

## From Father Nik

This Christ the King Sunday, we come to the conclusion of our study of the Gospel according to Saint Luke. The last lesson in this lectionary cycle centered on Luke's gospel is the story of Christ's crucifixion. In this way, Christ's kingship—a theme of Luke's gospel—is revealed to us as paradoxically made manifest in his moment of deepest shame, suffering, and powerlessness for our sake. It is, I think, very meet and right to end the liturgical year on this note of Christ's Kingship perfectly unveiled by his sacrifice on the cross. But, of course, the Gospel according to Luke does not end there.

On the other side of the crucifixion, Luke tells us of Christ's resurrection. In the liturgical year, the lectionary texts that recount the stories of the resurrection come during Eastertide, appropriately. However, I think it's worthwhile to recall them now, as we conclude our reflections on Luke's gospel of Christ the King. And as we look to the resurrection stories, we should stop and think about what we might have expected the resurrected Christ to do after overcoming the grave. In all honesty, wouldn't we expect him to avenge himself upon his enemies? Wouldn't we expect him to come in force and great glory, with the angelic armies of the Lord of hosts in tow to establish his throne of power on earth? Wouldn't we expect him to reveal himself to be a king like the kings of the nations, only superior to them, far-exceeding them in majesty, and ready to take his rightful place as their emperor.

It is tempting to think of the resurrected Christ—or his *Parousia* (his coming again)—in these terms. However, to do so would be to miss the lesson of the cross. Indeed, the resurrection stories are instructive of where we will find the reign of Christ the King in this time between his Ascension and his Parousia. Luke's paradigmatic resurrection story, the one that only he tells, is the account of the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). Two of Jesus' disciples, depressed and dejected by Christ's crucifixion, make their way to Emmaus. While walking along the path they're joined by a stranger who opens the scripture to them so that they come to see how the cross reveals rather than undermines the truth of their hope that Jesus was and is Christ the King. When they reach their destination, they invite the stranger in. "Abide with us; fast falls the eventide." Only then, while at table with him, do they recognize who the stranger is—their Lord, Jesus Christ. *He was known to them in the breaking of the bread* (Lk 4:35).

## November Schedule

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

11/24 – Jeannette Harrison

11/27 – Tony Droppleman

### **Acolyte Schedule**

11/24 – TBD

11/27 – Cate Woods, Campbell Woods

### **Lectors**

11/24 – Mazie Florance, Howard Anderson

11/27 – Holland Droppleman, Jim Smythe, Mazie Florance

### **Greeters**

11/24 – Howard Anderson

11/27 – Mike Miles

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## **Advent Wreaths**

On Sunday, Nov 27, we'll be making Advent wreaths after Worship. Supplies will need to be ordered. If you're interested in making a wreath, please let Boo know ASAP.

The cost will be \$10 -\$12.00

## **The Meal Train**

Thanks to those who've already gotten aboard.

We're hoping for more passengers. We still have empty seats.

The meal train is being organized to provide meals for those in need in our congregation.

All we need is your email address. To sign up or to notify of someone in need please email

Debbie Murphy at: [murphydeb@embarqmail.com](mailto:murphydeb@embarqmail.com) or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

## **Stewardship**

Thank you for giving of your time, talent, and treasure!

For 2016, **49** members/families of our parish pledged.

The total amount y'all pledged was **\$101,600**

(of which, we have received **\$75,300**).

For 2017, **42** members/families have pledged *so far*.

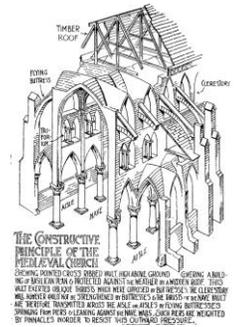
The total amount y'all have pledged (*so far*) is **\$93,410**.

# Christain Education

**Godly Play** – Children are invited to hear the Word in a fun, learning environment in the Parish House during the first half of worship. The autumn curriculum is based on the book, *Jotham's Journey* by Arnold Ytreeide.

**The Youth Group** will meet in the parish hall, Sunday, November 20, from 5-7pm.

**The Sunday School** meets every Sunday morning at 9am in the Parish Hall. This autumn we're exploring **Medieval Christianity**.



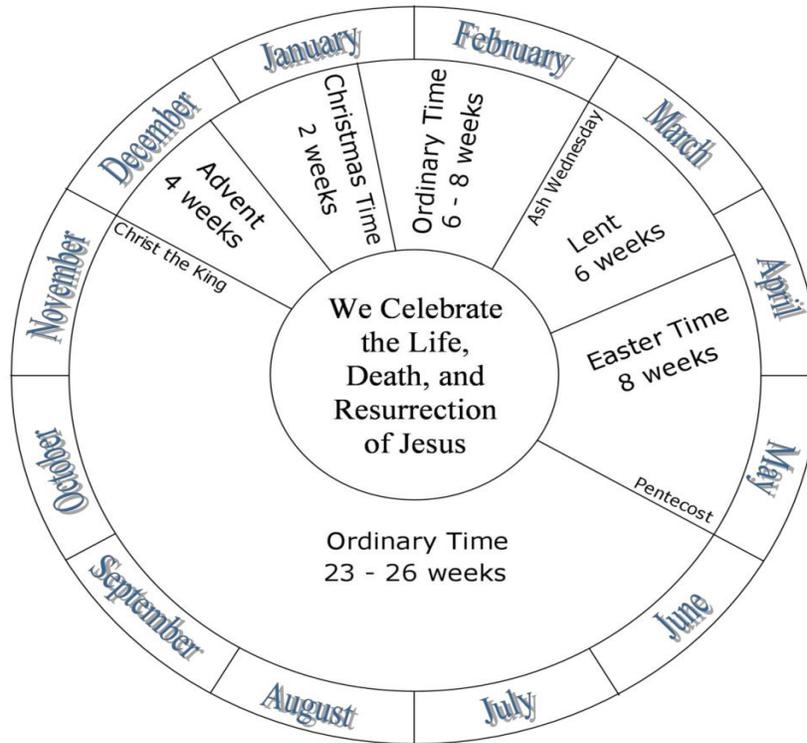
## Small Groups

**The Women's Book Group** will meet at 10am on Thursday, December 1 to discuss the first part of Book 3 in *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

**The Men's Book Group** will meet at 7:30am Thursday, December 1, at Ashland Coffee & Tea to discuss Book 4, Chapters 4-7 of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.



# The Liturgical Year



## Nik's Calendar

- Sunday, Nov 20 – Confirmation Class, 7-8pm
- Monday, Nov 21 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm  
– Marriage Prep with couple, 3:30-4:30pm
- Monday, Nov 28 – Coffee with the Rev'd Dr Ed Bushong, 10:30am - 12:30pm  
– RMC Campus Ministry, 8pm

## Looking Ahead

- Sunday, Nov 20 – Youth Group, 5-7pm
- Tuesday, Nov 22 – Choir Rehearsal, 7pm  
– Budget Meeting, 6-7pm
- Thursday, Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day Eucharist, 10am
- Sunday, Nov 27 – Confirmation Class, 7pm
- Monday, Nov 28 – GS Troop 429, 6:30-8pm
- Tuesday, Nov 29 – Vestry Meeting, 7-9pm
- Thursday, Dec 1 – Men's Book Group, 7:30-8:30am  
– Woman's Book Group, 10am-noon
- Sunday, Dec 4 – Confirmation Class, 7pm
- Thursday, Dec 8 – Way of Discipleship, Small Group, 6:30-8pm