

December 28, 2018

Dear CTK Family,

The end of another year—why does it always surprise me? Time marches on and seems to speed up a bit with every year that passes. And so it's good to look back and consider what has happened so that we can be thankful. That's often what we need, to be reminded. The Bible calls us to remember so many times.

Our family remembers God's providing direction for us. It can be unnerving not to know how the Lord will provide through a job. Our family knew we wanted to continue to serve the Lord in ministry, but we didn't know where He would lead. We are so thankful that He led us to Christ the King! Let's all remember to continue to pray for our church, that we would be a Gospel beacon of light and hope in the truth.

As a church, we remember the many ways our people serve one another. The majority of what gets done at CTK is by volunteers. You all serve in countless ways to make sure people's needs are met, help is given, and mercy is shown. You serve to ensure our children are cared for and taught of Jesus' love for them. And you serve in so many ways beyond the four walls of our building, shining bright the testimony of the Light of the World.

We remember Bruce Bell and Kit Carstensen, who have gone on to their heavenly reward. Both men were fixtures at Christ the King and will be missed. As we remember them, let us remember to pray for Bev and Doris and their families.

We remember the newest addition to our body—Lillian McShea was born on December 6th. We are also thankful for the newest members to join our church—Alice King, Vinnie & Di Dobos, Mike & Angela Viersma (Melissa, Allison, Jacob), Owen Viersma, Glen & Cheryl Deal, June Humphrey, Sherry Rothe, Lynne Lerch, Leslie Wallace, AnnaGrace Wallace, and Esther Wallace.

We remember God's provision for us. The Lord has entrusted us with some wonderful resources. We have great staff members who serve administratively and musically. We have officers who serve sacrificially. We have three new deacon candidates who will begin training in the New Year. We have stayed close to our budget each month. Thank you for being so generous.

As we remember and thank God for his faithfulness in 2018, let us look to the New Year with prayerful anticipation that we will continue to grow in grace, that we may be a light on a hill, shining brightly the love of God in Christ!

Joy to the World,
Pastor Seth