

“We would like a church that again asserts that God, not nations, rules the world, that the boundaries of God’s kingdom transcend those of Caesar, and that the main political task of the church is the formation of people who see clearly the cost of discipleship and are willing to pay the price.” — Stanley Hauerwas

Pastor’s Page

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. 2
Timothy 2: 14-15

I have been sharing some advice from Aaron Renn about facing the challenges of living in a world that seems to see faith in a negative light.

Christ the King was formed using the strategies of what was called the church growth movement back in the 70’s and 80’s. Much of that movement encouraged us to keep up with the times and make faith more palatable or familiar to the culture. Contemporary services, less ritual, less formal and more upbeat were some of the themes. There was even a form of evangelism touted in The Lutheran magazine that was called “entertainment evangelism.” These forms of evangelism and worship were very effective in many ways, but came at a price, since they tended to downplay certain aspects of worship and faith that people found old fashioned or stodgy. (If you don’t know what that means, it means old fashioned or uninspired. It is kind of an old fashioned word.)

One of the things that was often said as I was just starting in the ministry was that we should be like Martin Luther, who wrote many of his hymns based on tunes from the local tavern. The problem with such statements is that they were false. You can search through the many changes Luther made to worship and the many hymns Luther wrote and you won’t find any. Luther is a cautious reformer in many ways, criticized by others as too cautious, but Luther also understood that reform carries dangerous consequences. Something important can be lost. One thing we should be careful of according to Renn’s advice is that we “not remain too wedded to the strategies of yesteryear.” I would say that we ought to be cautious of strategies in general, though there is always a need to have some idea what you are trying to do.

Renn tries to explain why: *I noted above that the ministry and engagement strategies of the American church were created in the positive and neutral worlds and were tuned to the cultural context of those eras. In the Evangelical world, I identify three principal strategies: culture war (or the religious right), seeker sensitivity (often seen in non-denominational megachurches), and cultural engagement (the urban church movement). Each of these strategies got important things right. The culture warriors understood that sometimes you have to be unpopular with society’s elites. The seeker sensitives did not want to put man-made barriers between people and Christ. The cultural engagers understood the importance of the life of the mind and vocation.*

One of the responses to these evangelism approaches of the church of my early years as a pastor has been a desire for more traditional forms of church. Many young people are turning to Orthodox, Roman Catholic or more conservative evangelical traditions, in search of something they perceive to be “missing.” The temptation to go back is a common one, because it once worked. The other temptation is to try and restore a long lost traditional form of Christian faith. I am not sure either of these “strategies” is a good one. We have a vast store of wealth for worship, faith formation and living from which to draw, I tend to think that we use what is there, but more important is the purpose of life together, to celebrate the God who rescued us in Christ while sharing that Good News with those who have yet to hear.

Strategies are fine, but they must be aware of what is happening around us, what is said, as well as what is often heard. Let us remember Paul’s advice to his young friend Timothy:

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
2 Timothy 1:8-14

Worship Notes for October

October 5 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Theme: Faith vs. Pride is a common theme in the Bible. Pride has traditionally been the first of the sins that leads to all the others in the Christian tradition. It is the kind of pride that says I did it on my own or I will do it myself that is a danger, because it is always unstable and uncertain. Faith is a firm and certain trust that is solid ground on which to build, even when all seems lost and we are surrounded by obstacles and dangers. It is this faith, whether mustard-seed-sized or great faith that the Bible celebrates, because it stands firmly on God's promise. The 3 year olds will also receive their Bibles at this service.

October 12 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Theme: "There is a God here!" Many are reluctant, many find faith in God stupid, but it is always possible that they may discover as did Naaman when he encountered Elijah that there is indeed a God. Everyone comes to faith in a different way, but we are invited like Elijah to give witness to what we have seen and heard, so that others may know the God who frees lepers and rescues sinners so they may give thanks and praise. Our 3rd grade youth receive their Bibles on this special day.

October 19 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Theme: Prayer is the act of faith that is often most neglected. Our words often seem inadequate, our faith even less so, but Jesus encourages us to continue and to pray always and in all things. Resting in the promise of God that our prayers are and will be heard, we ought never assume that prayers is wasted, even when we do not see the answers in our time frame. The story of Jacob should be a reminder that the answer to prayer is often framed in a lifetime that comes to a point in a dramatic moment of blessing and vindication.

October 26 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Theme: We began the month with a reminder of the dangers of pride. We come to the end of the month and see that its opposite is humility. Humility is not a modern, American word in the sense that it is rarely seen in a positive light. We are a proud people, with pride in who we claim to be, but as Christians we are called to humble ourselves or even allow ourselves to be humbled. Paul reminds us of the valuable reward that is held for us in the hand of God that allows us to be humble in the present moment: *"For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him."*

Today is a joyous celebration as we hear the affirmations of faith declared by our 10th grade confirmands, please remember them in your prayers this day.

Former Member of Christ the King Elected Bishop in Southwestern Pennsylvania

Congratulations to The Rev. Melissa L. (Larsen) Stoller, who was elected on June 13 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. The election took place during the synod assembly, June 12-14 at La Roche University in Pittsburgh. Bishop-elect Stoller is a former member of our congregation and daughter of one of our current members, Karen Sheie and our first pastor, Doug Larsen who founded Christ the King. She will take office on Sept. 1 and be installed on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. We rejoice and offer prayers for Melissa and for the synod as she begins her ministry.

Bible Studies for Men and Women or Anyone Interested

Women's Study: The Biblical Roots of Luther's Small Catechism

We meet on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Men's Study: The Story of the Bible

We begin meeting on Saturday, October 11th at 8:00 a.m. and continue from that day.

Study of Good and Evil continues on Mondays at 7:00 pm

"Evil is not able to create anything new, it can only distort and destroy what has been invented or made by the forces of good." – J.R.R. Tolkien

A request was made for a study that wasn't for men or women only and another was made for a study of evil in the Bible and faith. To begin, we will combine the two requests and move on from there.

What do we mean by evil?

What is goodness?

What is God doing about evil?

What should we do?

How do I do what is good and not what is evil?

These are old questions, which the Bible does address in various ways. We will look at some of these things for 7 sessions **continues on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** Come try it out and see whether it might be for you.

10th Graders Affirming their faith on Sunday, October 26th.

These are the youth who will be participating in the Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 26th. Please remember them as they prepare for that day in their life of faith.

Luke Dreckman

Porter Jensen

Tyla Kamrath

Brady Melzer

Allie Nelson

Brody Wendorff



October 5, Pet Blessing at 11:00 a.m.

We will have our pet blessing this year on October 5th at 11:00 a.m. so that we can have it at the end of Sunday School. It is a way off, but because the date is early in October, we want you to know soon enough.

Bring your pets, a treat and your love and we will celebrate the first of the creatures God blessed us to care for and share this world.

You should also provide a means for your pet to be secure and feel safe, leash, kennel, or even an aquarium if you have a reptilian friend.



Joanne and the family of Roger Cherrington would like to sincerely thank the staff and members of Christ the King for their prayers and support during his recent passing. We really appreciated the beautiful music by JoAnn Huss, the caring and competent kitchen helpers at his funeral lunch, and especially the meaningful words by Pastor Tim, who used the example of the strong and long-lasting sidewalk railings Roger designed and built for the church as a metaphor for how he lived his life.

Thanks from Lucas Kjelshus for the sympathy card from Christ the King on the loss of his friend, Arthur Reinhart

Thanks from the Orville Asleben Family for the support and kindness shown by Christ the King Members on the occasion of his passing.

Thanks to the project group for helping as needed with the many projects at Christ the King. Helping get ready for Sunday is immensely appreciated!



Please consider a donation to the Little Pantry and thanks so much to everyone who has already donated! We continue to be a welcome service for those in need.



Stewardship Creed

I believe in the gifts of God and feel gratitude for all I have been given, These gifts are not mine to have, but mine to share.

When they are shared, my gifts will make a difference for others. And I believe the act of giving is more important than the gift itself. I will make giving a priority.

I will give to others because so much of what I have comes from others.

I will give of who I am, what I do, and what I have.

Pantry Items Needed

Macaroni and Cheese
Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup
Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os
Boxed meals such as Tuna Helper, can of tuna
Cake Mixes
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cereal
Baby Food
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Cleaning supplies
Personal Hygiene products
Diapers & Wipes



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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Diane Bode recovering from surgery

Ruby Dettman has been transferred to Hillcrest Rehab in Mankato

Lucas Kjelshus for spiritual wellbeing and comfort at the death of his friend,
Arnold Reinhart.

Dan Asleben and Family on the loss of his father, Orville

Tom Wersal and Family on the loss of his son, Tom Jr.

Brian Kloos recovering from foot surgery

Paul Wojahn on the passing of his sister

Lanis Curtis's niece, Selina, recovering from injuries

Sheila Fiske recovering from foot surgery

Joanne Cherrington and Family upon the passing of Roger Cherrington

Terry Prange is recovering at the Benedictine Community Home in St. Peter

Gayle O'Connor recovering from surgery for removal of cancerous kidney

Dave Schauman is recovering at home from a traumatic brain injury

Char Klocke is now residing at Valley View Home in Lamberton

****There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards****

Let us know if you would like to be on the email Prayer Chain for notifications about those members in need of prayer.



Caregiver Coffee Hour - The Caregiver Coffee Hour started in March and we have had a great response – so many folks out there caring for others and it's great to know that there is support available, even if it's just a shoulder to lean on! This group will meet the first and third Thursday of each month.

October dates are the 2nd and the 23rd. The meeting on the 23rd will feature an attorney to talk about all the legal stuff we face when the difficult times come. at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 1:00pm. Coffee and snacks will be served.

If you are a caregiver to a loved one and would like to get out and socialize with others that are in the same type of situation, this is the group for you! If your loved one can't be left alone, you can bring them along, and we will have some activities that they can participate in as well, while you have some time to yourself to recharge.



As you plan your schedule this fall please consider making time for choir! Singing is good for your body and your soul! We welcome every level of ability in our group, from beginners to experienced singers. YOU are welcome to join us!

Choir meets from 6:45 – 7:45 on Wednesday evenings beginning September 10th; we sing in church the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month. Not sure it's for you? Talk to Anne-Lise (507/354-6102, 507/276-2099, kalj@newulmtel.net) or someone you know in choir.

"As long as we live there is never enough singing" – Martin Luther

Youth News



- October 3rd – Armor of God Day Camp
- October 5th – 3 year old children receive Bibles
- October 5th – Youth Group 3:00 to 5:00pm
- October 12th – Douglas G. Larsen Pancake Breakfast
- October 12th – 3rd. Grade children receive Bibles

Club 1515 is an after school group of 3rd-6th graders that meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm. The kids shuttle to Washington School and then we walk up to church. This year we are having a snack, devotion, and then trying to focus on Service projects in the community. Come and check it out!

Armor of God Day Camp will be on Oct. 3 from 8am-3pm for school aged children (prek-4th grade). There will be activities, games, crafts, and more for the kids on their day off of school. Kids will need to bring their own lunch but snacks will be provided.

Registration required. Older youth are welcome to come and help out during the day as well, just talk to Geri.

Youth Group starts on October 5 from 3-5pm. We will meet at church and have a snack, a devotion, games and other activities. We can talk about what you would like youth group to look like this year. Bring a friend!

Junior High and High School youth and/or families are encouraged to help out with the Douglas G. Larsen Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on October 12 from 8-11am. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for workers as well as food donations.

Youth interested in helping out with the ECFE Trunk or Treat contact Geri. We are signed up to have a trunk again this year, so lets have some fun putting together a fun trunk for the kids! October 25th, 1:00pm to 2:30pm at Jefferson School.



Registration for the Jr. High Youth Gathering is now open!

The gathering will be **Nov. 21-22** in Willmar, MN and the theme this year is Strengthened by Faith. If you would like to register, please contact Geri or get a registration form off of the bulletin board in the narthex. **Cost is \$45. Geri will be accepting registrations until October 9th.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are going to serve as a drop off site for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year. Since we had such a good response last year for packing boxes, we have decided to do it again this year. Our goal is to pack 100 boxes this year. However, in order to do this we will need to collect items to be packed in the boxes as well as a **\$10 donation for each box** to help with the shipping cost. If your family would like to take a box and fill it and return it filled and with the \$10 donation that is also an option. There will be a box in the narthex and one in the Sunday School area for collecting the toys, school supplies, personal care items, and clothing. **All the boxes will need to be packed by collection week which will be November 17th-24th.** We are actively seeking volunteers to help with the collecting and packaging to prepare for shipping. There will be specified hours that we need volunteers. A sign-up will be on the bulletin board, or if you are interested in participating with this project please reach out to Geri Groebner or Mary in the office.

Embroidered and screen printed Christ the King t-shirts and sweatshirts will be for sale this fall! Stop by and see Geri after church and check them out!

2025 JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

SERVICE PROJECT: TEEN HOMELESSNESS

FOSTERING YOUTH TRANSITIONS - WILLMAR, MN

Fostering Youth Transitions - Willmar Area is a service that prepares youth for independence. Fostering Youth Transitions - Willmar Area provides guidance and support to youth, up to age 23, who have been in out-of-home placement (i.e., foster care, group homes, juvenile justice placements or change of custody) and are preparing to find their own living situation. We also facilitate connections with their peers who have been in a similar situation.

This experiential independent living skills group includes a strong focus on adventure-based learning, leadership and team building skills. It includes retreats and field trips as well as individual transitional and independent living plans for youth who are in or have aged out of out-of-home placement care.

We'll be collecting the following items to create hygiene kits for the resource center:

- FULL-SIZED DEODORANT
- FULL-SIZED TOOTHPASTE
- FULL-SIZED BODY WASH/SOAP
- HAIR BRUSH OR COMB
- TOOTHBRUSH
- RAZORS / SHAVING CREAM
- LOTION



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | <div>1</div> 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:00pm Confirmation Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class | <div>2</div> 1:00 Caregivers | <div>3</div> | <div>4</div> 5:33pm Worship |
| <div>5</div> 9am Worship & FB Live 3yr old receive Bibles 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Pet Blessing | <div>6</div> 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 3:00 Womens Bible Study 5:00pm Youth Ministry Mtg 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | <div>7</div> 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access 3:45pm Personnel Comm | <div>8</div> 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:00pm Confirmation Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal | <div>9</div> | <div>10</div> | <div>11</div> 9:00am League of Women Voters 5:33pm Worship |
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| <div>26</div> 9am Worship & FB Live 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Affirmation of Faith Ceremony | <div>27</div> 3:00 Womens Bible Study 6:30pm Adoption Mtg 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | <div>28</div> 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access | <div>29</div> 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:00pm Confirmation Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal | <div>30</div> | <div>31</div>  | |




PUZZLE

GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

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| 1 Give Take Grab | 2 peanut praise pear | 3 temple house Lord | 4 proclaim past present | 5 name boy lad | 6 ruin destroy make |
| 7 pine acorn known | 8 train nations bus | 9 done donut muffin | 10 Sing Sleep Yawn | 11 she him girl | 12 sun praise moon |
| 13 tell fast slow | 14 red all blue | 15 horrible dreadful wonderful | 16 acts sisters aunts |  | |

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____
 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ 13 _____
 14 _____ 15 _____ 16 _____

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
 Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
 below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

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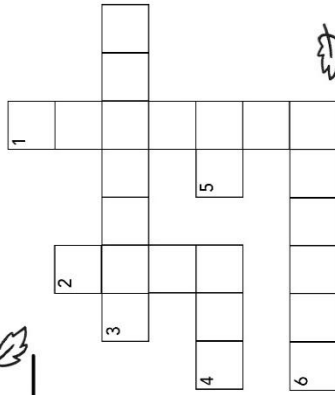
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
 YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

- Rhymes with farthest.
- Rhymes with nod.
- Rhymes with thus.
- Rhymes with fields.

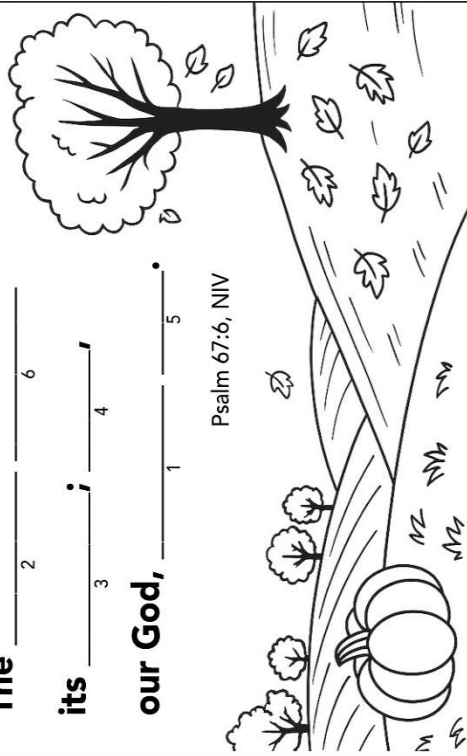
DOWN

- Rhymes with messes.
- Rhymes with hand.



The _____ 2 _____ 6 _____
 its _____ 3 _____ ; _____ 4 _____
 our God, _____ 1 _____ 5 _____

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV

What does it mean to belong to a church?

We hope everyone feels a sense of belonging in this church from day one. We worship a God who welcomes persons from every race and group and background into his kingdom (Acts 10:34-35, Revelation 7:9-10). In that same spirit, Christ the King Lutheran Church welcomes each and every one of you. You aren't required to become a member to be part of the grace and faith and fellowship that happens here. You belong here because Christ welcomes you here with his Word and sacraments.

It has been said that non-members can do pretty much everything in a church that members do—except vote on congregational decisions. [And most folks don't join a church for the sake of going to voters' meetings!] There are, actually, a number of ways that we commit ourselves to one another by joining as members together in a church.

Committing to staying connected

Joining together as members of a church is a promise to one another. We commit ourselves to walking together in our lives of faith. We come into the church to worship God our Savior and listen to him, but we also come to encourage and serve one another. We are accountable for one another as brothers and sisters, spurring each other on in love and in helping others (Hebrews 10:24).

Coming together, listening and speaking

We call this a *congregation*—a word that means being gathered together. We gather together to worship our Lord, both within our church sanctuary and with those who cannot be present in person but join us online. We gather to listen to God's words of grace and hope and wisdom and guidance. That happens not only in worship settings but also in Sunday School, Bible studies, and other educational activities. We gather for fellowship, enjoying one another's company and sharing our joys and sorrows with one another. We connect through visitation to those who are lonely or sick or struggling in any way. We make calls and send cards and messages to fellow members on our care list. We pray for one another—and will bring a prayer shawl as a tangible sign of our encouragement to those experiencing hardships and difficulties.

We don't go through this life alone. We come together as a family of believers, a congregation gathered around the words of life in Christ that give us hope. And we speak to the community around us with the message of hope that fills our hearts.

Serving, giving, and growing

Becoming a member of a congregation is like joining a family. *In a family, all have roles and ways they contribute to the life of the household. Each person's abilities and resources are unique, and each participates as they are able. The work of a church involves giving of our time and talents and funds to the collective efforts of our spiritual family. We contribute financial offerings. We volunteer for tasks and ministry opportunities. Some serve on committees. Some serve as musicians or sing in choir. Some take on leadership roles. Some teach and mentor children and youth. As a family, we benefit from serving one another—and often are inspired by the strong testimony of faith we see in those among us who are facing the deepest challenges. They serve us in that way also. As a Christian family, we are always seeking to grow in the depth of our relationship with the Lord and with one another.*

Joining in membership

If anyone is ready to join as a member of Christ the King congregation, we are glad to welcome new members at any time. Ask us, and we will provide orientation on membership as best suits you, and discuss how you'd like to be received as a member.

A Word About Volunteering.....

One of the greatest joys of being part of a church family is the opportunity to serve alongside one another. Volunteering is more than filling a need—it's living out our faith in action, using the gifts God has given us to bless others.

Here at Christ the King Lutheran Church we offer several avenues to volunteer, and we want to make sure that everyone is aware of these opportunities. We typically will send a notification email to a specific group or committee to advise of upcoming meetings or events.

Every act of service, big or small, **matters**. Whether it's welcoming guests at the door, teaching a class, helping with outreach events, or supporting behind the scenes, you are helping our church live out its mission and reflect the heart of Jesus.

If you haven't found your place to serve yet, we invite you to prayerfully consider where God might be calling you. Your time, talents, and willingness can make a difference that reaches far beyond Sunday morning.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Church office, 507-354-4672, or refer to our website www.christtheking-newulm.org. You can also download our mobile app: Christ the King New Ulm on your Apple or Android device.

Listed below are several volunteer opportunities that are open to anyone:

Weekly Service Volunteers: Readers, Communion Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Hospitality, Coffee Service. We send a weekly email with the Scripture Readings to everyone on our General Email List. *If you are currently not receiving these emails and you wish to be informed then please call the office.*

Funeral Volunteers: This group of volunteers will meet as needed for a funeral at the Church to set up and serve a catered meal following the funeral service, and also to clean up. Since we don't know when these events will happen, we need a sizable "pool" of volunteers from which to ask for help. This group will be emailed when such an event occurs, so if you are currently not receiving these emails and you wish to be informed then please call the office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Open to anyone who likes to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those who are ill or suffering in some way. They meet as a group at 1:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of month September through May. The Prayer Shawl is intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love that is as near to you as your own body is to the spirit. Many prayers are said throughout the making of this shawl, even though the crafter does not know to whom it would be given. The shawl is a blend of prayers, talents, gifts and grace and is given freely with no strings attached as a gift of love.

Project Group: Thanks to the many men and women who volunteered at different times to help complete the many projects during the year. There was an Easter Egg Hunt last spring with over 1000 eggs filled with candy and stickers. Christ the King Mugs with a gift card were given to the ten graduates in May. We are honoring the graduates rather than sending college care packages now. The project group decorates the church and takes down the decorations for Christmas. Also, the tables in the fellowship hall are decorated according to the season. This is a big job, and we are grateful they are willing to serve in this manner. They help with the upkeep of the twenty-five Bible Story Quiet Bags for the worship service. The children use these every weekend when we have worship services. The group is always willing to help with the many small projects that need attending during the year. Anyone is welcome to help with these projects, and we are always open to new ideas for projects to do. This group will be emailed as needed.

Hearthstone Ministries: This group prepares meals and delivers them to members recuperating from surgery, have been ill or hospitalized, or families with a new baby. Thank you to all the members who have so willingly delivered these meals the past twenty-one years. The church may not be notified if someone is hospitalized or in need, so please notify us if you know of a need for someone. If you would like to be part of this ministry please let us know that as well.

Property Committee: We welcome and encourage additional members who have an interest in the care and maintenance of the church property. We meet every other month on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Office Help: From time to time there is a need to have someone help out in the church office to prepare bulletins, or special mailings or other projects that may come up, and to answer the phone when there is vacation (WHAT?!?). Please call Mary and let her know if you have a desire to help out in the office.

Support Groups and Other Activities

Caregiver's Support Group: This group is open to anyone who is a caregiver to a family member and would like to join with other caregivers to talk and enjoy some time away. Sometimes we have speakers to address specific topics of interest. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday year-round at 1:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. This group will be emailed bi-weekly with updates and meeting summaries.

Grief Support Group: This group will usually meet on the third Monday of the month to share and support one another through the cycles of losing a loved one. Let the office know if you would like more information.

Parkinson's Support: This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall to support those who are suffering from Parkinson's Disease or who may be caring for someone with Parkinson's. Let the office know if you would like more information.

Adoption Group: This group meets the 4th Monday of the month. Let the office know if you would like more information.

Fellowship Ring: From a suggestion made at the last annual meeting, the Fellowship Ring Groups were organized last spring. There are four groups of singles and couples meeting for fellowship of their choice with one another, continuing into 2025. If there is interest in starting more groups we will do so.

As always, one of the best ways to stay informed about church activities and the need for volunteers is through this Newsletter. The newsletter is compiled monthly and mailed both snail mail and digitally through email. It is also posted on our website and on our mobile app. Let us know if you are not getting the newsletter and you wish to, and if you wish to have your newsletter emailed or sent by postal service. There is a group of volunteers who meet monthly to assemble and prepare the newsletter for mailing. Currently we have enough volunteers in the group to manage it quite well but if there is an interest in joining this group please call the office.





CtK's Helping Hands Fund

For August

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| Given - \$ | 2,155.00 |
| Utilities - \$ | 310.92 |
| Housing - \$ | 1,458.77 |
| Car Repairs - \$ | 481.51 |
| Gas Cards - \$ | 255.79 |
| Groceries - \$ | 100.00 |
| Misc - \$ | 50.00 |

Financial Report for August

Given - \$32,515.93

Budgeted - \$27,758.57

Given YTD - \$227,987.86

Budgeted YTD - \$243,581.37

Christ the King Council Members

President:

Kurt Johnson

Vice President:

Josh Walth

Secretary:

Amy Johnson

Treasurer:

Beth Zambino

Members:

Elmer Rettig

Bill Steinke

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Lauren Buckentine

Miriam Waldner

Ryan Meyer

Staff

Pastor

Timothy Anderson

Finance Manager:

Jen Kapolczynski

Administrative

Assistant:

Mary Lammers

Visitation Ministry Coordinator:

Helen Christenson

Youth Education & Youth Ministry Coordinator:

Geri Groebner

Custodian:

Cindy Fahey

Music

Coordinator:

Connie Jacobs

Choir Director:

Anne-Lise Johnson

CtK's Council Minutes

Minutes of the August Meeting

Mission Statement of our Congregation: "A Family of Christians welcoming all as we journey with God to teach, love, and serve others."

Highlights from past month - Last softball games and tournament was the end of July; it turned out to be a good and successful activity.

Pastor's Report –

- Will begin trying to see what is necessary to stream to website and app. Pastor Tim will meet with Adam Towles to work on sound issues as well.

Adult Education for 2025-2026: Planning for Fall and Winter has begun.

- Men's study: Confirmation for adults
- Women's study: Biblical roots of Luther's Small Catechism
- Bible Study of Good and Evil
- Pastor Tim will be absent the week of Thanksgiving, including that weekend.
- Discussion between CtK and Our Savior's has focused on whether to continue the Thanksgiving service the Wednesday night before.

Youth Ministry Report:

- Mission Trip presentation to congregation will be on September 7
- Thank you from House of Prayer in Franklin, WI for the use of our church on their way to and from their mission trip in Eagle Butte, SD. They were very appreciative and donated 2 quilts and \$200 to our youth group.

September 7- Blessing of the Backpacks during the church service.

September 7--Kindness Rocks! Activity will be during the coffee fellowship, all members will be invited to come and create a Kindness Rock that can be distributed somewhere around town. Youth Group will start again the second Sunday of September **Brat Stand**—Earned \$80 in tips and a check will be distributed by Cashwise.

Geri accepted a Long-term Sub position the end of Sept-Mid December

Property Committee – carpets cleaned, air compressors cleaned, dry wall repaired from water damage, and Tom Glaser will do outside painting work. There's a need for more handicapped parking spots (2-3) and restriping of lot; most likely next spring. Received a bid for cement/landscaping on back side walk (over \$10,000) and discussed if there's a continued need for back sidewalk. Bill will look at parceling out the bid to differentiate price of sidewalk and price of patio.

Constitutional Committee — Rough draft has been made and will be presented later.

Gifts & Bequests Policy committee—Kurt presented a rough draft of the gift policy. He pointed out we have discretion to accept a gift and gifts can eventually be converted to cash. The council will look over this next month and discuss/approve during October meeting. The policy will be presented at the annual meeting.

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Return Service Requested



October 2025

***Worship
Services***

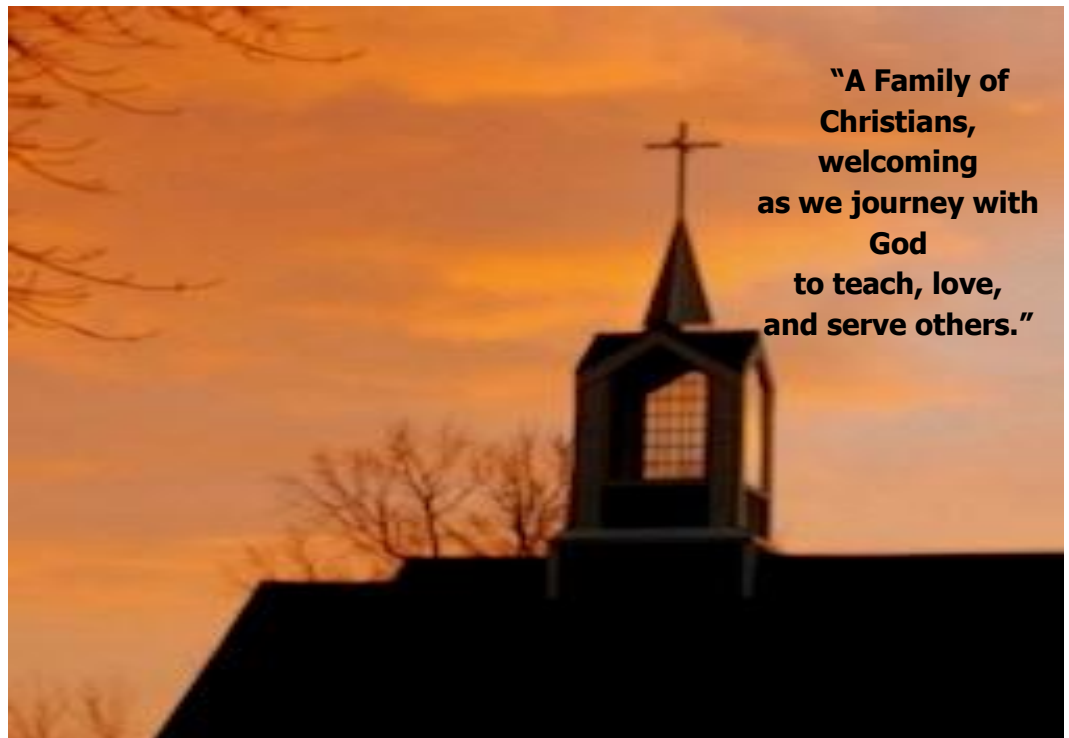
***Saturday
5:33pm***

***Sunday
9:00am***

***Streamed on
Facebook Live
and***

***Available on
Public Access
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***Tuesdays 10am
Wednesdays
5pm***



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