

## **CHRIST THE KING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

In July 2016, Christ the King Lutheran Church was blessed to enter into a ministry partnership with All Saints'. Facing closure of the congregation after selling our church property, CtK needed a new church home. Due to the full communion partnership between our denominations, as well as our congregations' shared history, CtK's leadership approached Father Paul to explore our options. Fortunately All Saints' was willing to offer CtK a home, along with the opportunity to work together in common mission.

Christ the King's transition to All Saints' has been a relatively smooth one. Our members are participating in many of the programs and outreach opportunities offered, including worship, Christian formation, VBS, Jr. and Sr. EYC, Saints Brew and the Care Team. One of our members, Michelle Hester, has joined the staff of All Saints' as the Coordinator of Children's Ministries. Christ the King's members also contribute to an All Saints'/CtK shared budget.

In gratitude for our new partnership, CtK hosted an Oktoberfest "Beer and Brats" celebration of the Reformation for the members of both congregations. "Beer and Brats" was such a success that CtK hopes to make it an annual event. Periodically the Lutheran liturgy is being used at worship, and CtK purchased Lutheran hymnals for use at these services.

Christ the King continues to work to find our place within All Saints' larger community, while also maintaining our identity as an independent congregation. We hope that both congregations will become closer and stronger as we move forward together. Christ the King's members are excited to see what the future holds!