

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 - **THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND**
 - **7:00PM- WORSHIP**
- **GOOD FRIDAY**
 - **FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD**
 - **12:00PM- WORSHIP**
 - **3:00PM- CHILDREN'S SERVICE**
 - **7:00PM- WORSHIP**
- **EASTER VIGIL**
 - **SATURDAY APRIL 4TH**
 - **5:30PM- WORSHIP**
- **EASTER SUNDAY**
 - **SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH**
 - **7:00AM- WORSHIP**
 - **8:00AM- BREAKFAST**
 - **9:00AM- WORSHIP**
 - **10:00AM- BREAKFAST**
 - **11:00AM- WORSHIP**



PARISH NEWS

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Godspeed to Carly Ballman as she embarks on a new adventure as a manager at Paddlefish Brewing.

We also warmly welcome Pam Bartelt as she steps in to serve as our interim church office administrator.

Prayers of Comfort

For Cindy, Kevin & Kyle Kehoe in the death of Cindy's mother, Sharon Schroeder, on February 25th.



Obituary

For John, Karen Eddie, Kristin & Michael Swenson & their family in the death of Shirley Swenson (Pastor Ed Swenson's widow) on March 14th.

For the family of Bev Allen who passed away on March 23rd.

Weekly Worship Times @CTK

Wednesdays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 5:30pm

Sundays: 8:00am and 10:00am

Worship services are streamed live on Saturday and Sunday at facebook.com/CTKChurchMankato and youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams

Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, April 20, 2026

Please email to communications@ctkmankato.org or leave with front desk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Feb-26	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Feb-25	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 77,214	\$ 73,584	\$ 3,630	\$ 161,835	\$ 147,167	\$ 14,668	\$ 59,327	\$ 17,887	\$ 569,629	\$ (407,794)
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (65,994)	\$ (73,434)	\$ 7,440	\$ (143,539)	\$ (146,869)	\$ 3,329	\$ (59,742)	\$ (6,252)	\$ (487,970)	\$ 344,431
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 467	\$ (467)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,981	\$ (6,981)
Special Events Income	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 265	\$ 933	\$ (668)	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ 265
Rent Income	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 14,985	\$ 4,116	\$ 10,869	\$ 25,560	\$ 8,232	\$ 17,329	\$ (415)	\$ 15,400	\$ 93,640	\$ (68,080)

**Fiscal yr not Calendar yr

Key performance variances from budget and prior year

	Feb-26	Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Feb-25	Variance
Regular offering	\$ 76,459	\$ 70,337	\$ 6,122	\$ 156,704	\$ 142,627	\$ 14,077	\$ 57,451	\$ 99,252
Advertising Expense	\$ (630)	\$ (117)	\$ (513)	\$ (710)	\$ (233)	\$ (477)	\$ (630)	\$ (80)
VBS Expense	\$ (586)	\$ (104)	\$ (482)	\$ (586)	\$ (208)	\$ (377)	\$ (200)	\$ (386)
Fuel and Gas Expense	\$ (1,449)	\$ (1,188)	\$ (262)	\$ (2,898)	\$ (2,375)	\$ (523)	\$ (907)	\$ (1,991)
Electricity Expense	\$ (2,401)	\$ (1,896)	\$ (505)	\$ (4,944)	\$ (3,792)	\$ (1,152)	\$ (2,207)	\$ (2,737)
Grounds Expense	\$ (1,392)	\$ (417)	\$ (975)	\$ (3,932)	\$ 833	\$ (4,765)	\$ -	\$ (3,932)
Computer Software Expense	\$ (1,968)	\$ (3,792)	\$ 1,823	\$ (5,144)	\$ (7,583)	\$ 2,440	\$ (2,516)	\$ (2,627)

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

KING DAVID'S PRAYER OF FAITH TO GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

2 Samuel 7:18-29 and 1 Chronicles 17: 16-27

In this column, we are studying the prayers of Old Testament saints and what they can teach us about God's nature. This month we focus on a prayer of King David, found in both 2 Samuel 7:18-29 and 1 Chronicles 17:16-27. At the time, David was at rest from battle and had just settled into his new palace in Jerusalem. His next plan was to build a "house of cedar" to contain God's presence. But God did not want David to build him a house. Instead, God promised David that David's house and kingdom would be "made sure forever" and that his throne would be established forever. [2 Sam. 7:16]. David wanted to build a house for God, but instead, God wanted to build an eternal "house", or dynasty, for David. From our perspective, we know God's promise to David came true. Jesus, the Messiah, was a descendant of David [see Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 2:1-21], who assumed the throne of David, and reigns as king of a kingdom that has no end [see Luke 1:32-33 and Revelation 19:16].

In response to God's tremendous announcement, the text says David "went in and sat before the Lord" [vs 18] and spoke this prayer. David declared God's greatness, telling God "there is no one like you." [vs 22]. David rehearsed the story of how God redeemed Israel, "doing great and awesome things," and established Israel to be his people and became their God forever. [vs 23-24]. And then David affirmed God's promise, that David's throne would be established for all time, saying:

And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true,
and you have promised this good thing to your servant. . . [vs 28]

David knew that when God spoke, when God promised, when God declared, it would happen. "God is not a human being, that he should lie, or a mortal, that he should change his mind. Has he promised, and will he not do it? Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?" [Numbers 23:19]. David knew that he could rely on God's promise because God is God, and God is faithful.

In the same way, we can know and believe that God will be faithful to us. Any promise God has spoken—whether in his Word or by his Son or directly to you in a quiet moment—is true. Take time this month to meditate on what that means in your life. Say these words with David, "And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant."

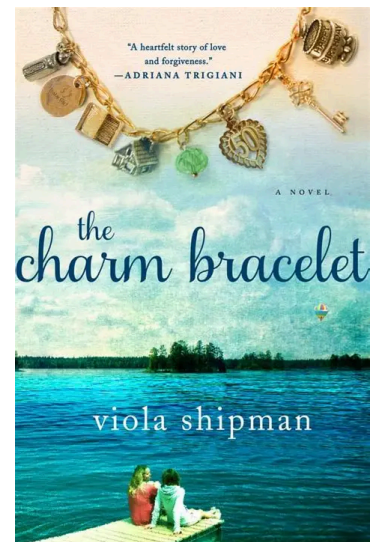
Verses for further meditation: Joshua 23:14; Psalm 119:89-90; Isaiah 40:8; Lamentations 3:22-23; John 17:17; Romans 4:21; and 1 Thessalonians 5:24.

LIBRARY CORNER

APRIL is the month that we typically look forward to the many signs of arrival of Spring Time!(Especially after the recent heavy snow storm!) We always welcome the spring rains, budding trees & shrubs, early flowers, seeing first robins plus enjoying just being outside again.

Featured best-selling novel author this month is VIOLA SHIPMAN. The author's name is actually Wade Rouse who chose his grandmother's name as a pen name to honor the working poor Ozarks seamstress whose sacrifices changed his family's life and whose memory inspires his fiction.

- "The Charm Bracelet" by Viola Shipman [F SHI] "A heartfelt story of love and forgiveness. Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives."
- "The Hope Chest" by Viola Shipman [F SHI] "The discovery of one woman's hope chest unveils precious memories and helps three people who have each lost a part of themselves find joy once again."
- "The Recipe Box" by Viola Shipman [F SHI] "Book inspired by my grandmother's recipe box and recipes as well as her life, love, and lessons. It is also a tribute to our elders, especially women in our lives whose voices were often overlooked in their lives."
- "The Summer Cottage" by Viola Shipman [F SHI] "An absolutely irresistible & necessary novel. It brings us the importance of a loving family and having a generous heart."
- "The Heirloom Garden" by Viola Shipman [F SHI] "Author explores the unlikely relationship between two very different women brought together by the pain of war, but bonded by hope, purpose and flowers."
- "Famous in a Small Town" by Viola Shipman [F SHI] "Bursting with memorable characters and small-town lore, the story is about the steady invasion of tourists, influencers and real estate developers who have discovered the lakeside charm of Good Hart, Michigan. But character is waiting patiently for the arrival of a stranger she has believed since childhood would one day carry on her legacy - - the Very Cherry General Store."



There are also many more new titles in our library.
Stop in and check them out!



FAITH CONTINUUM

April 5 – Easter Sunday

No Faith Continuum session.

April 12 – Christ the King Charter Members

Join us as we explore the beginnings of our congregation and hear stories from Christ the King's charter members.

April 19 – Guest Speaker: Pastor Scott Richards

Pastor Scott Richards of St. Paul's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Gaylord, MN, will lead a meaningful conversation on reconciling in Christ.



April 26 – Mark's "Sandwich Stories" Series Conclusion

To close out April, Gerry Giese will wrap up our series on Mark's intercalation stories with a study of the Parable of the Sower.

**APRIL 12, 2026
9:00 AM
FIRESIDE ROOM**

Christ the King Charter Members CTK MEMORIES SUNDAY

A group of some early members will share their memories of Christ the King – grab a cup of coffee and join the informal gathering – come listen to stories of early CTK days!

NEWS @ CTK



Minnesota River Conference
2026 Spring Event
Saturday, April 11, 2026

St. John Lutheran Church
104 Central Ave N Mapleton, MN
(Please use entrance on north side of church)

“The Time of Singing has come”

Speaker: Cherie Jacobson

Cherie is a Watercolor Artist/Painter



8:00AM Registration & Fellowship

9:00AM- Program

12:30PM Lunch

Registration Fee: \$15
Due by April, 2026

Send Registration & Fee to:
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Lake Crystal, MN 56055
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Congregational Life Presents:

Spring Painting & Crafting Morning!

Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 9:00 AM

CTK Fireside Room

\$20 per person

Join us for a fun and creative spring morning!

Supplies, coffee, and donuts are provided.

Please register by April 8.

Nursery care will be available.



Sign up



Justice and Peace Board Movie Night!

April 19, 2026 6:30 PM

Film screening and discussion

Dukale's Dream is a documentary by Hugh Jackman. It provides a view of an Ethiopian coffee farmer's life and highlights an international nonprofit's efforts to fight poverty in the village.

Popcorn provided!



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to support our week of providing meals for the Connections Shelter!

New Member Class

JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Wednesday, April 22 at 5:00PM | Fireside Room

Are you interested in becoming a member?

**Want to learn more about our mission,
ministries, and ways to get connected?**

We would love to have you join us!

All are welcome.

Sign up online, or reach out to Pastor Melanie or Pastor Brittany.



sign up here!

Annual CTK^{✦✦} Women's Retreat

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

Led by Rev. Susan Engholm

Bring a friend or come as you are for a laid-back,
faith-filled weekend of fellowship for women 18+.

✦✦ Early bird pricing ends June 1st!
Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/ctkwr26



APRIL COMMUNITY MEALS

Wednesday, April 1:

- No Community Supper- Holy Week

Sunday, April 5:

- Easter Brunch, Youth Fundraiser (Free Will Donation)

Wednesday, April 8:

- Walking Tacos with fixings, Black Bean Corn Salad & Snickerdoodle

Wednesday, April 15:

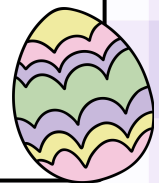
- Hot Dogs, Chips, Pickles, Tossed Salad & Ice Cream Treat

Wednesday, March 22:

- Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni), Tossed Salad, Ice Cream Treat

Wednesday, April 29:

- BBQ Ribs, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Chocolate Cake with Icing



Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive **Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Fireside Room
222 Pfau St
Mankato, MN 56001

Monday, April 27, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CTKMANKATO to schedule an appointment.



Help hope bloom! Give blood 4/13-30 for \$15 e-gift card to merchant of choice. See rcblood.org/hope



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PRESENT A COMMUNITY-WIDE
LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

HOMELESSNESS IS A HOUSING PROBLEM



DR. GREGG COLBURN

RSVP Here

Presentation and light reception. *RSVP Required.*
Free to attend - free parking in Visitor Lot 4
Donations Accepted for Connections Shelter,
Books Available for Purchase



TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Centennial Student Union Rm 253/4/5



Meet Your Council Member: Brennan Enstad

How Long Have You Been at CTK?

My wife, Erin, and I have been members since 2017.

Tell Us About Yourself

I grew up on a farm in southwestern MN, between the towns of Westbrook and Walnut Grove. I attended Minnesota State University for four years before moving to Rochester to begin a finance career with IBM. In 2015, I married my wife, Erin, and we later moved to North Mankato, where we still reside. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, coaching, and watching sports.

What is your Favorite Memory of Church (past or present)?

I have several core memories at CTK. Although I didn't grow up here, I've had the joy of watching my kids grow up within this community. Both were baptized at CTK, and I've loved seeing them move through the Rainbow Room, perform at Christmas concerts, and participate in various other activities. I've also appreciated the meaningful connections and friendships I've made over the years. And I have to give a special shout-out to the CTK softball team- Come check out a game on Monday nights in the summer!

What is one piece of advice you would give to a new member at CTK?

Get involved beyond just attending. Join a board, volunteer during services, and take time to build relationships. We're blessed with a strong, welcoming community and a wide range of opportunities for every kind of talent and skill.

What board do you represent and what do they do within CTK?

I currently serve as the Council Secretary on the CTK Executive Board.



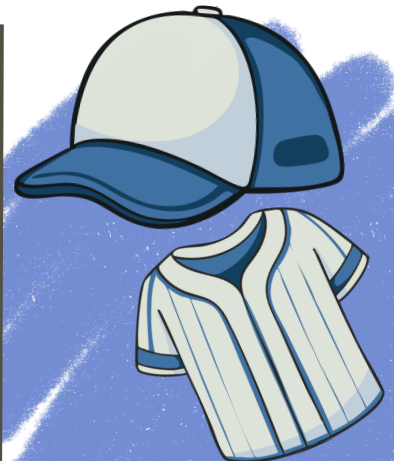
SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL WELCOMING NEW TEAMMATES FOR THE 2026 SEASON

For more information contact

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Children, Youth & Family

April

0-3 year old class in the Rainbow Room



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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RAINFOREST FALLS

EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD

SIGN UP →

DATE: JUNE 22-26

TIME: 8:30-11:30AM

COST: \$25 FOR 1 KID OR \$40 PER IMMEDIATE FAMILY



Christ the King Lutheran Church

Summer Musical

LIFE IS GOOD

Date: August 10-14, 2026

Time: 9:00AM-12:30PM

Cost: \$30

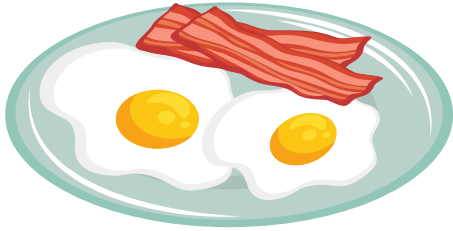
SIGN UP →



Performance Dates: August 15 at 5:30PM and August 16 at 9:30AM

Directed by: Chuck Hoogland and Jim Hatleli

EASTER BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, APRIL 5th
8:00AM & 10:00AM
(Between Services)



FREE WILL OFFERING

Affirmation of Baptism

9th Grade Confirmation Students
May 3, 2026
1:00PM

All are invited to join us in supporting our confirmation students on this important step in their faith journey!

A Sincere Thank You to

All those that have volunteered or helped in the ministries at CTK

Celebrating Your Thoughtfulness and Support

Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00PM

More Information to come!



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