

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:

- Vivian Elizabeth Hull, daughter of Jonathan and Kaitlyn Hull
- Briar Thomas Yess, son of Jordan and Morgan Yess
- Quinn Francis Fish, daughter of Sean and Sara Fish
- Owen Daniel Jensen, son of Matt and Anna Jensen

Prayers of Comfort

- Our prayers and deepest sympathies are extended to the Storvick family in the passing of Rolf Storvick on May 3.
- Our prayers and deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Doug Anderson in his passing on April 26.
- Our prayers deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Margaret McClemons, Levonne Rohn's sister-in-law on her passing .

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
4/30/2026

	Apr-26	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Apr-25	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 66,162	\$ 73,584	\$ (7,422)	\$ 291,269	\$ 294,334	\$ (3,066)	\$ 50,223	\$ 15,939	\$ 713,947	\$ (422,678)
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (81,149)	\$ (73,434)	\$ (7,715)	\$ (290,959)	\$ (293,737)	\$ 2,779	\$ (65,963)	\$ (15,186)	\$ (548,314)	\$ 257,355
Other Income		\$ 467	\$ (467)		\$ 1,867	\$ (1,867)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,981	\$ (6,981)
Special Events Income			\$ -	\$ 265		\$ 265	\$ 775	\$ (775)	\$ 810	\$ (545)
Rent Income	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -		\$ 3,500		\$ 14,000
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (11,487)	\$ 4,116	\$ (15,603)	\$ 14,575	\$ 16,463	\$ (1,888)	\$ (14,965)	\$ 3,478	\$ 173,424	\$ (158,849)

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

ELIJAH'S PRAYER FOR A MIRACLE

1 Kings 18:36-37 [NRSV]

Elijah was a prophet in Israel during the reign of King Ahab. The Bible states that Ahab “did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who were before him.” [1 Kings 16:30]. He married Jezebel, a foreigner, who led him to worship Baal and Asherah, the Canaanite god and goddess of fertility. But God sent Elijah to confront Ahab and remind him that it is the Lord God of Israel—not Baal or Asherah—who is in control of all things, including life and death, fertility and infertility. Elijah prophesied to Ahab that there would be no rain or dew in Israel “except by my word.” [1 Kings 17:1].

After three years of severe drought, God instructed Elijah to present himself to Ahab, promising to “send rain on the earth.” [1 Kings 18:1]. But before the rain came, God was going to make it clear to the people of Israel, many of whom were following Baal, that he was the true God. Elijah told Ahab to have all the people assemble on Mount Carmel, “with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” [1 Kings 18:19]. It was time for a showdown!

Elijah proposed a competition whereby he and the prophets of Baal would each sacrifice a bull on a wooden altar and call on the name of their god, “and the god who answers by fire is indeed God.” [1 Kings 18:24]. They agreed. The prophets of Baal went first. From morning to midday they cried out to Baal, limped around their altar and even cut themselves until the blood gushed, but there was no answer. Elijah mocked them, suggesting that perhaps Baal was asleep and needed to be awakened. When it was Elijah’s turn, the first thing he did was to repair the altar “in the name of the Lord” using twelve stones. [1 Kings 18:30-32]. Then he dug a trench around the altar, put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces and laid them on the wood. Then he had the people pour twelve jars of water over the altar, the offering and the wood, so that the water filled the trench. Finally, Elijah cried out to the Lord with this simple prayer, in sharp contrast to the antics of the Baal prophets:

“O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have turned their hearts back.”

[1 Kings 18:36-37]. Immediately, the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones of the altar, the dust, “and even licked up the water that was in the trench.” [vs. 38]. What an amazing display of power! When the people saw it, they fell on their faces and proclaimed, “The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.” [vs. 39].

Later that day, the Lord did send a heavy rain, and when it came, there was no doubt in anyone’s mind that it was the Lord God of Israel who had sent it. It took a mighty miracle to remind the people that God truly controls all things. But what about those of us who were not there that day on Mount Carmel? What do we believe about God’s nature? Do we believe that God is in control of all things in our lives and in our world? Can we, too, proclaim, “the Lord indeed is God”?

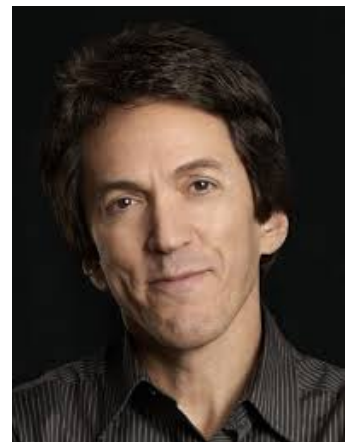
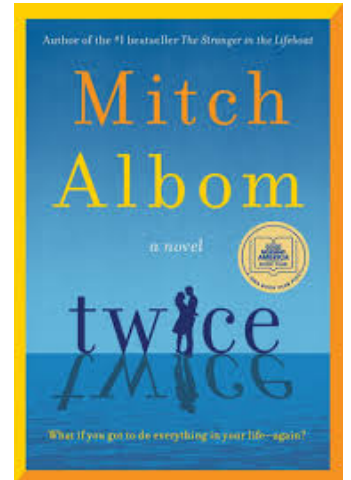
Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?
You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.
Psalm 77:13-14 [NIV]

LIBRARY CORNER

JUNE brings schedule changes for all of us. School ends for the summer with graduations, weddings and perhaps special family celebrations. There is now time to enjoy outdoor activities like fishing, boating, golfing, ball games, picnics, travel, vacation time and perhaps a few projects. Hopefully you can find time to relax and read some good books!

Featured best-selling author this month is **MITCH ALBOM**. An American author, sports journalist, talk show host and philanthropist. From his sports focus he moved to writing inspirational stories and themes with a preeminent early one being "Tuesday with Morrie". While in college he paid his tuition in part through employment playing piano.

- "Twice" by Mitch Albom [F ALB] "What if you got to do everything in your life again? Novel is stunning love story about a life of second chances and how our unchecked temptations may cost us everything we have had all along."
- "The Little Liar" by Mitch Albom [F ALB] "Story about a boy, who for years hid during the Holocaust and after it, changing names and lives would still be found."
- "The First Phone Call from Heaven" by Mitch Albom [F ALB] "A beautifully rendered tale of faith and redemption that makes us think, feel and hope; then doubt and believe."
- "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom [F ALB] "If you had the chance, just one chance, to go back and fix what you did wrong in life, would you take it? And if you did, would you be big enough to stand it? Story will make you believe in the eternal power of a mother's love."
- "The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom [F ALB] "Author gives us an astoundingly original story that will change everything you have ever thought about the afterlife and the meaning of our lives here on earth. All endings are also beginnings; we just do not know it at the time."







CHILDREN'S 'READING NOOK' - - -

Checkout Display and on the Shelves for Kids & Parents Too!

NEWS @ CTK

Adopt-A-Highway Highway Clean-Up

June 7, 2026
12:00PM

-  Meet in the Pfau Street Parking Lot to plan carpooling
-  Wear good, sturdy shoes
-  Bring gloves (if you have them)
-  Don't forget your sunscreen!



Note: Rain date- June 14, 2026

Now hiring! Visit our website to explore current job openings.



Visit www.ctkmankato.org
Welcome → Staff →
Join the Team to view current openings.

Annual CTK[✦] Women's Retreat

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

Led by Rev. Susan Engholm

Bring a friend or come as you are for a laid-back, faith-filled weekend of fellowship for women 18+.

✦ Early bird pricing ends June 1st!
Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/ctkwr26



JUNE

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

SIGN UP →



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP MEAL SERVER VOLUNTEERS



NEWS @ CTK

June Faith & Fellowship Supper Menu

JUNE 3

Assorted Sandwiches and wraps, Potato Salad, chips & cookies

JUNE 10

Corn Dogs, French Fries, Watermelon & Cake

JUNE 17

Ham Macaroni Salad, Veggie Sticks, Crackers & Cookies

JUNE 24

Chicken Strips, Mac-n-Cheese, Coleslaw & Jello with Fruit

From Congregational Life

A HUGE thank you to all who attended one or more of our sponsored events this past year and for everyone who worked behind the scenes, in any way, to make these events successful and fun for all! Everyone was truly appreciated for the part they played. If you have any suggestions for an event you would like to have considered for a future date, or would like to join our committee, please let us know.



Campus Cupboard Food Shelf

is grateful for the many CTK members who have donated rice, ramen, pasta and yes, even egg cartons. The donations are shared with student and community neighbors near the University campus. For convenience, a Cupboard collection box is located near the CTK office.

NEWS @ CTK

Mankato Fair Trade

AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

LOCATION: BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

DATE: JUNE 27, 2026

TIME: 1:00PM

COST: \$20 ADULT, \$5 CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER



Diane Zempel will be selling tickets at church. You can also contact her directly to purchase tickets.

FAIR TRADE

- a system of exchange that honors producers, communities, consumers, and the environment.
- a model for the global economy rooted in people-to-people connections, justice and accountability. (adapted from Green America)

FAIR TRADE AIMS TO:

- combat child labor
- empower women
- keep families together
- finance development
- protect the environment
- promote democracy
- encourage economic stability

RIC Task Force

From the Reconciling in Christ Task Force (RIC)



Our ELCA denomination supports full inclusion of all people and the recognition of its importance. Below you will find the ELCA social statement that was adopted by the 2025 ELCA National Assembly.

"The ELCA's 2025 social statement on human sexuality affirms that sexuality is a gift from God, calling us to express it with trust, respect, and care for ourselves and others. The statement opposes all forms of sexual exploitation, advocates for justice and equal protection for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and encourages congregations to welcome all in Christ's name. It recognizes the diversity of beliefs within the church and encourages ongoing dialogue, forgiveness, and reconciliation, always seeking what is life-giving for the neighbor."

+CTK SUMMER

Children, Youth & Family



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY BOARD
INVITES YOU TO A



MOONDOGS GAME

SUNDAY, JULY 5 AT 5:05PM



\$12 PER TICKET
ONE MEAL VOUCHER PER TICKET. INCLUDES A
HOTDOG, POP AND CHIPS.

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



Christ the King Lutheran Church Summer Musical

LIFE IS GOOD

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

SIGN UP →





Summer Tour

- May 27** Celebrating our Roots (at CTK)
- June 3** Sibley Park Barn
- June 10** Animal Blessing (at CTK)
- June 17** Lake Francis by Elysian Park
- June 24** VBS Night (at CTK)
- 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)



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