

THE TRUMPET

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Summer is here! The sun is shining. Birds are singing. Children are riding their bicycles. Backyard BBQ's are in the works. Summer is when we release ourselves from the burdens of work and embrace a time to play. It's summertime, and the livin' is easy. But is it easy?



Today's headlines inform us that 49 million people are at risk of famine. It's not a supply chain issue. It's a lack of grains to make the food that feeds the world.

Another news report shares that climate change is a bigger threat than war. We see images of a dry lake bed, a home swept away by floodwaters, a wildfire that cannot be contained, and a life-threatening weather system forming.

Yet, another report tells us that parents are buying bulletproof t-shirts and backpacks for their children because no one is stepping up to keep them safe in school. At the time of this writing, we've experienced 39 mass shootings since Ulvade. Thirty-nine.

It's summertime, and the livin' hasn't been easy. There's a lot of pain going on. Could this pain be a form of labor? Is the world pregnant? Pregnant with God, turning with each contraction? Are we suffering with her in labor, acting as a midwife? Offering comfort, hope, and intervention? Is her distress the beginning of a disaster, or is it about to usher in something new? Terrible things are happening in the world.

Things that were not ordained, but things that God can use for good.

We've been talking about the Holy Spirit these past few weeks...about how God dwells with us and in us. If we believe that, then we also believe that God dwells in others and within creation itself. This belief requires us to see the divine in all of humanity and

to act accordingly. It means that we choose to suffer together, just as in Romans 8:22, while we await the fulfillment of God to come. It requires us to be active participants in the world, not just in our own lives. It comes with a sense of responsibility to care for creation and one another. To see God in places beyond the eucharist, beyond those who are closest to us. To see God in the distressed; to become affected because others are affected. Look for the places where you can contribute towards easing the suffering. Places like the [ELCA's Advocacy Action Center](#) or [Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services](#). Connect with local representatives. Above all, notice the indwelling of God in new places. It's what will direct our next steps.

God, lover of life. Help us to love what you love. Spur us to action and incline us to suffer with one another for the sake of your good creation. Help us to recognize you in every place and every time. Unite us as one, and let your will be done. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Susie

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

July Worship

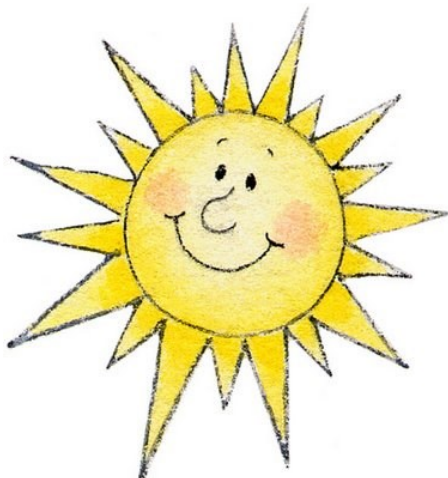
Sunday, 7/3: 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 9 am Worship Outdoor w/Organ/Communion
 Ps 66:1-9; Isaiah 66:10-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, 7/10: 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 9 am Worship w/ Organ
 Ps 25:1-10; Deu 30:9-14; Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, 7/17: 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 9 am Worship Outdoor w/KHB/Communion
 Ps 15; Gen 18:1-10a; Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, 7/24: 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 9 am Worship w/ Organ
 Ps 138; Gen 18:20-32; Luke 11:1-13

**Sunday, 7/31:
 8th Sunday after
 Pentecost**
 9 am Worship
 w/KHB
 Communion
 Ps 49:1-12;
 Ecc 1:2, 12-14;
 Luke 12:13-21



Coming Soon!

YOU PICK THE HYMNS
Sunday

Cast your suggestions for your favorite hymns (limit 3 per person please) either online or in-person. A “music box” will be located in the Narthex for your votes. Our musicians will incorporate them into our worship service on August 14th.

Scan the QR code for online submissions.



July Worship Volunteers

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers
7.3	Craig & Mike	Karen & Becky		Scott & Beth
7.10	Jason & Janelle	Connie & Peggy	Cyndi	Ann & Mike W.
7.17	Craig & Joe	Ann & Isabel	Lee	Howard & Billie
7.24	Jason & Mike	Cathy & Stephanie	Janet	Peggy & Mike W.
7.31	Joe & Janelle	Lori F. & Lori W.	Cyndi	Michelle & Ann



Communion Servers: 7.31 Michael & Billie
Hospitality: Mike Stepan, Ron & Sharon Nelson, Connie Carlson

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

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!

Special Olympics. This month, our congregation is volunteering in partnership with Redeemer Lutheran Church in hosting Special Olympics on Thursdays from 10-11 am for 2-7 year olds. If you were not able to make the volunteer training session, please arrive a half hour early to receive your instructions.
Thanks!

S'MORES GALORE

JULY 27TH
7-8:30 PM

GRADES 6-12

JOIN US FOR SMORES AND MORE! WE'LL PLAY GAMES, GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER, AND MAKE SOME PLANS FOR WHAT WE MIGHT DO THIS COMING YEAR!

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!



SIGN UP HERE



SCAN ME

Everyone is invited to attend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're partnering with St. Stephen's for games, crafts, Bible stories, and more!
Sign up today by scanning the QR code.

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

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



SCAN ME

CONTACT SUSIEM@CTKWBL.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

It's Almost Time For VBS. Register Today! August 8-12

PRESIDENT’S PONDERINGS

Thanks everyone for attending the June 12 special congregation meeting and for the great discussion.

*We now have a Call Committee,
and I would like to thank
Sally Hesse, Erica Johnson,
Logan Josephs, Michele Murray,
Tom Sandhei, Sandy Serier
and Mike Stepan
for agreeing to serve
in this very important role.*

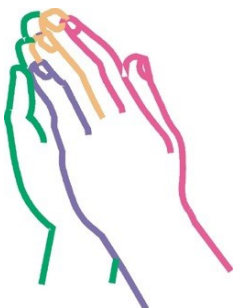
There was a question asked during the meeting regarding the call committees’ role in recommending a name for one or more positions. The role of the call committee is to identify and recommend a new pastor. That will be our full-time senior pastor. Pastor Laurel was with us not as a called pastor but rather in a contracted part time hourly position. The Council has decided to wait until our new permanent pastor is called and then review the congregation needs for additional staff.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July and wish you well during any summer travel you may be fortunate enough to enjoy.

In Christ’s Service
Howard Juni



Christ In Our Home Devotionals



The July/August/September edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church. Feel free to help yourself. A few large print copies are also available.

“A PRAYER OF UNKNOWING”



Theologian Thomas Merton wrote countless reflections on prayer, many of them prayers themselves. One of my favorites is his *Prayer of Unknowing*:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

As the Call Committee embarks on its important journey, please pray for its members and the members of the congregation, that the Holy Spirit might guide the discerning work through the faithful insights of the congregation.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

June 4, 2022

White Bear Area Emergency
Food Shelf



Dear Friends at Christ the King Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$240 to the **White Bear Area Food Shelf**. Your generosity and kindness allow us to advance our mission of *providing food and support to our neighbors in need* in partnership with the communities of the White Bear area.

Nobody could have predicted what 2020 and 2021 had in store for us. The pandemic brought about increased or new financial stress for many local families. That, combined with a public health crisis that complicated the way we serve and interact with our neighbors, our work became more of a challenge than ever. Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, we were able to meet the needs of every family coming to our food shelf. **Many months we served double the number of families we had in the past.**

During any given month, over 1,900 families accessed food and support services through the White Bear Area Food Shelf's varied programs. Because of your support, food shelf programs like our Curbside Market, Mobile Markets and KidPack provide thousands of nutritious meals to children, seniors, and adults. Additionally, through our community Resource Program and Emergency Fund, families have access to housing, utility support, medical, and car repair resources.

With great gratitude on behalf of those we serve,

Perry Peterson

Executive Director

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.

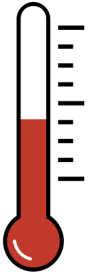


The CTK 'Buy Down The Mortgage' campaign is now underway.

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.

To date, \$5285 has been donated. Check out the "Mortgage-O-Meter" in the narthex, displaying our progress.



May Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

5/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$17,384

5/01/2021 through 5/31/2021 = \$22,773

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$90,886

1/01/2021 through 5/31/2021 = \$100,301

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$105,370

1/01/2021 through 5/31/2021 = \$110,841

Cash account balances as of May 31: North Star Bank: Checking = \$10,805 Savings = \$35,787, Memorial Savings = \$32,763, and Online Giving = \$375. Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$41,834. The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$93,639 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of May 31 = \$185,815.

MISSION & SERVICE



Masisiwe Fundraiser Surpasses our Goal!

Thank you to all who made our 2022 Masisiwe fundraiser a huge success! As of this writing, over \$1825 has been donated. Your response will help complete the new church building and improve the pastor's house at the main church. Through the 18 years we've been our Masisiwe partner, your generosity has made a big impact on their lives and their ministry.

Asante sana!

Masisiwe note from Facebook.

“Many Greetings
from Iringa Tanzania!
As a member of Masisiwe
congregation am real thanking
Christ The King
for supporting our
congregation.”

-Kendrick Essau

CTK WOMEN

CTK Rummage Sale Wrap-Up



Many hands make light work! A special thanks to all those who helped take down and then later set up chairs and move the long tables to/from display rooms. Our total sales were \$1,278.13 with another \$980.50 contributed by Kathy Langstraat from items she has sold from CTK members and the rummage sale! The following "worker bees" contributed countless hours of time for our very successful sale: Sharon Burback, Cathy Carlson, Karen Eian, Corrine Erlandson, Cyndi Frankel, Scott and Beth Freburg, Sally Hesse, Bonnie Jackelen, Ann Jonell, Bea Jones, Isabel Karon, Wayne and Kathy Langstraat, Polly Morrison, Marybeth Nelson, Sharon Nelson, Patti Rund, and Becky Thompson. Thanks too to everyone who donated "rummage". With God's love and guidance, we look forward to furthering our missions.

HOLY HAMMERS

The 2022 Holy Hammers project is off to a great start! THANK YOU to all who helped by either volunteering labor, serving lunches, donating food or financial contributions for lunches, or your Lenten offerings to support our annual financial commitment to Habitat for Humanity. A handful of folks from CTK worked the week before Memorial Day with skim-coating walls and ceilings, repairing blemishes in the walls, removing old flooring and door/window trim, and repairing drywall that had to be removed due to water damage. Holy Hammers is still in need of a few more volunteers before the project ends in July; please contact Craig Carlson at carlsonc751@gmail.com if you are able to help out. And remember: you get a FREE LUNCH when you show up to work! Thanks again!!

Holy Hammers'



July 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Summer Office Hours 9:30 am - 3:30pm					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Outdoor Worship 9-10am	 Independence Day	Property 7P		Special Olympics 10-10:45am 		Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 9-10am		Admin 7P		Special Olympics 10-10:45am 		Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Outdoor Worship 9-10am		 Trumpet Deadline Church Council 7P	Women's Study 10 A	Special Olympics 10-10:45am 		Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 9-10am		 Family Shelter Meal 5-6pm	 S'mores Galore 7-8:30pm	Special Olympics 10-10:45am 		Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
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Worship 9-10am						



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