

THE TRUMPET

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Spring came while we were asleep this year. I'm fairly certain of it. We went to bed with barren branches and woke up to generous green buds sprouting from every limb. Did you notice how dandelions now pepper our lawns? Or how the frogs are calling to each other again? How the loons resumed their floating parades? Or how the songbirds revived their tunes? It's pretty awe-inspiring to notice these seasonal developments.

Some of us notice these changes sooner than others. They've developed a practice of listening. Not listening in the sense of "I heard that," but in the sense that they are attuned to the world around them. For them, listening is an active verb. They are being attentive to noticing how God is present in the world around them.

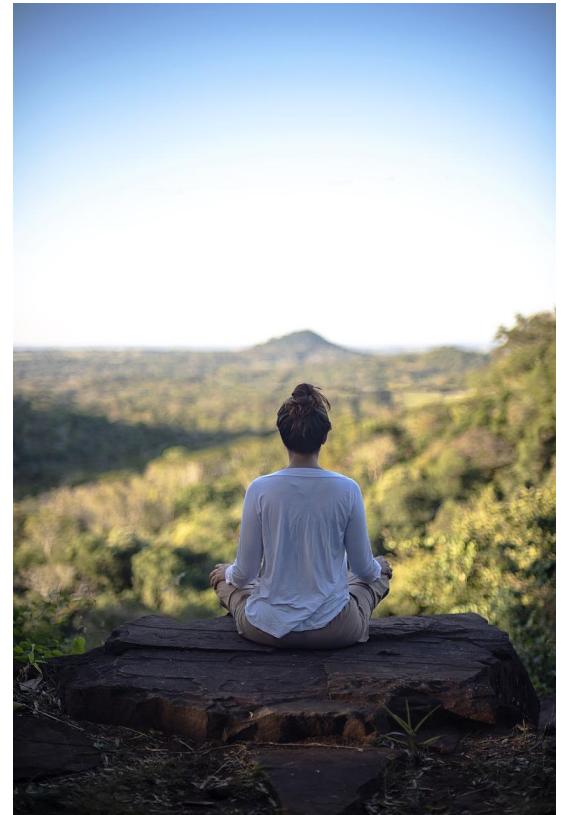
It takes some practice to be able to listen in a way that becomes second nature. We aren't born with this skill, we have to develop it. Listening doesn't come without effort. Sometimes, even with our best intentions, we find listening hard. Our thoughts and concerns can be really loud...long after our heads have hit the pillow, we may find ourselves having trouble quieting those voices. Or maybe the demands the day has placed upon us have drowned out the quiet voice of God.

Listening isn't accidental, it's intentional. Maybe you've told yourself you'll stop and slow down this summer...that you'll relax and listen then. I know I've told myself that little lie, more than once. But I don't really stop to listen until after an injury, or an illness, or some big life event has sidelined me and forced me to be still. And in that stillness, my first response is anger, frustration, or disappointment because I didn't make the choice to be still. Once I've gotten over myself, I'm ready to receive the invitation to listen, to contemplate.

Father Richard Rohr says contemplation is "wordless resting in the presence of God beyond all thoughts and images. Not thinking, just resting." When we listen with contemplation, somehow we emerge with a new and deeper understanding of the world. God reveals things to us that aren't accessible outside of communing in this way. We need this time just as much as we need air, water, and food. Resting in the oneness of God is vital to our lives. It makes it possible for us to listen to and live within the voice of God.

Summer will be full of opportunities...opportunities that call us into celebration for a graduate or a family milestone, opportunities to gather with friends and play, and opportunities to retreat and rest. Seize those moments. They're important. And save some space for listening too. CTK is beginning to stir after a time of hibernation, and things are beginning to wake. Old things are returning and new things are being considered. How might listening be helpful in the next leg of our journey? What might God be leading us towards? May you find joy in the contemplation as you seek to listen to the voice of God in the days to come!

Blessings,
Pastor Susie



WORSHIP & EDUCATION

June Worship

Sunday, 6/5: Day of Pentecost

9 am Worship Outdoor Service & Graduate Recognition
Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Rom 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

Sunday, 6/12: 1st Sunday after Pentecost

9 am Worship w/ Organ
Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Sunday, 6/19: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9 am Worship Outdoor Service w/KHB
Ps 22:19-28; Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, 6/26: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9 am Worship w/ Organ
Ps 16; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Adult Education



- ◆ Bible Study on Wednesdays, 10 am
- ◆ Women's Bible Study, 3rd Wednesday, 10 am



Everyone is invited to attend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're partnering with St. Stephen's for games, crafts, Bible stories, and more!

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**AUGUST 8TH-12TH
9AM-NOON**

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
1965 Co. Rd.E
White Bear Lake, MN



CONTACT SUSIEM@CTKWBL.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

June Worship Volunteers

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers
6.5	Joe & Janelle	Connie & Peggy	Bill	Scott & Beth
6.12	Craig & Mike	Ann & Isabel	Cyndi	Ann & Mike W.
6.19	Janelle & Jason	Cathy & Stephanie	Lee	Howard & Billie
6.26	Mike & Joe	Lori F. & Lori W.	Bea	Michelle & Mike W.



Hospitality: Tom & Lois Johnson, Janet Getchell, Bill Hughes & Sharon Scott

If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you!

TRY A PRAYER JOURNAL THIS SUMMER

ELCA Bishop Michael Rinehart says that “prayer is the foundation of our spiritual life.” He also often quotes Mother Theresa, who said: “The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.”

I am a firm believer in prayer and enjoy encouraging others to pray. Not long after I joined CTK, we studied Bishop Mike’s 40-day devotional, *Learning to Pray Again*, during Lent. But it’s a work I return to often, again and again.

With the busy-ness of summer upon us, I was thinking of a way to stay focused on the foundation of prayer. Recently, while enjoying Bishop Mike’s blog at <https://bishopmike.com/pray/> I came across a prayer journal created by ELCA Pastor Tammy Sharp of Christus Victor in Houston that’s tied to *Learning to Pray Again*, although Bishop Mike says that you don’t need his book to use Pastor Tammy’s *Prayer Journal*, which is downloadable for free from the above website. I like the simplicity of her journal, which includes the following preface/introduction by Pastor Tammy, adapted from Bishop Mike’s introduction, which I can share by permission:

Everybody prays. If you've ever hoped that a date would say yes, that you would get a good grade on the paper, get the job offer, dodge a diagnosis, then you have prayed. The yearning of the heart is prayer.

If you have ever stood at a mountaintop, overwhelmed by the beauty, or at the ocean, struck by its majesty, or laid in your back yard staring at the stars, millions of miles away, you have prayed.

If you have sat or walked in silence, allowing your spirit to become calm and receptive, if you have listened to your soul, discerning an important decision, or if you have felt a tug within you to do something benevolent, bigger than yourself, then you have prayed. You have experienced what people throughout the ages have called the Holy Spirit. You have communed with God.

Even if you feel far from God right now, God is closer than you think, closer than a brother, closer than your own skin. God is in you and around you, and every breath you take.

prayer is multifaceted. There are many different ways to pray. Some of these ways are more conducive to your personality than others. There have been many times in my life that I have been stuck in my prayer life. For one reason or another I felt I couldn't even pray. Most often, it was discovering a new way of praying that helped me break through to a new place of deeper peace, greater awareness and more acute introspection. The small book is a prayer journey. In these 40 chapters we will explore many different ways to pray. If you read these each day, I guarantee you, you will find all kinds of ways to pray. You will not be bored. If you’re stuck, you will get unstuck. Try it.

I am embracing Pastor Tammy’s invitation and I am going try using her *Prayer Journal* this summer, especially to help me stay focused on the foundation of my spiritual life, prayer. I invite you to consider trying it, too.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan



PASTORAL ACT



A Celebration of Life Service for
Pastor Bruce Boyce

(April 8, 1929 - February 28, 2021)
was held on May 7, 2022, at
Christ the King Lutheran Church with
Pastor Susie Modrow officiating.
Pastor Boyce was the beloved
long-time minister at CTK. We

continue to hold Pastor Bruce’ family and friends in our
prayers, trusting in the healing power of the Holy Spirit
to bring them comfort in this time of loss and grief.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Extending our

Congratulations

as you graduate High School
and wish you God's richest blessings as you begin
your next adventure.



Chloe Simanek

Daughter of Ben & Nicole
White Bear Lake High School

Brock Klimek

Grandson of Isabel Karon
St Louis Park High School



Sage Kucin

Granddaughter of Tom Sandhei
Eagan High School

Maxwell Cordes

Grandson of Isabel Karon
St Louis Park High School



(not pictured)

Jeremiah Halvorson Bernard

Son of Pastor Laurel
Irondale High School



PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

I would be remiss to not mention that a significant number of congregation members (myself included) have had to deal with COVID during May. Two of our congregation members, with underlying health issues ended up being hospitalized which should remind us that while an inconvenience for most, COVID, can be a very serious illness for some.

I attended the annual Synod Assembly May 13-14 with this year's theme being Emerging in Hope. From the opening worship, a commemoration of Remember the Children Initiative and throughout there was a focus on our youth. The title of a presentation from Rev. Dr. Amy Marga, a Professor at Luther Seminary whose research focuses on children in the Christian tradition was "Eight Things You Need to Know About God and Children". Marcus Pope another main presenter is the president of Youthprise, a non-profit organization based in Minneapolis that works to increase learning, leadership and economic opportunities and safety in community for Minnesota's disadvantaged youth.

The synod introduced The Planting Hope Campaign with a goal to raise one million dollars within 3 years to be used on the Families Together project on the East Side of St. Paul. Alexis Oberdorfer, with LSS, joined Bishop Patricia Lull, Amy Marga and Marcus Pope in a conversation about how we care for all of our children. Congregations have been challenged to help raise funds for the Planting Hope Campaign.



In Christ's Service
Howard



Christ in our Home devotionals for July/August/September are now available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church. Feel free to help yourself. A few large print copies are available. Please call the church office if you are interested in one of those.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Special Congregational Meeting

NOTICE IS GIVEN

that a special congregational meeting of Christ the King Lutheran Church of White Bear Lake, Minnesota has been called by the church Council to be held on **Sunday, June 12th, 2022**, immediately following the 9am worship service that day. The purpose of the special meeting is as follows:

- *To approve the call committee to begin the search for search to call a permanent pastor.*

Come and meet the committee candidates, ask any questions you may have, and lend your vote so the next stage of the process may begin!

Contact Howard Juni (hjuni@comcast.com) or Bonnie Jackelen (bcjackelen@msn.com) for more information.

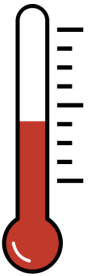


The CTK

'Buy Down The Mortgage' campaign is now underway.

Our goal is to gather \$18,000 by the end of July and make one large principal prepayment in August. This payment will significantly lower our mortgage balance, shorten the term of our mortgage and reduce the amount of interest that we will pay over the life of the loan. To donate online, just visit our website: **CTKWBL.ORG**, click "Give", then select the "Mortgage Buy Down" button.

Donations can also be made during the Sunday service, or sent to the office, just indicate "Buy Down" on your offering envelope or check. Watch for further information and updates in the coming weeks, including an innovative "Mortgage-O-Meter" displaying our progress.



A Message from the COVID Team.

This is a friendly reminder that COVID-19 is still with us. The COVID risk level determined by the CDC remains low for our surrounding counties, however, new COVID cases have been increasing recently. Even as worship precautions at CTK have eased, we offer you and those you care about to stay well.

- Stay up to date with vaccines and boosters.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- You may choose to wear a mask at any time. Wear a mask in public if you have been exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID.
- Stay at home and take advantage of online worship if you feel sick.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Social distancing is an effective preventative measure. Try to keep a safe distance from others.

April Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

4/01/2022 through 4/30/2022 = \$17,655

4/01/2021 through 4/30/2021 = \$20,560

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 4/30/2022 = \$73,502

1/01/2021 through 4/30/2021 = \$77,527

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 4/30/2022 = \$84,910

1/01/2021 through 4/30/2021 = \$87,600

Cash account balances as of April 30:

North Star Bank: Checking = \$9,975, Savings = \$40,787, Memorial Savings = \$31,013, and Online Giving = \$20
Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$41,820.
The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$90,002 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of April 30 = \$187,031.

MISSION & SERVICE



Masisiwe Fundraiser Continuing Through June.

Thank you to all who gave to our 2022 goal of \$1500! If you haven't had the chance, the Masisiwe fundraiser will continue through June. The special basket in the Narthex will be available for in-person donations. Additionally, you can give through our website, or send to the office. Masisiwe's main goals for this year are to finish the new church at the Tumaini preaching point and improve the pastor's house at the main church. Through the 18 years we've been partners, your response has made a big impact on their lives and their ministry. If you'd like to learn more about your impact and our partnership, here's the update video on our CTK YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kUZ9e-5K-o>

CTK WOMEN

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RUMMAGE, PLANT and BAKE SALE



Thursday, June 2nd, 8am-8pm

Friday, June 3rd, 8am-noon

Stuff weighing you down? Let us help you "lighten up" by bringing your clean, reusable items to CTK Room 134. Please no electronics or car seats, or other baby equipment. We will still take items on May 30-31. Workers are needed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. the entire week of the sale. Come and help any time to sort and mark up items as appropriate. We especially need help on Friday June 3rd at noon. *Only workers can pre-sale shop*. Grocery bags with handles (Festival or equal size) can be used for Friday's bag sale. Baked goods (on paper plates in plastic bags), homemade preserves and potted plants can be brought on Wednesday, June 1st. Thanks to all members of the church who help with this FUN fund raising event to support our missions. Last year 25 members participated!

FAMILIES & KIDS

Family camp
June 10-12, 2022
6 pm-noon
CAMP WAPO
Amery, WI
Faith formation, fun,
and family time!
Cost: \$15/person
+ lodging
Multiple lodging options
available.
Register
Online
Today
Activities:
• Swimming
• Games
• Crafts
• Campfires
• Counselor-led
activities for kids,
relaxation time
for adults, and
family activities
For more information:
www.walwbric.com
Call 715-268-8434

Volunteers Needed



Special Olympics
Thursdays in July
10-10:45 am

We're co-hosting activities for youth ages 2-7 with intellectual disabilities. Volunteers are needed (1 hr/week) to lead children through athletic drills. Are you up for an hour of fun?!

Contact Pastor Susie for more details!

June 2022



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Fri

Sat

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<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Office Hours 9:30 am - 3:30pm</p>			<p>Adult Bible Study 10 A Rummage Sale Drop Off</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 8am-8pm</p> <p style="color: blue;">Property 7 P</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 8am-noon</p>	<p>Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Outdoor Worship 9-10am</p>	<p style="color: blue;">WMA 6:30P</p>		<p>Adult Bible Study 10 A</p>			<p>Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Worship 9-10am</p> <p>Congregational Meeting 10am</p>		 <p>Flag Day</p> <p style="color: blue;">Admin 7P</p>	<p>Adult Bible Study 10 A</p>	 <p style="color: blue;">Trumpet Deadline</p>		<p>Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 <p>Father's Day</p> <p>Outdoor Worship 9-10am</p>		<p style="color: blue;">Church Council 7P</p>	<p>Women's Study 10 A</p>			<p>Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A</p>
26	27	28	29	30		
<p>Worship 9-10am</p> <p>Call Committee Meeting 10am</p>		 <p>Family Shelter Meal 5-6pm</p>	<p>Adult Bible Study 10 A</p>			



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