/in-case-with-global-implications-finland-puts-christians-on-trial-for-their-faith/>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/9/we-remember-the-dissenters-not-the-pharaoh>

<https://www.gottesdienst.org/gottesblog/2021/10/23/whats-sacred-about-sacred-theology>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/18/for-christians-dying-from-covid-or-anything-else-is-a-good-thing/>

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/04/christians-dont-need-fancy-new-strategies-or-tactics-to-tackle-americas-problems-they-need-courage/>

<https://www.cc.lutherclassical.org/summer-2021/how-to-be-an-un-miserable-lutheran/>

Looking Back



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Layla Sophia Christina Scott
was Reborn into Christ
on November 28, 2021

From the Preschool

'Tis the Season, Christmas time is a fun time in preschool. Practicing for the Christmas programs is a must, special projects for mom and dads, and lots of talk about Jesus's birthday! The kindergarten class will be singing at the December 8th Advent service, a special treat for sure! December also means Christmas break, a well needed rest for our hard working staff. As we close 2021 we pray for a healthy country, with God guiding our leaders!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed

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*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb
sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

Proverbs 16:24





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



November 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400.00 · GENERAL OFFERINGS	34,169.00	261,443.97
420.00 · OTHER OPERATING INCOME	1,452.00	15,020.00
430.00 · INTEREST INCOME	3.90	1,048.28
440.00 · FUNDRAISING INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,849.00</u>
Total Income	<u>35,624.90</u>	<u>281,361.25</u>
Gross Profit	35,624.90	281,361.25
Expense		
500.00 · ACTIVITIES	68.47	7,509.23
510.00 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	0.00	154.06
520.00 · ADMINISTRATION	3,193.62	24,848.55
530.00 · MAINTENANCE	846.28	15,471.38
540.00 · MISSIONS	1,600.00	16,000.00
550.00 · SALARIES AND WAGES	13,228.15	141,785.37
560.00 · PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	4,273.52	43,582.30
570.00 · PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	1,903.79	20,138.96
580.00 · WORSHIP	<u>123.69</u>	<u>4,643.72</u>
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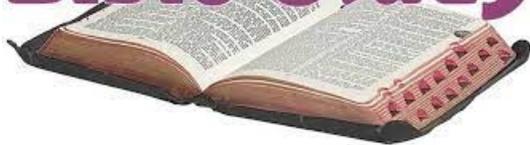
FRIDAY

December 3rd

at 7:30 p.m.

Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

Bible Study



**Saturday Morning
at 8:30 am**

With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

Vespers

**Wednesday,
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th
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Anniversaries



12/04 Clifford & Patricia Davley
12/08 Richard & Brittany Reading
12/18 Russ & Sukola Gross
12/21 John & Lorrie Hinkleman Sr.
12/27 Joseph & Erica Vasquez
12/28 Mike & Lee Alhorn

Birthdays

12/02 Joyce Cox	12/12 Lorenzo Perez
12/04 Thomas Crowley	12/13 Richard Reading
12/07 Bernice David	12/14 Linda Whittier
12/07 Kelli Townsend	12/20 Allison Crowley
12/09 Shelly Wilson	12/20 Claire Crowley
12/10 Jack Currier	12/24 William Arnold
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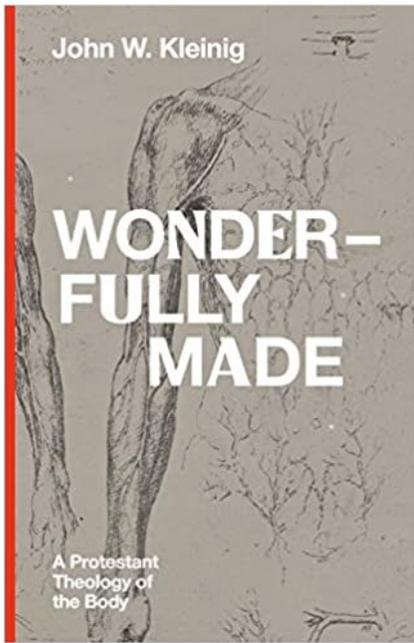
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
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Look closely at the photograph. Yes, that is our church. Yes, that was a long time ago. One can tell that it was a long time ago by virtue of how small the Italian Cypress trees are in the photo and how tall they are now. Look even closer. What is that white stuff on the ground, on the roof? Yes, that's right – it's snow! I've been in Redlands a good long while. I've never seen snow in our fair town. To be sure, this picture presents a winter scene. As I write this, November 30th, it is 85 degrees outside. Snow is not in the ten-day forecast.



Christmas is in the forecast. December 25th is in the forecast. What do you think of when you think of Christmas? Shopping? Decorating? Wassail? Perhaps what we should have in mind when we think of Christmas is what God had in mind regarding the conception and birth of His Son. Here is a Christmas bible passage from the book of Isaiah. See if you can discover words of the Incarnation (God being made man) in these short verses. "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

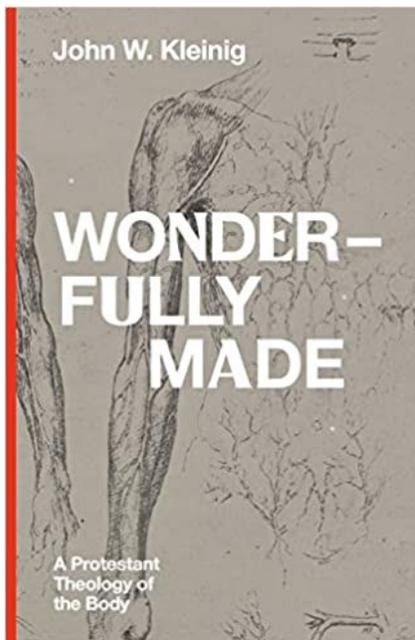
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What is on display at Christ the King is the continuing picture of God's grace. Unworthy sinners are brought into His embrace. Hope and joy are the products in our souls. We have been liberated from all that which truly oppresses us. When the Angel Gabriel brought his announcement of Christ's imminent arrival to the Virgin Mary, it was an announcement of God's unwavering devotion to us. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord

God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 2:31-33). So devoted to you; Almighty God is so devoted to you! His plan is immaculate. His determination to resolve sin and death is immeasurably intense. God became man to eviscerate death and bring you to heaven.

Christmas is a great wonder. The humility which is inherent to God is now visible. Lowly, the King of kings is born in a stable and laid in a manger. As King He is crowned with thorns and a loathsome cross becomes the world's highest throne. His humility waters your soul as you hear His Word. His embrace is warm and He is eager to nestle you in His church. There is a quietness that the mystery of Christmas generates within us. In that stillness of earth and heart Christ confers His devotion to you. Christmas is for you. The world would sell you an illusion. The world would sell you what is vulgar and empty and selfish because that is all that the world has – greed and lust and vanity, packaged a million different ways. Christmas is something else entirely. God gives to you a treasure of love. In Him, you become more genuinely human. God's life invades your own. That is what He intended all along. Is it not your desire that your soul should bud and flourish with Christ's virtue, His character, His life? Yes, that is what He intended all along. And He is doing it. I don't know about snow, but the forecast of Christ the King is bright. Christmas and all that goes along with it is right on the horizon.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Smith



Wonderfully Made: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You Rick Stuckwisch

I've just finished reading Dr. Kleinig's recent book, ["Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" \(Lexham Press, 2021\)](#). It's not a long or difficult book, though it is rich and meaty in its content, but I've taken my time in reading through it, savoring each chapter, rather than reading it quickly and lightly. It is indeed, as Dr. Kleinig describes, a "rhapsody" on the human body in the light of God's creative design and good intent. Eloquent in both style and substance, it is both lucid and lyrical in its prose, profoundly theological, yet also straightforward, down-to-earth, and thoroughly practical. I cannot praise this little book highly enough, nor would it be possible to overstate its value and importance in these gray and latter days of such confusion.

A number of people have questioned and/or commented on the subtitle, "A Protestant Theology of the Body," wondering at this description. From what I understand, that was the publisher's decision, likely made in part for marketing purposes, but also in part to distinguish the book from John Paul's Roman Catholic "Theology of the Body" (which Dr. Kleinig references positively toward the end of the book). The present work would have been more accurately described as "A Lutheran Theology of the Body," or, even better, "A Biblical Theology of the Body." I've been told that Dr. Kleinig himself intended the subtitle to be, "Seeing Yourself as God Sees You," which fits very nicely with what he says so beautifully and well in the concluding chapter. In any case, if the actual subtitle, as published, invites more Christians to pick up the book and read it, so much the better. It really is a must-read in the face of so much gnostic misunderstanding and perversion of the human body.

So typical of Dr. Kleinig, he "lights a candle" rather than "cursing the darkness" throughout this little book. He does not shy away from addressing the sins that permeate our fallen flesh and surround us in this fallen world, but he does so in the process of extending a winsome call to repentance, to faith in the Gospel, and to the beautiful life for which we have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. That perspective animates every chapter, every page, every paragraph and sentence of the book. Consequently, it is both humbling and encouraging, directing the Law not at "those other people" but at the reader's own heart, mind, and life, but so also directing the reader to the realization of all God's purposes and promises in Christ Jesus. As Dr. Kleinig describes the ways in which both marriage and celibacy point to Christ as Savior and Lord, as Husband and Head of His Church in heaven and on earth, so does his treatment of the human body from a variety of angles consistently return to the Lord's good and gracious gift of life.

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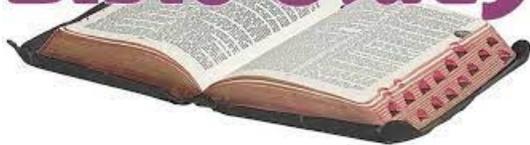
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			 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers		11:00 AM Charles Baker Funeral  7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Jr. Confirmation Class		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Vespers			8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ Bible Study 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Confirmation					 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	9:00 AM Christmas Day Service 
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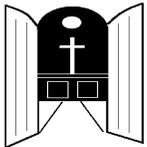
Remember that mites are collected each month, on the 3rd Sunday, or any time your mite box is full.



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Servants for December 2021



Thank you for serving

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
12/05	Emma Hansen & Gabriela Vasquez	Anna Bush	Dwayne Danielson
12/12	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Creavy	Tom Crowley
12/19	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli	Tammy Hathaway	Roger Loewecke
12/24	Hayden Hinkleman & Aiden DeCent		David Alder
12/24	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez		Vic Haynes
12/26	Emma Hinkleman & Brooke Cleary	Bernice David	Loren Scott
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
12/05	Don & Bernice David	12/5 & 12/12	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
12/12	Cindy Currier	12/19 & 12/26	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
12/19	Joe & Erica Vasquez	DATE	USHERS
12/26	Poinsettias	12/5 & 12/26	Robert DeCent & Glenn Henderson
		12/12 & 12/19	Chris Blank & Loren Scott