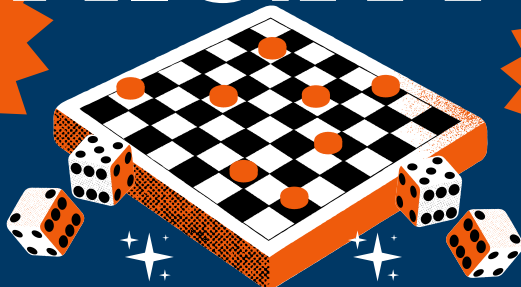


# The King's Messenger

Christ the King Lutheran Church is a caring community committed to empower all people to know Christ and to make Christ known.



## CTK SOCIAL GAME NIGHT



BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH  
6:30-8:30PM  
FIRESIDE ROOM



## Fellowship Opportunities

### Tuesdays

9:00am Coffee & Conversation  
10:15am Book Study

### April 13th

9:00am: Bibles, Bagels, & Brew  
Women's Faith Group

### April 16th

1:00pm: Ruth Circle  
Bible Study

### April 22nd

6:30pm: Women's Bible Study

### April 24th

9:00am-3:00pm Quilters

Learn More:

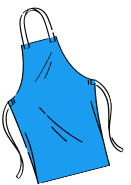
[ctkmankato.org/get-involved/adults](https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/adults)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

SUPPER SERVERS NEEDED

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/CTKSupperServer>



## Parish News

### Prayers of Celebration for

- Crew Christopher, son of Brett & Morgan Taylor, was baptized on March 3rd



# Message from Pastor John

*I thank my God every time I think of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for our partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5*

I was ordained into the American Lutheran Church on July 27, 1975 at the church of my childhood – St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ringsted, Iowa. Ellen and I had been married for four years and had an 8-month-old daughter who was born in Denver, Colorado while we were on internship at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Today, as we look back over 49 years, we recall how ministry has taken us from Christ the King in Denver to First Lutheran Church in Blair, Nebraska and then on to First Lutheran Church in Milford, Iowa and for the past 28 years here at Christ the King. Along the way we were blessed with another daughter in 1976 and now, we enjoy keeping track of five grandchildren, ranging in age from 17 to 25.

During the past 49 years I did not give a lot of thought to the day that I would end my time as a pastor in active congregational ministry. I came close back in 2014 when I stepped down as the senior pastor here at CTK. You threw a big party for us and said so many nice things. Friends from our past were here and our family sang a special song for us. It was just a wonderful day that we will never forget. A year later, I was back and have been enjoying my role as a Pastor of Senior Ministry ever since.

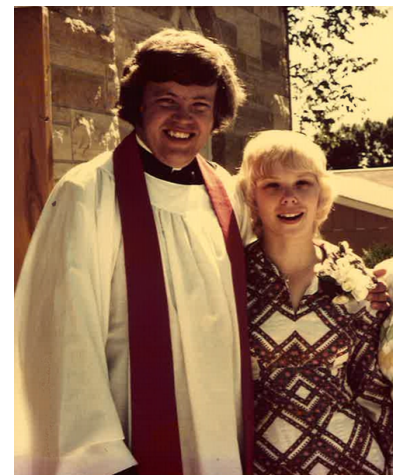
And now the day has come for me to bring my time at CTK or any other congregation to an end. Several weeks ago, I informed Pastor Melanie of my decision. I have three weddings coming up this summer and that seemed to give impetus in determining an appropriate ending date. On August 17th I will conduct my final wedding as well as bringing to an end the performing of any other pastoral acts such as funerals and baptisms. I will participate in the worship services on Sunday, August 18th and then I will be officially retired.

We will hold in our hearts all of the people whose lives have intersected with ours along the way. Together we have celebrated and together we have suffered. We have studied the Word, been renewed and refreshed with bread and wine, stood together at the font where with water and the Word we have welcomed another worker with us in the Kingdom of God. I've listened to hundreds of couples speak their vows of love to each other, and more times than I can remember I have led family processions down the aisle as we have gathered to commend into God's hands one whom we have loved. What a privilege it has been to share this partnership in the gospel.

I am certain along with Paul that the good work that began here in this place will come to completion when the time is right. In the meantime, I am confident in the ministry of Pastor Melanie. She has a heart for the gospel and the gifts to share it effectively. She knows that faith is a living, daring confidence in God's gift of grace – that grace that is forever the same and that God uses every day to make things new in your life and mine. What a joy it has been to serve together with her and the other members of the staff at CTK.

As we take our leave, we will continue to thank God for you every time we think of you. Ellen and I will hold you in our hearts as we continue – wherever life takes us – in our partnership in the Gospel.

Pastor John Petersen



John & Ellen on July 27, 1975



Dear Christ the King,

I am writing to inform you of my intention to resign from my position as Director of Youth Ministry in the coming months. My life has transitioned, and the time has come to find work closer to my home. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will provide any necessary guidance for the current youth ministry plans and activities. I am so thankful for the relationships and faith-filled experiences Christ the King has given to me.

Peace, Alyssa

## Prayer Corner

submitted by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

### Praying the Creation Psalms

In his book *Psalms: the Prayer Book of the Bible*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer identifies Psalms 8, 19, 29 and 104 as "creation" psalms. About these psalms, Bonhoeffer writes, "The Scripture proclaims God to be the Creator of heaven and earth. Many Psalms summon us to bring him honor, praise, and thanksgiving. There is, however, no single Psalm which speaks only of the creation. It is always the God who has already revealed himself to his people in his word who is said to be known as the Creator of the world." [Id. page 28]. With that in mind, let's read Psalm 104, a magnificent psalm that honors the Creator.

It is interesting to see how closely Psalm 104 mirrors the creation story found in Genesis 1. Psalm 104 recounts how, in succession, God created light [vs. 1-2 ]; the heavens (sky) and the waters [vs. 2-4]; the earth, seas and vegetation [vs. 5-18]; the sun, moon and stars [vs. 19-23]; fish and birds [vs. 12, 17 and 25-26]; and, finally, animals and humans [vs. 11, 14-15, 18 and 20-23]. But it doesn't end there. The psalmist declares that God is not only the creator, but also the sustainer, of all life. Every creature is dependent upon God for life and health, and looks to God to "give them their food in due season" [vs. 27]. Thus our lives, and our very breath [vs. 29], are dependent upon God's provision.

As we meditate on the works of this awesome Creator and bountiful Sustainer, we are called to praise and worship: "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." [Psalm 104:24]. "May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke." [vs. 31-32]. The creation brings glory to the Creator by reflecting his glory.

Think of this the next time you see a beautiful sunset, hold a new baby, or experience the buds and blooms of spring. Think of this when you take a deep breath of fresh air, hear the call of a loon, or taste a spoonful of honey. Think of this on April 8th, as you witness the solar eclipse, along with millions of other Americans. Truly, "the heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." [Psalm 19:1].

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

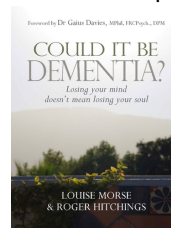
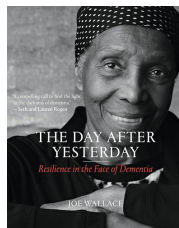
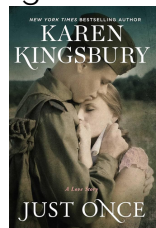
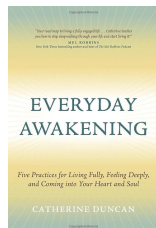
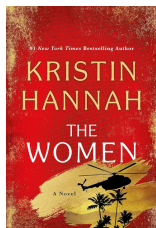
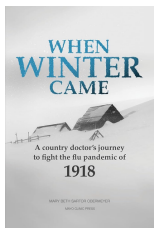
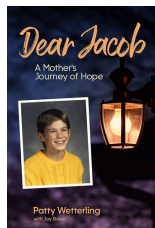
*Psalm 104:33*

# Library Corner

AS our **April** arrives it is an exciting time when we typically look forward to the many signs of the arrival of spring time! The melting of snow (but not this year in MN), cleansing spring rains, budding of trees and shrubs, the earth coming alive with early flowers, the arrival of the first robins and enjoying just being outside are just a few reasons we celebrate new beginnings this month.

## ADULT NEW BOOKS & LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S/ DEMENTIA RESOURCES:

- "Dear Jacob: A Mother's Journey of Hope" by Wetterling & Baker. With stunning detail, Patty Wetterling shares the untold story of the 27-year search beginning in 1989 for her son Jacob and its astonishing conclusion. (Code: B Wet) [NEW]
- "When Winter Came: A Country Doctor's Journey to Fight Flu Pandemic of 1918" by Mary Beth Sartor Obermeyer. Maintain isolation, practice good hygiene, wear a mask, and be kind; prescription comes from Dr. Pierre Sartor, who battled worldwide influenza pandemic in his small town of Titonka, Iowa. (Code: B Sar)[NEW]
- "The Confidante: Untold story of the Woman Who Helped Win WWII and Shape Modern America" by Christopher Gorham. Though Anna Rosenberg emerged from modest immigrant beginnings, with only a high school education, she was the real power behind national policies critical to America winning the war. (Code: B RosGor) [NEW]
- "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. Story of one of many women, who joins the Army Nurse Corps, goes to Vietnam to serve. The real battle lies in coming home to a divided America, to angry protesters and country wanting to forget Vietnam. (Code: F Han) [NEW]
- "Everyday Awakening: Five Practices for Living Fully, Feeling Deeply, and Coming Into Your Heart and Soul" by Catherine Duncan (Code: 248.3 Dun) [NEW]
- "Just Once" by Karen Kingsbury. Irvel Myers, who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and her husband Hank decide to record their love story while they still can! Unknown to her family, she was also a spy in 1940. What a wonder legacy idea for loved ones. (Code: F Kin) [NEW]
- "The Day After Yesterday: Resilience in the Face of Dementia" by Joe Wallace. Portrait & interviews that illustrate the whole story of dementia, not only fear, loss & despair, but also the love, connection, dignity and powerful humanity that always remain. (Code: 616.Wal) [NEW]
- "Could It Be Dementia?" by Morse & Hitchings. This puts dementia into a Christian context, insisting that loss of memory or reason does not mean a person is worthless. (Code: 362.Mor)
- "A Song at Twilight: Of Alzheimer's & Love" by Nancy Paddock. Memoir by MN poet about her parents' descent into the netherworld of Alzheimer's and challenges and choices of care. (Code: 248.Pad)



If you love books and have an interest in joining the Library Committee please contact Kathy Bruss at [kbruss@charter.net](mailto:kbruss@charter.net) for more information.

# SPRING LAKE PARK POOL



# Summer Tour



Summer Tour schedule is coming soon! T-shirts are now available for preorder! They will have the same design as the last few years but in Green!

<https://bit.ly/CTKtee>



# PETTING ZOO

# BIKE NIGHT

# THE RIC TASK FORCE:

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN VIEWING AND HAVING CONVERSATION ABOUT:

## RIC: It's About Being Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST AT 6:30 IN THE CTK THEATER



"RIC: It's About Being Church" is a forum-length film (30 minutes) from Reconciling Works and features the stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied Lutherans and their experiences with the Reconciling in Christ Program. Participants include pastors, lay persons, and two ELCA Bishops. The film also documents the RIC process. This DVD provides an excellent resource for individuals, congregations, and organizations considering coming out of the closet about welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND AND WANT TO VIEW, [WATCH MOVIE HERE:](https://bit.ly/RICmovie) <https://bit.ly/RICmovie>

WE WILL PROVIDE POPCORN BUT PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE AND SNACKS IF YOU WANT. THERE WILL BE CONVERSATION TO FOLLOW THE SHOWING.

PLEASE REGISTER AT [CTKANKATO.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/EVENTS](http://CTKANKATO.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/EVENTS) SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT. CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE - PLEASE INDICATE NEED WHEN REGISTERING BEFORE APRIL 15TH.

*Faith Continuum*

Greetings all you pie lovers out there,

First, I want to thank all who contributed so much that I was one of two beneficiaries of the "Pie in the Face" fundraiser. I was pleased to partake just as you were pleased to see my face disappear in some form of cherry pie. This month we have an extraordinary agenda with varied presenters.

We will meet in the Fireside Room after the first service; but, no later than 9:15am with the following presenters and topics on the noted dates:

4/07 - We will review the ELCA social statement on Race in America and cover some of Sarah Ruble's videos that we did not have time to cover in that study on basically the same subject.

4/14 - Kathryn Lozada of ISIAH Faith in Democracy presents. Isaiah is a community of congregations and thousands of Minnesotans who are motivated to act for justice and equity because of love for God and belief in the dignity and sacredness of all people. Their goal is to effectively influence decision makers to develop laws and policies that help lift people out of poverty, achieve racial equity, and remove barriers to opportunity.

4/21 - Paul Matson (he and his wife Jodi are long time Ctk members) shares on their many mission trips to Africa. Paul is an orthopedic surgeon who has applied his professional skill free as part of his and Jodi's work doing what God has set before them to do in the furtherance of God's Kingdom here on earth.

4/28 - Ctk member and State Senator Nick Frentz will check in and share thoughts on what is going on in the Legislature that would be of interest to us, field our questions and address our concerns.

He is Risen, Todd





The Ninth Grade Boys Confirmation Group has decided to do a service project this spring called **Snacks and Socks** for Mankato Youth Place (MY Place).

MY Place is committed to providing a nurturing environment that empowers youth to build the confidence, knowledge, and skills needed to reach their full potential.

MY Place is a free service for youth outside of school hours. At MY Place, kids have access to out of school opportunities including homework help, music lessons, cooking club, art, physical activity, and positive caring adults. Throughout the summer months, MY Place is especially busy caring for kids and is in need of summer supplies. Their greatest need at this time are snacks, both individual bags and bulk, and socks of all sizes.

For the month of April, the Ninth Grade Boys Confirmation Group will be collecting **Snacks and Socks** donations in the Narthex before and after church on Wednesday nights. **Snacks and Socks** can also be dropped off at the church office Monday - Thursday, 9am-3pm.

Please help the Ninth Grade Boys Confirmation Group learn about the importance of giving to those in need by supporting their **Snacks and Socks Drive** and the work MY Place does to keep our kids safe outside of school hours.

# Treasurer's Report

02/29/2024

	Feb 2024	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Feb 2023	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 46,762	\$ 73,330	\$ (26,568)	\$ 696,278	\$ 586,642	\$ 109,636	\$ 59,506	\$ (12,744)	\$ 547,340	\$ 148,938
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (61,320)	\$ (73,830)	\$ 12,510	\$ (543,222)	\$ (590,642)	\$ 47,420	\$ (70,549)	\$ 9,229	\$ (690,163)	\$ 146,941
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)	\$ 8,302	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,768	\$ 534
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (14,558)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (14,558)</b>	<b>\$ 161,358</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 161,358</b>	<b>\$ (11,043)</b>	<b>\$ (3,515)</b>	<b>\$ (135,055)</b>	<b>\$ 296,413</b>

Submitted by CTK Treasurer, David Krause

Thank you from Crossroads

Time sure flies. We can't believe that Spring Break is already over, and the second half of Spring Term has started! We feel blessed to have Christ the King Lutheran Church and your volunteers as partners in our ministry to feed hungry students through our **Lunch For-a-Buck** program. On Tuesday, March 12, faithful volunteers, Cindy Kehoe, Armin Schull, and Dean Brudwick served a delicious lunch of chicken vegetable soup, Spanish rice with black beans & cheese, salad toppings, Hawaiian dinner rolls, and homemade bars to 38 hungry lunch-goers. They also collected \$30.26 in donations that will be used to purchase the salad supplies, beverages, paper plates, dinnerware, and other items for lunches during Spring Term. We look forward to seeing you at your next Lunch For-a-Buck on April 9. God bless you for your generosity and for supporting the students and our ministry at Crossroads.



# CTK *kids*

# April

## 0-3 year-old class in the Rainbow Room

- 20 minutes of free play
- Circle Time
- Story and Songs

**Sunday, April 7th**

**9:00AM**



## CTK CHILDREN'S LOCK-IN

1ST -6TH GRADE

Drop-Off

Saturday, April 13th at 6PM

Pick-Up

Sunday, April 14 at 8AM

- Pizza
- Scavenger Hunt
- Cookie Baking
- Movie
- Breakfast



## Vacation Bible School

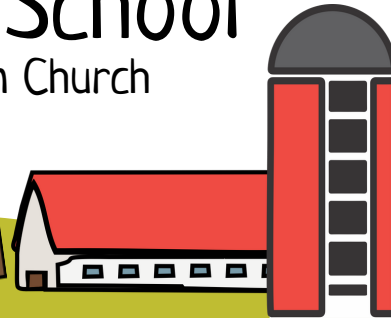
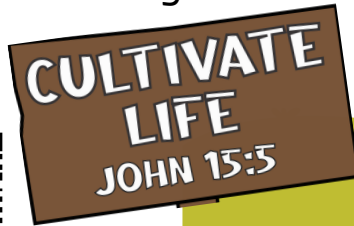
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ingham  
Okoboji  
Lutheran Bible Camps

DATE: June 10-13, 2024

TIME: 12:30-5PM

Cost: \$30 per kid



## CTK SUMMER MUSICAL IS BACK!

DATE: AUGUST 19-23, 2024

TIME: 1:00-4:30PM

GRADES: 1ST-12TH GRADE (COMPLETED)

COST: \$30 PER CHILD (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

PERFORMANCE DATES: SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH 5:30PM AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 9:30AM

THE ROCK SLINGER  
AND HIS GREATEST HIT





# YOUTH

7-8-9

## Confirmation

**Meets:** April 3, 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 6:45-7:30 PM

Worship Response Form, Supper Serving Schedule, Small Group Guide Sign-Up, Handbook:

[ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth](http://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth)

## Supper Servers

4/3	Treehouse Burger Group #1 (9)
4/10	Best of the Midwest (9)
4/17	Treehouse Burger Group #2 (9)
4/24	Dino Nuggets (7)

10-11-12

## Youth Group

**Meets:** April 3, 10, 17, 24

**Time:** 6:45-7:30 PM



## "TACO TALK"

April 17

1:45-3:00

Los Dos Primos

2041 Blazing Star Dr



## SERVICE & SUN

Mornings: Service Projects Afternoons: Fun in the Sun!



REGISTER NOW

6TH-12TH GRADERS

JUNE 24-26



**April 24 for Confirmation & Youth Group**

# Weekly Worship Schedule

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**Sundays:** 8:15 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

**Wednesdays:** 6:00 P.M.

**Saturdays:** 5:30 P.M.  
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Worship services are broadcast on Spectrum channel 181 and  
Consolidated Communications channel 7  
Sundays at 3:00pm and Tuesdays at 10:00am

## Contact the Staff

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**Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm M - TH, or by appt**

Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, April 15th  
Please email to [andreap@ctkmankato.org](mailto:andreap@ctkmankato.org) or leave with front desk.