

## **CHRIST THE KING, ELCA**

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In 2020 Christ the King was budgeted \$5,850.00, of which \$4,433.49 was used, leaving \$1,416.51 unused. The majority of these funds, \$3,195.50, were used to pay our pledge to the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA. This pledge is 10% of Christ the King's giving to the combined All Saints'/CtK general fund.

Christ the King added two new members in 2020, Tom Landon by transfer and Lena Kate Jackson by baptism.

Emily Jackson, who has been serving as an elected member to the Southeastern Synod's governing council completed her second term in June, 2020. Emily attended the quarterly synod council meetings remotely for the first half of the year, and was grateful for the opportunity to have served in this capacity for the past four years.

In 2020 Emily Jackson was asked to serve on the Southeastern Synod's Hunger Grant Team. This team of three evaluated the grants that were submitted to the ELCA's Domestic Hunger Grant Program from organizations in the four states that make up the Southeastern Synod. The team spoke with each organization, met remotely and made recommendations to the ELCA's national Hunger Grant Team. In the fall, three-year grants were awarded to organizations across the United States, including one here in Mississippi. Emily has been asked to serve on the SE Synod's Hunger Grant Team again in 2021 and we encourage Saints Brew to apply for one of these grants.

Three of CtK's youth, Tre', Preston and Patience Hill attended the annual Southeastern Synod's summer youth event, AFFIRM, in June even though it looked very different this year. Normally this is a week-long event held each summer in northern Alabama, but this year it was presented online and free of charge. Hopefully AFFIRM can return to normal soon!

Christ the King also sponsored a family in need by shopping for Christmas gifts for their four children in December. This outreach was in partnership with Lifecore Health Group in Tupelo.

Unfortunately, many synod events, confirmation for our youth, and our annual Beer-n-Brats event in October had to be cancelled or postponed, but we hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all!