

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.

Brittany Mailleue called to serve CTK

Mailleue graduates from seminary May 8; starts @ CTK May 19

Brittany Mailleue (pronounced mail-you) was voted by the congregation on Sunday, May 4 to serve as the Associate Pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Mailleue, a North Carolina native, will graduate from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary with a Master of Divinity on May 8. She will be ordained at First Lutheran Church in LeSeuer, Minn. (where her husband currently serves as Pastor) on Sunday, May 18, and begin work at CTK on Monday, May 19. Pastor Mailleue's installation will be June 14 & 15. The Mailleue family currently resides in LeSeuer.



Pastor Jenna's call to ministry evolving

Rev. Couch moves on to serve Calvary, Rapidan & Crossroads @ MSU



Dear Christ the King Family,

I'm writing to share that my time as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor at Christ the King will be coming to a close on Wednesday, May 14th. While I will no longer be on staff, I'm grateful to share

that my family and I will continue to be members here—so we're not going far! I am also pleased to share that I will still be accompanying the CTK youth on the California/Rebound II trip in July!

A new opportunity has come my way that I simply couldn't pass up. I've accepted a part-time call to serve as pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapidan. In addition, I'll continue serving part-time at Crossroads Campus Ministry. I'm excited about this next chapter, but more than anything, I'm incredibly thankful.

When I first moved to Mankato to begin my work with Crossroads, I wasn't sure I would continue in

pastoral ministry at all. My trust in congregational ministry had been deeply shaken. But then I found Christ the King—or rather, Christ the King found me. You welcomed me with open arms. You reminded me that church can be a place of healing, of joy, and of genuine community. You helped me rediscover my love for ministry in the parish setting.

Thank you for that. Thank you for your warmth, your encouragement, and the countless ways you've supported me during my time on staff. It's been a gift to walk with the youth and young adults of this congregation and to grow in faith together.

Though my role is changing, I look forward to continuing to worship, learn, and serve alongside you in new ways. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we make this transition—and know that I'll be praying for you too.

With deep gratitude and love,
Pastor Jenna Couch

Hymn of praise has ancient roots

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

In this Prayer Corner, we are examining various parts of the Lutheran liturgy and how we can incorporate them into our personal prayer life. This month we will focus on the “Gloria in Excelsis Deo,” which is Latin for “Glory to God in the highest.” In some traditions, this glorious hymn of praise is called the “Greater Doxology.” Others refer to it as the “Angelic Hymn,” because it echoes the words the angels sang to the shepherds when announcing Jesus’ birth, as recorded in Luke 2:14 [NRSV]: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” This Angelic Hymn was the first Christmas carol, and the inspiration for one of the carols we still sing, “Angels We Have Heard on High” [ELW 289], in which the phrase “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” is used as a refrain.

The Gloria has been a part of Christian liturgy since the 4th Century. It is one of the ancient hymns of the Church. It is included in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship as the “Hymn of Praise” [see, e.g., ELW pages 148-149], which goes like this:

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, you are seated
at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*



When we sing this Hymn of Praise, or any song of praise, we glorify God and acknowledge that God alone is holy, magnificent, and worthy of our worship and praise. We “give God the glory” as every nation, tribe, language and people is exhorted to do in Revelation 14:7: “Fear God, and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and the earth, and the sea and the springs of water.”

This month, consider incorporating more “Glorias” into your personal prayer practice. Besides Luke 2:14, the Bible is full of references to the glory of God that you can use as prayers. Here are a few suggestions to get you started: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, Psalm 72:18-19, Psalm 96:4-9, Luke 19:38, Romans 11:33-36, 1 Timothy 1:17, Jude 1:24-25 and Revelation 5:13. Praising God in this way not only honors God, but reminds us that God is sovereign, God is in control and God can be trusted.

Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands.
Isaiah 42:12

FAITH FORMATION AT WORK

Fifteen youth receive first Holy Communion



Top row (left to right): Pastor Melanie, Jenaveve Risenberg, Lauren Tourville, Hayden Buzick, Colton Buzick, Charlotte Leiding, Weston Eimer, Edward Schuldt
Front row (left to right): Arra Schuldt, Easton Brand, Weston Franke, Everett Haugh, Blake Beadell, Bode Anderson, Ty Anderson, Declan Eimer, Pastor Jenna

Fifty-plus kids take part in telling Good Friday story



LIBRARY CORNER

The month of MAY is known as a time of transitions. We look forward to warmer temperatures, gentle rains to help bring spring flowers, chirping birds, more outdoor sports and activities. People seem a little more joyful! For questions or book suggestions contact a Committee Member: Kathy Bruss, Linda Eisenbeis, Emmy Geppert, Marilyn Mathiason, Ellen Petersen, Ann Stewart, or Kathy Wenner.

New Books for Adults

(Displayed on designated shelf area)

“The Prophetess” by Barbara Wood

“A novel of discovery, spirituality and faith” (CODE: F WOO)

“Before We Were Us” by Denise Hunter

“Romance between a woman who can’t remember her own love story and a man that couldn’t forget” (CODE: FHUN)

“It’s Taken Years to Get This Old” by Karen O’Connor

“A Lighthearted Look at the Senior Moments” (CODE: 248.8 O’CO)

“His Grace Is Sufficient – Decaf Is Not” by S. Bricker, L. Lough, T. Perry, C. Ruchti. “Devotionals for women on the go” (CODE: 242 BRI)

“Yet Here We Are” by Brenda Massman

“Tale of tumultuous time in our history that changed the course of food-coops as we know them today” (CODE: F MAS)

“The Residence” by Kate Anderson Brower

“Inside the private world of the White House from the Kennedys to the Obamas” (CODE: 940 BRO)

“Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse”

by Faith Sullivan (born & raised in S. Minnesota). “A complicated marriage, early widowhood, loss of a child, a shell shocked WWI hero–Nell Stillman’s road has not been easy. Somehow she manages to find moments of grace” (CODE: F SUL)

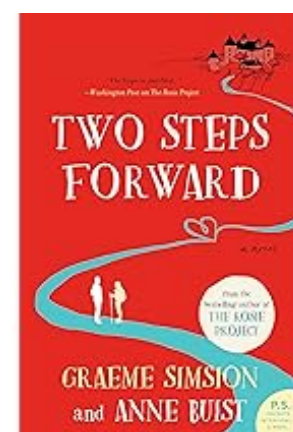
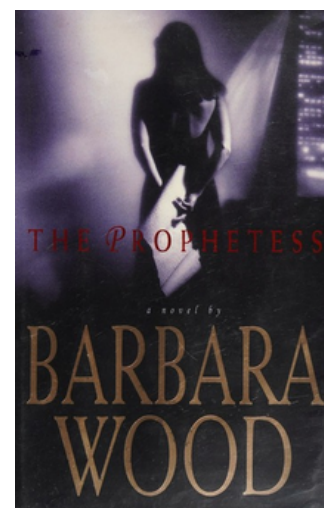
“Two Steps Forward”

by Graeme Simsion & Anne Buist “Reveals that the most important journeys we make aren’t measured in miles, but in the strength” (CODE: F SIM)

“# Look Up” A Parenting Guide To Screen Use by Judy Stoffel

“Smartphone Technology” (CODE: 248.8 STO)

“The Family of Jesus” by Karen Kingsbury “Based on Bible with fictional details as well as historical & theological insights” (CODE: 232.9 KIN)



Books for Children (*On Display in ‘Reading Nook’ Area*)

“The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be” by Joanna Gaines

“Rise Up Little Bluebirds” by Kristy Boike

“God’s Wisdom for Little Girls” by Elizabeth George

“God’s Wisdom for Little Boys” by Jim & Elizabeth George

“We Are the Gardeners” by Joanna Gaines & Kids

“All About Corduroy” by Don Freeman



Faith & Fellowship returns May 28 for summer worship & activities



Faith and Fellowship is back in 2025! There are some favorites from previous years and some new things try on Wednesday evenings. Bring your favorite outdoor chair--we'll see you on Wednesdays this summer!

May 28 Family Night

*bounce houses, temporary tattoos, games,
face paint, slushies*

June 4 Pet Blessing

Your animals are welcome

June 11 Bike Night @ Trail Creek Park

Go for a bike ride after worship! Bring your bike!

June 18 Ruby Ranch

June 25 Vacation Bible School Theme

VBS Kids share what they've learned

More dates announced soon!



Gathering on Wednesday evenings this summer

5:15pm dinner, 6pm worship

NEWS @ CTK

YWCA Mankato begins operations @ CTK facility in May *YWCA will occupy space formerly used by Cultivate*

YWCA Mankato will move their offices to Christ the King in May, utilizing a space once occupied by Cultivate.

Pastor Melanie is looking forward to working with the YWCA. "It's a great opportunity for partnership," she said. "We share some values--we lift up women in leadership."

As the YWCA is a fellow non-profit organization, transitions can be especially difficult. From the



YWCA Mankato moves into this space in May



eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Mankato

recent YWCA email newsletter: "...we're stepping into a new chapter, one defined by growth, expansion, and deeper alignment with our mission. As our programs and community impact continue to grow, so does our need for space that can support that evolution. Our new location will offer us room to breathe, dream bigger, and serve more fully. It's a space that will allow us to be even more responsive to the needs of those we serve and to cultivate new possibilities for the future. You will find us located in the newly remodeled space at Christ the King..."

You are invited to scan the QR code above or go to <https://tinyurl.com/3277kxer> to help with the YWCA Wish List for their transition.

Worship time change beginning Sunday, May 25 for summer months

Memorial Day weekend is often known as the unofficial beginning of summer. May 25 brings a change in worship time at Christ the King. The Sunday worship time from May 25-August 31 is 9:30am. Saturday worship remains at 5:30pm and Wednesday worship remains at 6pm.

PARISH NEWS

Prayers of Comfort

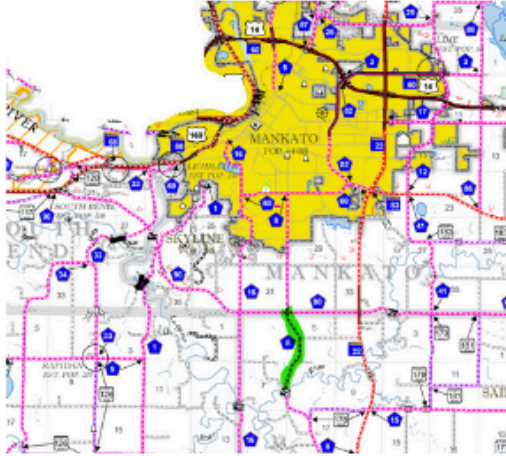
For the family of Amy Johnston, especially her husband, Rob, and daughter Alaina, who died on April 30.

For the family of Arnie Ranum, who died on April 5.

CTK Highway Clean Up Sunday, May 18



Meet at Pfau St. lot at 12 noon, work at the site until 2pm. All are welcome. The road is flat and easy. Equipment is provided. Rain date is June 1. Sign up at bit.ly/2024HighwayCleanup or use QR below.



The new section is CSAH 8: Beginning at State Hwy 90 and going south to 183rd Lane - 2.3 miles. *



WITH GRATITUDE

Spring break flew by faster than a supersonic jet, and now we're only four weeks away from the end of Spring Term! We are always thrilled to welcome students to Crossroads, and we feel tremendously blessed to have Christ the King Lutheran Church and your volunteers as partners in our ministry to feed them through our Lunch For-a-Buck program. On Tuesday, April 8th, faithful servants Jeri Retzlaff, Armin Schull, Jerry Bodelson, Dean Brudwick, and Jim Hatleli served a delicious lunch of tater tot hotdish, pasta with tomato sauce, Texas toast, salad, and cake to 43 hungry lunch-goers. They also collected \$29.75 in donations that will be used to purchase the salad supplies, beverages, dinnerware, and other items for lunches during the school year. God bless you for your generosity and for supporting the students and our ministry at Crossroads. We look forward to seeing you again in September. We couldn't do this without you!

Have a wonderful summer,
Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry

I would like to send out a huge thank you to all who played a part in our Celebration of Joy. From those who served on the committee, helped out in so many ways, donated, set up, attended, purchased or helped with clean up and final book work, thanks to each of you. We realized a memorable community evening and surpassed our goals. Once again, I personally feel blessed to be part of this congregation.

LaVonne Rohn

FAITH CONTINUUM

Final Continuum classes for the school year

Forums feature MSU international students; feasibility study discussion

On the 11th we hear from Kristin Odland and international students at MSU-Mankato. Kristin leads the Friendly Family program at MSU-Mankato. This is a poignant time for International Students here and we may find there are things we can do for our brothers and sisters in Christ now and in the future.

Sharpen your pencils as we conclude the Faith Continuum season with our May 18 gathering with the Congregational Council and Pastor Steve Olson, our Capital Campaign consultant. Come and hear what is happening with the big picture of Christ the King now and in the upcoming fiscal year. Pastor Olson will be leading the conversation for the capital campaign and the results of the feasibility study.



Feeding hungry minds and souls @CTK



Duane Olson (left photo) and Pastor Donohue Sarff (right photo) share their knowledge, wisdom, and insight with those gathered for Faith Continuum on Sunday morning. Faith Continuum meets at 9am on Sunday mornings during the school year for curious adults seeking to feed their faith.

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Children, Youth & Family

MAY

YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER

BY DONATING THE CORRESPONDING DATE YOU SELECT,
YOU CAN SPONSOR A DAY OF MINISTRY.
THE DATE COULD BE A SPECIAL DAY FOR YOU OR
CORRELATE TO THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO GIVE.

1. PICK YOUR DATE
2. WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE DATE (IN THE NARTHEX)
3. DONATE BY GRABBING A ENVELOPE OR SCAN THE QR CODE



GOAL TO GET EVERY DATE FROM MARCH-JULY SPONSORED

MARCH

2025

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MAY

2025

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JUNE

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JULY

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Children, Youth & Family

MAY

0-3 year old class IN THE RAINBOW ROOM

**SUNDAY
MAY 4, 2025
9AM**

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

 **REGISTER NOW**



Family Night

**Wednesday,
May 28, 2025**

Bounce Houses • Games • Slushies • Face Paint

**Hosted by
Children, Youth & Family Board**

Vacation Bible School at CTK



**June 23-26, 2025
8:00AM-12:30PM
\$25 Per Kid**



SIGN UP!

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER MUSICAL

DATES: AUGUST 11-15, 2025

TIME: 12:00-3:30PM

GRADES: 1ST-12TH GRADE (COMPLETED)

COST: \$30 PER CHILD (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

PERFORMANCES: AUGUST 16 & 17

**DIRECTED BY: JIM HATLELI & CHUCK HOOGLAND
MUSIC ASSISTANT: DENISE AMUNDSON
MUSICAL ASSISTANTS: KIRSTEN ELLIOTT & JULIE HATLELI**



*Register
Now*



Weekly Worship Times @CTK

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Wednesdays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 5:30pm

Sundays: 8:00am & 10:00am (9:30am only beg. 5/25)
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Worship services are streamed live on Saturday and Sunday at
facebook.com/CTKChurchMankato and
youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams

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Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Tuesday, May 27
Please email to communications@ctk.org or leave with front desk.



May Menu Community Suppers

May 7

Assorted Soups
Bread Sticks, Salad

May 14

Taco Salad w/fixings
Chips, Churro

May 21

Chicken Alfredo or
Spaghetti w/sauce
Corn, Garlic Bread, Cheesecake

May 28 (Family Night)

Corn Dogs, French Fries
Watermelon, Mini Donuts