

# 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 Melanie

### Everyone has a Stewardship Story

Well-known financial advisor, Suze Orman, often has people write their financial story. Suze says that when people take the time to put their relationship with money into words, they often get in touch with their values that help them make financial priorities. The same might be said of our relationship with money and how we prioritize it when it comes to giving.

When I was in high school, the father of one of my classmates spoke to our youth group about his stewardship. He talked about why he gave and how he gave. The next time I babysat, I gave a similar percentage of my babysitting earnings to CTK. Though I was a teenager, I found joy and meaning in contributing meaningfully to the faith community I was a part of. The giving habits I started at that time have continued to be an important part of how I participate in the life of the church.

So, how would you describe your stewardship story? Who taught you how to give? When have you found joy or meaning in your giving? I believe everyone has a stewardship story – the story that informs how they give and what gives it meaning. Giving can take shape in many forms – the giving of time, talent, finances & material goods. All are necessary and important as we seek to “know Christ & make Christ known”.

I'm proud of our stewardship story as a congregation. We make a difference through the giving we do in a variety of ways – through word and sacrament ministry; through financial and material support of refugees; to feeding hungry people and providing relief those in need of shelter. Our story reflects God's story of faithfulness and love.



- Service: Global Health Ministries (Fridley), Connections Shelter, FOCP
- Sun: River Springs Water Park (Owatonna), Como Zoo (St. Paul), MoonDogs

**6TH-12TH GRADERS**

**SERVICE & SUN**

Service Projects & Fun in the Sun!

Register Online by June 20:  
<https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth>

**JULY 10-12**



Proudly announcing our 42nd season  
**Summer Noontime Recital Series 2023**  
 TUESDAYS June 13 - June 27, at 12:10 pm,  
 Grace Lutheran Church | 110 N. 4th Street, Mankato  
 The series begins with performances by Kaleb Schmidt (6/13),  
 David Mertesdorf (6/20) and Chad Winterfeldt (6/27)

# Volunteer to deliver meals!



- **What:** STOMP (SummerTime Outreach Meal Program) is a weekday meal program that offers FREE LUNCHES to youth 18 and under at select pickup sites.
- **When:** Tuesdays, June 13-August 29.  
*CTK is responsible for delivery every Tuesday!*
- **Where:** Lime Valley Mobile Home Court, Eastport Apartments, Southaven Mobile Home Court & Southbend Estates.



**SCAN for more information & to sign-up**

Questions: [alyssah@ctkmankato.org](mailto:alyssah@ctkmankato.org)



# 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)

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# THE HATE U GIVE

*"The type of film that has the potential to ignite social change"*



JUNE 22ND

6:00PM

We will provide popcorn but please bring your own beverage and snacks if you want. There will be a short discussion to follow the showing. To learn more about the film and register so we know how many to expect, please visit: [CTKmankato.org/get-involved/events](https://CTKmankato.org/get-involved/events)

Childcare will be available - please indicate need when registering before June 20th.



# Parish News

## Prayers of Comfort

- For Pastor Donohue & Marilyn Sarff in the death of Donohue's sister, Doris Doti, on April 22nd
- For Byron Pike (Michelle, Madison and Aubrey) and family in the death of Byron's mother Jane Pike on April 29th
- For Diane & Keith Brekke in the death of Diane's sister, Fern Janet Schjenken, on May 7th
- For Teresa Anderson in the death of her father, Harvey William Anderson Jr, on May 9th
- For Mary Lou Haldorson, Michael Haldorson, & Jane Schwickert and their families, in the death of their husband and father, Nordeene Haldorson, who died on May 17th
- For the family of Harlan Compton, who died on May 18th
- For Sandra & Byron Tungsvik in the death of Sandra's mother, Anna Mae Brenke, on May 18th

## Prayers of Celebration

- For Dan & Mary Jo Menden in their celebration of 50 years of marriage on May 28
- For the 2023 graduates

# RIC Taskforce

Hello Members of CTK,

Following our open applications a couple months ago, we are happy to announce that an official RIC Taskforce has been formed and approved by the Council. Members of the taskforce are Jodi Wallschlaeger, Julie Hatleli, Brittany Ward, Gerri DeWitte, Brad Brozik, Becky Menk and Garrick Rudolf. We are excited to start on this RIC journey and see where it takes us. Be on the lookout for more information from the task force to come later this fall!

Thank you,  
Liz Zaruba & Di Storvick, RIC Co-Chairs

# Directory Update

It's time to complete the hallway member photoboard and get contact information update for the church staff. Throughout the month of June we will have stations set up before and after each church service to do this. If you are available to help take pictures and collect updated info, please contact the office or email [andreap@ctkmankato.org](mailto:andreap@ctkmankato.org).



You can submit your own photo  
and update your info at:  
<https://forms.gle/bwZsVgeMgojSoQTkg>





## From the Faith Continuum Coordinator

Greetings Christ's Ambassadors all,

We have completed our second year of Faith Continuum. All who have spoken to me expressed continued interest in this ongoing Ministry of CtK. We look forward to honoring that interest!

We started the year with Lynn Mullin of LSS and Kathy Chatelaine of our SE MN Synod presenting on refugees and immigrants. That may have assisted Congregants to leap into action and lead a new CtK Ministry sponsoring Ukrainian refugees and Nicaraguan immigrants. That theme continued with a visit from LIRS Pastor Shafer in April. We finished the year by circling back with MSU-Mankato's Kristin Odland sharing opportunities that we have with the international student community at Minnesota State University. If you wish more information on how you can welcome students who are new to our shores share about this "shining city on the hill", please contact Kristin Odland at [kristin.odland@mnsu.edu](mailto:kristin.odland@mnsu.edu).

In between we looked at ELCA social statements and messages including mental health, physical health and disabilities. Pastor John reminded us that Advent is all about Jesus and Garrett shared on Advent/Christmas Religious Traditions.

We learned from the experts on Luther and our Lutheran faith/heritage/tradition. Finally, Paul spent several Sundays sharing "Jesus in the Movies" with us. We cannot thank our members Joel Fienen, Dr. Darcie Jacobs, Dr. Paul Meierding, Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger, Pastor John Petersen, Garrett Steinberg enough. Also, we express our gratitude to Adrea Petzel for a guided tour through our web site and elexio. A special thank you to our new friend Brandon Macfarlane for sharing about his accident, near death experiences and the physical and social challenges a quadriplegic in our society faces.

We owe a considerable debt to those who came before us so that we might become more aware of the other faiths that trace their earthy roots to Abraham - including, Rabbi Barry Cytron, Dr. Sara Ruble, Dr. Steve Mellema and frequent contributor Dr. Darrell Jodock. Finally, the 6 week Lenten Leaders Dr. Jodock, Dr. Mark Tranvik and Dr. Leonard Hummel who gave new insights to what it means to be a Lutheran Pauline Christian - you were exceptional.

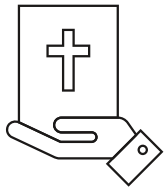
I will start introducing this fall's Faith Continuum leaders in the July Messenger. The Pre-Christmas schedule is almost set.

Your Faith Continuum Coordinator, Todd

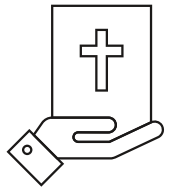
## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is looking for CTK members to serve on the Church Council and Commissions. Three year terms begin in August. If you are interested in serving our church family in this way, please contact Kathy Brozik (chair) 507-420-4038 or [kathybrozik@gmail.com](mailto:kathybrozik@gmail.com), Pastor Melanie, or Pastor John.





**Sponsor a child for VBS:** \$40 will provide a child the opportunity to "Uncover the Truth" at this summer's vacation bible school. The fee helps to cover the supplies, snacks and curriculum. If you would like to contribute, please bring it to the church office or contact [kirstene@ctkmankato.org](mailto:kirstene@ctkmankato.org)



## Prayer Corner

submitted by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

### Where Two Or Three Are Gathered

Last month we considered the importance of spending time alone in prayer, as Jesus instructed and modeled. But equally important is praying together with other believers. Jesus said, "Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." [Matthew 18:19-20 NRSV]. There are many lessons we can learn from these verses.

**First**, praying together multiplies power. Our God is a multiplier! He can multiply "loaves and fishes" and he promises to multiply answers to prayer when we pray together with one accord. Praying together builds unity. We need each other. We are stronger when we stand together and encourage one another. We become a "chord of three strands" that cannot be easily broken. [Ecclesiastes 4:12]. **Second**, praying together invites the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. In God's presence, we lack nothing. Through our prayers of faith, God comes to us with forgiveness, healing, hope, and life abundant. God's presence overwhelms us with love and lets us see our earthly problems from heaven's perspective. **Third**, praying together increases our faith. We all struggle with doubts from time to time. When that happens, someone else can pray with us in faith and encourage our weak faith to revive. We can do the same for others. Together, as we see prayers answered, we dare to believe for miracles.

As Lutherans, we are comfortable when our pastors pray formal prayers during worship services, but we are not so comfortable praying informal "out loud" prayers with other believers, even though Jesus encouraged it and the early Christians constantly gathered together for such prayer. [See e.g., Acts 1:14, Acts 2:42, and Acts 12:12]. During this month, I encourage you to claim Jesus' promises in Matthew 18:18-19 by praying out loud with another believer—maybe your spouse, or a friend, or another family member. Pray specifically about one thing that you know to be in accordance with God's will, and remind God that he has promised to answer and to be present with you. Pray expectantly, then see what happens. You may have found yourself a new prayer partner!

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Romans 15:5-6*

### SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER ROOM VOLUNTEERS

**June 4th**

9:30am

Phyllis Spangrud

**June 11th**

9:30am

Sue Moore

**June 18th**

9:30am

Kris Barnes

**June 25th**

9:30am

Jerry & Kathy Bodelson



# Looking Ahead at the lessons...

## June 4th

### The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1—2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

## June 18th

### 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35—10:8

## June 11th

### 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## June 25th

### 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

# Financial Update

submitted by David Krause, Treasurer

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
4/30/2023

|                            | April 2023  | MTD Budget  | Variance  | YTD          | YTD Budget   | Variance     | April 2022  | Variance   | Prior Year   | Variance     |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Operational Income   | \$ 58,244   | \$ 55,380   | \$ 2,864  | \$ 681,744   | \$ 742,240   | \$ (60,496)  | \$ 53,106   | \$ 5,138   | \$ 701,667   | \$ (19,923)  |
| Total Operational Expenses | \$ (60,029) | \$ (69,996) | \$ 9,967  | \$ (807,372) | \$ (700,008) | \$ (107,364) | \$ (67,399) | \$ 7,370   | \$ (659,994) | \$ (147,378) |
| Other Income               | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -      | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 1,368    | \$ (1,368) | \$ 82,417    | \$ (82,417)  |
| Other Expenses             | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -      | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| Endowment Income           | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -      | \$ 11,821    | \$ -         | \$ 11,821    | \$ -        | \$ -       | \$ 1,323     | \$ 10,498    |
| Net Income/(Loss)          | \$ (1,785)  | \$ (14,616) | \$ 12,831 | \$ (113,807) | \$ 42,232    | \$ (156,039) | \$ (12,925) | \$ 11,140  | \$ 125,413   | \$ (239,220) |

# Lunch - for - a - buck Thanks

It is with joy and thanksgiving that Crossroads Campus Ministry offers its gratitude to Christ the King Lutheran Church and the volunteers who prepared, delivered, and served delicious hot meals to hungry college students through our Lunch For-a-Buck program during the 2022-2023 school year. We extend a special thank you to faithful servants, Cindy Kehoe, Jim Hatleli, Dean Brudwick, Leslie Starr, Armin Schull, and Jerry Bodelson for taking time out of their busy schedules to ensure that no student left Crossroads hungry. Your congregation was responsible for serving Lunch For-a-Buck on seven Tuesdays throughout the year. Your volunteers fed 250 individuals and collected \$233.90 in donations that went right back into purchasing the salads, beverages and table supplies for subsequent lunches.

Crossroads Campus Ministry was privileged to host 30 lunches throughout the school year, and due to the generosity of Christ the King Lutheran Church and other area congregations, a total of 1,050 people were fed and \$1,059.74 in donations was collected to ensure that we can keep feeding students into the future. We look forward to continuing Lunch For-a-Buck when Fall Term begins in August and hope that Christ the King will partner with us again to feed Minnesota State - Mankato students. God bless you for your faithfulness and support of this important and impactful ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

Crossroads Campus Ministry





## Library Corner

The month of JUNE brings calendar and schedule changes for all of us. It is the time when school ends for the summer with special graduations for many and perhaps special family celebrations. There is time to enjoy more outdoor activities like fishing, boating, golfing, ball games, picnics, travel, vacation time and perhaps a few projects. Hopefully you will also find more time to relax and enjoy reading some good books!

### ADDITION OF MANY NEW ADULT BOOKS

- "Wake Up With Purpose!" by Sister Jean Doris Schmidt with Seth Davis. "What I've learned in my first 100 Years. Since 1994 Sister Jean served as team Chaplain for Loyola's University Men's basketball team and analyst for CBS Sports."
- "All MY Knotted-Up Life" (Memoir) by Beth Moore. "A beautifully crafted portrait of resilience and survival, a poignant reminder of GOD's enduring faithfulness."
- "Harvest Moon" (Novel) by Denise Hunter. "A beautiful tale of second chances, self-sacrifice, and renewed romance."
- "Faithful" & "Cherished" (Novels) by Kim Cash Tate
- "Thorn In My Heart", "Fair Is the Rose", "Whence Came A Prince", "Grace Is Thine Eyes" (Historical Novel Series) by Liz Curtis Higgs
- "Home Front" & "The Nightingale" (Novels) BY Kristin Hannah
- "The Red Siren", "The Blue Enchantress", & "The Raven Saint" (3-book series) by MaryLu Tyndall. "Author known for her adventurous historical romances filled with deep spiritual themes."

### BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S 'READING NOOK'

- "The Bible Made Easy (for Kids)" by Dave Strehler. "A fun, informative and faith-filled journey through the Bible."
- "I Am - Why Two Little Words Mean So Much" by Dr. Wayne Dyer with Kristina Tracy
- "You're Always Enough and More Than I Hoped For" by Emily Ley and illustrated by Romina Galotta

The **CTK Library History Area** continues to expand with the addition of the updated CTK Confirmation Photo Albums for 1961-2022. Also there is a wonderful album of the Construction for 1994-1995 CTK Building Addition and Dedication Events in May 1995. Much gratitude goes to **Pastor Donahue Sarff** for his hours of love and time to complete this wonderful documentation for CTK! (October 2009)

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.

## Birthday Cards

We are looking for unused birthday cards. If you have any you'd like to contribute, please bring them to the front desk of the church office Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm.



+CTK  
*kids*

JUNE  


# Plan for Fall at CTK

## Rally Sunday



Sunday, September 10, 2023

## 3-year-old Preschool Bible Milestone

If your child is 3 years-old by August 31, 2023 your child 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



## Christ the King Lutheran Church First Communion Faith Lab



**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**1:00-3:00PM**

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



# 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

## Contact the Staff

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Pastor John Petersen: ext. 24

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Andrea Petzel, Communications & Event Coordinator

Carl Riese, Property Manager: ext. 11

Carolyn Krause, Front-desk

Dede Amundson; Front-desk

Garrett Steinberg, Music Director: ext. 37

Jodi Maas, Faith Engagement Coordinator: ext. 25

Kirsten Elliott, Director of Children's Ministries: ext. 20

Mark Thompson, Custodian

Morgan Corona, Office Administrator

Robin Hughes, Choir Director

Todd Lundquist, Faith Continuum Coordinator: ext. 25

**Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm M - TH, or by appt**

Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, March 20th

Please email to [andreap@ctkmankato.org](mailto:andreap@ctkmankato.org) or leave with front desk.