



THE TRUMPET



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Pastor's Corner

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." – Ephesians 3:17b

Dear Siblings in Christ,

August is often a time of transition as we look ahead to the fall, the start of the school year, and the restart of all the church programs. However, we're not quite there yet. There's still a month left of summer before we look forward to choir practices, welcoming a new Confirmation class, and starting Sunday School once again.

During this last month of official summer, I'm going to encourage you to remember that Jesus us to rest for a while. August is an opportunity to find ways to rest and recharge as we prepare for the year ahead. It's official: your pastor is encouraging you to find rest in August. Take a nap. Go for a walk in nature. Talk on the phone with a friend or family member. Draw with chalk on your sidewalk. Read a book. Use your hands to make something. Write a letter or note to someone who lives far away from you. Or try whatever gives you rest!

Taking time to rest in the midst of our regular busy lives can help us stay centered in who we are – and also centered in Jesus, who encourages us to rest for a while. Rest could also include some spiritual practices too – we could sing or hum a favorite church song or hymn, offer prayer or praise to God, bless the creation that surrounds us, or just take in the awesomeness of God's creation. Pausing to take in all that God created us to be can allow us to be ready for opportunities to be God's hands in the world when they present themselves.

We can also remember that Jesus' encouragement is to rest for a while, not forever! September is coming and with it lots of opportunities to participate in the life of the church. I am always excited for God's Work, Our Hands as we plan to kickoff our new Confirmation and Sunday School year along with choir restarting. Youth and families will get a chance to meet Hannah Grove, our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries and engage in starting a new routine for a youth group this fall.

We will again have a service project for God's Work, Our Hands. We'll make sandwiches for The Sandwich Project in September. Based on the enthusiastic participation last year, I'd love to increase the number of sandwiches we make. Are you a Thrivent member? Would you consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant to help purchase sandwich supplies? Let the church office know if you'd like to support our sandwich making efforts. We can help you apply for a grant as well.

I pray that this August brings about a season of rest and re-charging. May we all find ways to be centered in ourselves, whether through rest, trying out spiritual practices, or taking a nap. Let us find ways to rest so that we are ready to participate in being God's hands in the world. Get those gold God's Work, Our Hands shirts ready for September!

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca



AUGUST 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

AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 25
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
<i>2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a</i> <i>Psalm 51:1-12</i> <i>John 6:24-35</i>	<i>2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33</i> <i>Psalm 130</i> <i>John 6:35, 41-51</i>	<i>1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14</i> <i>Psalm 111</i> <i>John 6:51-58</i>	<i>2 Samuel 11:1-15</i> <i>Psalm 14</i> <i>John 6:1-21</i>
“Give Us This Bread Always”	“I Am the Bread of Life”	“My Flesh is True Food”	“You Have the Words of Eternal Life”
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

AUGUST 15

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. August will focus on “Compassion.”

9:30 am
(new time!)

in the library.

AUGUST

Worship Leaders

AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
8.4 Craig / Mike	Ann		Polly	Michele / Mike	Wendy/Howard	Jack
8.11 Janelle	Cathy / Stephanie		Ann	Michele / Scott	Wendy / Mike	—
8.18 Joe / Mike	Lori / Lori	Cyndi	Cyndi	Mike / Howard	Ann / Polly	
8.25 Mike / Joe	Karen / Becky	Lee	Cyndi	Michele / Mike	Bonnie / Peggy	—

Hospitality: Karen Eian, Scott & Beth Tradup, Michele Murray

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



*From their
2024 harvest.*

SEEDS for UKRAINE

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Translation of letter: “The DobroDiy charity foundation expresses its sincere gratitude to you for your care, sensitivity, ability not to pass by, ready to help and provide support. Residents of Arkhangel’sk town of the Kherson region thanked you from the bottom of our hearts for providing planting material (seeds). May the Lord thank you for your kindness and sincerity. We wish you all the best, health and prosperity.”

The English name for the town mentioned is Archangel. Indeed, watching over them. When the Ukrainians say, “ability to not pass by,” they mean that they are not forgotten by you. Seeds for Ukraine helped many villages this spring and home gardens are now thriving. Total giving surpassed \$18,500 and an additional \$2,500 was provided for medical supplies. Slava Bohu!

COMING SOON



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: **August 7 and 14**. Sign up to be a meal host (set up and clean up) or to bring a side dish or dessert.



Welcome Hannah Grove to CTK!



Hi! My name is Hannah Grove and I'll be the new Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Christ the King beginning in August. I have two years of experience leading youth in Gretna, Nebraska and I moved up here for seminary. I just completed the first year of my Ph.D. program at Luther Seminary with a history concentration. I spend my free time caring for my indoor garden (ask me about my plants!), playing the violin in the St. Paul Civic Symphony, and hanging out with my 18 month old dog Bean. I'm so excited to get to know you all!

Hannah will be in worship on Sunday, August 11 and would love to meet everyone at CTK during coffee hour, especially CTK youth and families!

MISSIONS



Masisiwe Thanks!

On behalf of our friends at our partner church in Masisiwe, "Asante sana" to all who donated to our yearly fundraiser for their projects. This year was a **new record of \$2692.00!** All the funds will go toward completing their sixth church. Thank you for making a difference in their ministry!

Bread of Life Potluck

Celebrate the end of "The Gospel According to Bread" with a bread potluck during coffee hour on August 25. You are invited to bring your favorite bread – sweet or savory, homemade or store-bought, plain, with butter, or your favorite spread – to share as we mark the end of five weeks of focus on bread. Jesus says "I am the bread of life" so let us share in our favorite breads to celebrate all things bread!



UPDATES

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Corner

Like many of our ministry teams, the Council did not meet in July. However, there were still several initiatives going forward. First, the council approved the hiring of Hannah Grove as Director of Youth and Family Ministry. This has been a budgeted position that has gone unfilled for several years. We're looking forward to some renewed energy and more opportunities for the youth and families.

One-to-one conversations were kicked off in July. Council members and others will be having conversations with congregation members. These conversations are meant to engage the congregation to help the council discern where God is leading us as a congregation. The council will use these discussions to help determine a mission, vision and goals and how best to allocate resources to accomplish them. Please say yes when asked to participate, it is important to get as much feedback as possible.

In August, the council will be asking for feedback on the sound system via a survey to be filled out in worship. Again, please consider filling out the survey to help us allocate resources to improve our in-person and on-line worship experiences.

Finally, from a financial standpoint, the general budget is in good shape for the first half of the year. Through June, income has exceeded expenses by approximately \$3,500. This is the first time in several years where income has exceeded expenses at this point in the year. Thank you for your continued strong financial support.

In Christ's Service
Scott Tradup

ADMIN & FINANCE

June Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/24 through 6/30/24 = \$138,688

01/01/23 through 6/30/23 = \$120,469

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/24 through 06/30/24 = \$135,106

01/01/23 through 06/30/23 = \$128,129

Cash account balances as of June 30, 2024

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$3,580

Savings = \$22,032

Memorial Savings = \$33,057

CD = \$41,520

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$54,704

Endowment Fund = \$90,000

Mortgage Balance = \$1119,917



Intergenerational Mission Trip Update

We've made changes to our intergenerational mission trip. Due to participants needing to withdraw from the trip, we've decided to shift our focus to local service for two days – Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 21.

We'll meet at church in the morning to serve in our local communities. Service is to be determined, but could include working in a community garden, doing light home maintenance projects, or learning about caring for the Mississippi River. We would anticipate being out from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Lunch would be provided.

To make these service days happen, we need participants! If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, August 11. Details about the service days will be shared once participants are confirmed.

Seeing Each Other

I'm registered for my first course at seminary, and I ordered my first textbooks. Recently, I shared a meal with my cohort, an appointed pastor-guide and mentor in our synod, and met with my spiritual director. Between the three of us, we talked of many things – joys, fears, challenges, failures, successes, and opportunities. All of it reminded me that we—you and me—are the Body of Christ. And after a bit of time, prayer, and reflection about how things present themselves to us in the world today, I picked up Thomas Merton's *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, where he so passionately stated:

In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. It was like waking from a dream of separateness, of spurious self-isolation in a special world. . . .

This sense of liberation from an illusory difference was such a relief and such a joy to me that I almost laughed out loud. . . . I have the immense joy of being [hu]man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate. As if the sorrows and stupidities of the human condition could overwhelm me, now that I realize what we all are. And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun.

Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed. . . . But this cannot

be seen, only believed and "understood" by a peculiar gift.

I'm immeasurably blessed to see you living out your baptisms and to be walking with you, especially in service to those less fortunate. Indeed, it encourages my vocation. In a very real sense, you are among my faculty. And I thank you for it. My prayer is that we always continue to see each other and our neighbors as members of the Body of Christ.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry News

Thanks to Connie Carlson, Bev Osborne, Patti Rund, Becky Thompson and Polly Morrison for serving the Dale Carlson funeral reception. The family was very appreciative.

Reminder: The Women's Ministry will be having a meeting on **Monday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Silent Auction

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Bidding from 10am to 11am

Help 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. It can be a physical item, gift basket, service to be provided or baked goods. Please join us for fun and fellowship, donate something for the auction, bid on items and take them home, all in the same morning.

Questions?

Call Cyndi Frankel at 651-407-5939

Where is FLAT JESUS



AUGUST 2024

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p>August Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm</p>			1	2	3 Bread Ministry 7am
4 Worship 9am	5 WMA 6:30P Women's Ministry 6:30P	6	7 Good Stewards Together 5:30-7:30pm	8 Property 7P	9	10 Bread Ministry 7am
11 Worship 9am	12	13 Admin 7P	14 Good Stewards Together 5:30-7:30pm	15  Women's Bible Study 9:30am	16	17 Bread Ministry 7am
18 Worship 9am	19  Trumpet Deadline	20 Council 7P	21	22	23	24 Bread Ministry 7am
25 Worship 9am	26	27  Family Shelter Meal 4:30-6:15pm	28	29	30	31

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