

NEWSLETTER

CHRIST THE ROCK

Recap/Look Forward - October Edition

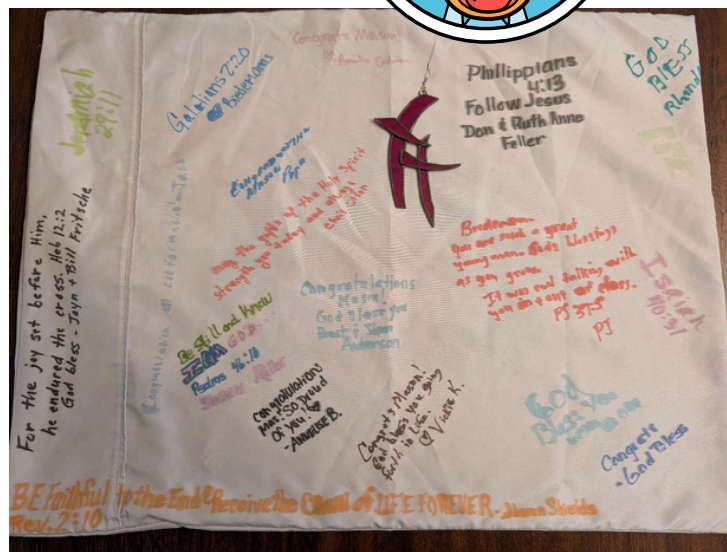
CONFIRMATION

We were blessed here at CTR on Confirmation Sunday to have 3 confirmands being confirmed.

Mason Bredemann - Philippians 4:13

Ella Pierson - Joshua 1:9

Kaylee Roe - Psalm 23:1



ANCHORED UPDATE

A LETTER FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dear CTR Family,

We're excited to share some important updates from the CTR Building Committee!

After meeting with Cord Construction, we've received updated bid numbers for our upcoming project.

While a few minor adjustments are still being made, we're close to confirming our three-year budget plan.

A meeting will be scheduled soon to walk through the numbers and share what this means for CTR's future.

Construction Timeline Update

One of the biggest changes involves the sanctuary. A new method for concealing the sprinkler system has been proposed, which will enhance the final look—but it also extends the construction timeline.

Here's what to expect:

Sanctuary construction will now span approximately 3 months, rather than the originally estimated 3–5 weeks. The entire ceiling will be replastered and painted, improving both function and aesthetics.

This extended timeline means more dust and paint in the sanctuary—but we're committed to keeping things clean and welcoming.

The full project is expected to take about 5 months, allowing time for specialized sound materials to be ordered and delivered.

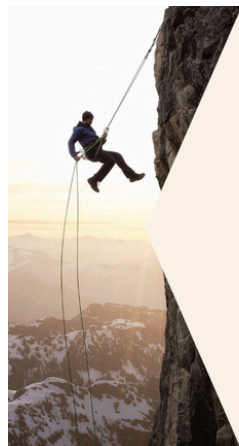
To ensure the sanctuary is beautifully decorated and ready for Christmas, we've decided to begin construction after the holiday season.

We're grateful for your continued support and prayers as we move forward. We'll keep you updated as more details become available and will confirm the exact start date as soon as possible.

In Christ,
CTR Building Committee

SAVE THE DATE

- Oct 26 - Anchored Celebration
- Nov 2 - Anchored Financial Information Meeting
- Nov 16 - Recommitment Weekend
- Nov 23 - Voters Meeting



ANCHORED INFO MEETING

OCT 23 6:30PM – 8:00PM

INVITATION FOR NEWER MEMBERS AND
ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE INFO
ABOUT THE ANCHORED INITIATIVE

NEW ELDER

Hi there! I'm Jonathan Hokana, your NEW ELDER here at Christ the Rock! I wanted to let you know a little about me! I have been quite involved in the Church from a very young age. As a child of the pastor, I was encouraged to participate in the services where I could. I've been an acolyte, usher, tech person and NOW an elder! I've been all over the place, so I've seen all kinds of churches. I started my education at Arctic Light Elementary School in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, then went to Silver Spring, Maryland, where I lived near Washington DC for a year or so as my father worked on his PHD in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. You will learn more about my father as he will be doing bible study this month!

After Washington DC, I moved to Columbia South Carolina, where my dad was a medical chaplain, but also did church services for the basic trainees at Fort Jackson. This, in addition to me going to Sunday School at Mount Calvary Lutheran School (about 45 minutes from where I lived) allowed for me to not only be an acolyte, but also learn about a very famous Lutheran tradition. Which tradition you may ask? Coffee and donuts, of course! In South Carolina, I also attended my third elementary school before moving to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

If you are not familiar with this area, it is where our military commanders learn to, well, command. It's also home of the USDB (United States Disciplinary Barracks). This is important, only to point out that Fort Leavenworth was where I got my flying bug. That's right, at the age of 12, I received 20 hours of flying in a Cessna 172, only hampered by the airport being closed from time to time due to detainee transports. I was also confirmed in Leavenworth, KS, where I received my education from my pastor, but was confirmed by my father. After Leavenworth, I moved to San Antonio Texas, where I began to really engage with the youth group of my church, completed a mission trip, two youth gatherings, and met my wife at a youth group camp called Higher Things.

My wife and I met at Illinois University in Bloomington and dated until we both graduated college in 2018/2019. We were long distance for high school (she lived in Wisconsin, I stayed in Texas). After high school in Texas (where I met Shaq O'Neal the basketball player), I went to college at Concordia University Wisconsin, where I graduated with a Major in IT, with a minor in business.

After marrying in 2019, my wife and I moved to Wisconsin Rapids, where I got bit by the trivia bug and ever since enjoyed trivia! After about 5 years, my wife received a call (her vocation is a school teacher at Lutheran), we moved to the Rockford area last year. My current hobbies are flying, taking drives around the area, trivia, Disney Cruising and documentaries. To end this letter, I want to invite you to introduce yourself to me so that I can better help you and the Christ the Rock Family!

JON HOKANA



LOOKING AHEAD

TRUNK OR TREAT



This will be our 20th Trunk or Treat (WOW!). We are still in need of candy donations and trunks for the event. If you are interested in donating candy there is a bin near the front door to drop that off. If you are interested in signing up for a Trunk, there are registration forms at the welcome center.

SENIORS4FUN

SENIORS4FUN will be meeting on Wednesday, October 15, at 2:00 for their version of an Antiques Show. Our very own Justin Dickerman will be bringing a small collection of his own antiques to present and would love to see yours! Contact Ruth Sherman at dlvr100@hotmail.com for a list of suggested items from Justin.



The Seniors thoroughly enjoyed their September potluck and presentation on fraud. Rumor has it--more potlucks will be built into their get togethers!

PRE SCHOOL THANK YOU

Preschool would like to give a huge thanks to Pete Rundquist for making a new "storefront" for the preschoolers out on the playground.



ADVENT

We are looking forward to an advent season in the Church. As we enter the season of Advent, we'd love to gather photos from you to share on our slides throughout the season and have some fun reminiscing and preserve those shared memories together.

YOUNG ADULTS



UPCOMING

EVENTS

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Announcement Deadline 9:30AM Homeschool Group 9:30AM Ladie's B.S. 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30pm Ladie's Lifelight 6:30PM Men's Lifelight	3	4 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship/Communion
5 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Children's Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship/Communion	6	7 11:30am Art Class 6pm Elder's Meeting	8 Announcement Deadline 9:30AM Homeschool Group 9:30AM Ladie's B.S. 11:30AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal 7PM Young Adult B.S.	9 6:30pm Ladie's Lifelight 6:30PM Men's Lifelight	10 9am MomCO Meeting	11 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship
12 8am Worship 9:15am Children's Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Worship 12:00pm New Member Class	13 6pm MomCO Meeting	14	15 Announcement Deadline 9:30AM Homeschool Group 9:30AM Ladie's B.S. 2pm Fun4Seniors 5:30PM NO Choir Rehearsal 6PM Trunk Or Treat	16 6:30pm Ladie's Lifelight 6:30PM Men's Lifelight	17	18 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship/Communion
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BIRTHDAY

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Jane Schmidt's birthday Tom Kersten's birthday	2 Michael and Heather Wilhelmi's anniversary	3	4
5 Ella Pierson's birthday	6 Judy Fiene's birthday Marie Pedersen's birthday	7 Duane and Ruth Sherman's anniversary	8 Barb Garr's birthday	9	10	11 Shawn Miller's birthday Vicky Buhl's birthday
12	13 Phyllis Naugle's birthday	14	15 John and Sandy Hallman's anniversary Mark Hood's birthday	16	17 Ethan and Rachel Roberts's anniversary Linda Kugath's birthday Tom and Debbie Kersten's anniversary	18
19 Amy Clendening's birthday	20 Greg Brady's birthday Merrilie Barickman's birthday	21 David Shive's birthday Hayden Blackmer's birthday Karen Jensen's birthday	22 Jon and Marti Stroberg's anniversary Michael Fanuke's birthday Michael Wilhelmi's birthday	23 Emma Pierson's birthday	24 Michelle Perry's birthday	25 Ruth Sherman's birthday
26	27	28	29	30 Jonathan Hokana's birthday	31 Bill and Janice Steinborn's anniversary	1

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**