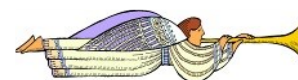


# THE TRUMPET



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## Hospitality

has been on my mind these past few weeks...maybe it's the Mary and Martha story, the Good Samaritan story, or when Jesus sent out the 70. Hospitality has a place in the Bible and in our lives. I think about how hospitality has reemerged in our lives this year...we've resumed hosting people in our homes again. We've re-gathered around a cup of coffee to share a story or to catch up.

The world has felt less hospitable lately, whether it's related to COVID, political strife, or some other glaring difference. We have been wary of each other. We've wondered, will someone get me sick, will they be intolerant of my beliefs, is it safe to be myself, or do I need to keep my guard up?

Trust might not be the first thing you think of when you think about hospitality, but it does play a part. If you don't feel a person is trustworthy, you won't be able to fully share yourself. Some acts of hospitality are automatic... you hold a door open, or you say thank you to the waiter who removes your dirty dishes. These acts don't require a sense of trust, but there are deeper acts of hospitality that depend on trust. When your car has broken down and a stranger

offers to help you, do you accept their assistance?

In some ways, we've lost the ability to trust others' hospitality. Maybe it's because we've been wounded in the past, we're dependent on the ideal of independence, or maybe it's foolish or unsafe to receive it. Being in a spot to receive care means we're vulnerable.

I'd rather be on the side of offering it than receiving it... It seems safer and easier to control. That's probably where there's a lesson to be learned, in the unsafe and uncontrollable situations.

Shelly Francis, in *The Courage Way*, writes that there are touchstones that help create trust. They help us move towards trusting, belonging, and understanding. These are things that every human being craves, and I think they tie beautifully into the community Jesus



calls us to participate in.

**Give and Receive Welcome:** We do this every Sunday. We notice the visitor, them in conversation, answer questions, and invite them to coffee.

**Be Present as Fully as Possible:**

This one's a little harder. It asks us to bring all of ourselves to the table...even our reservations and fears. It goes beyond a superficial welcome, beyond the way we present ourselves to the outside world, and exposes our joys and sufferings.

**Extend Invitation, Not Demand:** Some of the best invitations I've ever received are the ones that are open-ended. The invite is there, but there's not a feeling of pressure to participate one way or another. What a gift it is to go at your own pace!

**Speak Your Truth in Ways that Respect Other People's Truth:** Sharing our stories involves revealing where we land on issues. While that's neither bad nor good, it can be contentious. Because of this, *(continued)*

sometimes we hold our beliefs close and are less likely to share them...withholding a part of who we are. But we can express ourselves and our deepest opinions without feeling vulnerable to an attack. We can share our beliefs as a statement, not as something up for debate, but something that gives the listener insight into who we are and what's important to us. We can do it without disparaging each other.

**No Fixing or Saving:** We aren't the ones who are responsible for saving each other. Jesus does that work. We don't have to right every wrong. We can care for others as they are, even if we feel they are misguided. This kind of hospitality respects the capacity of another to come to their own conclusions as they begin to discover new revelations.

**Wonder:** Inevitably, we might start to find ourselves feeling defensive when faced with someone who stands in opposition to our beliefs. If those feelings surface, wonder is a good companion. Wonder about your reaction...is there something to be learned here? Wonder what's appealing to the other person in order to adopt this belief. Wonder has a way of inviting empathy.

**Asking Open, Honest Questions:** Participate as a listener. Listening is a form of hospitality. Asking questions can help a person audibly process how they feel and name things they didn't realize were there before. It can open the door for new insights.

**Trust the Silence:** Silence can feel awkward and we quickly try to fill those spaces. Practice letting the silence linger a little longer. Silence gives us time to think and process.

**Seeds Planted Here Keep Growing:** We live in between reality and what it can be. Where we encounter people isn't necessarily where stories end. We're all on a journey. We travel together for different lengths of time. We might have a one-time encounter, or a companion for years. Each of those experiences can leave an imprint on us and contributes to mutual transformations and understandings along the way.

These are things to ponder as we contemplate hospitality in our church, our homes, and in our community.

Blessings,  
Pastor Susie

## GRATITUDE



July 12, 2022

Dear Christ the King Lutheran Church,

Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you for your generous gift to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS).

Your contribution of **\$250.00** was received on 7/7/2022.

From adoption and foster care to shelter and safety for youth experiencing homelessness to support for people with disabilities to nutritious, home-delivered meals for older adults, LSS impacts 1 in every 65 Minnesotans. I invite you to learn more about our services and see how your generosity is already inspiring hope, changing lives, and building community at [lssmn.org](http://lssmn.org).

With gratitude,

Jesse M. Stremcha

Thank  
You

Ladies Group from Christ The King,

The shawl is absolutely beautiful, soft, and the perfect purple. I cannot wait to wear it at one of my college football games, GO Tommies! Thank you guys so very much.

Love,  
Daesia (special friend of Wendy Gulbraa)

# JOIN US

*Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at [ctkwbl.online.church](http://ctkwbl.online.church). You can access the bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.*

## SUNDAYS

AUGUST 7	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28
9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
<b>Be ready, for the Son of Man comes at an unexpected hour.</b>	<b>Jesus does not come to bring peace, but a baptism.</b>	<b>Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath and is condemned.</b>	<b>Jesus teaches about God's reign, humbling yourself and inviting the unexpected to your table.</b>
<i>Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Luke 12:32-40</i>	<i>Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Luke 12:49-56</i>	<i>Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>	<i>Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Luke 14:1, 7-14</i>
<b>9 am Worship Outdoors</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>	<b>9 am Worship Outdoors</b>	<b>9 am Worship</b>
Organ / Communion Baptism	Organ You Pick The Hymns	KHB / Communion	Organ

## WEDNESDAY



### AUGUST 17

#### Women's Bible Study

10am

Please join us for a casual Bible Study from "The Gather".

The emphasis will be on healthy life patterns for our future. No need to prepare ahead of time. We will have materials ready for you to use during class!

We welcome all with open arms.

### AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers
<b>8.7</b>	Craig / Mike	Karen / Becky	Lee	Howard / Billie
<b>8.14</b>	Joe / Jason	Connie / Peggy		Ann / Mike
<b>8.21</b>	Janelle / Craig	Ann / Isabel		Scott / Beth
<b>8.28</b>	Mike / Jason	Cathy / Stephanie		Howard / Billie

**Hospitality:** Gil & Karen Eian, Scott & Beth Tradup, Michelle Murray

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

# COMING SOON



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**

## HELP WANTED!

We are looking for  
Sunday School Teachers!  
If you're interested in learning more,  
contact Stephanie Clapper at  
smclapper@yahoo.com

Christ The King

# RALLY SUNDAY

September 11, 2022

Kids! Bring your backpack for a special blessing during worship at 9am.

Following the service, EVERYONE is invited to play games and enjoy a potluck picnic!

We'll provide the main dish, you can provide the sides. Sign up to bring sides or dessert.

Register for Sunday School here.




**SCAN ME**



Co-Hosted by the Discipleship & Fellowship Teams

## 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.





## *Presidents Ponderings*

A special acknowledgement and thanks to Mike Nollan along with the Admin and Finance Team for their leadership with our Buy Down the Mortgage campaign. We exceeded our targeted \$18,000 goal with the Mortgage-O-Meter and maybe Mike's updates and leadership being instrumental in this. Also, a thank you to all the congregation members who contributed to this campaign.

With an opening on the Church Council, we discussed potential candidates and are pleased to let you know that we extended an invitation to Lori Wills which she prayerfully considered and accepted. Lori will join the council for the remainder of 2022.

I have really been enjoying the outdoor services this summer and think it was a great idea to move them to the front of the church. It is truly inspiring to have the large outdoor cross and church building backing up the worship leaders.

I hope you are all enjoying some summer fun whether it be through travel or with family and friends.

In Christ's Service  
Howard Juni



## *Living Our Baptisms*

Recently while browsing the ELCA.org website, I came across a brief, but powerful article entitled *Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism*. I'd like to share just an excerpt with you:

We are living in unprecedented times—a health pandemic with economic uncertainty and unresolved racism. There is much that we cannot control, but we can control our choices of behavior. Now is the time to intentionally choose healthy patterns to offset the grief and lament related to these times as we shift to a new normal.

Healthy choices include faith practices. The Affirmation of Baptism (see box on right) provides five faith practices to integrate into our daily life. Receive each as a gift from God.

### *Affirmation of Baptism*

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

**live** among God's faithful people;

**hear** the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;

**proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;

**serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and

**strive** for justice and peace in all the earth?"

Response: We do, and ask God to help and guide us. (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pg. 236)

It struck me as a great reminder and a great prayer!

Prayerfully in Christ,  
Michael Stepan

## **Christ In Our Home Devotionals**

The July/August/September edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church.

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

### *Funeral*

Harlan Hamstad - July 13, 2022

### *Baptism*

Jocelyn Jean Cammack  
July 31, 2022

Child of  
Matthew & Tara Cammack



# UPDATES

## Mortgage Buy Down Goal Reached



The “Mortgage Buy Down” fundraiser, which is ending soon, has received **\$18,115 as of July 15<sup>th</sup>**, exceeding the \$18,000 goal. These funds will be used to reduce the outstanding principal on our \$184,000 adjustable-rate mortgage. The current rate of 3.875%, which is locked in until May of 2027. Based on our current monthly payment, this mortgage will not be paid off until September of 2032, and we can expect two more interest rate adjustments during that time.

Our “Buy Down” fundraiser offers a unique opportunity to participate in the prepayment of part of the principal we owe. Every dollar raised will help eliminate months, if not years, of monthly payments, saving the congregation thousands of dollars in interest. And we will eliminate at least one upcoming interest rate adjustment.

There are only a few weeks to participate in this extraordinary “Buy Down” event. Donations may be made by cash or check or you may participate by making an online donation. Simply visit the church website “**CTKWBL.ORG**”, click on the “**GIVE**” tile, and follow the instructions on the drop-down menu. Many thanks to all of you who have ensured the success of this campaign through your generous donations.

## June Financial Report

### Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

6/01/2022 through 6/30/2022 = \$24,163  
6/01/2021 through 6/30/2021 = \$21,169

### Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 6/30/2022 = \$115,049  
1/01/2021 through 6/30/2021 = \$121,345

### Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 6/30/2022 = \$125,141  
1/01/2021 through 6/30/2021 = \$131,347

### Cash account balances as of June 30:

North Star Bank: Checking = \$16,029  
Savings = \$47,656,  
Memorial Savings = \$32,765, and Online Giving = \$20.  
Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$42,842.  
The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$104,477 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of June 30 = \$184,605.



### 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 ben 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.

## CALL COMMITTEE

The call committee is working diligently under the supervision of the synod to find Christ the King a new pastor. The call process is quite extensive. It requires in-depth planning and research in preparation for the next several years at CTK. The call committee is focusing on who we are as a church, what are our needs as a congregation, and how we want the CTK ministry to evolve as we look to the future.

The call process is broken into four phases per the synod. Christ the King is currently in phase 2. Here is a brief overview of the four phases.

### Phase 1 - 1-3 Months

- o Pastor announces leave.
- o Council meets with synod to secure an interim and begin the call process.
- o Congregation says farewell to the pastor.

### Phase 2 - 3-12 Months

- o Interim Pastor begins.
- o Council begins preparatory work.
- o Mission Exploration Team (included with the Call Committee in smaller congregations) is created and begins gathering information/research for the Ministry Site Profile (MSP).
- o The MSP provides descriptions of the congregation's current life and dynamics, future mission challenges and goals, qualities sought in a new pastor.
- o Congregation participates as invited in the development of MSP.
- o MSP is presented to the congregation. The MSP is the main document used by the synod to recruit

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- o The Call Committee creates a job description based on MSP.

### Phase 3 - 2-4 Months

- o MSP is completed.
- o Council works closely with the Call Committee to finalize details.
- o The Call Committee works to identify and recommend a new pastor by conducting interviews, checking references, and recommending a candidate.
- o Congregation meets to vote on Call Committee recommendation

### Phase 4 - 6-9 Months

- o Call issued
- o Council and Congregation welcome new Pastor and say farewell to interim.

This is a very high level outline of the call process. We will share more detailed information as we dive deeper into the Call Process Manual. The call committee is dedicated and committed to their work in following the call process as guided by the synod. I am proud of the work we have done so far and look forward to the coming months of work we have ahead. Thanks for your on-going support and prayers as we navigate this process.



~Erica Johnson, Call Committee Chair

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### *Silent Auction*

**Sunday October 2, 2022**

Bidding from 10 am to 11:15 am.

You get to bid, claim, pay and take your items home, all in one day!


Let's have a little friendly competition and support the work of our Women's Ministry group for missions local, national and international. We are asking each family to provide at least one item--be it a physical item, service to be provided, or a foodstuff for the auction. If you have questions, call Cyndi Frankel at 651-407-5939.

*(She will be available after Labor Day.)*



# AUGUST 2022

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	WMA 6:30P		VBS Training 5:30P	VBS Decorating 10A  Fellowship 7P Property 7P	VBS Decorating 10A	Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
7 Outdoor Worship 9-10am  Baptism Colton Zachary Zielinski	8 VBS 9-noon  Discipleship 7P	9 VBS 9-noon  Admin 7P	10 VBS 9-noon	11 VBS 9-noon	12 VBS 9-noon	13 Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
14 Worship 9-10am  You Pick The Hymns	15	16  Church Council 7P	17 Women's Study 10 A	18  Trumpet Deadline	19	20 Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
21 Outdoor Worship 9-10am	22	23  Family Shelter Meal 5-6pm	24	25	26	27 Bread Ministry 7A KHB 9A
28 Worship 9-10am	29	30	31	Summer Office Hours 9:30 am - 3:30pm		

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