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## November Community Meal Menu

NOVEMBER

### November 5

Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit and  
Cinnamon Roll Cake

### November 12

Tator Tot Hotdish, Peas and Carrots,  
Fruit Salad, Assorted Desserts

### November 19

Chicken Wild Rice or Tomato Soup,  
Bread Stick, Side Salad or  
Cheesecake

### November 26

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Side Salad  
and Rootbeer Float

# 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.

**During this Stewardship & Capital Campaign you are invited to make two commitments:**

**1) Annual Stewardship Drive for 2026**

As we move to a calendar year budget, we anticipate an increase of at least 3% (to keep pace with our ministries and expenses)

**2) 3-Year Capital Campaign**

- a. Priority One: Caring For Our Church Home (starting with the roof!)
- b. Priority Two: Enhancing Fellowship
- c. Priority Three: Eliminating our Mortgage

**Why Do We Need a Capital Campaign Now?**

Our building is the place we gather, and where we are Covered in God's Love. We are called to be good stewards and caretakers of our church home. Because of the immediate need for repair to protect the building from further water damage, this project is almost complete! The congregational council voted to move forward, with faith and confidence that we will provide the gifts necessary to pay for the project.

Our "Raise the Roof" Goal for Priority One is \$1.2M. This includes \$900,000 for the roof and \$300,000 for additional deferred maintenance and parking lot repairs.

**Key November Events: November 23-Commitment Sunday**

**Generosity Week**

**NOV 5,8,9**

Pick up your packet of information and enjoy special refreshments

**Commitment Week: NOV 22,23,26**

Our Stewardship & Capital Campaign is underway! To schedule a personal visit to learn more, or if you'd like to help with the campaign, please contact General Chairpersons:

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# NEWS @ CTK

JOIN US, NOVEMBER 19TH  
*For a Special Day of Service and Giving!*

On Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> we will host a special event that will showcase the talents of Dave Scherer, better known by his stage name **Agape**. David is an American rapper and musician. He has been touring full-time since 2000, performing in the United States and in six other countries.



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## "Give Thanks by Giving Back"

Beginning November 1st through November 19th, Congregational Life Board will be accepting donations for items which will be given to Cada House, My Place and Connections Shelter.

Please use the boxes located in the Narthex for your donations. Suggested items include hygiene wipes, new socks, hand warmers, restaurant gift cards, flashlight and batteries, feminine hygiene products, resealable plastic bags, new underwear, diapers, wipes, prepackaged snacks, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, children's books, puzzles, colors coloring books etc.

All adult congregational members are invited to help package these items on NOVEMBER 19th after service in preparation for delivery to these organizations.



# PARISH NEWS

## Prayers of Comfort

For the family of Julie Smith who died on October 10<sup>th</sup>, especially her son, Joey Smith (Melanie Wallschlaeger), Kendall & Ashling

## Prayers of Celebration

**The 16 youth who affirmed their baptism on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> :**

Melissa Boles, Hailey Bouldin, Isaac Brand, Colin Campbell, Garrison Dierks, Katelyn Grunden, Ashlyn Huettl, Peyton Jensen, Allison Maes, Kaitlyn Maes, Colton McCormick, Edsel (Riley) Miller, Laina Peterson, Clairia Rickbeil, Grace Ward and Peyton Wendinger

The Baptism of Cohen Adam Henry Landwer, son of Calie Schumann & Colten Landwer on October 11

## **Weekly Worship Times @CTK**

**Wednesdays:** 6:00pm

**Saturdays:** 5:30pm

**Sundays:** 8:00am and 10:00am

Worship services are streamed live on Saturday and Sunday at  
[facebook.com/CTKChurchMankato](https://facebook.com/CTKChurchMankato) and [youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams](https://youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams)

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Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, November 17, 2025

Please email to [communications@ctkmankato.org](mailto:communications@ctkmankato.org) or leave with front desk.



# LIBRARY CORNER

*November has arrived leaves continue to fall and perhaps there will be 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, we celebrate other special days like All Saint's, Thanksgiving & Veterans Day.*

## BOOK SELECTIONS

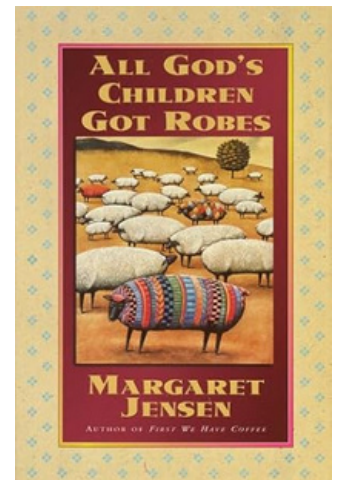
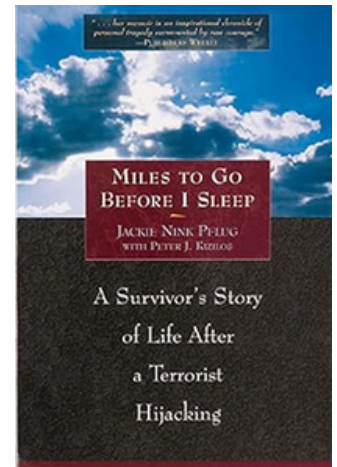
***"The Wolf at Twilight"*** by Kent Nerburn [B Ner] In this fictionalized account of actual events, author brings the land of the northern High Plains alive and reveals the Native American way of teaching and learning with a depth few outsiders have ever captured."

***"Miles To Go Before I Sleep"*** by Jackie Nink Pflug [B Pfl]. "My grateful journey back from the hijacking of EgyptAir Flight #648. She survived and in the midst of her long healing, grief and loss she learned what life is really about.

***"They Named Me Marjorie"*** by Ann Zemke The author shares this heartwarming narrative plus information about a special quilt she made in her grandmother's memory."

***"All God's Children Got Robes"*** by Margaret Jensen. [B Jen] "A poignant, sometimes humorous account based on author's personal journal about loss, cancer and joy. Take courage for our road ahead, and remember we do not walk alone. Our times are in God's hands."

***"A Man Called Norman"*** by his neighbor Mike Adkins. [B Cor] God used Norman to teach Mike what it means to love your neighbor as yourself and a simple trust in the Lord that would change the course of his life.



## BOOKS IN CHILDREN'S 'READING NOOK' - Theme on Thanksgiving

***"Thanks for Thanksgiving"*** by Julie Marks. [EM]

***"Thanksgiving: What Makes It Special?"*** by Harold Myra. [EM]



# Giving Tree for ISD77

There's a real need in our community to ensure every child experiences the joy of Christmas. Our Servant Outreach Board has partnered with social workers from ISD 77 to identify families who could use a little extra support this season.

To help meet this need, we'll be setting up a Giving Tree in the narthex starting at the end of November. Each tag on the tree will represent a child in our community who would benefit from a few special gifts this Christmas.



## Youth lefse Fundraiser

*Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM*



*We are hosting a lefse-making fundraiser to support our youth trips. You can learn to make lefse while contributing to a good cause, and the cost is just \$2 per round. Please use the QR code to register.*





# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH CANTATA

## THE THRILL OF HOPE: THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES!

FEATURING:  
WORSHIP CHOIR  
HANDBELL CHOIR  
INSTRUMENTALISTS  
DANCERS



|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 6:00 P.M.  |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13  | 5:30 P.M.  |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14    | 10:00 A.M. |

## *Mankato Area Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar* *Sunday December 14, 2025, from 8-11:30am*

We will have vendors in Fair Trade who will have merchandise available for purchase on this day. These purchases will help to support global communities in their efforts to be self-sufficient in providing schools, clean water, electricity, medical care, and infrastructure.



Fair Trade is an arrangement between the people of the community and distributors who pay a fair value for the crops they grow and the craftsmanship that is represented in clothing and wares and allows the communities to be prosperous, improving their quality of life by curbing poverty.

# PRAYER CORNER

*by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator*

## Benediction=Blessing

As we near the end of the calendar year, we are also coming to the end of our study of the Lutheran liturgy. This month we will examine the Benediction or Blessing. The word “benediction” comes from the Latin “bene-dictio,” which means to speak well of, or to bless. The Benediction comes at the end of a worship service when the pastor speaks these words over the congregation:

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

[ELW pp. 114 and 136]. These beautiful words come from the book of Numbers, where the Lord instructed Moses to speak to his brother, Aaron, and to Aaron’s sons, who functioned as priests, and tell them to bless the Israelites with these specific words:

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

[Numbers 6:24-26 NRSVUE]. This blessing is known as the “Aaronic blessing.” The Lord further said to Moses, “So they (Aaron and his sons) shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” [Numbers 6:27].

As we know from our reading of the Old Testament, God did bless the Israelites with life, health, families, land, flocks, and God’s very presence.

The God of the Israelites has not changed. He is still the same God that we worship. As he said, “For I the Lord do not change.” [Malachi 3:6]. And just as God longed to bless his people of old, he longs to bless us, too. The words of the Benediction are not just empty words. They are a vivid reminder that we are blessed, that God is with us, that God smiles on us, and shows us grace and favor.

Receive the full measure of the Aaronic blessing by listening to this recording of “The Blessing” with Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes, live from Elevation Ballantyne on March 1, 2020, based on the words of Numbers 6:24-26.

Let these powerful words wash over you and over you, and be convinced that God really is “for” you and for your family to a thousand generations:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp6aygmVzM4&list=RDZp6aygmVzM4&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp6aygmVzM4&list=RDZp6aygmVzM4&start_radio=1)

AMEN!



# 0-3 year old class in the Rainbow Room



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



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**LITTLE KIDS  
NIGHT OUT**

**4:00-5:30PM**

**3 YEARS OLD-KINDERGARTEN**

**KIDS NIGHT OUT**

**5:00-8:00PM**

**1ST-6TH GRADE**



- PIZZA
- CRAFTS
- GAMES



**CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
& CAROLING**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**3:00-5:00PM**

**DECORATE COOKIES &  
SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS**



**Christmas Musical**

**ALL ABOUT THIS BABY**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**CHRIST THE KING FAITH  
FORMATION**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 @6PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 @10AM**



We are 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, October 14, faithful servants Cindy Kehoe, Armin Schull, and Dean Brudwick provided and served a tasty lunch of lasagna, garlic toast, organic spring mix salad, and ice cream bars to 31 hungry lunchgoers. They also collected \$33.43 in donations that will be used to purchase the salad supplies, beverages, dinnerware, and other items for lunches during the school year.

We have very low inventory of the following:  
dish soap - laundry detergent pods - toilet paper - shampoo - conditioner - bar soap - paper towels - cornmeal - black eyed peas - flour - sugar - pasta - carrots - peanut butter - jelly - green tea - oatmeal - cereal - tuna - red beans - cooking oil - Menstrual products are always desperately needed - Ramen noodles are always a favorite!

God bless you for your generosity and for supporting the students and our ministry at Crossroads. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday, November 11.

We couldn't do what we do without you!  
Gratefully, Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry

## VIKINGS WATCH PARTY

Our **Capital Campaign Team** is hosting a tailgate party to celebrate **Commitment Week**. Join us for a brief informative meeting, then enjoy brats, hotdogs, chips and the Vikings Packers game LIVE on the Big Screen in the Community Room



# Get to Know Your Council Members

## Heather Krause-Quiram -Vice President

**How Long Have You Been at CTK?**

21 years

**Tell Us About Yourself**

I am married to Dion, and our sons are Spencer (24), and Evan (19). We grew up in the area, and have called Mankato home since 2003. I am a high school counselor, and work for Mankato schools.



**What is your Favorite Memory of Church (past or present)?**

Going to my dad's small country church in Meriden for Sunday School in the basement with my cousins and singing beautiful hymns during the service!

**What is one piece of advice you would give to a new member at CTK?**

Reach out if you have questions or want to learn about any aspect of ministry at Christ the King. Because we are a large congregation with many church services, it may seem like there a lot of moving pieces, but getting involved is the best way to get connected!

We are happy you are here!

**What board do you represent and what do they do within CTK?**

I am Council Vice President, and also serve on the Personnel board.

## Faith Continuum

**Faith Continuum returns to the Fireside Room for our guest speakers this month. We look forward to your attendance on November Sundays at 9 am for the following:**

**November 2nd**- Barb Kaus and friends from the United Way.

**November 9th** - Mary Beth Trembley shares on her experience as an End-of-Life Doula

**November 16th** - Katy Hemberger and Kathleen Menne have been invited to present on their "Youth Mental Health First Aid Training" workshops.

**November 23rd** - Liz Paul and Jennifer Echevarria from Connections Ministries will join.

**As we lean into Thanksgiving and the Advent Season, it is a perfect time to hear from non-profits so we may consider how we will share with others in God's earthly kingdom.**

**Blessings on you and your families this season, Todd**

# **+CTK**

## Children, Youth & Family

**NOVEMBER**

### **YOUTH GROUP**

GRADES 7-12TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 11:30AM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 5:30PM

- Devotion
- Activities
- Pack a Lunch/Supper

1 Point  
+  
1 Point if you  
bring a friend

### **Youth Led Bible Study**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:30PM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 6:30PM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 6:30PM

YOUTH ROOM AT CTK

1 Point  
+  
1 Point if you  
bring a friend

Contact Maya Kopp for more information!

## **CONFIRMATION HELPERS NEEDED!**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

LITTLE KIDS NIGHT OUT  
4:00-5:30PM

1 CONFIRMATION POINT

SCAN HERE



KIDS NIGHT OUT  
5:00-8:00PM

2 CONFIRMATION POINTS

**DO BOTH FOR 3 POINTS!**

## **LEFSE YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 10 AM

 LEARN TO MAKE LEFSE

 SUPPORT THE YOUTH

\$ LEFSE WILL BE SOLD FOR \$2 PER ROUND

 SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, BUY LEFSE, OR BOTH!

