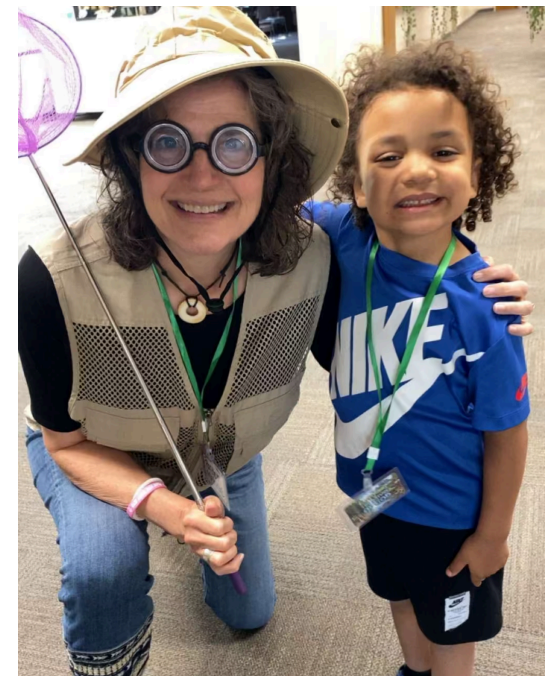


The King's Messenger

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



PARISH NEWS

Prayers of Celebration

We joyfully celebrate the baptisms of the following children:

- Aubrey Clair Tart daughter of Brady and Amanda Tart
- Noah Hunter Leiding son of Danielle Leiding, grandson of Chef Kristi Regnier
- Alister Jay Schlichte son of Jay and Hannah Schlichte, grandson of Dean and Margo Brudwick

Prayers of Comfort

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the following families:

- The Felstul family in the passing of Robert "Bob" on November 3, 2025, and Geraldine "Geri" on January 22, 2025.
- The family of Jane Ralston, who passed away on June 5, 2026.
- The family of Marilyn Lerud, who passed away on June 9, 2026.
- The family of Dugan Haver, mother of Karen Moritz, who passed away on June 10, 2026.
- The family of Sylvia Moore, sister of Ellen Peterson, who passed away on June 16, 2026.

May God's peace and comfort be with all who mourn.

Weekly Worship Times @CTK

Wednesdays: 6:00PM- Faith & Fellowship (see schedule)

Saturdays: 5:30PM

Sundays: 9:30AM

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, July 20, 2026

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christ the King Lutheran Church
5/31/2026

	May-26	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	May-25	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 56,401	\$ 73,584	\$ (17,182)	\$ 346,679	\$ 367,918	\$ (21,238)	\$ 93,345	\$ (36,944)	\$ 813,957	\$ (467,277)
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (79,343)	\$ (73,434)	\$ (5,908)	\$ (369,048)	\$ (367,172)	\$ (1,876)	\$ (94,077)	\$ 14,734	\$ (708,484)	\$ 339,436
Other Income		\$ 467	\$ (467)		\$ 2,333	\$ (2,333)		\$ -	\$ 6,981	\$ (6,981)
Special Events Income			\$ -	\$ 265		\$ 265	\$ 775	\$ (775)	\$ 810	\$ (545)
Rent Income	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500	\$ -		\$ 3,500		\$ 17,500
Other Expenses	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (19,441)	\$ 4,116	\$ (23,557)	\$ (4,604)	\$ 20,579	\$ (25,183)	\$ 44	\$ (19,485)	\$ 113,264	\$ (117,868)

Comparison to May 2025 year to day is not accurate due to the change from a fiscal year to a calendar year

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

ELISHA'S PRAYER FOR HIS SERVANT TO "SEE"

2 Kings 6:15-23

In this column, we are studying the prayers of people from the Old Testament and what they can teach us about the nature of God. This month we will examine the prayer of Elisha, found at 2 Kings, Chapter 6. You may recall that Elisha was the successor to Elijah, the great prophet of Israel who was taken up to heaven by a chariot of fire. [2 Kings 2:11]. Elisha continued the work of Elijah, by speaking God's word and performing miracles.

At that time, the king of Aram was at war with Israel. The king of Aram made his camp at a certain place known only to his officers. Elisha knew the location, because of his prophetic gift, and warned the king of Israel not to go near there. The king of Aram thought he had a traitor in his ranks, but was told, "No, my lord, it is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words you speak in your bedchamber." [2 Kings 6:12]. The king of Aram determined to capture Elisha, so by night he sent horses and chariots and a great army to surround the city where Elisha stayed. In the morning, Elisha's servant arose and saw the great Aramean army and was terrified, asking Elisha, "What shall we do?" Elisha replied, "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them." [2 Kings 6:16]. Elisha saw something the servant did not. Then Elisha prayed:

"O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see."

So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. [2 Kings 6:17]. The servant had only been able to see in the physical realm until Elisha prayed that God would reveal to him the spiritual realm. Once God opened his spiritual eyes, the servant could see what was real and true. God's chariots of fire had been there all along, but the servant could not see them—and neither could the enemy. It was not a lack of reality, but a lack of sight.

Our God is a God who gives insight, knowledge and revelation, that is, spiritual sight. Elisha knew it and prayed for his servant to know it too. Not everything you see in this world is real. And what you do see may not be the whole truth. Especially now, with the prominence of "artificial intelligence," it is important for us as Christians to be able to discern truth. Let's pray the prayer of Elisha: O Lord, please open my eyes that I may see. Let me see the truth about you and what you are doing. Show me the truth about myself and how you see me. I want to keep my eyes on you and your kingdom. I want to see things as you do. Amen!

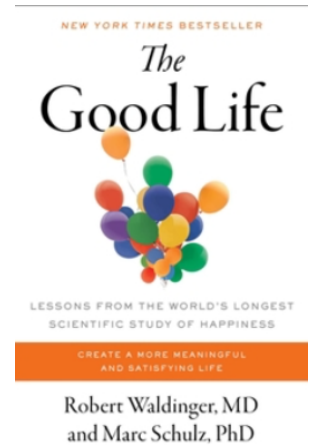
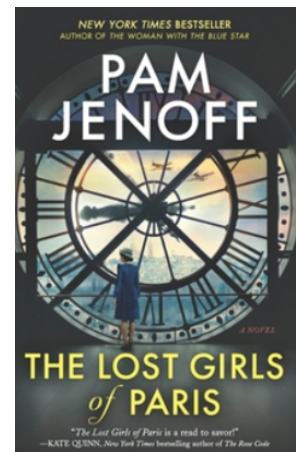
"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." John 9:25

LIBRARY CORNER

HAPPY JULY 4th! This month we celebrate our nation's liberty and freedom.

We hope you are enjoying the many activities and joys of summer and perhaps find time to read a book or two in the weeks ahead. To help with that goal, listed are a large variety of **New Books** displayed in CTK Library.

- **"The Book of Gutsy Women"** by Hilary Rodham Clinton & Chelsea Clinton [920.7 Cli] "Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience."
- **"Boundary Waters"** by William Kent Krueger [F KRU] "As expedition ventures deep into wilderness, strangers descend on Aurora, threatening to spill blood on the town's snowy streets."
- **"The World's Fair Quilt"** by Jennifer Chiaverini [F CHI ELM23] "An outstanding novel about a fascinating craft that allows us to explore human relationships in all their complexity."
- **"The Lost Girls of Paris"** by Pam Jenoff [F JEN] "Based on true WWII events and brings us three courageous, determined women who braved constant danger to survive this fascinating, little-known part of the war."
- **"Born Survivors"** by Wendy Holden [920 HOL] "An engrossing, intense and highly descriptive narrative of the ghastly conditions three pregnant women suffered through at the hands of the Nazis. Meet these three baby survivors born April 1945 and their actually reunion and future."
- **"The Paris Library"** by Janet Skeslien Charles [FCHA SKE] "A wonderful tale about a library that provides a beacon of hope in darkness and despair of war. Heartbreaking & heart lifting in turn."
- **"The Women in the Library"** by Sulari Gentill [F GEN] "The library setting, the conceit of four strangers at a table and twisty story-within-a-story make novel unputdownable. Book is a treat for readers who love books and mysteries."
- **"Proof of Heaven"** by Eben Alexander, M.D. [248.8 ALE] "A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife and believes true health can be achieved only when we realize God and the soul are real and death is not the end of personal existence but only a transition."
- **"The Good Life"** by Robert Waldinger, MD & Marc Schulz, PhD [248 WAL] "Good relationships keep us healthier and happier, contribute to our resilience and provide meaning in our lives."
- **"Undomesticating GOD"** by Jennifer O'Sullivan [248 OSU], **"When GOD Doesn't Fix It"** by Laura Story [248.86 STO], **"War Room Prayer is a Powerful Weapon"** novel by Chris Fabry [F FAB], **"Battlefield of the Mind"** Devotional by Joyce Meyer [242 MEY], **"The Daily Bible"** [R 220 SMI] In Chronological Order – 365 Daily Readings.



Library Committee: Kathy Bruss, Linda Eisenbeis, Emmy Geppert, Denise Kuehner, Ellen Petersen, Ann Stewart, Tara Thompson, Kathy Wenner and Jeannine Wills.

WAYS TO SERVE

Christmas

In

July

The servant outreach board is collecting supplies for teachers at Washington Elementary during the month of July.

Ways to get involved:

1

Purchase Items from the General list below these are items that can be purchased in person at local stores!

- Footballs (4)
- Soccer Balls (4)
- Volleyballs (4)
- High quality jump ropes (Plastic beads)
- Facial Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer,
- Black Dry Erase Markers
- Color Dry Erase Markers
- 3ml Laminate Sheets
- 5ml Laminate Sheets
- 3m Adhesive hooks
- Highlighters
- Washable broad and fine tip markers
- color pencils
- Zipper Storage Bags (gallon, sandwich and snack)
- Pencils
- 16 count crayola crayons
- Sheet protectors
- Plastic foot long Rulers
- Pipe Cleaners -Multi colored

2

Take an Apple from the Tree with a specific teacher request!

These items are linked with a QR code to shop online.
Please return apple with item to church by July 25th!

3

Donate money!

We will purchase what we can from their lists!
Cash, Checks , or use the QR code below to make a digital donation.



JULY

WORSHIP ASSISTANT
SIGN-UP

SIGN UP →



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GET INVOLVED

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Friday, July 10

Little Kids (3-Kindergarten): 4:30-5:45PM

Elementary Kids (1st-6th): 5:30-7:30

Youth Kids (7th-12th): 8:00-10:00PM



Sign-Up Deadline: July 6th



BIKERS WANTED

Ready to make a real difference?

Join us to ride 500k in 5 days to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity - creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live.



SCAN HERE

Bike.Build.Home 500 is a fully supported five-day, 500k cycling event featuring daily rides, a Habitat Build Day, and a Century Ride. Riders can participate for one day, multiple days, all five days, or as a virtual rider. We ensure it is easy to get involved at any level!

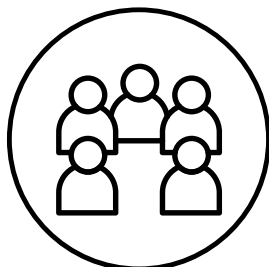
JULY 14-19 ~ BETHANY COLLEGE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A SMALL GROUP?

Small Groups are intentional gatherings for Bible study, prayer, support and community



PLEASE TAKE SURVEY



DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT OR SING?

Please consider participating in the CTK Worship Band!



RIC Task Force

From the Reconciling in Christ Task Force (RIC)



At the January annual meeting, a straw poll was taken on the draft of a Reconciling in Christ welcome statement. We would like to share some of the comments and questions we received as a result. In an effort to avoid a repeat of the sixth point, and keep your newsletter short, we will refer you to our bulletin board for some specific details. The comments are in **bold**.

“Why isn’t “All are welcome” enough? We don’t turn anyone away.” That’s true, but do we fully accept them as they are? This echoes the conversation of the “Black Lives Matter” movement. Yes, all lives matter but not all lives have experienced the effects of bigotry. Those we include in this welcome continue to deal with it. We are welcoming no one less, but we need to be sure to intentionally welcome those who have good reason to suspect we are not sincere. We state “all are welcome” and we have members voting to not include specific groups. That speaks volumes about “all are welcome.” These are deeply held beliefs, learned over generations, and shaped by many influences. We are called, by Christ, to follow his example of inclusion.

“It was too wordy.” “It should be short, and to the point.” While that would seem simple, this is NOT a simple issue. Some wordings are included because there are specific groups that are identified by research at RIC and those groups are personally affected by those wordings.

“What does Scripture Say?” The usual verses quoted are referred to as the “clobber verses”. They have been taken out of context, mis-translated, mis-interpreted and used to support a political agenda. The word homosexuality never appeared in the Bible until 1946. Specific verses are addressed on the bulletin board. Jesus did not deny anyone access to Him.

“There are only TWO sexes. Just ask God.” This is one for the Bulletin Board for discretionary reasons. It is not our purpose to provide sex education for your family. However it must be said, that like any science - Biology, Psychology, Endocrinology and Anthropology - all are involved in human development. What we know has changed a lot over the last decades, and it is more evident than ever that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Nothing in this creation is Black and white. The only true binary is a computer code.

What happened to the writings and essays requested? These were gathered and printed in a booklet that was distributed at our last Adult forum. We have received more of these writings and we will be reprinting the entire volume in the near future. We are open to all viewpoints. If you would like to contribute to the publication, please send your contribution to liz.reedstrom@gmail.com by July 15.



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NEWS

July Faith & Fellowship Supper Menu

July 1

Brats with sauerkraut
Pickles
Coleslaw
Watermelon
Red, White & Blue Popsicles

July 8

Sloppy joes
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Ice Cream Treat

July 15

Wraps
Lettuce Salad
Chips
Pickles
Seven-Layer Bars

July 22

Hot dogs
Chips
Baked Beans
Watermelon
Ice Cream Treats

July 29

Sandwiches
Pickles
Potato Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cookies

NEWS



Summer Tour

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| July 1 | Happy Birthday America presented by Riverblenders/CTK Men's Chorus (at CTK) |
| July 8 | Just Friends Gospel Singers (at CTK) |
| July 15 | Blessing of the Wheels at Riverfront Park |
| July 22 | Fallenstein Splash Pad & Park |
| July 29 | Land of Memories Disc Golf |
| August 5 | McGowan Farm |
| August 12 | Bullypulpit Bluegrass Band (at CTK) |
| August 19 | Farmer's Market Night (at CTK) |
| August 26 | Javens Family Vineyard & Winery |
| September 2 | Backpack Blessing (at CTK) |