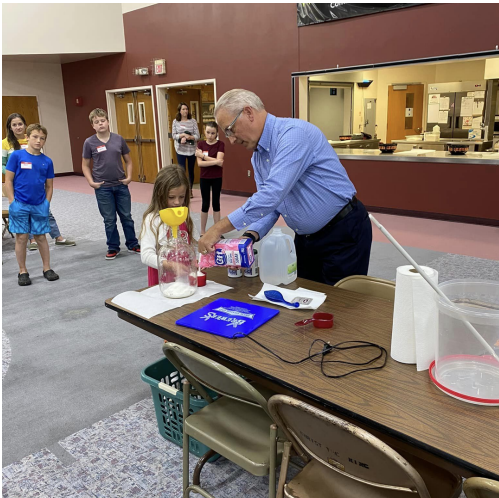


The King's Messenger

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



First Communion





Message from Pastor Melanie

Matters of the Heart

I have a few matters of the heart to share with you of a personal and pastoral nature.

Personal matters of the heart:

My beloved Joey had a heart attack on Tuesday, October 24th in Faribault, where he is currently serving as an interim pastor. He was promptly transferred to Abbott Northwestern where he underwent a procedure to have 3 stents put in his heart. I have never felt so grateful to hear my beloved Joey say, "I'm glad to see you." Thank you for all who have prayed for us. I welcome your continued prayers for Joey and our family in the days and weeks ahead.

Pastoral matters of the heart:

It's always difficult to know just how to respond to events such as the erupting violence in Israel and Gaza in recent weeks. While we pray for peace, such times can leave us feeling helpless. For those who are interested to learn more about the context, the humanitarian crises of the current war, and the ELCA's work for a just peace in Palestine and Israel, please go to <https://elca.org/Israel-Hamas%20War>

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we celebrate all God has done through the Cruz family and Welcome Team. On November 9th, all 6 participating congregations in the Welcome Team will celebrate the generous response of time, donations, and relationship building. The celebration, Fiesta de la Familia will be hosted at CTK. Reservations are required as seating is limited to 300. You can make your reservation in the Narthex, by calling the church office or online at <https://ctkmankato.org/get-involved/events>

As always, know that Jesus loves you and so do I.

Parish News

Prayers of Concern

- For John Johnson in the death of his brother, Duane Johnson on October 16th.
- For Mike Borneke in the death of his mother, Donna Mae Frieda Borneke on October 27th.



Campus Cupboard Thanks You!

On behalf of Campus Cupboard, the Justice and Peace Board extends its gratitude for the generous donations made to Campus Cupboard food pantry by CTK members. A September appeal was made for desks, dining furniture, dinnerware, silverware, glassware, and cookware for university students who were without these necessities. It was a thrill to compliment students' grocery shopping with all these contributions to make meals and studying easier tasks.



NOVEMBER 12, 2023 · 6:30 PM
CTK THEATER

IN HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
Justice and Peace will be screening **THE DAKOTA 38**



"If people don't learn to forgive, we'll always live with anger in our heart," We have four colors of people on this planet – red, white, yellow and black. Nobody's going anywhere. We're all in this together."

- Darwin Strong, coordinator on the Minnesota side for the Dakota Memorial Ride

In the spring of 2005, Jim Miller, a Native spiritual leader and Vietnam veteran, found himself in a dream riding on horseback across the great plains of South Dakota. Just before he awoke, he arrived at a riverbank in Minnesota and saw 38 of his Dakota ancestors hanged. At the time, Jim knew nothing of the largest mass execution in United States history, ordered by Abraham Lincoln on December 26, 1862. "When you have dreams, you know when they come from the creator... As any recovered alcoholic, I made believe that I didn't get it. I tried to put it out of my mind, yet it's one of those dreams that bothers you night and day."

Now, four years later, embracing the message of the dream, Jim and a group of riders retrace the 330-mile route of his dream on horseback from Lower Brule, South Dakota to Mankato, Minnesota to arrive at the hanging site on the anniversary of the execution. "We can't blame the wasichus anymore. We're doing it to ourselves. We're selling drugs. We're killing our own people. That's what this ride is about, is healing." This is the story of their journey- the blizzards they endure, the Native and Non-Native communities that house and feed them along the way, and the dark history they are beginning to wipe away.



Link to the interview with the filmmaker
<https://www.conversations.org/story.php?sid=318>

Link to the Movie Trailer
<https://www.smoothfeather.com/dakota38>

Treasurer's Report

09/30/2023

	Sept 2023	MTD Budget	Variance	YTD	YTD Budget	Variance	Sept 2022	Variance	Prior YTD	Variance
Total Operational Income	\$ 60,468	\$ 73,330	\$ (12,862)	\$ 192,361	\$ 219,991	\$ (27,630)	\$ 61,309	\$ (841)	\$ 173,157	\$ 19,204
Total Operational Expenses	\$ (64,068)	\$ (73,830)	\$ 9,762	\$ (200,779)	\$ (221,491)	\$ 20,712	\$ (64,525)	\$ 457	\$ (212,838)	\$ 12,059
Endowment Income	\$ 915	\$ -	\$ 915	\$ 915	\$ -	\$ 915	\$ 452	\$ 463	\$ 459	\$ 456
Other Income	\$ 914	\$ 500	\$ 414	\$ 8,227	\$ 1,500	\$ 6,727	\$ -	\$ 914	\$ 7,768	\$ 459
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (1,771)	\$ -	\$ (1,771)	\$ 724	\$ -	\$ 724	\$ (2,764)	\$ 993	\$ (31,454)	\$ 32,178

Submitted by CTK Treasurer, David Krause



Prayer Corner

submitted by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

Pray the Word of God

Jesus was passionate about God's Word. He knew the Scriptures well and quoted them often in sermons, conversations with his friends and debates with his antagonists. For example, when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Get out of here, Satan" . . . [f]or the Scriptures say, "You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him." [Matthew 4:10, quoting Deuteronomy 6:13 (NLT)]. Satan skedaddled, because he was powerless against God's Word.

"If we wish to pray with confidence and gladness, then the words of Holy Scripture must be the solid basis of our prayer. For here we know that Jesus Christ, the Word of God, teaches us to pray. The words which come from God become, then, the steps on which we find our way to God." These words were written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor and theologian who taught himself to pray the Psalms. Bonhoeffer became a powerful witness during his years of imprisonment in Nazi Germany, and after his execution in April of 1945, just days before World War II ended in Europe. Quote from: Bonhoeffer, D. (1970). Psalms: the Prayer Book of the Bible, Augsburg Publishing House.

Scripture itself encourages us to use God's Word as part of our spiritual armor, for protection. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." [Ephesians 6:17]. This means that, when we pray, we can wield the sword of the Spirit, by incorporating words of Scripture into our prayers, and thus pray in agreement with what God has already said. We know that "[e]very word of the Lord proves true" [Proverbs 30:5], and that "in [Jesus] every one of God's promises is a "Yes" [2 Corinthians 1:20]. Thus, when we pray the Scriptures, we can pray, as Bonhoeffer did, with "confidence and gladness" that God will hear and answer us.

So, for example, if we are praying for healing, we might lean on **Psalm 103**: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases" (vs 2-3); **Psalm 147**: "He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds" (vs 3); **Jeremiah 17**: "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise" (vs 14); **Mark 6**: "And wherever [Jesus] went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed" (vs 56); or **John 10**: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (vs 10). The overwhelming message of these verses is that God is the healer and God wants to heal. By referencing and claiming these verses, and others that come to mind, we can pray with confidence and even joy, knowing that God hears us and wants us to be healed. This same method can be used to pray the Word of God for any prayer topic.

*"... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."*

Isaiah 55:11

*"God's Word is our great heritage, and shall be ours forever."
Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, Danish pastor and hymnwriter [ELW #509]*

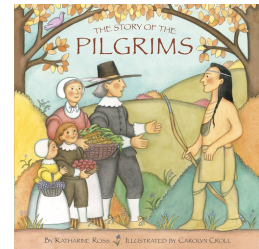
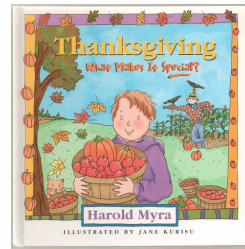
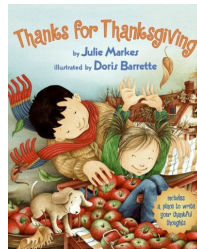
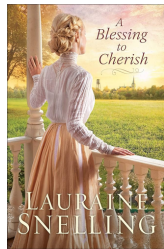
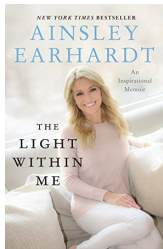
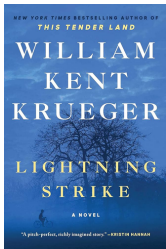


Library Corner

Just a few weeks ago we had record breaking temperatures of heat & cold; but now November has arrived allowing time to still complete outdoor work and fun activities. The month is best known for end of harvest season, Daylight savings time ends and snowbirds migrate to warmer settings. Plus other special days like All Saint's Day, Thanksgiving & Veterans Day plus thoughts of the beginning of Advent season.

ADULT GOOD READ BOOKS [Use Code: Letters to find books on Shelf]

- "Lightning Strike" Novel by William Kent Krueger (MN author). "A book about fathers and sons, long-smoldering conflicts in a small Minnesota town, and the events that echo through youth and shape our lives forever. Author shows that some mysteries can be solved even as others surpass our understanding." (CODE: F KRU)
- "The Light Within Me: An inspirational memoir" by Ainsley Earhardt. "Fox News host Ainsley Earhardt reminisces about growing up with a father who loved his children, how her Christian faith has shape her life, and the journalism career has made her a household name. Author credits her success to values she learned and enduring faith that has been a blessing in good and difficult times." CODE: B EAR)
- "A Blessing to Cherish" by Lauraine Snelling. "After several years of widowhood, Ingeborg focuses on her blessings. But a dearest friendship is changing and she has to decide if her settled life is worth more to her than a future she hardly dares to imagine." (CODE:F SNE)



BOOKS FOR CHILDREN [Use Code: Letters to find books]

- "Thanks for Thanksgiving" by Julie Markes. "At Thanksgiving time, children express their gratitude for the people and things in their lives. From the turkey to cozy cuddles, the author reminds kids and adults alike about the little details that make each day enjoyable." (Code: EM)
- "Thanksgiving: What Makes It Special?" by Harold Myra. "This delightful picture book explores the role God played in our country's earliest history and how His blessings endure today. From hungry Pilgrims and generous Native Americans to an ample feast of a modern-day family's Thanksgiving, learn how to enjoy holiday. (Code: EM)
- "The Story of the Pilgrims" by Katharine Ross. "Learn the story of the Pilgrims in this picture book, a perfect read-a-long. From dangerous voyage across the Atlantic to the first harsh winter to delicious Thanksgiving feast. Illustrations bring history to life!" (Code: ER)

We hope that you will pay a visit and enjoy exploring the books available for your education and enjoyment! You can also research the library resources by visiting the Church website.

CTKmankato.org – (click on) Discover, then Library & Explore Titles.

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.

Faith Continuum

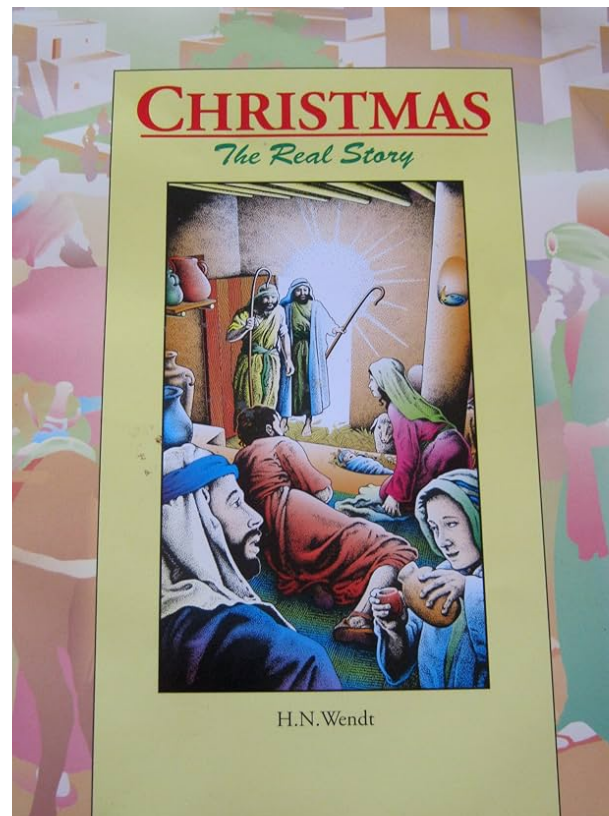
Greetings everyone,

As we roll our clocks back an hour on the early First Sunday morning of November, we move closer to Advent and the following celebration of the coming of the "Light of the world" with every sunlight shortened day. In line with this anticipated new Church Season, Faith Continuum presents on every November Sunday (except the 26th) and the first two Sundays in December - "Christmas, the Real Story". Ctk member and retired Pastor Gerry Giese leads us. We know that the Nativity event did not randomly pop up one day in historical isolation. In this series, Gerry takes us back from our vantage point and looks at the extraordinary time of Jesus birth through the nature of the Messianic kingdom and what it means to us today to "live expectantly".

We cannot thank Richard Salge enough for his 3 weeks of sharing his and Mary's trips to Martin Luther's Germany, his prospective on Luther's personal Life, and his sharing of the "Confessing Church" and its Pastors.

Too, many thanks to David Krause for leading us through stewardship and Ctk's financial statements. Finally, to Dr. Mark Tranvik whose teaching style put a face on white supremacy's conflict with the Christian Faith.

I look forward to seeing all in the Fireside Room each Sunday of November before Thanksgiving after the first service, Todd



Thank you from Crossroads

Fall term at MSU-Mankato is in full swing! We are blessed to have Christ the King Lutheran Church and your volunteers as partners in our ministry to feed hungry MSU students through our Lunch For-a-Buck program. We were pleased to welcome your volunteers on Tuesday, October 10, when Cindy Kehoe, Armin Schull, Dean Brudwick, and Jerry Bodelson combined forces to serve a mouth-watering lunch of chicken & rice casserole, cheese ravioli, mixed vegetables and homemade bars to 58 hungry lunch-goers. They also collected \$60.48 in donations that will be used to purchase the lettuce, fixings, beverages, paper plates, dinnerware, and other supplies for future lunches. God bless you for your generosity and for supporting the students and our ministry at Crossroads.

Crossroads Campus Ministry



Week to serve
NOVEMBER 6-12



CTKMANKATO.ORG/GETINVOLVED/VOLUNTEER



Bibles, Bagels & Brew

Women's Faith Group

Schedule

- Saturday, November 18, 2023
- Saturday, December 9, 2023
- Saturday, January 13, 2024
- Saturday, February 10, 2024
- Saturday, March 16, 2024
- Saturday, April 13, 2024
- Saturday, May 18, 2024

9:00am
Fireside Room

Faith to move mountains
MATTHEW 17:20

Fiesta de la Familia



You are invited to a celebration of the journey of the **Ariac & Andrea Cruz family!!**

Thursday, November 9th
6pm - 8pm

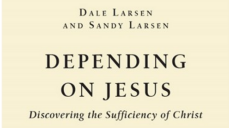

Call 507-345-5056 for a reservation



Check out the posters throughout church for more details on the evening's program & menu.

Women's Bible Study

When: 4th Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Where: Fireside Room

November Menu

1st Sub Sandwiches & Chips	8th Chili & Cornbread	22nd Baked Rotini & Marinara
15th Crispy Chicken Sandwiches	29th Bake Chicken & Mashed Potatoes	

*Menu is subject to change depending on product availability.

Almond butter and jelly sandwiches are available upon request.

Fellowship Opportunities

November 16th
7:00pm: Women's Book Study
The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn
Pick up a copy in the church office.

November 21st
10:30pm: Loss of Spouse Grief Group
1:00pm: Ruth Circle Bible Study

November 22nd
9:00am-3:00pm Quilters
no experience needed

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

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



CTK kids NOVEMBER

Sunday
December 3, 2023
at 9:00AM

Join us for our

0-3 year old class

in the Rainbow Room

Lesson: Abraham & Sarah

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



Register Here



Sign up



CTK CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

STRAIGHT OUTTA BETHLEHEM

Sunday, December 17th and
Wednesday, December 20th



SCAN ME

Practice Music

FAITH FORMATION



**Volunteers
needed**



Register Here

YOUTH

7th-12th Registration



WINTER warm-up

For: Confirmation Students

Date: Wed., Nov. 15

Time: 6:15-8:15 PM

Where: Messiah Lutheran

FEATURING



Bus leaves CTK at 6:15 PM and returns at 8:15 PM.

Confirmation

7-8-9

Meets: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29

Time: 6:45-7:30 PM

Supper Servers

11/1	Flying Chickens (7)
11/8	Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies (8)
11/29	Speedy Turtles (8)

Worship Response Form, Supper Serving Schedule,
Small Group Guide Sign-Up, Handbook:
ctkmankato.org/get-involved/youth

Youth Group

10-11-12

Meets: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29

Time: 6:45-7:30 PM

Affirmation of Baptism

God's continued blessings to our 23 young people who were confirmed on Oct. 29.

Look for pictures online and in the December newsletter!

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young Adult Gathering

JULY 16-20

8TH-12TH GRADERS

Register by 11/1



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

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Robin Hughes, Choir Director

Todd Lundquist, Faith Continuum Coordinator: ext. 25

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

Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, December. 18

Please email to andreap@ctkmankato.org or leave with front desk.