

# 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.



# Message from Pastor Melanie

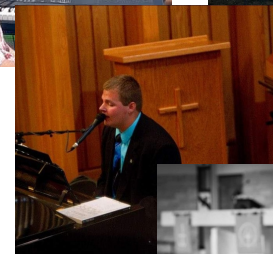
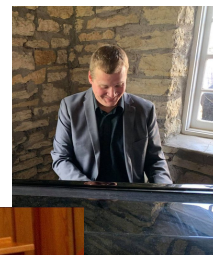
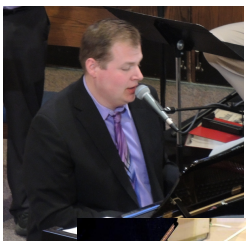
## Honoring CTK's Piano Man

*"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1*

It is with a grateful, but heavy heart, that I share that Garrett is resigning as Director for Music Ministry at CTK. Garrett's ministry at CTK began while he was a college student. He was originally hired at the age of 20 to lead the contemporary worship services on a part-time basis. A few years later, he was hired in the full-time capacity as Director of Music, an integral part of planning both our contemporary and traditional services. Through the years, Garrett has directed and played for services and worked with the CTK band, bell choir and cantatas. He has blessed us with his ability to play by ear and from memory as well as his ability to adapt musically to a variety of styles, from classical to rock-n-roll. Garrett has been an advocate for and contributed to the development of numerous community events, including CTK's Advent Concert Series and the Faith & Fellowship Summer Tours.

A true creative, Garrett has expanded his love for creating new things into his work as an entrepreneur and craftsman. Garrett has recently opened two businesses: Mankato Woodworks and G-Clean. Due to the growth of his family and businesses, he recognizes these priorities call for a shift in his responsibilities. I will miss Garrett as a colleague and worship partner. I will miss his humor, faith, and our weekly banter. Just as importantly, I respect his vocational path that now calls him away from CTK.

CTK has been blessed by Garrett's musical talents and leadership for the past 12 years. It is appropriate for us to celebrate and thank Garrett for the many ways he has shared his passion for music ministry with us. Please join us as we bless Garrett at worship on Wednesday, August 9th and on Sunday, August 13th, followed by a brief reception. Garrett is a big fan of Elton John, so think of it as saying, "thank you" to our very own "Piano Man!"





# Faith Continuum

Greetings Christ's Ambassadors All,

As we look to the fall, I might remind you that if you so choose, you may make a dedicated special offering designating Faith Continuum Honorariums. These gifts help bring the expert contributors we have been blessed with in the past and will be again this year.

Faith Continuum returns either September 10th (high probability) or the 17th. We have an exciting lineup filled with somewhat different offerings than in the past. While we endeavor to finalize the schedule, we are confident that Faith Continuum will start with the return of Kristin Odland and some international students from MSUM. Theirs will be stories that you do not want to miss as their lives here and outside our back yard will be topics of the conversation.

Following Kristin there will be a few weeks of offerings on our Endowment Fund, financial planning and will creation that may be of assistance as one is preparing to make a gift to the Endowment Fund. That will be followed up by Stewardship of all stripes and how to read our financials (whether it be in the monthly Messenger or in the Annual Report). If time permits, we hope to have the Council present before we do a little time travel with Pastor Richard Salge for a few weeks in October.

Richard will take us back to Luther's Germany with a photo array from trips he and Mary have taken. He will follow that up with a pictorial presentation on the "Confessing Church" and some of its Pastors during the time of Nazis. This contribution will have a concentration on Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Dr. Walter G. Tillmanns (Mary's father). The month of October ends with Dr. Mark Tranvik returning with White Supremacy and Christianity.

The year ends with Pastor Gerald Giese leading Sunday morning Faith Continuum with the series "Christmas, the Real Story". Many have commented that they wished they could have partaken in this Advent examination a few years ago when it was presented on Wednesday late afternoon. For many, conflicts prevented attendance. Now, Gerry will take us on this journey on Sunday mornings in November and December leading up to Christmas.

Soooo full a calendar and we have yet to mention 2024! Oh well, there is always next month!

Your Faith Continuum Coordinator, Todd

## Looking Ahead at the lessons...

**August 6th**  
**10th Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

**August 13th**  
**11th Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**


Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**August 20th**  
**12th Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

Genesis 45:1-15  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

**August 27th**  
**13th Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

Exodus 1:8—2:10  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

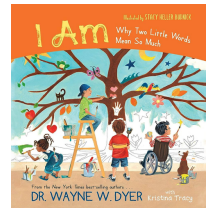
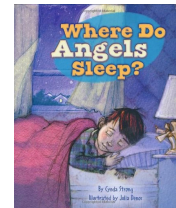
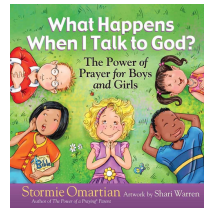
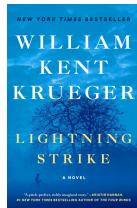
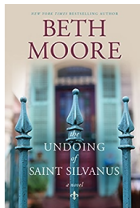


# Library Corner

AS always, our summer months are slipping by much too quickly! The month of AUGUST tends to be the busiest for tourism, travel and perhaps special family time before thoughts of school begins. Gardens begin to produce those special treats of tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, squash, melons, etc. Oh yes we must not forget the exploration of county and the MN State Fair!

## ADDITION OF MANY NEW ADULT BOOKS [Use Code: Letters to find books]

- **"The Wish"** by Nicholas Sparks. "Bestselling novel about the enduring legacy of first love, and the decisions that haunt us forever." (CODE:FSPA)
- **"The Undo of Saint Silvanus"** by Beth Moore. "Located in New Orleans, church built in 1800's was later converted to apartment complex now run by Jillian's estranged grandmother. While in town attending her father's funeral, she meets an eclectic group of tenants from the building; plus learns her father was actually murdered." (CODE:FMOO)
- **"Sit! Stay! Speak!"** by Annie England Noblin. "If you love dogs you'll love this book. It is a charming debut novel telling the unforgettable story of how a rescue dog helps a struggling young outsider who has moved to Arkansas, to make peace with the past." (CODE:FNOB)
- **"Lightning Strike"** by William Kent Krueger. "A book about fathers and sons, long-simmering conflicts in small town alongside shores of Minnesota's Iron Lake and the events that echo through youth and shape our lives." (CODE:FKRU)



## BOOKS IN CHILDREN'S 'READING NOOK' [Use Code: Letters to find books]

- **"What Happens When I Talk To GOD?"** by Stormie Omartian. "It is never too early to teach a child to pray – encourages children to develop the life changing practice of talking to God every day and explains prayer in easy-to-understand ways. ". (Code:EO)
- **"Where Do Angels Sleep?"** by Cynda Strong. "Text and art combine to convey a message of peace and comfort, while it communicates that the God who made our world and everything in it is the same God who watches over us and cares for us as we sleep." (Code:ES)
- **"I Am: Why Two Little Words Mean So Much"** by Wayne Dyer. "Teaches kids a simple but profound message: God is NOT far off in the distance, we are not separate from God!" (Code:ED)

The CTK Library continues to add NEW books throughout the year. If you are an avid or occasional reader we hope that you will pay a visit and enjoy exploring the books available for your education and enjoyment! Remember you can also research the library resources by visiting (website) [CTKmankato.org](http://CTKmankato.org) – (click on) Discover, then Library & Explore Titles.

Suggestions for book/author ideas, contact a Committee Member: Kathy Bruss, Linda Eisenbeis, Emmy Geppert, Marilyn Mathiason, Kris Norland, Ellen Petersen, Ann Stewart or Dorothy Viker.



# Prayer Corner

submitted by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

## Pray for God's Presence

Have you ever considered what it was like to be one of Jesus' disciples? To sit at his side and learn, not only about prayer, but about all things? The 12 disciples were changed dramatically as they spent time with Jesus, who was sometimes called "Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." [Matthew 1:23 NRSV]. Peter, for example, was a rugged fisherman, but after three years with Jesus became an articulate spokesperson for the early church. Jesus didn't have to say a word—it was enough for Peter to just sit in his presence. We naturally become more like whomever we spend time with.

Two thousand years later, it is still possible for us to sit in God's presence, and doing so will change us, as it did Peter. How do we begin? We can simply pray and ask the Holy Spirit to come and meet us face-to-face. Jesus promised that if we ask we will receive [Matthew 7:7], and that our heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him [Luke 11:13]. Activate your faith and choose to believe that when you ask, he will come. When he comes, take time to wait in his presence, to meditate on his goodness and to thank him for all his benefits.

What are his benefits? The Bible says that God "gives to mortals life and breath and ALL THINGS." [Acts 17:25; see also Romans 11:36]. Everything we need is found in the presence of God. Do you need healing? You will find it in God's presence because he is the healer. [Exodus 15:26]. Are you lonely? God is the comforter. [Psalm 23:4]. Do you lack provisions? God will provide. [Exodus 16:4; Luke 9:12-17]. Are you lost? Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. [John 14:6]. Have you lost your joy? In God's presence there is "fullness of joy." [Psalm 16:11]. There is also protection in God's presence, as he reminds us: "do not fear for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God." [Isaiah 41:10]. The more time we spend in God's presence, the more aware we become of God's goodness.

Brother Lawrence (born Nicholas Herman) was a Carmelite friar in 17th century France, who learned to practice the presence of God in his daily life. His letters and other teachings have been collected into a short book entitled "The Practice of the Presence of God", which is now freely available [here](#) in the public domain. Brother Lawrence believed that our only business in this life is to "love and delight ourselves in God," and so he trained himself to focus on God's presence in whatever he did, including his monastery kitchen chores. He taught that one needs "neither art nor science for going to God, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him only." Brother Lawrence astutely questioned, "How can we pray to Him without being with Him?"

*"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. ~Psalm 27:8*

*Behold the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ~Revelation 21:3*

## SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER ROOM VOLUNTEERS

**August 6th**

9:30am

Linda Eisenbeis

**August 13th**

9:30am

Tammy Fienen

**August 20th**

9:30am

Todd Lundquist

**August 27th**

9:30am

Jorun Meierding





Ariac, Andrea, Randy, and Kamil spent the spring months settling into their new home. This was made possible by the generosity of the congregations of Bethlehem, Calvary, Christ the King, Grace, and Messiah, who comprise the WELCOME Team. The change of seasons brought summer. They've adapted to summer in many ways. Generosity abounds! Bicycles were donated for fun and transportation. Little Kamil can be found in the bike trailer behind his parents. A one-year membership for the Children's Museum was donated for family fun and learning. Ariac and Andrea have planted a plot in the community garden. It is sure to provide the bounty of fresh vegetables. The boys have found fun in the backyard. Donations of a pool, a sandbox, a basketball hoop, and several yard games make for fun-filled summer days.

Summer wouldn't be complete without summer school, of course. Learning English continues to be top priority. Ariac and Andrea are taking advantage of online lessons during the summer months. In addition, WELCOME Team volunteers provide at-home tutoring. Their progress is astounding! Randy has attended summer school with his friends. He even had the opportunity to attend Vacation Bible School.

All of this has been made possible because of YOU. The success of the collaboration of these five congregations is amazing. Seven months ago, you opened your hearts to a family with dire need. Thanks to your many donations, we worked together to provide an entire household of necessities in record time. The financial contributions help the family with the costs of rent and utilities on an ongoing basis. Volunteers from each of the churches provide transportation, navigation of the medical system, provide tutoring, acquire legal advice, monitor financial need, communicate with the Synod, and plan fundraising opportunities. In essence, we are their extended family. All made possible by you. "God's Work, Our Hands."

The newest development made possible by your financial contributions is a big step. Specialized legal representation has been retained. Ariac and Andrea are being guided through the process of applying for asylum. Once the applications have been submitted, they are able to apply for green cards that enable them to become employed. The entire process will take a few years at best. There are no guarantees of success, but we will remain prayerfully hopeful. We give thanks for the opportunity to serve together.

With all this success, we must celebrate! Watch for the news of a fall celebration!

## Parish News

### Prayers of Comfort

- For Monte, Stephen and JoAnn Curtis and family, in the death of Marge Curtis, their wife and mother.
- For Jeneane Quame, in the death of her sister-in-law, Carolyn Quame.
- For Diane and Keith Brekke, in the death of Aaron N. Smith
- For Jan and Jerry Kallheim in the death of Jan's sister, Dorothy Fjelstad
- For Donahue and Marilyn Sarff in the death of Donahue's sister, Evie.
- For Karen and Tom Yess, in the death of Karen's sister, Cynthia Tenley

### Prayers of Celebration

- For Toren Ezekiel Staloch, son of Micah and Liv Staloch, baptized July 2nd.
- For Franklin Lee Tucker, son of Ryan and Maggie Tucker, baptized July 9th
- For Sawyer Leigh Meyer Abraham, daughter of Lesley Meyer and Matthew Abraham, baptized on July 8th
- For Owen Robert Pengilly, son of Callie and Trevor Pengilly, baptized on July 22nd



*Congrats!*  
**PASTOR  
MELANIE**



25th Ordination Anniversary

Pastor Melanie and her husband, Pastor Joe, were ordained at CTK on August 30, 1998.

In honor of this, Bishop Regina Hassanally will be  
Preaching for Faith & Fellowship in the CTK Parking Lot.

*Renew - Refresh - Recharge*



**WOMEN'S RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 22 - 24  
SHALOM HILL FARM**

**WOMEN'S  
BOOK  
STUDY**

**THE  
SEED  
KEEPER**  
a novel  
DIANE WILSON

**AUGUST 17TH  
7:00PM  
FIRESIDE ROOM**

# "COOL DOWN" SUNDAY SUPPERS



August 20th

4:00-6:00pm

Grace Lutheran Church



Winter isn't the only time that it is a tough time to be without housing! Are you interested in helping with a "cool down" for people in need of shelter? CTK is helping with Sunday "cool down" Suppers held at Grace Lutheran church. Two or more volunteers are needed to host, you would be responsible for greeting and connecting visitors with a meal (which will be there for you) and encouraging them to take respite from the elements for two hours. Sign up:

[bit.ly/CoolDownSupper](https://bit.ly/CoolDownSupper)

# CTK kids & youth

## 3-year-old Preschool Bible Milestone

If your child is 3 years-old by August 31, 2023 they will receive a Frolic Preschool Bible on Wednesday, September 13th or Sunday, September 17th during the Worship Service they will then begin their faith journey in the Rainbow Room at CTK!

## Bibles & Bagels

3rd Grade Bible Faith Lab



### Save the Date

Wednesday, September 13th at the 6PM Worship Service  
Followed by a class in the 5th/6th Grade Room

Sunday, September 17th at the 10:00AM Worship Service  
Followed by bagels & class in the Fireside Room

## First Communion Faith Lab

Sunday, October 8, 2023

1:00-3:00PM



- Paint a chalice and paten
- Baking Bread
- Grape Stomp
- Making wine



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 PM  
FIRESIDE ROOM

JULY 13-16, 2024

MYLE & TABLE

JULY 16-20, 2024

YOUTH GATHERING  
8TH-12TH GRADERS  
NEW ORLEANS, LA

INTERESTED?







# Children & Youth 23-24 Programs

## Rally Day

Sunday, September 10

10 AM Worship

Activities after worship until Noon

**Order t-shirts  
& sweatshirts**

<http://bonfire.com/god-is-love-ctk>



## CHILDREN

<https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/children>



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

- Rainbow Room
- Faith Formation

**Sundays  
During 10 AM  
Worship**

- Rainbow Room
- Faith Formation
- 0-3 Class  
(9-10 AM; 1st Sunday of month; Oct-May)

*Faith Labs & Milestones  
throughout the year*

## YOUTH

<https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth>



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

- Confirmation
- Youth Group

**Tuesdays  
7:45-8:30 AM**

- Breakfast & Devotion

*Retreats & Activities  
throughout the year*

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# Summer Tour

- May 31 • Dueling Pianos (CTK)
- Jun 7 • Petting Zoo (CTK)
- Jun 14 • Javens Winery
- Jun 21 • Camp Night (CTK)
- Jun 28 • Nick Wayne (CTK)
- Jul 5 • EZ Jazz Group (CTK)
- Jul 12 • Sibley Shelter #5
- Jul 19 • Xmas in July (Moeller Harvest View Farm)
- Jul 26 • Chankaska Ranch & Winery
- Aug 2 • Picklebarn
- Aug 9 • Spring Lake Pool
- Aug 16 • Harvest Blessing (Marzinske Farm)
- Aug 23 • Lake Eagle Park
- Aug 30 • Scout Night (CTK)
- Sep 6 • Schell's Hobo Band (CTK)

Christ the King Lutheran Church

# 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

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Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, August 21st

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