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February

## February Community Meal Menu

### February 4th:

Chili or Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers,  
Dinner Roll and Cake

### February 11th:

Chicken Strips, French Fries,  
Salad and Lemon Bar

### February 18th:

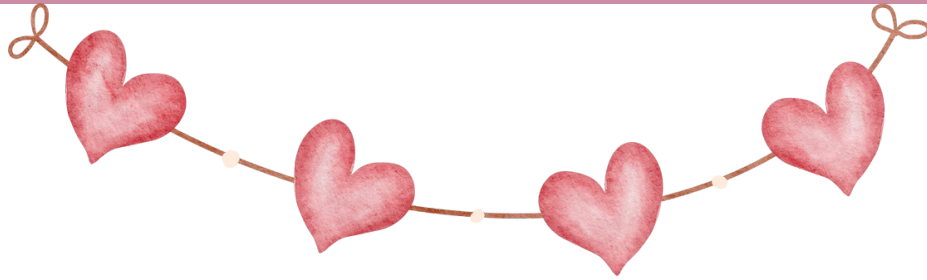
Taco Salad, Chips and Cookie

### February 25th:

Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes,  
Corn and Jello with Fruit

# 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.



## *Unwritten Agreement*

We have this unwritten agreement,  
us members of humanity.

When the toddler at the coffee shop runs round the corner,  
when her mom, at the register, looks up in panic,  
we, the adults in the room, will pledge,  
with quick smiles and silent head nods, to keep watch.

We will lean out of our seats.

We will put down our phones.

We will stand at the ready  
to scoop up,  
to offer words of comfort,  
to make silly faces,  
to keep an eye on the door.

And we will do this,  
because we cannot ignore the instinct to care.

We will do this,  
because we cannot ignore the child right in front of us.

We will do this,  
because love always includes the least of these.

# PRAYER CORNER

*by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator*

## MOSES PRAYS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

Exodus 33:12-23

In this Prayer Corner, we are focusing specifically on prayers of the Old Testament and what they reveal about God's nature. This month, we will examine Moses' prayer to God found in Exodus 33:12-23. There is not enough space to include the whole prayer here, but I encourage you to go to your Bible and read it. Remember, Moses was chosen by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and to the promised land. [Exodus 3:1-10]. On their way, God made a covenant with them whereby God promised to bless them if they obeyed God's laws. [Exodus 19:5]. Almost before the ink had dried on the covenant, the Israelites created a golden calf to worship, which broke the covenant and angered God. [Exodus 32:1-6].

Although Moses persuaded God to forgive them and allow them to continue to the promised land, God declined to go with them because they were

“a stiff-necked people.” [Exodus 33:3].

So Moses entered his “tent of meeting” to speak with the Lord. The Bible says, “the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.” [Exodus 33:11]. Moses pleaded with God to continue on with the people, saying, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us?” [Exodus 33:15-16]. God agreed, saying, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” [vs. 17]. Then Moses boldly asked God to reveal God's glory, a visible expression of God's presence.

[vs. 18]. Again God agreed, saying: “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.” [vs. 19]. And God's glory and presence did accompany Moses and the people on the rest of their journey. [See Exodus 40:34-38].

# PARISH NEWS

## In Celebration:

Theodore Francis Steinborn, son of Aaron & Becky Steinborn, was baptized on January 18.

## 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](https://facebook.com/CTKChurchMankato) and [youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams](https://youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams)

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Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, February 23, 2026  
Please email to [communications@ctkmankato.org](mailto:communications@ctkmankato.org) or leave with front desk.



## **Meet Your Council Member:** *Caylin Steinberg*

### **How Long Have You Been at CTK?**

I have been at CTK for almost 15 years.

### **Tell Us About Yourself**

I work as a microbiologist at Medline in North Mankato. In my free time, I enjoy reading, golfing, and spending time with my family. I also play in the CTK Handbell Choir.

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

My favorite memory of church is Christmas Eve worship, the lighting of candles, and singing together Silent Night.

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

Get involved in the many things that CTK has to offer. It is a great way to meet new people!

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

I am part of the Congregational Life Board. We plan activities for the adults of CTK to come together for fun and fellowship.

There are so many things we can learn from this prayer! Here are a few:

- First, God clearly wants to be in a relationship with us. Moses was a friend of God and spoke to God as a friend. They were on a first name basis. As a result of this close relationship, Moses found favor with God and was successful in persuading God to be gracious and merciful to the Israelites, even when they did not deserve it. This is such a beautiful model of how we, too, can approach God in prayer.
- Second, it is possible to experience the tangible manifestation of God's divine presence. Moses longed for this presence and saw no point in continuing his journey unless God's presence went with him. How often do we set out on our own, making plans and creating itineraries, without asking God to reveal his glory to us and to accompany us on this journey that is life?
- Third, in revealing his glory, God is really showing us his goodness. God told Moses, "I will make all my goodness pass before you." [Exodus 33:19]. In God's presence there is nothing but goodness, because that is God's nature. Numerous verses affirm the goodness of God: "Give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good" can be found at least ten times in the Bible [See 1 Chronicles 16:34; 2 Chronicles 5:13 and 7:3; Ezra 3:11; Psalm 100:5, 106:1, 107:1, 118:1, 136:1; and Jeremiah 33:11], and there are many other references to God's goodness. Jesus said that no one is good but God alone. [Luke 18:19]. Let us remember and affirm that God is ALWAYS good—to us, and to all who seek him. [See Lamentations 3:25].

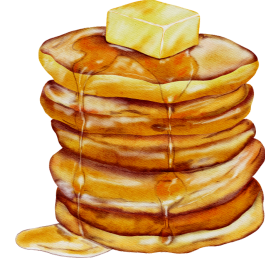
*"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them."* [Revelation 21:3]





# NEWS @ CTK

Join us on Tuesday, February 17th  
at 5:30 for a special  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal.



## Ash wednesday

Services for Ash Wednesday (February 18) will be held as follows:

**7 AM**—Drive Through Imposition of Ashes

**4:30 and 6 PM**—Ash Wednesday Services

Christ the King again invites you to donate an Easter flower in honor or in memory of a loved one. Names of those honored or memorialized will be noted during Easter Sunday worship. You are invited to take a plant home with you after the final Easter service. Please use QR code and make payment or bring payment to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 11.



# LIBRARY CORNER

February is a month that we begin to experience longer daylight hours. We have indeed had all types of winter weather conditions, and we know it is certain to continue a little long. It is the month we celebrate Valentine's & President's Day and then the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is also the shortest month of the year!

Featuring a best-selling author **KAREN KINGSBURY** Christian Novelist. Ever since her first novel, she has been writing Life-Changing Fiction, "Certain that when God puts a story on my heart, He has your heart in mind."

Our CTK Library has many of books written by this author for your reading pleasure. Listed below are two sets of several series which are by far most popular and compose nearly a quarter of the author's work. The Baxters are either the main characters, or play key roles, in each of the books. The series is set mainly in and around Bloomington, Indiana. (It is suggested that you read books in order of series)

## **Redemption Series:**

· "*Redemption*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN RED01] "Story of love at all costs."

· "*Remember*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN RED02] "Story from tragedy to healing."

· "*Return*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN RED03] "Story of tenacious love and longing for a lost son."

· "*Rejoice*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN RED04] "Story of unspoken loss and the overwhelming miracle of new life."

· "*Reunion*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN RED05] "Story of God's grace and redemption, his victory even in the most difficult times."

## **Firstborn Series:**

· "*Fame*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN Fir01] "Story of hope, healing, and God's divine leading even in the face of impossible circumstances."

· "*Forgiven*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN Fir02] "Story of God's divine leading and the realization that peace comes only after forgiveness."

· "*Found*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN Fir03] "Story of God's divine leading and the truth that God rewards those who seek Him with all of their heart."

· "*Family*" by Karen Kingsbury [F KIN Fir04] "Story of the search for renewed hope and the desperate need to be loved and to belong."

· "*Forever*" by Karen Kingsbury [FKIN Fir05] "Story about surviving tough times and drawing strength and hope from family and deep faith."



# FAITH

## CONTINUUM

Greetings to all,

There are no mid-Winter doldrums at Faith Continuum as we gather looking forward to our Lenten season. We continue our study in the book of *"Acts: Catching up with the Spirit"* supplemented with video sessions with its author, Matthew Skinner. Thereafter, we move to the Gospel of Mark's sandwich stories.

What are Mark's sandwich stories? You are familiar with many of them. They occur in Mark where one story is interrupted by another, where the original story is not completed until after the interruption. These interruptions often added suspense or illuminated the involved themes of the Gospel.

When will we move from Acts to Mark's "sandwich stories" is not yet known. Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9am in the Fireside room to be among the first to find out. Otherwise, look for our once a week (generally on Wednesday or Friday) email with a reminder of the following Sunday's Faith Continuum gathering.

Also, we are pleased that CTK's Communications Director keeps Faith Continuum updated on our website. To find out the most updated information on what is happening at Faith Continuum, check out "Get Involved" on our website desktop page, click on the link to "Adults" and link again to "Faith Continuum" - thank you Carly!

See you Sundays,  
Todd



# Thank You

Thank you to the 28 congregants who responded to our commitment to Connections Shelter in January 4-10, 2026. The meals were ample, delicious and well received. The servers were engaging and showed kindness throughout the week. This is a significant contribution to our community and we received multiple thank you's from the guests at Connections Shelters. CTK has become known at Connections as an accepting and fully committed congregation of compassionate people. Again, thank you for your donation of food and time. Those involved will tell you that we received more than we gave.



CTK will be serving dinner Sunday March 8, 2026  
- Saturday March 14, 2026 at Connections  
Homeless Shelter located at 220 E Hickory St.  
Mankato Mn. (The First Presbyterian Church).



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



We are looking for Worship Assistants to help with our services for the month of March services. Please scan the QR code to sign up or you may also find this on our website under the “WORSHIP” tab.

### ❄️ Your Safety Matters to Us at CTK ❄️

At Christ the King, we take your safety seriously—especially during Minnesota’s unpredictable winter weather.

🚩 In cases of inclement weather, phone calls will be made, Facebook updates posted and we will contact KEYC to keep you informed of our activities.

Stay safe, stay warm, and stay connected! ❄️💙



### Congregational Life Upcoming Events:

**February 21 – PUZZLES AND PIES 6:30 PM.**



Bring your competitive spirit and beverage for a night of fun jigsaw puzzle competition and enjoy some yummy pie! Register as a team of 4 or as individuals and we will create a team for you. **ALL COMPETITORS MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th VIA TEXT OR PHONE: DENISE #507-381-6868.**

**March 22 – MINNESOTA HOTDISH 5 PM**

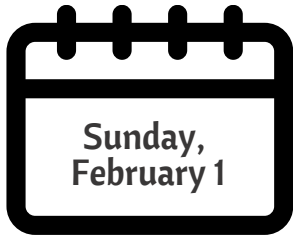
Calling all cooks - dig out those favorite MN hotdish recipes! Please bring your favorite, ready to eat, (along with the recipe) for tasting and voting by all participants. Prizes will be awarded!

# +CTK FEBRUARY

Children, Youth & Family



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



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



## First Communion Faith Lab



Sunday, February 22  
11:00AM-1:00PM

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



First Communion Worship Service  
Thursday, April 2

## SKATING AT ALL SEASONS ARENA

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
3:30-5PM



FREE WILL DONATION

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

RAINFOREST FALLS  
EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD

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

"In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world."

-John 16:33

Date: August 10-14, 2026

Time: 9:00AM-12:30PM

Cost: \$30



Performance Dates:

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

Directed by: Chuck Hoogland and Jim Hatleli

# +CTK FEBRUARY

Children, Youth & Family

## YOUTH BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP

July 26 - July 31  
Maximum of 6 youth  
Cost: \$750 per kid



## SUPER BOWL DIP FUNDRAISER

We are fundraising for our youth trips this summer!

Dips can be picked up after worships on Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8.



Spinach Dip & Sausage Dip  
Dips are \$15/dip or \$25/set



## Youth Led Bible Study

Date: Sunday, February 8 & 22

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Youth Room

Contact Maya Kopp with for more information!

