

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

- For Griffin David Berglin, son of Alex & Becky, baptized on April 18th.

Prayers of Comfort

- For the family of Sheryl Barnes, who died on March 26th.
- For Darla & Lynn Austin & their family in the death of their brother-in-law, Mike Harmes.
- For the family of Daniel Ziemann, who died on April 7th.
- For Armin Schull, in the death of his wife, Jeanette, on April 13th.

Weekly Worship Times @CTK

Wednesdays: 6:00pm

Saturdays: 5:30pm

Sundays: 8:00am and 10:00am (Summer Schedule begins Sunday, May 24 with a blended 9:30am Worship Service)

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, May 18, 2026
Please email to communications@ctkmankato.org or leave with front desk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christ the King Lutheran Church
3/31/2026

	Mar-26	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Mar-25	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 63,272	\$ 73,583	\$ (10,311)	\$ 225,107	\$ 222,151	\$ 2,956	\$ 93,710	\$ (30,438)	\$ 663,368	\$ (438,261)
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (66,270)	\$ (73,434)	\$ 7,165	\$ (209,809)	\$ (220,303)	\$ 10,494	\$ (59,485)	\$ (6,785)	\$ (548,314)	\$ 338,505
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 467	\$ (467)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,981	\$ (6,981)
Special Events Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 609	\$ (609)	\$ 810	\$ (545)
Rent Income	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 10,500
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 502	\$ 4,116	\$ (3,614)	\$ 26,063	\$ 12,348	\$ 13,715	\$ 34,834	\$ (34,332)	\$ 122,845	\$ (96,783)

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

KING SOLOMON'S PRAYER FOR WISDOM **1 Kings 3:6-9**

King David reigned over Israel for 40 years. As his reign was coming to an end, David arranged for his son, Solomon, to succeed him. King Solomon loved the Lord and wanted to please him. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and said, "Ask what I should give you." [1 Kings 3:5]. And in the dream, Solomon said:

"You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" [1 Kings 3:6-9].

It pleased the Lord that Solomon asked for discernment and an understanding mind—sometimes called wisdom—rather than for a long life or riches. So God gave Solomon wisdom, as he had asked, but God also gave Solomon what he had not asked, riches and honor, and the promise of a long life if Solomon would walk in God's ways and obey his commandments. God said, "no other king shall compare with you." [3:13-14]. Solomon's wisdom, discernment and understanding became known throughout all the earth, and, as the Bible says, was "as vast as the sand on the seashore." [4:29-34].

What does this teach us about God's nature?

Our God is a generous giver! God invited Solomon to ask him for something because God wanted to bless Solomon. Presumably, God would have given Solomon whatever he asked, but God was especially pleased when Solomon asked for wisdom, because it indicated that Solomon wanted to govern God's people with God's help. Solomon knew that he was in over his head and could not be an effective king unless God gave him wisdom to know good from evil. Solomon further understood that wisdom comes from God alone. God answered Solomon's prayer by giving him what he needed and far more. God also delights in giving us more than we ask. The Bible says God is able to "accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine." [Ephesians 3:20].

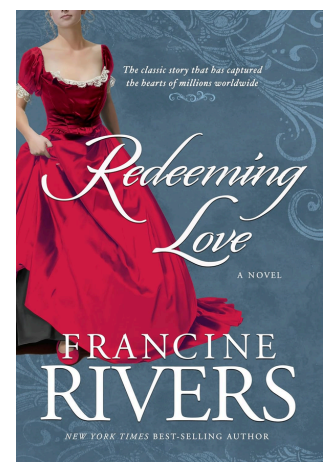
If God said to you, "Ask what I should give you," for what would you ask?

LIBRARY CORNER

MAY is known as a time of transitions. We look forward to warmer temperatures, gentle rains to help bring forth all the wonderful signs of a new season of life, outdoor sports, confirmations, graduations and people seem a little more joyful! We also celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Featured best-selling author this month is FRANCINE RIVERS. She has published numerous novels with Christian themes and uses her writing to draw closer to the Lord, and desires that through her work she might worship and praise Jesus for all he has done and is doing in her life.

- "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers [F RIV] "Author returns to her romance roots with this unexpected and redemptive love story, a probing tale that reminds us that mercy can shape even the most broken among us into an imperfect yet stunning masterpiece."
- "Bridge to Haven" by Francine Rivers [F RIV] "A wonderful and real coming-of-age story from the 1950s, when Hollywood was the dream and life could be a harsh reality. The themes are universal and timeless."
- "Her Mother's Hope" by Francine Rivers [F RIV MAR01] "A sweeping and lyrical two-book saga that explores the depth of grace and forgiveness in one of life's fiercest bonds, the love between mother and daughter."
- "Her Daughter's Dream" by Francine Rivers [F RIV MAR02] "The emotional final chapter of an unforgettable saga about the silent sorrows that can tear a family apart, the sacrifices mothers make for their daughters, and the very nature of unconditional love."
- "And the Shofar Blew" by Francine Rivers [F RIV] "Pastor eagerly accepts the call to a struggling church not knowing what to expect. All was going so well, if only his wife could see it his way."
- "Leota's Garden" by Francine Rivers [F RIV] "Author explores a theme with countless implications for our lives today: blend of characters, relationships and family secrets open our eyes to both human and spiritual dimensions."
- "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers [F RIV] "Timeless biblical themes of surrender to God, forgiveness, and unconditional love are beautifully portrayed and brought to life through unforgettable characters."





FAITH CONTINUUM MAY 2026

CTK adult members are invited to a three-week Faith Continuum series in May—a lineup not to be missed!

Each Sunday features a return favorite, back by popular demand.

- May 3 – We welcome retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice G. Barry Anderson, who will speak on “The Faith of Our Founders” in this 250th anniversary year of the Declaration of Independence.
- May 10 – Bring your questions as Congregational Council and Church Board representatives join us for an open and engaging conversation.
- May 17 – Due to many requests, early CtK members return to share their memories and stories, thanks to the efforts of Kris Norland.

Faith Continuum meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

We hope you’ll join us!

— Todd

NEWS @ CTK



Troop 8 Annual Fundraiser

Mother's Day Tea

Christ the King Lutheran Church



Cost

\$6- Under 12

\$10- 12+

\$8- 65+

May 10, 2026

10AM-2PM

TEA TIME | FINGER FOODS | SILENT AUCTION

Congregational Life thanks everyone for attending our monthly events-we'll be back in the fall with more social gatherings.

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



May Community Supper Menu

MAY 6

Chicken Strips, French Fries, Lettuce Salad & Assorted Desserts

MAY 13 – SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT

Pasta with Meat Sauce, Red Sauce, or Alfredo
Corn, Lettuce Salad & Cupcakes

MAY 20

NO COMMUNITY SUPPER

MAY 27

Spanish Rice, Stroganoff or Goulash, Broccoli, Lettuce Salad,
Garlic Toast & Cookies

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

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Thank you

Even though the end of the semester is quickly approaching, students continue to eagerly join us for lunch every Tuesday! We are thankful and blessed to have Christ the King Lutheran Church and your volunteers as partners in our ministry to feed students through our Lunch For-a-Buck program. On Tuesday, April 14th, faithful servants Cindy Kehoe, Dean Brudwick, and Jim Hatleli served a delicious luncheon of sloppy joe sliders, mac-n-cheese, chips, garlic toast, pickles, salad, and caramel rolls to 33 hungry lunch goers. They also collected \$22.88 in donations that will be used to purchase the salad supplies, beverages, dinnerware, and other items for lunches during the school year.

May God bless you for your generosity and for supporting the students and our ministry at Crossroads. We look forward to seeing you again during the 2026-2027 school year. We truly couldn't do what we do without you!!

Gratefully,
Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry

RIC Task Force

In Our Own Words: *An Invitation to Share Your Story*



Storytelling is a powerful tool. As part of the Reconciling in Christ process at CTK, we invite you to share your story.

We welcome stories of LGBTQIA+ identity and allyship, of race, culture, and immigration, and of any experience that has shaped your understanding of welcome, belonging, and inclusion. Whether your story is one of faith, confusion, joy, grief, seeking, or growth—we want to hear it.

Stories may be shared as a poem, letter, song, or short essay. You may remain anonymous or sign your name. Please write from your own experience, with integrity and grace.

Email submissions to liz.reedstrom@gmail.com with the subject line “In Our Own Words.”

Some entries may be edited for length or clarity.

Thank you for sharing your voice.

My Father

My father does not want a relationship with me
because of who I love.
I am not L, G, B, or T
but I stood up
for my beloved who are.

I begged him to stop using words that hurt them,
to stop excluding them.
And for that I was not welcome to sit
with him
at his Thanksgiving table.

My Father's Table does not exclude His beloved,
it welcomes us all.
With my Father, there is no “them”.
There is us.
My broken heart gives thanks.

Welcome New Members



AMBER ERPELDING



**ZACH, TESSA,
WHITLEE & WAYLON
FLIES**



**DAN, KATIE, LILLY,
TOPHER & PENELOPE
FRENK**



SUE FROST



**ANNA, MATT &
OWEN JENSEN**



**DAVID, LAURA,
ADA & SAM KURCHEZ**



ANNETTE MCBETH



**PRU & TODD
TETZLOFF**



JOHN TOOP

+CTK MAY

Children, Youth & Family

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RAINFOREST FALLS

EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD

DATE: JUNE 22-26

TIME: 8:30-11:30AM

COST: \$25 FOR 1 KID OR \$40 PER IMMEDIATE FAMILY

SIGN UP →



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.



Christ the King Lutheran Church Summer Musical

LIFE IS GOOD

Date: August 10-14, 2026

Time: 9:00AM-12:30PM

Cost: \$30

SIGN UP →



Performance Dates: August 15 at 5:30PM and August 16 at 9:30AM

Directed by: Chuck Hoogland and Jim Hatleli

+CTK MAY

Children, Youth & Family

Affirmation of Baptism

9th Grade Confirmation Students
May 3, 2026
1:00PM

All are invited to join us in supporting our confirmation students on this important step in their faith journey!



A Sincere Thank You to

All those that have volunteered or helped in the ministries at CTK

Celebrating Your Thoughtfulness and Support

Week of May 6

More Information to come!

2026 Senior Recognition

DATE Wednesday, May 13

TIME 5PM Dinner
6PM Worship



Faith & Fellowship Schedule

May 27: Celebrating our Roots (at CTK)

June 3: Sibley Park Barn

June 10: Animal Blessing (at CTK)

June 17: TBD

June 24: VBS Night (at CTK)

July 1: Riverblenders/American History Night (at CTK)

July 8: Just Friends Gospel Singers (at CTK)

July 15: Blessing of the Wheels

July 22: Fallenstein Splash Pad & Park

July 29: Land of Memories Disc Golf

August 5: TBD

August 12: TBD

August 19: Farmer's Market Night (at CTK)

August 26: Javen's Winery

September 2: Backpack Blessing (at CTK)

If you have ideas or suggestions for Faith & Fellowship, please contact the church office or reach out to one of our pastors.

Summer Schedule

Beings Sunday, May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Saturday

- 5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

Sunday

- 9:30 AM – Blended Worship

Wednesday

- 6:00 PM – Faith & Fellowship
(see schedule for details)

Please Note:

There will be No Community Supper or Wednesday Worship on May 20 as we transition to our summer schedule.



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