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Christ the King Lutheran Church

1660 Birch Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Pastor's Corner

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Summer is truly upon us now. The days are longer, heating up, and moving as fast as summer always passes in Minnesota! Perhaps you are also enjoying summer with outdoor activities, vacations, trips up north, or enjoying a cool beverage on your patio or deck.

This summer I want to invite you to consider a few ways to engage with Christ the King. The first is to come to a Wednesday night for “Good Stewards Together.” You are invited to join us for dinner any time between 5:30 and 6:30 pm with activities to begin at 6:30 pm. This summer we are focusing on how we are good stewards – and that stewardship is so much more than money. There are four sessions left in July and August – and I know I would love to see you there!

You are also invited to participate in an intentional congregational listening project. The CTK Council has decided that we will be exploring our stated mission and values to see if they still reflect where God is leading us. The last four years have been a lot: a pandemic that changed how we did church overnight, the transition back to in-person worship, and a pastoral transition. Not to mention all of the highs and lows of life that the body of Christ experienced individually over that same period of time. I trust that God is leading us still and God is with us through all of the highs and lows that we experience.

In order to perceived where God is leading us, we need to start by listening. Who do we listen to? One another! It is in our collective responses to three questions that we’ll be able to see how God is leading us and discern what CTK’s mission and values are in this present time.

And you can be a part of the process. There are two ways that you are invited into participating. The first way is to attend a training to be listener during one of these one-to-one conversations. I’ll be leading two options for training – after worship on Sunday, July 14 and at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 17. Both will be in the Conference Room. You’ll leave equipped to do some deep intentional listening of fellow congregation members as we work together to listen to where God is leading us now.

We also need people to say an enthusiastic yes when a listener contacts them to set up a one-to-one conversation. These conversations are not meant to be a sales pitch, an ask for anything, or a time for chit-chatting, but an opportunity to learn about you, your hopes for the church, and help provide valuable information for the CTK church council to sift through in discerning how God is leading us now. Our plans is to begin the one-to-one conversations in mid-July and conduct a many as possible by September 8 so that the Council may be able to present their findings at the annual meeting.

Our mission begins with listening – and you are a critical part of that mission! Don’t miss out on an opportunity to both participate in sharing about yourself and your hopes and to do the intentional listening to another CTK member. Blessings on your summer!

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca



JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JOIN US

Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at ctkwbl.online.church. You can access the Bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.



SUNDAYS

JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 Mark 6:1-13	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Mark 6:14-29	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 John 6:1-21
The disciples go out and encounter resistance.	John the Baptist is martyred.	Jesus sends the disciples out to teach and heal.	The Gospel according to Bread: Feeding the 5000
9 am Worship Organ / Communion	9 am Outdoor Worship Piano / Communion	9 am Worship KHB / Communion	9 am Worship Organ / Communion

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
Bread

July 28: Feeding of the 5000
August 4: "Give us this bread always"
August 11: "I am the Bread of Life"
August 18: "My flesh is true food"
August 25: "You have the words of eternal life"

EATING
OUR WAY
THROUGH
JOHN 6

THURSDAY

JULY 18
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This summer we will focus on "After Certainty." This summer we'll explore God's invitation to take a holy journey beyond certainty to curiosity, communion, and compassion, where we find abundant life in Christ. July will focus on "Community."

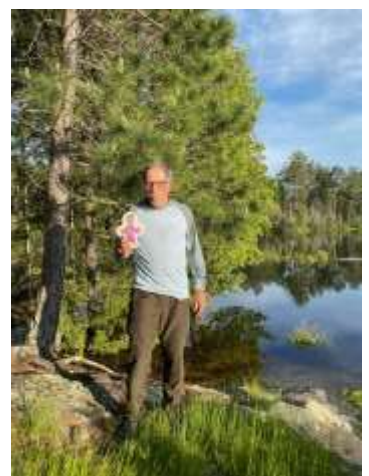
July 18, 9:30 am
(new time!)
in the library.

July Worship Leaders

AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
7.7 Jason / Julia	Cathy / Stephanie	Julie	Polly	Michele / Mike	Wendy / Mike	Alex
7.14 Janelle	Lori / Lori	Michele	Mike	Carol / Scott	Sally / Wendy	—
7.21 Joe / Mike	Karen / Becky	Cyndi	Cyndi	Ann / Michele	Julie / Michele	Jack
7.28 Janelle / Joe	Connie / Peggy	Lee	Jack	Michele / Scott	Mike / Polly	—

Hospitality: Mary Fernandez, 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!

Where is FLAT JESUS





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COMING SOON



You are invited to another summer of intergenerational fun and fellowship at CTK as we explore being Good Stewards Together. We'll gather for six Wednesday nights to enjoy a meal together and spend time learning, playing, and fellowshiping together. Good Stewards Together will feature time spent exploring the Bible, discipleship, relationship, and the world. We'll meet in the **Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

Come to one or all – everyone of all ages is encouraged to attend and have fun together!

Meals Together:

CTK will provide the main meal for our dinner together from 5:30-6:30 pm. We'll need volunteers to help host the meals by setting up, serving, and cleaning up. You can also help provide sides/salads and desserts to round out our meals together.

Sign up on the sheet in the narthex!

Good Stewards Together:

After our meal, we'll gather together for learning and playing together focused on a variety of themes. Each week will be different as we focus on all the aspects of stewardship. The activities are meant to be intergenerational, so people of all ages are needed to build relationships and have fun together. Bring your friends or family!

Mark Your Calendar:

We'll meet for a **meal from 5:30-6:30 pm** and **activities from 6:30-7:30 pm** on the following dates: **July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 14.** Sign up to be a meal host (set up and clean up) or to bring a side dish or dessert.



One-to-One Conversation Training

Your help is needed! The CTK Church Council is looking for volunteers to learn how to have an intentional one-to-one conversation with church members as we listen for where God is leading us as a congregation this summer. One-to-one conversation trainings will run about an hour

Sunday, July 14 after worship

Wednesday, July 17, 7 pm

Meet in the Conference Room to learn more about how to have an intentional conversation to discern how and where God is leading us right now. Anyone is invited to participate in this very important work of listening to one another to discern our shared mission and values as the people who makes up Christ the King Lutheran Church.



Mission Trip Bake Sale

Participants of the CTK Intergenerational Mission Trip will be holding a bake sale after church on **Sunday, July 28.**

Funds raised will support our trip to Duluth in August. Bring your sweet tooth and support the participants serving in Duluth this summer!

Pray Without Ceasing

Recently, I came across a treasured Living Lutheran magazine that I kept from March of 2019. In it was an article entitled, Pray without ceasing: A Lutheran approach to prayer. As I was re-reading the article, it got me reflecting on my own thoughts and experiences regarding prayer. As I grow deeper in my faith, I find that prayer is an integral part of a life of faith.

Indeed, Paul encourages us to “pray without ceasing,” in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, just as Martin Luther’s writings suggest someone in continual conversation with God, as noted by the above article. We also know Jesus prayed frequently, especially at times of great importance or in response to demanding challenges, as we so often hear in scripture.

As I prepare myself for seminary, my spiritual director encouraged me to “pray first, Michael, and often.” He also encouraged me to unclutter my life, to be open to prayer as a natural state, to serve where I can right now, and to devote myself to my theological studies, as a hopeful leader in the church, with a goal for the future.

I am often reminded that we’re invited to prayerful connections with God in such unique, holy ways – the circumstances and surroundings are endless. That’s the beauty of prayer – the soil for it, the environment for it, surrounds you. From a quiet sanctuary to a paddle board on the water, or while hiking a forest trail or mountain. Confessing our sins. Receiving communion. Offering ourselves in service. We just need to make ourselves open and available.



Where do you feel yourself most calm? I’ll bet prayer is involved, persistently invited by our loving God.

Through our baptisms, we are marked for Christ and hardwired for a communion with God. That communion especially comes to us is prayer, both in private and in assembly. But that communion must be cultivated, like a thriving crop – like that tiny, but glorious mustard seed from Mark’s gospel.

I find the quiet part of our home or office, or the stillness of our church sanctuary outside of liturgical worship, or the natural surroundings of Creation to be the fertile soils of private prayer... and it involves dedicated time – time set aside for it, just like when we set aside our regular liturgies together and our weekly offerings – first, not necessarily as an afterthought. It also involves active listening, like we’ll be doing more of this summer in a wholesomely structured way. A dear friend called this a form of contemplative prayer - being open to God’s movement in our lives, making us better by reminding us of our hardwiring through baptism.

The Ancient Greek term metanoia denotes a change of mind, a reorientation, a fundamental transformation of outlook, of a person’s vision of the world and of herself/himself, and a new way of loving others and God. Luther taught that we should pray constantly, as a way of life. May we never

forget the importance of a regular dialogue with the Almighty in our daily lives.

Converse with God regularly – you won’t regret it.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

UPDATES

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Corner

Over the years, Christ the King has developed 28 policies and procedures. These policies provide guidance for our financial and business practices. Two of these policies, the Policy against Violence and the Policy Against Sexual Misconduct, were reviewed at the June meeting. Both of these policies require periodic education about the content of these policies.

The Policy against Violence states:

Christ the King Lutheran Church will not tolerate conduct, by actions or words, reasonably perceived as threatening or intimidating against its employees, congregation members or visitors. Christ the King Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe place for all individuals and we will continue to address the issues of violence in sermons, in our Sunday school, our youth groups, nursery, the church council, and ministry teams.

The Policy against Sexual Misconduct states:

It is the policy of Christ the King Lutheran Church that sexual misconduct will not be tolerated. Any complaint of sexual misconduct will be dealt with quickly and confidentially. This policy applies to pastors, lay employees, volunteers and congregation members. The intent of this policy is to make certain that responses to any allegation of sexual misconduct be appropriate and compassionate for all involved, and that all parties be heard. In accordance with federal and state laws and legal definitions, all staff and volunteers are mandated to report suspected sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults to the proper authorities. We will comply with any

and all legal mandates. Furthermore, Christ the King Lutheran Church bears affirmative responsibility to create an environment of hospitality for all people which is free of these sins and encourages respect, equality and kinship in Christ.

Should you witness any form of violence or sexual misconduct please report it to Pastor Rebecca, council president Scott Tradup or any other council member. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of these policies.

In Christ's Service
Scott Tradup



ADMIN & FINANCE

May Financial Report

**Envelope and online offerings
monthly comparison:**

01/01/24 through 5/31/24 = \$116,560
01/01/23 through 5/31/23 = \$91,599

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/24 through 05/31/24 = \$110,858
01/01/23 through 05/31/23 = \$99,333

Cash account balances as of May 31, 2024

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$13,851

Savings = \$22,012

Memorial Savings = \$33,474

CD = \$41,520

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$53,621

Endowment Fund = \$90,000

Mortgage Balance = \$121,347



JULY 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4  Office Closed	5	6 Bread Ministry 7am
7 Worship 9am	8	9	10 Good Stewards Together 5:30-7:30pm	11 Property 7P	12	13 Bread Ministry 7am
14 Worship 9am One to One Conversation Training 10:15am	15	16	17 One to One Conversation Training 7pm	18  Women's Bible Study 9:30am	19	20 Bread Ministry 7am
21 Worship 9am	22  Trumpet Deadline	23  Family Shelter Meal 4:30-6:15pm	24 Good Stewards Together 5:30-7:30pm	25	26	27 Bread Ministry 7am
28 Worship 9am Bake Sale 10:15am	29	30	31	Regular Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm		

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