

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.

The Women's Retreat at Shalom Hills Farm was a spiritually enriching experience for its 17 participants. Nestled in a serene and picturesque setting, the farm offered the perfect backdrop for reflection, spiritual connection, and rejuvenation. Attendees had the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities that were designed to create a supportive environment, where the women could share their spiritual journeys, build lasting friendships, and leave feeling spiritually empowered and refreshed.



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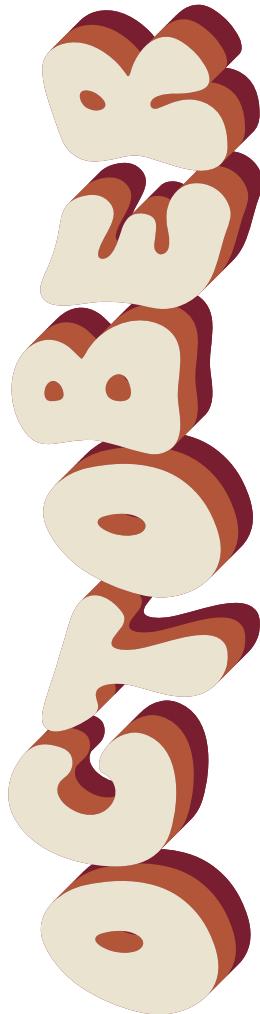


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October Community Meal Menu

October 1

**Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans,
Tator Tots and Assorted Desserts**

October 8

**Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli
Breadstick and Sherbet**

October 15

**Spanish Rice, Lettuce Salad,
Tortilla Chips and Lemon Bar**

October 22

**Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Corn,
Dinner Roll and Cookie**

October 29

**Chili, Cornbread,
Crackers and Chocolate Cake**

PARISH NEWS

Prayers of Comfort

For Jeff, Todd, Jeff, & Jamie Weiler, in the death of their mother, Barbara Weiler, on August 31st

For Tom Jones, in the death of his wife, Lynette Jones on September 4th

For Denise & Ken Kuehner, in the death of Denise's sister, Mary Lee Moothart on September 13th

Prayers of Celebration

For Carly Ballman in the marriage of her daughter, Savannah to Spencer Kuhn on September 20th

For Kristi Regnier, in the birth of her grandson, Noah Hunter

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 and youtube.com/@ctkmankato/streams

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Deadline for Next Issue Newsletter Articles: Monday, October 20, 2025

Please email to communications@ctk.org or leave with front desk.



Our Stewardship and Capital Campaign is underway! Over 35 people attended the first meeting of the Campaign Leadership Team on September 22. They will be installed during worship services the first weekend in October. In the coming weeks they will be recruiting many others in support of this effort. Please join them and watch for more information on how you can participate. During this Campaign you will be invited to make two commitments:

- 1. Annual Stewardship Drive for 2026 (as we move to a calendar year budget)**
- 2. Three-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**

Thank you to Campaign General Chairs, John Kind and David Krause.

If you would like to receive a personal visit to learn more about how you can support this Campaign, please contact them or Pastor Melanie. You are also welcome to contact our consultant, Steve Olson (steve@olsonadvancement.com 253-973-2611)

Thank you for your prayerful and generous response!

ONE ROOF ONE MISSION ONE FAMILY



NEWS @ CTK

CTK 2025 QUILT SALES

October 22nd - October 26th

This Fundraiser is for CTK Quilters to purchase some needed fabrics, batting, thread and the cost of necessary routine service and maintenance of sewing machines.

CTK Quilts are donated annually to quilt auction events at Green Lake, Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp, Good Earth Village, Annual CTK Senior Recognition, Lutheran World Relief Ministries and community service needs.

WOMEN'S RUTH CIRCLE

A time for Fellowship, Bible Study & Treats on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!

All are welcome to join this education opportunity!

For more information contact: Diane Brekke dmr7248@gmail.com or
Ann Stewart acstewart@hickorytech.net



We need to update our records. If you have moved, or changed your phone number and/or email address, please contact Carly communications@ctkmankato.org. This will ensure all information is relayed to every member in a timely manner.



Please remember to have your Boards submit their meeting minutes to Carly within 48 hours of your meeting. Also, if there is a change in date/time, or you need to put your meeting on the calendar, please let Carly know ASAP.



Mankato Youth Place is looking for caring adults to help safely transport children after school. The time commitment is about 2:10–3:15 p.m. You'll drive one of four MY Place vans alongside a staff member, picking up kids from several area schools. If you'd like to be part of this important volunteer opportunity, please contact ben@myplacemankato.org.

Get to Know Your Council Members



Barbie Roessler-President

How Long Have You Been at CTK?
I have been a member of CTK for over 30 years.

Tell Us About Yourself

I am a mother of three children, of whom two have been confirmed at CTK. My youngest is currently attending confirmation classes. I am the Director of Finance and Operations for Faribault Public Schools and enjoy my role working to ensure students and staff receive the tools they need to be successful in a safe environment. In my limited spare time, I enjoy watching football (GO VIKES) and going on walks. My favorite is spending time with my family! I am currently the President of the Congregation Council.

What is your Favorite Memory of Church (past or present)?
I think my favorite church memory is, as a first-time mom, bringing my child to Christmas Eve service and feeling the inspiration of the moment, the message, and the blessings in my life. Hearing Silent Night will most always bring tears to my eyes.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a new member?
Get involved! There are so many meaningful ways to share your gifts and connect with others here at Christ the King. Whether you enjoy serving on a board or committee, making music, or reaching out to our community, there's a place for you. Along the way, you'll build lasting relationships within our warm and welcoming congregation. Discover all the opportunities waiting for you by visiting our website—we'd love for you to join in!

I feel so blessed to be part of the CTK family and am thankful to serve this congregation!

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

NUNC DIMITTIS :NOW LET YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE

In this Prayer Corner, we are examining various parts of the Lutheran liturgy and how we can incorporate them into our personal prayer practice. This month we focus on the “Nunc Dimittis,” from the Latin “Now you dismiss,” which is sung as part of the Communion service, immediately following the distribution of the bread and wine:

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.
[ELW pp. 113 and 135].

These words, which come from the book of Luke, were first sung by Simeon. [Luke 2:29-32]. Simeon was a righteous and devout man who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, Simeon was there and recognized Jesus as the Savior, not only of Israel, but of all nations. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God with the words of the Nunc Dimittis, which is why it is sometimes called “Simeon’s Song.”

This Luke passage shines a spotlight on Jesus as the fulfillment of God’s promise to

Simeon and to all people. Simeon knew the Old Testament prophesies regarding God’s plans for salvation and, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, identified Jesus as the one who would bring that salvation. Being in Jesus’ presence gave Simeon light, hope, and salvation, and allowed him to depart from this world in peace.

The same can be true for us. Although we cannot hold the infant Jesus in our arms, we experience his presence in Holy Communion, as we eat and drink his body and blood, given for the forgiveness of our sins. We can depart from the Communion table in peace, assured of our own salvation, even as we sing Simeon’s ancient song of faith.

Many people use the Nunc Dimittis in their personal prayer practice, finding consolation in its timeless message. It is a good reminder of the importance of recognizing God’s presence in everyday life, and of remembering and celebrating the times when we have sensed God’s presence. It is also a powerful declaration of faith in God’s ability to keep promises and deliver miracles. May you experience the deep peace that passes understanding as you pray Simeon’s Song.

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Children, Youth & Family

October

0-3 year old class in the Rainbow Room



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



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

LITTLE KIDS NIGHT OUT

4:00-5:30PM
3 YEARS OLD-KINDERGARTEN



- PIZZA
- CRAFTS
- GAMES

KIDS NIGHT OUT
5:00-8:00PM
1ST-6TH GRADE



CHRISTMAS COOKIES & CAROLING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

 3:00-5:00PM
DECORATE COOKIES &
SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SCAN HERE



Christmas Musical

ALL ABOUT THAT BABY

PRESENTED BY:
CHRIST THE KING FAITH FORMATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

Sunday,
October 5
11:30AM

Sunday,
October 19
5:30PM

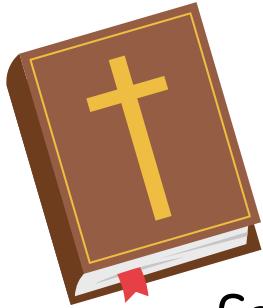
YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12TH

- Devotion
- Activities
- Pack a Lunch/Supper

1 Point
+
1 Point if you
bring a friend

Youth Led Bible Study



Date: Sunday, October 5 and 19

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Youth Room

Contact Maya Kopp for more information!

1 Point
+
1 Point if you
bring a friend

CONFIRMATION HELPERS NEEDED! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

LITTLE KIDS NIGHT OUT

4:00-5:30PM

1 CONFIRMATION POINT

KIDS NIGHT OUT

5:00-8:00PM

2 CONFIRMATION POINTS

3 Points if
you do both!



LIBRARY CORNER

October is when we begin to experience shorter daylight hours and the time of year that some call Autumn and others call it Fall. We know that lots of outdoor sports continue and you can still enjoy many outdoor activities including the beautiful season of fall color changes.

SELECTIONS INCLUDE NEW BOOKS RECENTLY PURCHASED FOR LIBRARY

"Iron Lake" by William Kent Krueger [F Kru] 1998 Novel. "Cork O'Conner is the kind of character that will haunt your imagination long after the story ends. As deep and wonderful as the Minnesota forest from which the story springs, even the most minor characters are almost perfectly drawn."

"Purgatory Ridge" by William Kent Krueger [F Kru] 2001 Novel. "When an explosion kills night watchman at wealthy industrialist's lumber mill, it's obvious where suspicion will fall. Sheriff Cork O'Connor agrees to help investigate but has mixed feelings. For one thing he is part Anishinaabe and his wife, a lawyer, represents the tribe."

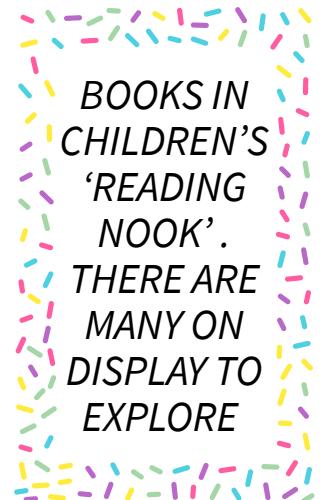
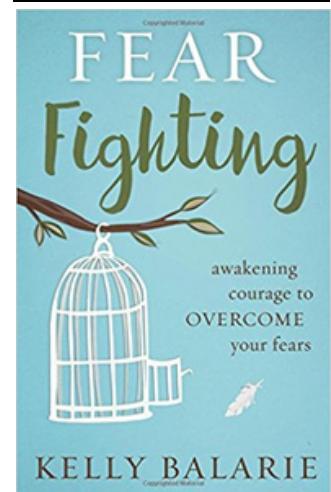
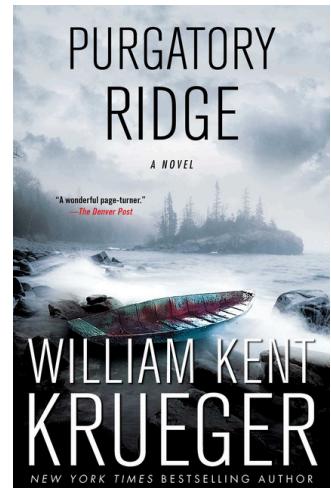
"For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards" by Jen Hatmaker. [248.8 Hat] "In this wise and hilarious journey through the roller coaster of modern womanhood, author explodes the myths that make us miserable and charts of path to freedom."

"Let's All Be Brave: Living Life with Everything You Have" by Annie Downs. [248.4 Dow] "Author will inspire you, challenge you, and hopefully cause you step out in faith to new places in your life."

"Fear Fighting" by Kelly Balarie. [248 Bal] "Awakening courage to OVERCOME your fears. Author pulls back the curtain of fear so you can find beautiful woman GOD created you to be."

"Uninvited: Living Loved, when you Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely" by Lysa TerKeurst. [248.86 Ter] "Author reminds us we are destined for a love that can never be diminished, tarnished, shaken, or taken away."

"The Emotionally Destructive Relationship: Seeing It, Stopping It, Surviving It" by Leslie Vernick. [248.8 Ver] "You will be moved by author's compassion, be appreciative of her candor, and helped by her professional skills honed in the trenches of real life."



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Our Servant Outreach Board needs
your help!

We need meal preparers and
volunteers to help at Connections
Shelter, Sunday through Saturday

November 9-15, 2025.

For more information, please
contact MaryJo Menden at
justjomenden@gmail.com or scan
the QR code to sign up.



Faith Continuum

Please join us at Faith Continuum every Sunday in October to engage with offerings
that will leave you with much to consider and be thankful for.

Presently scheduled for October 4 is meeting with our Congregational Council to
hear their current priorities and activity.

On the 12th, Ceceli Bidelman of the YWCA Mankato will present on "Youth Mental
Health First Aid Training". This is important training for parents, grandparents,
teachers and community members.

Rev. Dr. Paul Meierding will present on October 19th and 26th. Pastor Paul earned a
PhD in Biblical Studies at Luther Seminary and taught for two years in the Religion
Department at Gustavus Adolphus College. You will not want to miss this riveting
offering on: *The Miracles of Jesus* How are we to understand Jesus' miracles? In
our nation's early history, many of our leaders were Deists, that is, they believed that
God created the world, but that God rarely intervened in human affairs. In our
present scientific age, we tend to discount stories of supernatural healing. We trust in
doctors to heal through surgery and the prescription of medicine, and we're not
confident that God acts supernaturally today. What happens to Christian faith, if
miracles are rejected, especially when the miracle of Jesus' resurrection is rejected?
Do we believe that God still acts powerfully? Do miracles occur today?

CONFIRMATION



Worship responses can be done in paper format. These forms can be found in the Narthex's Confirmation Board. OR you can scan the QR code to submit digitally.



Confirmation Point Tracker Forms can be scanned here or paper forms can be found in the Narthex's Confirmation Board. Please note one submission type only per activity.



Confirmation students and families are encouraged to sign up for Community Meal servers on Wednesday nights.

This sign up link can be found on our website under "Get Involved; Youth; Confirmation". For more information, please see Pastor Brittany

