Welcome!

December 8, 2013
We're glad you could join us this Sunday morning.

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Ray
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Visitors: If you are visiting with us for the first time, please fill out a visitor card. In Traditional Service, you'll find visitor cards in the back of the pew; in Contemporary Service, visitor cards are located in the pew pads.

Members and Repeat Visitors: Fill out the pew pad to help you put names to faces of those sitting near you. Greet someone by name today and build your Christ the King fellowship connections.

For More Information: Visit www.christthekingcary.org, where you will find the latest on CTK activities and events. You can also make one-time or recurring donations to the church.

Today

Angel Tree: Make sure your wrapped gifts are returned today! Thanks!

Fair trade coffee, seasonal chocolate bars and cocoa tins perfect for Christmas gifts, are available for purchase in the narthex.

Christmas trees will be put up today at 1:30 p.m. Please consider helping for one or two hours putting trees in stands, and stringing the lights.

Middle & High School Youth Groups meet 6:30-8:00 p.m. MS: check-in in the narthex. HS: Luther Café.

Support the ministries of this congregation by putting your 2014 financial commitment in the boxes outside of each worship service.

2014 offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

How's your blood pressure? Members of our Healthy Living Team will check yours in the narthex.

Coming Soon!

Advent Wednesday Worship: Join us for Holden Evening Prayer in Nagle Hall, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m. December 11, & 18.

The Longest Night: a service of light in the midst of darkness, offers hope to those missing a loved one. Saturday December 21, 5:30 p.m., Nagle Hall

Worship

Director, Worship: **The Rev. Larry Holmes**
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Lessons for December 15
Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Congregational Life

Director, Faith Formation & Congregational Life:
The Rev. Elizabeth Y. Neely
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Youth Groups Coordinator: Corrine Madsen
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Wisdom Club will meet for games and a potluck lunch on Wednesday December 11. We will play games beginning at 11:00, break for lunch at noon, and then continue playing. Join us for any or all of this fun event!

It's Luminaria Time! Scout units will be in your neighborhoods soon distributing Christmas Luminaria. If you need additional kits, a self-service display is in the narthex with kits. Suggested donation: $6.00 per kit of six Luminaria. Proceeds help fund Troop 208 at CTK.

Stories of Faith in Action: Copies available in the narthex. This ELCA publication features people whose lives have been touched by ELCA ministries, and tells how your offering is put to work throughout the U.S. and worldwide.

Our Advent giving focus will go to ELCA Good Gifts. Checks payable to CTK and marked "Good Gifts." If you prefer using a coin box, pick up one at the display.

Youth Groups

Next Sunday, December 15: Youth Group Christmas Parties! All meet from 6:30-8:00p.m. AYG and MSYG: please ***do not*** bring gifts. HSYG: bring a $5-$10 gift for our gift exchange. Better yet, re-gift something from home.

7th-12th graders: LYO Assembly *February 21-23, 2014 (Friday to Sunday)*: Join youth from the NC Synod in Greensboro for a wonderful faith-building event! Cost: $145. Register by Sunday, December 22.

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation Coordinator:
Kari.Moncrief@christthekingcary.org
Youth & Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:
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The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem is the basis for our Advent Worship and study. Books ($12) and devotionals ($8) are available in the narthex.

Advent Small Group Opportunities:

Tuesday Evenings	7:00 p.m.	Staley Home
Wednesday Evenings	7:00 p.m.	narthex
Thursday Mornings	11:00 a.m.	parlor
Sunday mornings	9:45 a.m.	choir room
		HS room

Children's Advent Bible Study (kindergarten – 5th grade) continues on Wednesdays from 6:25-6:55 p.m. with the children's version of *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. Contact Kari with any questions.

December Sunday School Offerings will be designated for ELCA's Good Gifts in honor of our adult Sunday school teachers. Let teachers know that you appreciate them; donate in their honor and write a thank you card, available outside the Faith Formation office.

Outreach

Director, Outreach: The Rev. Charlie Scott
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More Families to Be Helped by Award
PLM-Families Together has received the GSK IMPACT Award and $40,000 from global healthcare company GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to a healthier Triangle Region.

Remodeling Your Kitchen? Keep Appalachia Service Project in mind. We can reuse your sink, cabinets or counters on a future ASP trip. Your gift is a tax write-off and a generous gift to a family in need. Contact jeffhoffert@yahoo.com, 919-678-0700.

Appalachia Service Projects Trips
January 9-12 & March 20-23, 2014

Consider participating in this home repair ministry to help families living in substandard housing. For more information call or email Bill & Rosemary Pate (919-303-7618) rosemaryamdbill@gmail.com

Make a difference in a child's life! Donations to the CTK Preschool Scholarship Fund are used to help the youngest members of our community get a great start. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible contribution of any amount, please make your check out to CTK Preschool, and note "scholarship fund" in the memo line.

Resource Ministry

Director, Resource Ministry:
Karen.Muse@christthekingcary.org

Thanks to everyone who has supported Christ the King in the past year with their time, talent, and financial contributions; we look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. For a convenient way to make regular offerings or additional gifts before year-end, consider electronic giving options. Visit www.christthekingcary.org, About Us/Make an Online Gift, or contact the church office for more information.

From the Personnel Committee: Staff Appreciation: Show your appreciation for our dedicated staff by sharing some cookies or fruit with the church office, placing a note in their office mail-slot, or donating funds for distribution to staff by the Personnel committee. Mark your donation "Staff Support" and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 15.

This Week at Christ the King

MONDAY, December 9

5:30 p.m.	Theology on the Mat – Nagle Hall
6:00 p.m.	Luther Ringers – choir room
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Ringers – choir room
7:00 p.m.	Resource Advisory Board – conf room
7:45 p.m.	King's Ringers – choir room

TUESDAY, December 10

9:30 a.m.	Backpack Buddies – meet in parking lot
6:00 p.m.	Parish Life Committee Party – Luther Cafe
7:00 p.m.	Adult Advent Small Group – Staley home

WEDNESDAY, December 11

11:00 a.m.	Wisdom Club – Nagle Hall
5:30 p.m.	Child Choirs
5:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal (soup & potato bar)narthex
6:00 p.m.	Advent Workshop (age 2-5th gr) - narthex
6:30 p.m.	Children's Advent Group – 205B
6:30 p.m.	Advent Worship – Nagle Hall
7:00 p.m.	Adult Advent Small Group - narthex
7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir - sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 12

11:00 a.m.	Adult Advent Small Group - parlor
6:00 p.m.	MSP Working Group – conference room
6:30 p.m.	Theology on Tap – TGI Friday's
7:00 p.m.	Tech Committee - parlor

FRIDAY, December 13

10:00 a.m.	Exercise Class – Luther Cafe
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group – Nagle Hall

SATURDAY, December 14

9:30 a.m.	Library Committee – library/parlor
2:30 p.m.	Tanglewood Abbey - kitchen

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