

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.



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September Community Meal Menu

September 3

Lasagna with side salad
Garlic toast and ice cream

September 10

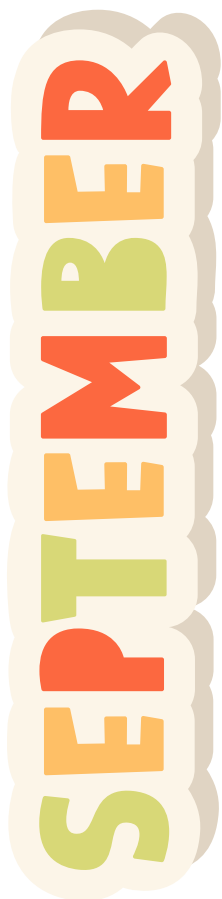
Burrito Bowl, refried beans and rice
Jello with fruit cocktail

September 17

Chicken wings and french fries
Corn and rice krispy bar

September 24

Cheeseburger Casserole and Dinner roll
Side salad and blueberry crumble bar



PARISH NEWS

Prayers of peace & comfort for the families of:

Prayers of Celebration for Pastor Paul Meierding in the 50th year of ministry since his ordination into word & sacrament ministry and for the baptism of Declan Richard as a child of God on August 10th. Declan is the son of Jason & Leah Rasmussen

Prayers of Comfort for Del Samuelson and his family in the death of his wife, Marcella "Marci" Samuelson, on August 2nd

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

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

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

CHILDREN and YOUTH

3RD GRADE FAITH LAB

Bibles & Brownies

Wednesday, September 10

6PM Worship Service



Bibles & Bagels

Sunday September 14

10AM Worship Service

Followed by a class in the Fireside Room with Pastor Melanie to learn more about the Bible.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1ST-6TH

**Wednesdays at 6:45 and Sundays at 10 am in the
Rainbow Room**



Confirmation for 7th–9th graders will begin on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:45 PM. If you missed the informational meeting or still need to register your child, please contact Pastor Brittany at brittanym@ctkmankato.org.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing in our Faith!

Worship response forms can be found in the Narthex's Confirmation corner.



Please scan QR code to submit a form for each activity that your child completes for their Confirmation programming.

LIBRARY CORNER

September means shorter daylight hours, memories of summer and our calendar now filling with projects and events that took a hiatus. Certain your summer months have been busy and hope there has been some fun and relaxation too! Perhaps now you may find more time to visit the CTK Library and learn there is something for everyone to enjoy!

SELECTIONS ARE FROM BIOGRAPHY SECTION IN LIBRARY

“The Seamstress” by Sara Bernstein [B Ber] A Memoir of Survival. “There are many accounts of Holocaust victims, but this work stands alone as a testimony to personal strength and independent spirit”.

“A Lucky Life Interrupted” by Tom Brokaw. [B Bro] A Memoir of Hope. “Former NBC News anchor shares his candor about his cancer journey which began in 2013.”

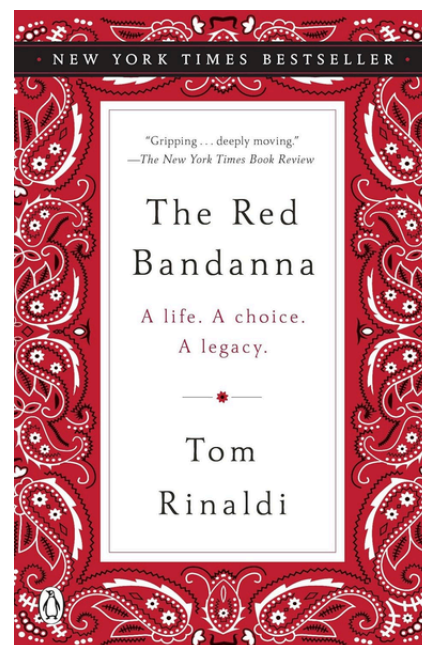
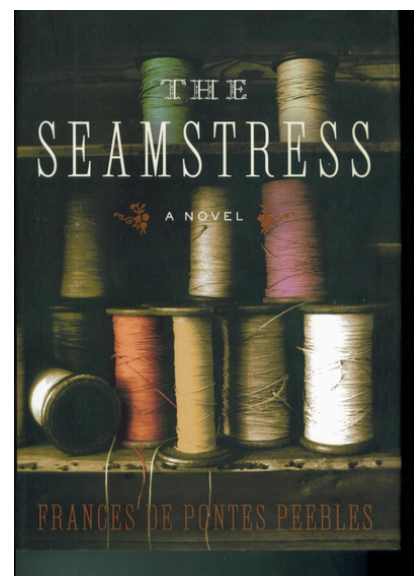
“Daddy Boy” by Carol Wolf Konek. [B Kon] “A poignant account of a family’s struggle with Alzheimer’s Disease and survival”.

“Quiet Strength” by Tony Dungy. [B Dun] “The Principles, Practices & Priorities of a Winning Life”. (Book Forward by Denzel Washington)

“Caddy for Life - The Bruce Edwards Story” by John Feinstein. [B Edw] “The moving story of a life in golf as lived by a man who has seen it all as almost 30-year lifelong caddy for Tom Watson.”

“The Red Bandanna” A Life, A Choice & Legacy by Tom Rinaldi. [B Rin] “What would you do in the last hour of your life? The story of Welles Crowther, whose action on 9/11 offers a lasting lesson about character, calling and courage - - and a Red Bandanna.”

“Tell My Sons” letters written by U.S. Army, Lt. Col. Mark Weber, who was born & raised in Minnesota. [B Web] “Soldier’s journey into an ultimate frontier with profound health issues”.



*BOOKS IN CHILDREN'S
'READING NOOK' - THERE
ARE MANY ON DISPLAY TO
EXPLORE*

Subject to change. Please check website for updates

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Labor Day-Office Closed	2 9a Coffee and Convers 10:30a Staff Meeting 6p Riverblenders	3 Library Committee Community Supper Handbell Rehearsal Worship-Rally Day Adult Ed Meetin Choir Rehearsal Youth Confirmat	4 10a Weavers Worship and Mu	5 Closed. Available by A	6 Traditional Wors
7	8 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p MAYC 10a Worship-Rally Day 6:30p Youth led Bible s	9 9a Coffee and Convers 6p Riverblenders 6:30p Justice and Peac	10 1p Altar Guild 5:15p Handbell Rehearsal Worship Bibles & Browni Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation	11 10a Weavers 7p O/A	12 Closed. Available by A	13 Traditional Wors
14	15 10:30a Staff Meeting 12:30p Blood Drive 5p MAYC 11a Bibles & Bagels 6:30p Youth led Bible s	16 9a Coffee and Convers 1p Ruth Circle Bible S 5:30p Executive Team 6p Multiple Blessings 6p Riverblenders 6p Riverblenders Boar	17 2:30p oak Terrace Dev Children, Youth & F Handbell Rehearsal Worship Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation	18 10a Weavers 7p O/A Women's Book Stud	19 Women's Retreat Shalom Hill Farm Closed. Available by A	20 Traditional Wors
21	22 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p MAYC 6:30p Women's Bible	23 9a Coffee and Convers 5:30p Church Council 6p Riverblenders	24 9a Quilters Shot Clinic 5:15p Handbell Rehearsal Worship Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation	25 10a Weavers 7p O/A	26 Closed. Available by A	27 Traditional Wors
28	29 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p MAYC 10a Worship 6:30p Youth led Bible s	30 9a Coffee and Convers 6p Riverblenders	1 Library Committee 5:15p Handbell Rehearsal Worship Adult Ed Meetin Choir Rehearsal Faith Formation	2	3	4

PRAYER CORNER

by Jorun Meierding, Prayer Room Coordinator

Your AGNUS DEI - LAMB OF GOD

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 focus on the “Agnus Dei,” which is sung as part of the Communion service, just prior to the distribution of the bread and wine:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. [Repeat].

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. [ELW p. 146].

“Agnus Dei” is a Latin phrase that means “Lamb of God.” In this liturgical chant, we identify Jesus as the “Lamb of God,” just as John the Baptist did when he declared, *“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”* [John 1:29].

The lamb had great significance for the Hebrew people of the Old Testament. In obedience to God’s laws, they regularly sacrificed unblemished—that is perfect—lambs to atone for their sins. In other words, the lamb died on their behalf and suffered the punishment they should have received. [See Leviticus 1:1-17]. The prophet Isaiah foretold there would be a “suffering servant” who would be led to slaughter like an innocent lamb:

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.” [Isaiah 53:7].

Many Christians believe this passage points to the coming Messiah, who we know as Jesus. Through his death on the cross, Jesus died on our behalf and suffered the punishment we should have received, just like the sacrificial lambs of the Old Testament. When we sing the Agnus Dei, we recall that Jesus, as the Lamb of God, “takes away the sin of the world,” and we no longer sacrifice animals to be reconciled with God. These words from the Bible put it best:

“You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.” [1 Peter 1:18-9]

This is why we worship Jesus as our Savior and celebrate the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of what he did for us. In your prayer time this month, meditate on Jesus as the Lamb of God, and on the precious blood of Jesus that was shed for you.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” [Revelation 5:12]

NEWS @ CTK

CTK 2025 QUILT SALES

October 22nd - October 26th

[Great Gift Ideas for Family – Friends & You]



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.

Finished 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.

July 2025 Financial Summary

	<u>Jul-25</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Jul-24</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Total Operational Income	\$ 54,244	\$ 72,607	\$ (18,363)	\$ 54,244	\$ 72,607	\$ (18,363)	\$ 58,630	\$ (13,977)	\$ 58,630	\$ (4,386)
Total Operational Expenses	(56,160)	\$ (76,991)	\$ 20,831	(56,160)	\$ (76,991)	\$ 20,831	(67,524)	\$ 11,364	\$ (67,524)	\$ 11,364
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	\$	\$ (417)	\$	\$	\$ (417)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ (3)

Women's Retreat 2025 Sept 19-21st

Her Story: Faithful Footsteps of Women in the Bible

Join us for a relaxing and inspiring women's retreat at Shalom Hill, where we'll reflect on the remarkable stories of women in the Bible and their faithful journeys. This laid-back weekend will begin with your arrival on Friday evening and conclude after worship and brunch on Sunday morning.

For any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to

andreapetzel14@gmail.com.

We can't wait to share this meaningful time with you!



Faith Continuum commences in September with a year full of speakers on a wide variety of topics. All are provided for the adults (post-confirmation) of CTK and visitors consideration. It is our hope that those in attendance will see and hear substantive matters to ponder as we all seek to have the Spirit lead us to do that which God would have us do for the Kingdom here.

As always, we start at 9am (between first and second Sunday morning Services) in the Fireside Room. We begin the new season on September 7th with a friend from MSU, M - Kristin Odland.

The Faith Continuum calendar is full. When each is to be heard is "up in the air". To take the guess work out of it check your emails every Friday for an announcement of things to come at that Sunday's Faith Continuum. Please come at 9am every Sunday between 9/7 and Thanksgiving for a worthy experience. It is always a blessing to have heard that which one might consider worthy of their time and who knows- the Spirit may lead you to act on something you see and hear.

For more information, please contact Todd Lundquist at toddl@ctkmankato.org

Ministry Fair

JOIN OUR MINISTRY TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 IN THE NARTHEX. THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT MINISTRIES THAT CTK OFFERS AND FIND AN AREA WHERE YOU MAY HEAR GOD'S CALLING.



WOMEN'S RUTH CIRCLE

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

We begin again on Tuesday, September 16th and will focus
on "The Twelve Disciples" study guide.

All are welcome to join this education opportunity!

For more information contact:

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Ann Stewart acstewart@hickorytech.net



CTK WORSHIP CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN SOON!

Do you enjoy singing and want to be part of a
joyful community? The CTK Worship Choir
invites adults and high school students
to join us as we kick off a new season!

First Rehearsal: Wednesday,
September 3rd

Time: 6:45-7:45 p.m. (weekly)

Sings in worship: Twice per month

No audition is required—just a love for
worship and music!

All are welcome.

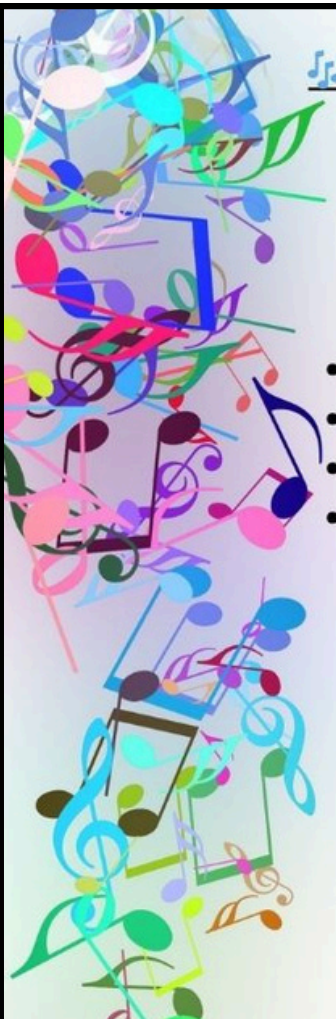
If you'd like to join or learn more,
please contact Robin Hughes.

Come make a joyful noise with us!

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Choirgirl724@gmail.com

507-382-8666



DON'T FORGET!

Starting September 7th, we are moving back to our regular worship schedule as follows:

Wednesday 6:00 PM-Contemporary Service


Saturday 5:30 PM-Traditional Service

Sunday 8:00 AM-Traditional Service

Sunday 10:00 AM-Contemporary Service



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800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org
and enter:
CTKMANKATO to
schedule an
appointment.




COLOR YOUR FALL WITH KINDNESS.

Give blood.

Blood Drive
Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Fireside Room
222 Pfau St
Mankato, MN

Monday, September 15, 2025
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



FAITH & FELLOWSHIP 2025

As the Summer draws to a close and the structured gatherings of Faith & Fellowship pause, the opportunity to continue growing in God's grace remains ever present. While we move into our programmatic year, it is now a time to reflect and thank God that the spirit of community and faith can thrive beyond the walls of a church, and that we at Christ the King are blessed to have so many opportunities to worship with each other.

Thank you to all who joined us in body and spirit!

