

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.

Faith & Fellowship finds fun in the Sun!

Christ the King's Faith & Fellowship has been setting the stage for an enriching summer filled with fellowship and spiritual growth. Through a variety of engaging activities—such as our pet blessing, bike night, family night, and so much more—both members and non-members alike are invited to deepen their connections with one another while strengthening their spiritual journeys. These gatherings not only foster a sense of belonging but also encourage personal and collective growth, making the summer a season of joy, reflection, and unity for all involved.



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Remaining Faith & Fellowship Schedule

Purple=@CTK Green=off campus

AUGUST 6

Pool Night

@ Spring Lake Park

AUGUST 13

Camp Patterson

AUGUST 20

Karaoke Night @ CTK

AUGUST 27

Javens Winery

SEPTEMBER 3

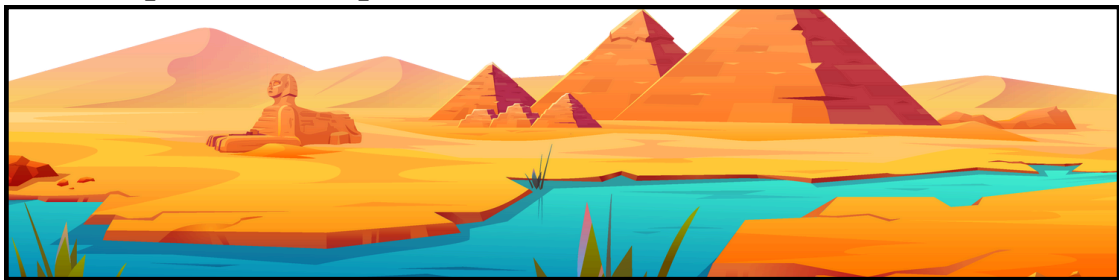
Rally Night @ CTK



Servers needed. Help
feed those gathered
Wednesday evenings.
Scan the QR code --
your help is
appreciated!



Spend Awhile on the Nile: The Mighty Ancient Hero Cruise by Christy and Daniel Semsen.



In Christy Semsen's words, "As we travel along the Nile River on an entertainment cruise, we will see Mr. Cruise, his daughter Liza, and his performing troupe retell Bible stories that occurred long ago, with a twist: they get the Bible stories wrong. Watch and see what happens as the kids from Christ the King Church help Mr. Cruise (John Kind is reprising this role once again!) and his crew understand the truth about God's enduring love and faithfulness to God's people.

Once again our cast members come from all over the state and even one is returning for his second year hailing from Manchester, Connecticut. Performances are during the Saturday evening service, August 16, 5:30-6:30 and during the Sunday morning service, August 17, 9:30-10:30.

LIBRARY CORNER



As always, our summer months are slipping by much too quickly! The month of AUGUST tends to be the busiest for travel and perhaps special family time, cookouts and ball games before thoughts of school begin. Gardens continue to produce those special treats of tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, squash and melons. Oh yes we must not forget the opportunity to explore a county and/or the MN State Fair!



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 – (click on) Discover, then Library & Explore Titles.

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

The Lutheran liturgy is rich in themes of prayer and praise that can easily be incorporated into our individual prayer practices. This month we continue our study by examining the “Sanctus,” which is part of the liturgy of Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, or what the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book [“ELW”] calls the “Meal”:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
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[See ELW pp. 108, 130]. As with most of the liturgy, these words are taken directly from the Bible:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. ~ Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. ~ Revelation 4:8

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. ~ Psalm 118:26

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ~ Matthew 21:9

The Latin word “Sanctus” means holy or sacred. This part of the worship service provides us with a glimpse of heaven, and the God of heaven. This is the eternal song of the angels who hover around the throne room of God, declaring his holiness. So powerful is their song that the very foundations of heaven tremble at it. As we join in this song, we, too, declare God’s holiness and glory.

Also, as we sing these words just prior to receiving the Meal, we recognize and bless Jesus who comes to us yet again, just as he came to the adoring throngs who first greeted him with “Hosanna!” In the Sanctus, we confess the reality that Jesus is present with us as we receive his body and blood. There is nothing in this entire world that compares to the miracle of Jesus coming to feed his people. In this Meal, God breaks into our world to give us life, health, hope and forgiveness. In anticipation, our repeated cry is “Hosanna in the highest,” for what is more needed in this dying world than these?1

This month, spend time meditating on the holiness of God, and on the words of the Sanctus. God’s presence comes to us not only in the Meal, but anytime we declare his holiness and worship his glory.

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
[ELW Hymn #413]***

NEWS @ CTK

Luther Glen Farm showed our youth the meaning of nature, service, and rest:

Monday, we learned about finding meaning in Nature. We conducted a Bible study outside and intentionally observed different aspects of nature around us. Making observations that helped us profoundly connect to nature.

Tuesday's focus was on finding meaning in service. This group of young people transformed the farm with their work. In California, there are two planting seasons. One group weeded, tilled, and replanted all the gardens, helping to provide food for future campers. Another group moved heavy materials, such as bags of concrete, to the areas of the farm where they were needed. Others cut and trimmed trees around the farm. As a whole group, they all help move a very heavy chicken coup so the chickens will have a larger area to forage freely, and they weeded an entire hill, clearing the way for future projects.

On Wednesday, after a day of hard work, these youths woke up early and spent the day having fun at Disneyland. It was a memorable experience of bonding.

Thursday's focus was on finding meaning in rest. In a hustle culture, rest is often seen as a bad thing, yet we are called as people of God to take that time to refuel our minds, bodies, and spirits.

Each night was alive with worship. The camp echoed with the sounds of voices bouncing through the mountains. We even had Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwestern California Synod give our message for worship one night.

Thank you to all who donated and supported this trip. You have contributed to a truly fantastic experience that our youth will remember and be formed by for the rest of their lives.

Pastor Brittany



Youth Canoe Trip Tales of Adventure:



Five youth and three adults ventured down the Namekogen and St Croix Rivers for a 3 day/2-night canoeing adventure. Highlights of the trip included seeing the beauty of God's creation, particularly the sighting of bald eagles, turtles, deer, and many huge fish (e.g. sturgeon and muskie). We traveled 33 miles in 3 days, paddling 13 miles on the first and second day on the Namekogen. On the 3rd and final day, we paddled 7 miles, starting on the Namekogen and ending on the St Croix River, where we ventured through several rapids. The devotional themes for our trip included stories about water, including our baptism and water stories from the Bible. During free time, we enjoyed playing the Noun game, swimming in the river, and eating food our guide prepared for us – particularly the first night of smashburgers on the grill. **Thank you**, CTK, for your support and love in providing this opportunity for youth and adults to bask in the beauty of God's creation and fellowship with one another! -- Pastor Melanie & the Canoe Trip Campers

Mankato YWCA

Presents:

Whether you are a parent, educator, coach, or community leader, your role in supporting youth mental health is invaluable. This training empowers you to be that first line of support, ensuring that no young person has to navigate their struggles alone. Investing in YMHFA is investing in a healthier, more resilient future for our youth. Registration is free to all.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

5/10, 6/18, 6/26, 9/19, 9/27, 10/25, 11/20
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Location TBD

Learn How to:

This training equips parents, teachers, caregivers, and community members with the knowledge and skills to:

- ✓ Recognize signs of mental health struggles
- ✓ Provide support
- ✓ Connect young people with appropriate resources

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FREE
Thanks to a generous grant from the City of Mankato's Opioid Remediation Community Grant!

Register Now!



For More Info visit ywcamankato.org/ymhfa

Support available for widows in Mankato

Compassionate Community Center

523 South 2nd Street (Emy Frentz Building) Mankato

Every 3rd Friday at 10:00am
Starting June 20th

Feel free to drop by,
all widows are welcome.

~ finding the new normal in widowhood ~



MEET THE PEOPLE OF CTK

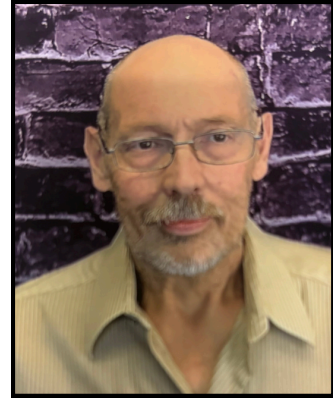
Welcoming new members into a congregation is always a cause for celebration! At Christ the King, New Member Sunday is an opportunity to embrace fresh perspectives and talents, and extend warm greetings, share our values and mission of the congregation, and foster a sense of belonging. Each of our new members bring unique gifts and stories, so be sure to welcome them with the love that Christ extends to each of us!



Mike and Kari Fletcher



Deb Colter



Daniel Zieman



*Stephanie and DeWayne
Wilkinson*

COMING SOON

Deb Markell



*The Druffels (David,
Amanda, Aaron and
Maddie)*

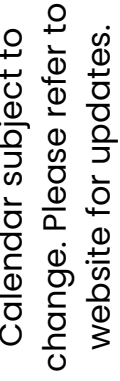
Pastor Steve Berkeland will be retiring this coming August. His last Worship service will be on August 31 at St John's Lutheran in Mapleton. An invitation to join him for his last sermon at 9:30am has been extended to CTK. There will be a Picnic style lunch served following the service in the basement dining room.

Any questions or cards can be directed to:

St. John's Lutheran Church
104 Central Ave N
PO Box 432
Mapleton, MN 56055
(507) 524-3615



*HAPPY
Retirement*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 Closed. Available by App	2 Traditional Worshi
3 9:30a Worship 6:30p Youth led Bible stu	4 10:30a Staff Meeting	5 6p Riverblenders	6 1p Library Committee M 5:15p Faith & Fellowship 6p Faith and Fellowship O/A	7 10a Weavers 5:30p Worship and Musi 7p O/A	8 Closed. Available by App	9 Traditional Worshi
10 9:30a Worship 12p Declan Rasmussen B 6:30p Youth led Bible stu	11 10:30a Staff Meeting 12p Summer Musical 5:30p Congregational Li 6p RIC	12 6p Riverblenders	13 1p Altar Guild 5:15p Faith & Fellowship 6p Faith and Fellowship	14 10a Weavers 7p O/A	15 Closed. Available by App	16 5:30p Summer Musical 5:30p Traditional Worshi
17 9:30a Summer Musical 9:30a Worship 6:30p Youth led Bible stu	18 10:30a Staff Meeting	19 5:30p Executive Team 6p Multiple Blessings 6p Riverblenders 6p Riverblenders Board	20 Children, Youth & Fam 5:15p Faith & Fellowship 6p Faith and Fellowship	21 10a Weavers 1p Caregiver Support Gr 7p O/A 7p Women's Book Study	22 Closed. Available by App	23 Traditional Worshi
24 9:30a Worship 6:30p Youth led Bible stu	25 10:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Women's Bible St	26 5:30p Church Council 6p Riverblenders	27 9a Quilters 5:15p Faith & Fellowship 6p Faith and Fellowship	28 10a Weavers 7p O/A	29 Closed. Available by App	30 Traditional Worshi



Women's Retreat 2025 Sept 19-21st

Her Story: Faithful Footsteps of Women in the Bible

Join us for a relaxing and inspiring women's retreat at Shalom Hill, where we'll reflect on the remarkable stories of women in the Bible and their faithful journeys. This laid-back weekend will begin with your arrival on Friday evening and conclude after worship and brunch on Sunday morning. Enjoy a casual and welcoming atmosphere for fellowship, bible studies, and engaging activities. Take advantage of the extensive grounds to explore and connect with nature if the weather allows. All meals throughout the weekend are included, so you can fully unwind and focus on the retreat experience. We'll provide further details as the retreat approaches. For any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to **andreapetzel14@gmail.com**.

We can't wait to share this meaningful time with you!

Cost includes room, meals and supplies: Single room: \$160 Double room: \$135

CTK Solar Panel Update

July 31, 2025:

Month of July: 2025 Year to Date:

Energy Used

0.00 Wh
(approx. \$0.00 used)

Energy Generated

2.73 MWh
(approx. \$163.83 saved)

Net

2.73 MWh sold
(approx. \$163.83 earned)

Energy Used

0.00 Wh
(approx. \$0.00 used)

Energy Generated

18.7 MWh
(approx. \$1,121.75 saved)

Net

18.7 MWh sold
(approx. \$1,121.75 earned)

We need you!



Have you wondered how you can help serve? Sign up boards can be found in the Narthex for volunteer opportunities during our worship services. These include Greeters, Ushers, Readers and Communion Assistants. For more information, contact the office.

PARISH NEWS

Prayers of peace & comfort for the families of:

Jim & Nancy Armbruster, in the death of Jim's sister, Diane, on July 9th
Mary Holland; Cindy (Al) Dutcher and Laurie Holland, in the death of their
husband and father, Joe Holland, on July 16th.

Weekly Worship Times @CTK

Wednesdays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 5:30pm

Sundays: 9:30am (through August 31)

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

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Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, August 18, 2025

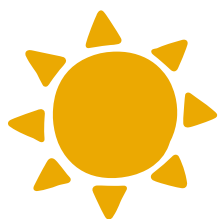
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August Menu Faith & Fellowship

August 6

**Ham/Turkey Wrap
Chips, Pickles, Watermelon and a cookie**

August 13

**Chicken Pasta Salad
Crackers, Raw Veggies, Fresh Fruit**

August 20

**Hamburgers with fixings
Watermelon, Chips and a cookie**

August 27

**Javens Winery-No meal served
Feel free to bring your own**

