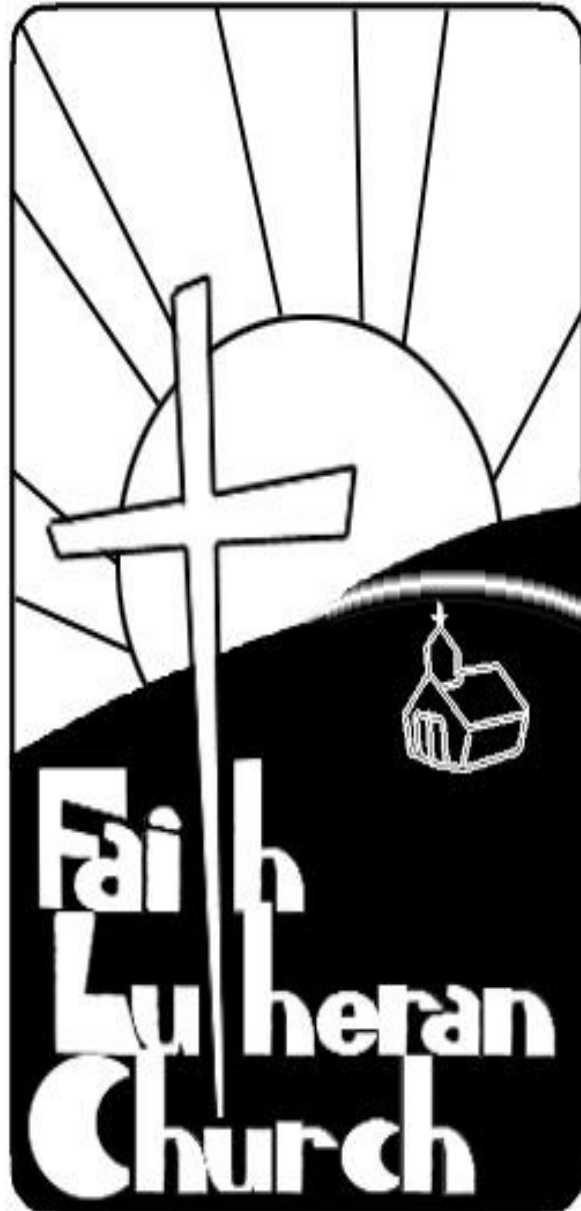


# The Grapevine

NOVEMBER 2016

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## Clippings from the Vinedresser



Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25

Christ the King Sunday, now becoming known as the Reign of Christ Sunday, celebrates the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who rules over heaven and earth now and forever. It comes at the culmination of the church year, nicely gathering all the times of the church year, from the celebratory seasons (Advent through Trinity Sunday) to the ordinary times (Sundays after Pentecost) under Jesus' power.

Christ the King Sunday acknowledges that Jesus is Lord over all things in heaven and on earth. It may not seem so here on earth, what with wars, famines, earthquakes and the like, but there is can be no doubt about it: Jesus reigns.

We should have first clued in when the heavens split open and the angels spilled out singing, "Glory to the newborn king!" But we can be forgiven for missing that one. Only the shepherds saw and heard it, and even though they shared the story, who listens to shepherds?

The star would be another clue. Whatever it was, it attracted the attention of some foreign star gazers, who traveled far to seek the "one who is born king of the Jews." But again, foreigners. Stargazers. Who listens?

The most substantial clue of all, was Jesus' astounding victory over death. Bursting forth from the tomb, alive forevermore could mean nothing else: Jesus rules even over death. He

appeared to over five hundred people after his death, disciples all. Yet, many choose not to believe; it could have been an elaborate ruse.

The Gospel writer John begins his work by saying, "He came to his own, and his own did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, he gave the power to become the children of God."

John saw and believed. Saul saw and believed (and changed his name to Paul). Millions down through the ages have seen and believed. The story goes on.

But Jesus' reign is not predicated upon our belief. Jesus is Lord. Period. Whether we choose to believe and live under his lordship or not, Jesus is Lord. Always has been and evermore shall be.

As God's people we celebrate Jesus' lordship daily by living as disciples of Jesus Christ. We order our lives, make our decisions, choose the words we speak and the actions we do, all in light of Jesus' lordship over our lives. And we long for the day when the full power of Jesus' reign will be evident to all.

Since that day has not come, we celebrate and anticipate Jesus' Lordship with worship and praise on Christ the King Sunday. We confess that Jesus is Lord, and we begin our anticipation of that great and glorious day when every knee shall bow and tongue confess Jesus as Lord. It is an important day of worship. Will we see you there?

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## Sunday School

Two important dates to remember:

November 13: Regular Sunday School Class.

December 11: Christmas Pageant

Watch for more information about the pageant (practice times, etc., in the bulletin and on the Facebook page.)



## Bible Study

The Bible Study has finished looking at Paul's two (or is that three or four) letters to the Corinthians, and his letter to the Galatians. Now, we will turn our attention to his letter to the Ephesians. We plan on finishing this study by the Christmas break.

After Christmas we will begin a journey through the exciting books of 1 and 2 Samuel (King David's story among others).

Join us every second Tuesday as we read scripture, ask questions, ponder the relevance of a particular passage for our lives and the world today.

In November we will meet on the 8th and 22nd.



## GTA East Refugee Program

A meeting with representatives from Life-line Syria, Syrian Family Links, BVOR, and CLWR will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church, Scarborough on Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow.

Are you interested in joining a group to sponsor a refugee family? Here's our chance to join in.







## Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus

A program presented by

The Lutheran Women's Group  
Christ the King - Whitby  
(1825 Manning Road)

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

6:00 p.m. - arrival

6:30 p.m. - dinner

7:30 p.m. - program

8:15 p.m. - coffee/tea & dessert

## Women's Circle



We have been invited to an Advent Program at Christ the King, Whitby, on Wednesday, November 30. (See poster above). The ladies will be collecting items for a seniors' residence at the program; more information will be coming about the collection.

Our regular meeting will be at Club Loreley on Thursday, November 3 at 5:30 p.m., for dinner and discussion.

All women of the congregation are invited to join us for both events.

## Guest Speaker



Doug Reble, Assistant to the Bishop

It is our privilege to have Pastor Doug Reble, Assistant to the Bishop of the Eastern Synod, as our guest speaker on Sunday, November 20. We will have a special lunch time following worship, so as many people

as possible will be able to meet Doug and talk with him.

Please mark your calendars now.



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## Secret Sister

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE CHURCH. Are you interested in becoming a Secret Sister? If you are, all you have to do is put your name, address, date of birth (not the year), any concerns you would like prayed for (such as family, world events, health, etc.), and hobbies, (knitting, crocheting, colouring, etc.) on a piece of paper and give it to Wendy Ness. She will pair you with a secret sister, give her your information and you the paper with all her information.

Throughout the year you pray for her and her concerns, send her cards, remember

her birthday and at Christmas send her a small token gift of no more than \$10. You don't let her know who is sending to her until the year is over. (It is *secret sister* after all!)

It's a way of becoming closer to the people who sit next to you in church. All you do is sign it from "Your Secret Sister."



## Choir News

The choir would like to thank the few brave souls who came to the Harvest Home Hymn Festival – we appreciated seeing a few familiar faces in the audience. It was a great evening of music and praise to our God.

Now we are focusing on our Advent and Christmas music. The Christmas Concert of Carols will be held on December 11 at St. Paul's Presbyterian. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

It is a wonderful evening to get into the spirit of Advent and Christmas. Choirs from several churches in the area will present and there is always lots of congregational singing of the beloved Christmas carols. We would like to see a great turnout from Faith for this event.

Laurie







## 500 Years of Reformation

2017 will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Please join us for a special service to kick off a year of remembrance of Luther's work to bring God's word to the people.

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Guest Speaker: Bishop Michael Pryse

1825 Manning Rd, Whitby

A potluck lunch will follow the service. We hope you can join us for this day of commemoration.

Participating Congregations: Epiphany, Scarborough; Peace, Pickering; Christ the King, Whitby; Faith, Oshawa; Christ, Peterborough





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## Social Events 2016

Hard to believe we are rolling close to Christmas already!!!!

We have 2 exciting events to help you prepare!

### **To kick things off:**

**Sun. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>** - following Church Services is a Fellowship Hour Pot Luck:  
Bring your Favourite Shareable Dish!



Soups, Sandwiches, chili, kid friendly and Desserts are all welcome



**Sun. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – AUCTION DAY – Join us following Church Service  
for a fun afternoon of food and bidding!!

Lunch will be served for \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child

Lots of Great items to bid on! There will also be a raffle and bake sale.

Donations are welcome for all! If you have any questions please contact Dayna  
Graham 289-240-5984.

We hope you can Join us!

Keep your eyes peeled for the Entertainment to continue in December!!!



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<i>Communion Set-Up:</i> 6: Leslie Morrow Carol Plath 20: Wendy Becker Wendy Ness	<i>Communion Server:</i> 6: Laurie Ikeda Kathy Habec 20: Donna Jennings Arlene Jacobs	<i>1 All Saints' Day</i>  Faith Council, 6:30	2	3	4	5
<i>Pentecost 25</i>  Worship, 10:30 Fellowship Hour, noon	7	8  <i>Bible Study, 9:45 am</i>	9  <i>Choir, 6:30 pm</i>	10	11	12  <i>Counters:</i> Charlotte Wolfenber Donna Jennings
<i>13 Pentecost 26</i>  Sunday School, 10:30 Worship, 10:30 Charity Auction, noon	14	15	16  <i>Choir, 6:30 pm</i>	17	18	19 Coffee: 6: Fellowship Hour 13: Auction 20: Carol Plath 27: Nancy Patton
<i>20 Christ the King</i>  Worship, 10:30 (Guest Speaker, Doug Reble)	21	22  <i>Bible Study, 9:45 am</i>	23  <i>Choir, 6:30 pm</i>	24	25	Flowers 6: Live Plants 13: Donna Jennings 20: Carol Plath 27: Vickie Goddard
<i>27 Advent 1</i>  Sunday School, 10:30 Worship, 10:30	28  500 Yrs of Faith Plan- ning, 7:00, (CTK)	29  <i>Finance, 9:00 am</i>	30  <i>Choir, 6:30 pm</i> <i>Women's Advent Pro- gram, CTK, 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Readers:</i> 6: Arlene Jacobs 13: Tammy Becker 20: Lisa Bachewich 27: Karen Albrecht		<i>Ushers:</i> 6: Bob and Arlene Jacobs 13: Tammy Becker, Carrie Macklin 20: Will and Lisa Bachewich 27: Ed Albrecht, Karen Albrecht





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