

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.



LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS

6:00PM

SATURDAYS

5:30PM

SUNDAYS

8:15 & 10:00AM

FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER
SERVED ON WEDNESDAYS FROM
5:00 - 5:50PM



First Communion Faith lab on 2/4 had children making bread & wine while learning the meaning in preparation for their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Holy Week & Easter SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - 3/27

No Worship or Meal

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 3/28

6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY - 3/29

12:00pm

3:00pm - Children's Service

6:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY - 3/31

7:00am

9:00am

11:00am

SIGN UP TO SERVE

Ushers, Communion Servers
and Readers needed

ctkmankato.org/get-involved/volunteer



Message from Pastor Melanie

What's up with the Lord's Prayer?

You may have noticed a change in the Lord's Prayer at CTK over the past couple of months. Instead of using the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer that uses words like "art," "thy," and "trespasses", we have been using the more contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer that uses the phrases like "your" and "sins." Who made the change and why?

The Worship Board (formerly the Word and Sacrament Commission) decided that it would be good for CTK to use both the traditional and contemporary versions of the Lord's Prayer. One reason for the change was that it is easier for children to understand the language of the contemporary Lord's Prayer that families and children use every day. The two versions of the Lord's Prayer (traditional and contemporary) are also in the cranberry hymnal right next to one another. It's common for Lutheran congregations to use these two versions of the Lord's Prayer interchangeably, so the Worship Board also was hoping to create more flexibility in our use of the Lord's Prayer, so that we can use language that is meaningful for people in various ages and life stages.

The goal of the Worship Board is to support our shared spiritual life in ways that are deeply rooted in our faith tradition, yet fresh and engaging. It's a delicate balance. We have received some feedback that people prefer the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer. We have also received feedback from people who say that the contemporary version has been "nice for a change" or has "made me think about what I'm praying." Our intent was not to change things permanently, but to support flexibility in how we pray and worship together. We have even talked about inviting people to pray the Lord's Prayer using "language or version with which you are most comfortable."

Thank you to all who have both asked questions and given feedback during this time. Most of all, we are grateful that you are so engaged in worship that you noticed a change, asked about it, and have heartfelt reasons for the version of the Lord's Prayer you love to pray.



All ages came forward to receive ashes during the imposition of ashes on 2/14. From top down, Nancy Patterson, Milena Haugh, and Elias Haugh.



Solar Panel Output



Mankato Youth Place

1/22/2024 12:56pm – 2/22/2024 12:56pm

Summary for time-period shown in graph

Energy Used	0.00 Wh	(approx. \$0.00 used)
Energy Generated	1.69 MWh	(approx. \$101.31 saved)
Net	1.69 MWh sold	(approx. \$101.31 earned)

Erin Simmons from MY Place was unable to be here on 2/20 and has rescheduled to be our guest speaker during worship on **Wednesday, April 3rd**. Come learn more about the organization as we present a gift from Christ the King.

Prayer Corner

submitted by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

Praying the Messianic Psalms


This month we continue our study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, [Psalms: the Prayer Book of the Bible](#), by focusing on Psalm 22, known as one of the "Messianic" psalms. A psalm may be described as a Messianic psalm if it prophesies, or points toward, the coming Messiah. Other Messianic psalms include Psalms 2, 20, 21, 45, 69, 72 and 110. After his resurrection, Jesus said to his disciples: "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." [Luke 24:44.] From the cross, Jesus prayed Psalm 22 when he cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Matthew 27:46, quoting Psalm 22:1.] Psalm 22 points to the crucifixion of Jesus the Messiah. By praying this psalm from the cross, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy.

Other verses from Psalm 22 remind us of Jesus' crucifixion, particularly verses 14 through 18, where the psalmist writes, "I am poured out like water," "all my bones are out of joint," "my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast," "my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws," "I can count all my bones," and "they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." These images convey the depths of Jesus' suffering. When we pray this prayer as Jesus did, we identify with his suffering and know that he understands our suffering.

Like many of the psalms, Psalm 22 begins with a lament, but ends in praise. This reflects Holy Week, which begins with Jesus' betrayal, trial, crucifixion and death, but does not end there. Holy Week ends on Easter with the greatest shout of victory the world has ever known! Suffering does not have the last word. These are the final words of praise from Psalm 22:

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.*

Psalm 22:27-31



Thank you from Crossroads

Time sure flies. We can't believe that we're already well into Spring Term at MSU-Mankato! We feel blessed to have Christ the King Lutheran Church and your volunteers as partners in our ministry to feed hungry students through our **Lunch For-a-Buck** program. On Tuesday, February 13, faithful volunteers Cindy Kehoe, Armin Schull and Dean Brudwick served a delicious lunch of beef stroganoff, mac-n-cheese, beefy taco rice casserole, broccoli cheese soup, mixed vegetables and homemade cherry pie bars and banana bars to 44 hungry lunch-goers. They also collected \$32.25 in donations that will be used to purchase the salad supplies, beverages, paper plates, dinnerware, and other items for lunches during Spring Term. We look forward to seeing you at your next Lunch For-a-Buck on March 12. God bless you for your generosity and for supporting the students and our ministry at Crossroads.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER PIE A CTK STAFFER

We will have a table before and after each service the week of **March 6, 9 & 10**. The 2 staff volunteers with the most funds raised at the beginning of worship on March 13th will get a pie to the face while everyone else enjoys a slice in the Community Room following 6 PM worship. To participate, you can donate cash or check (made payable to Christ the King) in the bucket for the person you want to get pied.

STAFF VOLUNTEERS INCLUDE: PASTOR MELANIE, ROBIN HUGHES, KIRSTEN ELLIOTT, ALYSSA HERRIG, ANDREA PETZEL, AL LEE, TODD LUNDQUIST, & JODI MAAS.



Cooking with Clayton

On February 13th, 10 members learned how to make a chicken dish with Chef Clayton. They were able to savor their hard work together and enjoy one of Clayton's wonderful cakes.



February 14th was Chef Clayton's last day with CTK. While we will miss him greatly, we have wished him the best of luck as he relocates to Rochester and hope to see him back here from time to time.

Watch for details on the next CTK Social Event.

Library Corner

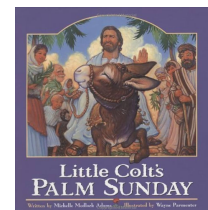
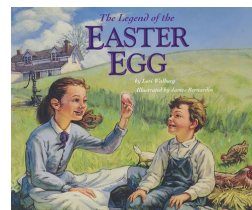
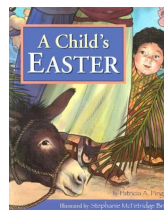
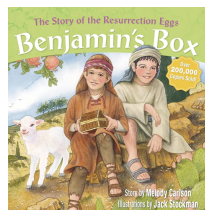
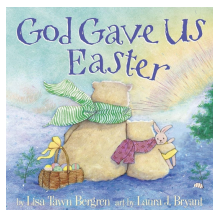
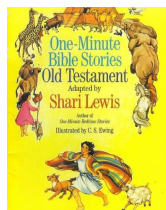
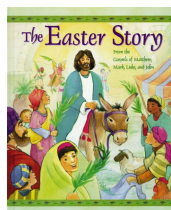
Our **March** has arrived after these many mild weeks of our scheduled winter season! It is the month we will celebrate several important events - St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings time, arrival of Spring, season of Lent & Easter Sunday. It is also national read a book month.

ADULT REFERENCE BOOKS: Preparation for "Season of Lent" & Easter

- "In the footsteps of Jesus: chronicle of his life & origins of Christianity" by Jean-Pierre Isbouts (Code: 232 REA)
- "Jesus: Intimate portrait of the Man, His land & people" by Leith Anderson (Code: 232.9 AND)
- "The Women of Easter: Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth & Mary Magdalene" by Liz Curtis Higgs. (Code: 32 HIG)
- "No Wonder they call him the Savior" by Max Lucado (Code: 232.9 LUC)
- "Six hours one Friday: anchoring power of the cross" by Max Lucado (Code: 232.9 LUC)
- "Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die" by John Piper (Code: 232.9 PIP)
- "Why Jesus? Rediscovering his truth in an age of mass-marketed spirituality" by Ravi Zacharias (Code: 239.9 ZAC)
- "Jesus, the one and only" by Beth Moore (Code: 232 MOO)
- "Jesus on trial: a lawyer affirms the truth of the gospel" by David Limbaugh (Code: 239 LIM)
- "Easter in my heart: uplifting stories of Redemption & Hope" by Joe Wheeler (Code: 813 WHE)

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN: [Learning about the "Season of Lent"]

- "The Easter Story" illustrated by Cathy Ann Johnson. "Stories told from gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." (Code: EE)
- "One-Minute Bible Stories" (Old Testament) by Shari Lewis. "Includes Jesus' Life, Death & Resurrection" (Code: EL)
- "God Gave Us Easter" by Lisa Tawn Bergren. "Perfect for littlest readers; learning what Easter season really means." (Code: EB)
- "Benjamin's Box" by Melody Carlson "A Resurrection Story for children." (Code: EC)
- "A Child's Easter" by Patricia Pingry. "Sensitively told story of Jesus' Jerusalem triumphal journey) (appropriate/ 3-8 age) (Code: EP)
- "The Legend of the Easter Egg" by Lori Walburg. "Resurrection story, a meaning of new life through the symbolism of the Easter egg". (Code: EW)
- "Little Colt's Palm Sunday" by Michelle Adams. "The story of that historic life-changing day!" (Code: EA)



Suggestions for book/author ideas, contact a Committee Member: Kathy Bruss, Linda Eisenbeis, Emmy Geppert, Marilyn Mathiason, Kris Norland, Ellen Petersen or Ann Stewart.



Stan Bruss leads the wine making for First Communion Faith Lab on 2/4.



Parker Weckwerth, Jonah & Owen Scholl making bread.



Pastor Melanie and Anna Krusemark stomping grapes.

Faith Continuum

Warm Winter greetings to All,

The third Sunday of Lent Pastor John finishes his three-week series - "Why I Still Study the Bible". If you have missed any part of it, it is on Facebook and is well worth the watch. If I might add, anyone who wants to catch up on our first series of the new year please go to Sarah Ruble Racism in America on YouTube.

The second Sunday of the month has the Congregational Council visiting with updates galore! Sharpen your pencils (leave the knives at home) and be ready to ask all pertinent questions.

March 17th brings a return to our faith in action series. Ctk member Manny Zempel shares his history as a lay minister in Iowa before he and Diane joined us in 2022.

Palm Sunday we may not have Faith Continuum. Please look for more announcements as time grows nearer to Palm Sunday. We hope all are able to celebrate Easter Sunday with family here and at home. Thus, there will be no Faith Continuum as we will be shouting "He is Risen"! for all to hear!.

We are all Easter people, Todd

FAITH CONTINUUM PRESENTS

"WHY I STILL STUDY THE BIBLE"

LED BY PASTOR JOHN

MARCH 3RD

BEGINS AFTER 8:15AM WORSHIP

MARCH 10TH
COUNCIL UPDATES

MARCH 17TH
FAITH IN ACTION

MARCH 24TH
WATCH FOR UPDATES

MARCH 31ST
WILL NOT MEET



Fellowship Opportunities

Tuesdays

9:00am Coffee & Conversation
10:15am Book Study

March 16th

9:00am: Bibles, Bagels, & Brew
Women's Faith Group

March 25th

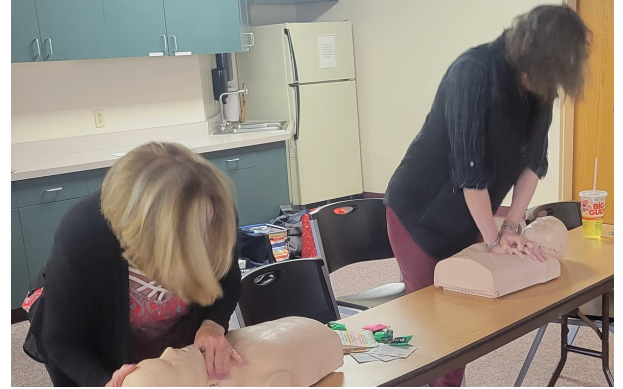
6:30pm: Women's Bible Study

March 19th

1:00pm: Ruth Circle
Bible Study

March 27th

9:00am-3:00pm Quilters



On 2/20, staff received AED/CPR certification. They now know how to save your life but pray they don't need to.

Learn More: ctkmankato.org/get-involved/adults

Parish News

Prayers of Comfort for

- Brad Brozik and family in the death of Brad's father, Jim, who died on February 5th

Treasurer's Report

01/31/2024

	Jan 2024	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Jan 2023	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 235,215	\$ 73,330	\$ 161,885	\$ 649,516	\$ 513,311	\$ 136,205	\$ 66,013	\$ 169,202	\$ 487,834	\$ 161,682
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (66,510)	\$ (73,830)	\$ 7,320	\$ (481,902)	\$ (516,811)	\$ 34,909	\$ (78,359)	\$ 11,849	\$ (619,614)	\$ 137,712
Other Income	\$ 75	\$ 500	\$ (425)	\$ 8,302	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,802	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 7,768	\$ 534
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 168,780	\$ -	\$ 168,780	\$ 175,916	\$ -	\$ 175,916	\$ (12,346)	\$ 181,126	\$ (124,012)	\$ 299,928

Submitted by CTK Treasurer, David Krause

LEFSE BAKE (EASTER VERSION)



MARCH 21

bring ingredients to office so dough can be made ahead of time

MARCH 23

Volunteer to roll and 'bake' no experience needed!
Bring needed equipment to church

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP AT
CTKMANKATO.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/VOLUNTEER

Join us for our

0-3 year old class

in the Rainbow Room

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

Sunday

**March 3, 2024
at 9:00AM**

Register Here



CTK CHILDREN'S LOCK-IN

1ST -6TH GRADE

Drop-Off

Saturday, April 13th at 6PM

Pick-Up

Sunday, April 14 at 8AM

- Pizza
- Scavenger Hunt
- Cookie Baking
- Movie
- Breakfast



Vacation Bible School

Christ the King Lutheran Church

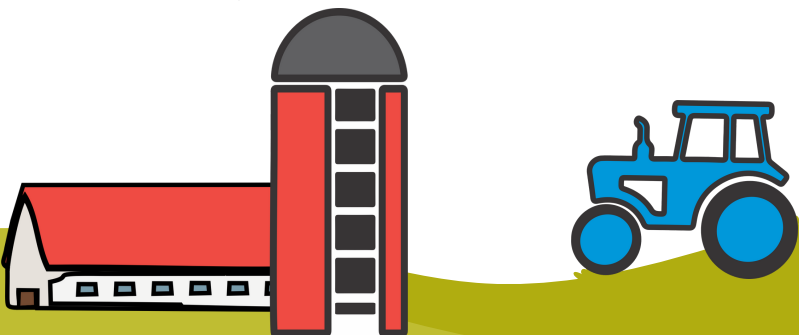
DATE: June 10-13, 2024

TIME: 12:30-5PM

Cost: \$30 per kid

CULTIVATE LIFE
JOHN 15:5

Ingham +
Okoboji
Lutheran Bible Camps



CTK SUMMER MUSICAL IS BACK!



**THE ROCK SLINGER
AND HIS GREATEST HIT**

DATE: AUGUST 19-23, 2024

TIME: 1:00-4:30PM

GRADES: 1ST-12TH GRADE (COMPLETED)

COST: \$30 PER CHILD (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

PERFORMANCE DATES: SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH 5:30PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 9:30AM



MARCH 2024



YOUTH



7-8-9 CONFIRMATION

Meets: Mar. 6, 13, 20

Time: 6:45-7:30 PM

Worship Response Form, Supper Serving
Schedule, Small Group Guide Sign-Up, Handbook:

ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth

SUPPER SERVERS

3/6	Flying Chickens (7)
3/13	Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies (8)
3/20	Speedy Turtles (8)



10-11-12 YOUTH GROUP

Meets: Mar. 6, 13, 20

Time: 6:45-7:30 PM

"TACO TALK"
 March 13
 1:45-3:00
 Los Dos Primos
 2041 Blazing Star Dr

SERVICE & SUN
 Mornings: Service Projects Afternoons: Fun in the Sun!
SAVE THE DATE
 6TH-12TH GRADERS
JUNE 24-26



March 27: No Confirmation or Youth Group

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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Andrea Petzel, Communications & Event Coordinator

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

Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, March 18th
Please email to andreap@ctkmankato.org or leave with front desk.