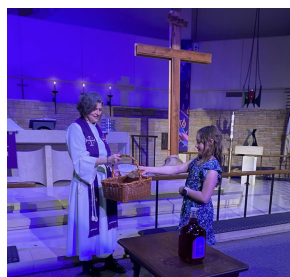


The King's Messenger

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



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend

Wednesdays - 6:00pm

Weather permitting, we will worship in the Pfau St parking lot.

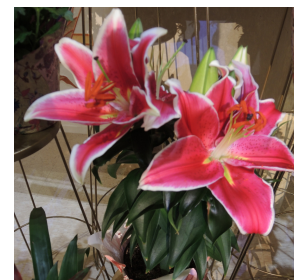
Stay tuned for more on



Saturdays - 5:30pm

Sundays - 9:30am

There will be NO community supper on May 24th, we are having a private dinner to recognize our Seniors.



Pastor's Post

Kato Sleepout Update

The Kato Sleepout in which I recently participated served two purposes: raise awareness regarding people experiencing homelessness, and as a fundraiser for Connections Shelter in Mankato. Thank you for helping me acquire my "you've been housed" card for the Kato Sleepout with your generous donations!



The Connections Shelter event was rescheduled to April 14th (due to a winter storm weather warning in March). The sleepout included time for learning about Connections Shelter and its drop-in center on Front Street. The evening included assimilation activities: having my backpack searched, finding a spot to camp in the parking lot; being served dinner; and playing a game, in which each player represented a real-life stories and scenarios in acquiring safe, affordable housing. The weather that evening swung from being hot and sunny to cold, rainy, and windy. It felt like an amazing blessing when Pastor Collette and Pastor Erica announced that the goal for the Sleepout had been surpassed and, as a result, every participant could go home. As I returned home that night, I found myself more mindful and grateful to have a place I call home. Thank you, CTK, for raising \$1367 of the over \$22,000 that was raised through the Kato Sleepout.

We slept out, so others don't have to.

Parish News

Prayers of Comfort

- For the family of Gerald (Gerry) Ball who died on March 20th. Gerry is survived by his family
- For the family of Anita Riese who died on April 5th. Anita is the mother of Carl Riese, property manager of Christ the King
- For the family of Sue Kelly who died on April 10th. Sue is survived by her sons, Ryan (Angela) Kelly and Shea (Melissa) Kelly and their families
- For the family of Curlin Swanson who died on April 21st. Curlin is survived by his wife, Carol and their children, Charles and Sam "Eunice" and their families.
- For the family of Lowell James who died on April 19th. Lowell is survived by his wife, Shirley and their children, Pam, Kari, and Greg
- For the family of Connie Campbell who died on April 23rd. Connie is the mother of Rob (Eileen) Campbell and their children Collin & Z

Prayers of Celebration

- For the baptism of Colton Lee Schroeder on April 2nd. Colton is the son of Brian & Alissa Schroeder
- For the baptism of Vaeda Frances Rasmussen on April 23rd. Vaeda is the daughter of Jason & Leah Rasmussen



From the Faith Continuum Coordinator

Greetings Messenger Readers,

Faith Continuum meets through May 21st and then we break for the Summer Season. Until then, we gather each Sunday after the first Service in the Fireside Room - all are welcome. As you may read this before April 30th, I include the Council's first of two Sundays as we wrap up the Spring Season.

On April 30th and May 7th the Council presents. So, sharpen your pencils and be ready to ask all you wish to know about Ctk. This is always the best opportunity to find out what has happened throughout the last year and what the plans are for the next.

4/30 - Is a "Spring Council Update and Q & A" The Ctk Council will update attendees on what the Council has been working on along with time for questions.

5/7 - "What Do They Do?" Attendees will hear presentations from the Council, Commissions, and Committees about what they do. This will be a chance for attendees to learn how each group serves the Church as we are starting to gather new volunteers for 2023-2024.

5/14 - Andrea Petzel, our Communications Coordinator and Event Coordinator, joins us. Bring your laptops, tablets and/or smartphones. Andrea will show all in attendance how to work one's way through Elexio AKA MyCTK and our web site.

5/21 Kristin Odland joins us to present on MSU Mankato's Friendship Family Program and it's goal to provide an opportunity for international students to make friends with Mankato area families. Kristin is a graduate of some school in the state south of us whose school colors are yellow and black. Kristin came to MSU after a 15 year stint with Bridges International (an International Student Organization). She is now the Retention Specialist with the Kearney International Center at MSU.

If you were not able to join us on April 23rd you may not have had the pleasure of filling out a survey. Doing so will provide you the opportunity to make your wishes known on the future of Faith Continuum. Please stop in the Church office to pick up a survey, pick one up at Faith Continuum through 5/21 or send me a request at todd@ctkmankato.org and I will forward you one. After completion it would be greatly appreciated if you return it to the Church office or bring it to Faith Continuum.

Your Faith Continuum Coordinator, Todd

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.



Looking Ahead at the lessons...

May 7th 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 14th 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 21st 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28th Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Financial Update

submitted by David Krause, Treasurer

Christ the King Lutheran Church
3/31/2023

	Mar 2023	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Mar 2022	Variance	Prior Year	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 68,392	\$ 60,380	\$ 8,012	\$ 623,500	\$ 686,860	\$ (63,360)	\$ 62,819	\$ 5,573	\$ 588,430	\$ 35,070
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (57,391)	\$ (69,996)	\$ 12,605	\$ (747,343)	\$ (630,013)	\$ (117,330)	\$ (60,977)	\$ 3,586	\$ (531,618)	\$ (215,725)
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,889	\$ (1,889)	\$ 76,472	\$ (76,472)
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Endowment Income	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ 11,821	\$ -	\$ 11,821	\$ 440	\$ 10	\$ 883	\$ 10,938
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 11,451	\$ (9,616)	\$ 21,067	\$ (112,022)	\$ 56,847	\$ (168,869)	\$ 4,171	\$ 7,280	\$ 134,167	\$ (246,189)

Lunch - for - a - buck Thanks

Thank you to Christ the King Lutheran Church for providing Lunch for-a-Buck at Crossroads Campus Ministry on Tuesday, April 11. Cindy Kehoe, Jerry Bodelson, Armin Schull and Dean Brudwick served a scrumptious lunch of chicken, broccoli & rice casserole, spinach and cheese stuffed manicotti, and homemade snickerdoodle bars and oatmeal chocolate chip bars to 44 hungry lunch goers on this warm and sunny spring day. They also collected \$37.45 in donations that will help us fund the continued purchase of the lettuce salad, beverages and table supplies for future lunches. Students continue to look forward to these weekly hot lunches to help them get through the day. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of the students and our ministry at Crossroads.

Join the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild sets up before and and cleans up after communion. They are needing help on Sundays after the 8:15am service along with before and after the 10:00am service. During the summer this help will only be needed the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. If you are available or interested in helping with any of these times, please call 507-345-5056.



Prayer Corner

submitted by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

Find a Deserted Place

In this column, we have been examining lessons on prayer that Jesus taught us, either by his words or his example. One of the things Jesus seemed to do quite often was to withdraw from the crowds and his disciples, find a deserted place, and pray alone:

- *And after [Jesus] had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone . . . ~Matthew 14:23*
- *In the morning, while it was still very dark, [Jesus] got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ~Mark 1:35*
- *But [Jesus] would withdraw to deserted places and pray. ~Luke 5:16*

There are many distractions in this life. It is almost overwhelming to consider how many things vie for our time and attention every day—work, school, family, friends, chores, gym, volunteer activities, news, social media feeds, and on and on. But interestingly, God is not on that list. God does not compete for our attention the way other things do.

Jesus put a priority on his relationship with God the Father. In order to clearly know and hear God, Jesus needed to withdraw from the world and spend time alone with God. If that was important for Jesus, it should also be important for us. God wants to have a relationship with us. God wants us to know who he is. When we spend time alone with God, we draw closer to him and get to know him in a more intimate way than is possible in a large group setting like a church service.

How can we establish a practice of giving God our full attention for a certain period of time each day? Jesus said, "whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret" (Matthew 6:6). Find a quiet spot in your home where you can shut the door on all distractions. Make it a habit to meet God there at the same time every day. Start with five minutes if that's all you have. That may soon grow to ten minutes, twenty minutes, even an hour, as you linger in God's presence and receive the peace that comes only from him. Tell God what is on your heart and mind, but also ask God what is on his heart and mind. Make it your priority to get to know God as well as you know your best friend!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER ROOM VOLUNTEERS

May 7th

8:15am

Dorothy Viker

10:00am

Sandy Smith

May 14th

8:15am

Ann Stewart

10:00am

Jodie Wallschlaeger

May 21st

8:15am

Kris Barnes

10:00am

Chuck Dahline

May 28th

one service

Linda Eisenbeis





Library Corner

The month of **MAY** is known as a time of transition. We look forward and hope the cold winds (and snow) disappear, and gentle rains help bring spring flowers, chirping birds, more outdoor activities and people seem a little more joyful!

PURCHASE OF MANY NEW ADULT BOOKS - (Watch for continued details)

- "The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line" by Mari Eder "This book takes you inside the lives and experiences of (15) unknown women heroes from the Greatest Generation, the women who served, fought, struggled, and made things happen during WWII- in and out of uniform, for theirs is a legacy destined to embolden generations of women to come."
- "Nothing More Dangerous" by Allen Eskens (Mystery Fiction) "Story vividly renders how small towns try to keep their secrets and how sometimes they cannot. As the mystery of Lida Poe's fate plays out, Boady Sanden begins to see stark lines of race and class that both bind and divide this small town in Ozark hills and then he is forced to choose sides."
- "A Father's Odyssey" by Terry Hitchcock & Peter Jessen "75-Marathons in 75-consecutive days to bring attention to the incredibly difficult lives of single parent families." The Terry Hitchcock Story (movie) "My Run", a true story with Midwest connections!

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S 'READING NOOK' - (Watch for New Ones Coming)

- "Who You Were Made to Be" by Joanna Gaines illustrated by Julianna Swaney. 'Today is the day for the ride of our lives as we discover how our differences make for a beautiful sky. We're one of a kind, both you & me, and world needs who we were made to be!'
- "All Are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman "This is a must-read for pre-school and elementary children everywhere. An important book that celebrates diversity and inclusion in a beautiful, age-appropriate way."


CTK History Tidbit: On February 4, 1965 the weekly church newsletter, "Kings Messenger", makes its debut. Then October 10, 1965 the 'library opened' with a collection of (62) books on two wooden charts. This was the beginning of the development of our wonderful expanding CTK Library!

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.

Where Are The CTK Confirmation Photos?

The good news is that this question can now be answered! For many years all the CTK Confirmation Class pictures were on display in the fireside room until a couple years ago when the display rack was no longer useable. These valuable photos (from 1961-2022) went into safe storage and have now been placed in new labeled notebook format and placed on display for viewing in our CTK Library. We hope you will enjoy exploring the memories!





Opportunities to Serve

<https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/volunteer>

Wednesday Nights

CTK Community Dinner

Community Dinner needs a couple of semi-regular volunteers who will work alongside weekly confirmation groups. There is a need for someone who knows (or can learn) how to run the dishwasher and someone who can help serve. Call 507-345-5056 ext 21 to volunteer or learn more.

Third Sunday of the Month

Shelter Church Meal Service

Servers meet at CTK at 3:45 to prepare the meal and transport the meal to Grace Lutheran where they serve it from 4:30-5:00. Sign up at

ctkmankato.org/get-involved/volunteer

Book & Bible Studies

May 18th, 6:45 - 8pm, Fireside Room

Women's Bible Study

May 10th, 1pm, Fireside Room

Bible Study

Join the Altar Guild for coffee, dessert and a Bible Study using the Gather Magazine. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Any questions, call Jan Meier at 507-388-5014.

Wednesdays, 11am, Conference Room

Book Study

This group meets to read and discuss books that focus on history. This year (2022-2023) we are reading *The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line*.

May 16th, 1pm, Room 7

Bible Study

Join the Ruth Circle for the September to May calendar schedule. The Study Guide is selected by attendees. New members are welcome to join at anytime for monthly meetings. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Ann 625-5251 or Diane 625-7766.

May 18th, 7pm, Fireside Room

Women's Book Study

Tuesdays, 9am, Fireside Room

Coffee & Conversation

Each week, Pastor John digs into the three lessons assigned for the coming week's worship with: conversation and coffee!



Fellowship Opportunities

May 18th, 1pm, Fireside Room

Caregivers Support Group

For those who take care of others, whether as parents, children, or loved ones to connect and support each other.



May 2nd, 6-8pm, Artifact

Ladies Night!

Select and pay for your own pottery, prices starting at \$10. Bring a friend and your own beverage! Snacks will be provided.

May 24th & 31st, 9am-3pm, Fireside Room

Quilters

The quilters group has an open invitation to anyone, you DO NOT need to be an accomplished quilter! You are welcome to come for part or all of the day.

1st Saturday of the month

9am - 12pm, Fireside Room

Bibles, Bagels & Brew

Faith-filled, get-together for ladies of all ages includes a new theme each month. Light brunch is served, and the time is filled with meaningful conversation. March 4th is hosted by Women's Retreat planning committee. Let them know you're coming:

ctkmankato.org/get-involved/adults

STORAGE SPACE NEEDED!

If you have space available that could be used to store household items, please contact the office.

Save the Date!

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Class of 2023
May 24th

Are you bored? Too much time on your hands? We might have a solution! As the CTK quilters, we are pleased to have furnished quilts, locally, and worldwide. We could really use your help. We meet once a month – usually the 4th Wednesday – but you could even work from home, cutting blocks, sewing them together all from the comfort of your home. Many hands make light work. Contact Emmy Geppert or Ann Stewart or the church office for more information.

IT'S COFFEE TIME!

2nd & 4th Sundays
Before & After 10 AM Worship



+CTK kids may



0-3 YEAR-OLD CLASS IN THE RAINBOW ROOM

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

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED



Vacation Bible School

Christ the King | Messiah | Epiphany

Ingham
Okoboji
Lutheran Bible Camps



**Uncovering the
Truth**

of who God is
and who we are



DATES June 19-22
TIME 12:30-5 PM
LOCATION Christ the King
222 Pfau St, Mankato
COST \$20/Child
Cash/check on June 19

**Register
by May 15**



6th Grade Confirmation Intro

May 3 & May 10
6:45-7:30

Community Room

Sign-Up >>>



6TH-9TH GRADERS

SERVICE & SUN

Mornings: Service Projects Afternoons: Fun in the Sun!

Register Online:

<https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth>

JULY 10-12



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

SUNDAY, MAY 7
following 10 AM WORSHIP

RAIN DATE: MAY 21



CLASS OF 2023

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Wednesday, May 24
6 PM Worship

GRADUATES ONLY

RSVP for dinner →



HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Group
(10-11-12)

6:45-7:30 PM

May 3 & 10

Meet in the Youth Room



Breakfast &
Devotion

7:45-8:30 AM

3/2 @ Tandem

3/11 @ Tandem



Bethlehem • Calvary • Christ the King • Grace • Messiah
Welcoming Everyone with Love and Compassion; Our Mission: Embracing discipleship

Meet the Cruz Family



The Cruz family came to Christ the King to worship with us April 16 and April 19. It was so nice to have the opportunity to meet them and talk to them with the assistance of Emma Norland's interpreting skills. To know them even better, please read the letter, below, that was signed by all the pastors of the five congregations that are represented by WELCOME. The members of the Welcome Team have come to know the Cruz family very well and were anxious to have a letter of support accompany them to their first ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, appointment in February. Below is a copy of that letter:

February 13, 2023

**U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service
Whipple Federal Building
Fort Snelling, Minnesota**

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing this letter in full support and love for the Ariac and Andrea Cruz Family. This young family of four, formerly from Nicaragua, is very grateful to find a home here in Mankato, Minnesota and are seeking asylum in the United States.

The following Pastors represent five churches sponsoring this family: Pastor Trish Reedstrom ~ Messiah Lutheran; Melanie Wohlschlaeger ~ Christ the King Lutheran; Jay Dahlvang ~ Bethlehem Lutheran; John Odegard ~ Grace Lutheran; and Dave Reedstrom ~ Calvary Lutheran. In addition, Pastor Jacie Richmond, Associate Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran, is the chairperson for the Welcome Team. Our congregations, located in Mankato, Minnesota, have made numerous contributions to this young family, including shelter, food, transportation, clothing, recreation, and shopping, to name a few.

Our congregations will continue collaborating their energy and resources to provide these supports for Ariac and Andrea and their two boys to a new home in the United States.

The family has adapted well since their arrival to Mankato's cold and windy winter season. Ariac and Andrea attend ESL classes, and the boys attend school. All four of them have met new friends and enjoying the friendship and relationships with their neighbors.

With God's love and support from our congregations, this family will mature and grow into a new way of life that wasn't possible when they lived in Nicaragua.

We sincerely hope and pray that Ariac, Andrea, Randy, and Kamil Cruz be granted asylum due to their life situation and their love for God.

THE WOOD
 "He carried His cross."



THE CIRCLE

Reminds us, like a halo, that Christ's suffering on the cross was an act of divine intervention. The cruciform, a cross of equal arms, was first used by Christians in their early Church plans. Jesus, our Savior and King, is eternal, who came to earth "in the fullness of time" for man. Finally, the circle is the symbol of a crown, for Christ is our King.

THE CROSS

Without the circle, it becomes the cross of Jerusalem. So the sign denotes not only the symbol of Christ's death but, also, denotes, his beloved city.

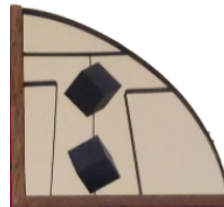


THE 12 IRON BANDS

The 12 apostles were faithful in the proclamation of the good news, and the faithful have carried and proclaimed the redemptive message down through the centuries. Herein lies the cohesiveness of the Christian Church.



CROWN OF THORNS
 "They put a crown of thorns on His head."



ROBE AND DICE
 "They cast lots for His belongings."



MONEY BAGS AND COINS
 "Judas betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver."



FIVE WOUNDS OF CHRIST
 "They pierced His hands and feet...and thrust a sword into his side."

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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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 or leave with front desk.