

Pastor's Page

There is nothing wrong with the church that discipleship will not cure. Nothing.
When you find problems in the church...it is always a lack of discipleship that led to it.
Dallas Willard, Living in Christ's Presence

Last month I mentioned that the current way of the world has presented new challenges for the larger church and congregations. Living in the present time, the church is living in a "Negative World" as the writer Aaron Renn has put it, meaning the church is viewed negatively (as are most institutions). One of the frequent responses is that we need to go back in time and see what worked then. Renn's #2 principle is 'Do not try to turn back the clock.' It is not possible first of all, but it never works the way people expect.

First, how far back are you going to go?

Second, what we often remember about the past is an illusion and dream. *It's self-consciously retro and escapist.*

Rightly understood, this impulse is correct. This is a time to consider our ways and reflect on where we may have strayed from the right path. Anchoring ourselves in the historic faith and its practices is one way we can seek to correct our course in places where we might have gone astray. We can see that there are good things that have been lost with social changes, and seek to recover them.

But this can be taken too far. We cannot return to the Christianity of a previous era. Pre-Vatican II Catholicism cannot be restored. Mainline Protestantism of the 1950s is not coming back. Some conservatives today seem to be driven by a deep sense of alienation from the world in which they live. They want to reject the world, not in the sense in which the Apostle John speaks of it but in terms of the actual environment in which we live. Whatever the problems with modernity, the industrial age, technology, or liberalism—and there are many—we cannot escape them by returning to a previous age. They are the inescapable conditions of our present reality.

An example of an excessive retro turn can be seen in manifestations of the "courtship" movement that seek to bring back a historic form of matchmaking. There's much to dislike about online dating and the whole of today's dating environment. It is good for parents to play a more active role in helping their children find and marry a suitable person. But attempting to recreate a culturally bound courtship approach from the past is likely to create as many problems as it solves.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" 1 John 4:1

The church has not been very good at this, as we have been caught up in the spirit of progress and positivity about how far we have come as humanity. It is easy to do so, but the religion of humanity has come at a terrible price and brings with it many new dangers as well. Much that is good has been lost as we have bought into the idea that what is new is always better or that we must keep up with the times or be relevant. The assumptions that come with such thoughts are often unexamined by us and we have failed to see that they brought with them a lot of trouble.

The church needs to relearn how to test the spirits of the world in which we live and without the wisdom of the church's past, we have nothing to connect us to what we are supposed to be. It isn't a matter of going back to Luther's time, Paul's time or even the disciples time with Jesus, but of paying attention to their witness and their ways of seeing the world in order to see ours better.

Apart from the church, its historical witness and the Word of God we have no reason to gather and no basis from which to say, we are Christians. Christians must always be careful not to hold on to the past, but not forgetting the struggles of other faithful people. We must also avoid being people of the present, people of progress and innovation, sold out to the spirit of the age. Being a Christian has become more difficult as we are

no longer a welcome part of the culture, but there is also the ability to clarify what is and is not part of the call to be a follower of Jesus when we are not tied to the culture of the world around us.

With these changes, we find that God is still the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow, still working, loving, forgiving and bringing creation to its fulfillment.

Worship Notes for September

September – Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Theme: How does one choose life? What is the difference between choosing what makes for life and what leads toward death? Jesus encourages us to ponder the wisdom of the cross and so to take up that cross and follow where he has led the way, the way to life.

September – Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Theme: The slaves whom God had delivered from Egypt were stiff-necked people. In other words they were not much different from us. So Jesus encourages us to see a new way of being in the world that hears God's Word and obeys. It really is that simple, yet we resist. Even so, Jesus comes to eat with us and invite us to his table to be fed with his mercy, so that we might be changed.

September – Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Theme: Living as faithful stewards in a world that tempts us to seize what is not ours and bend the world to our own purpose. Jesus reminds us once again that we cannot serve two masters and only One is worthy.

September – Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Theme: Christian attitudes toward wealth and riches are not as confusing as we often make them out to be, usually out of guilt. We are to seek God above all things in this world and in so doing we will gain a proper perspective and relationship to all that God has entrusted into our hands. God is a God who tends the poor, the lowly, the widow and the orphan, those in need. As God is, so we are to be with what God has entrusted to us.

Study of Good and Evil begins September 22nd 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?

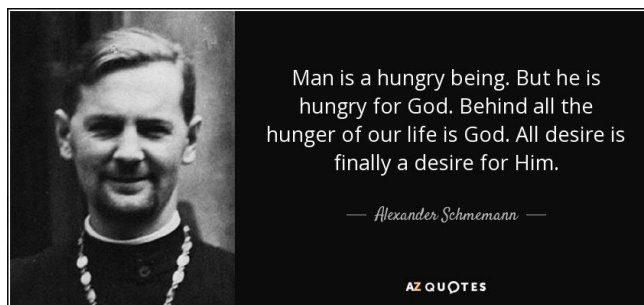
What is goodness?

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 **beginning on Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** If 7 sessions seems long, it is a big topic and requires some time and commitment. Come try it out and see whether it might be for you.



10th Graders Being Confirmed Some Things to Do Affirmation of Baptism will be on Sunday, October 26th.

If you are entering 10th grade and have been through confirmation instruction, then you will need to prepare for Affirmation of Baptism. Affirmation of Baptism will be this fall on Sunday, October 26th.

Here are some items you should tend to this month of August. You should have received a letter in August with more information.

First, add October 26th to your calendar, the time will be 10:30 a.m.

Second, I need you to provide the office with **height and weight** so that we can order the robes. We will need this information **as soon as possible**, if you don't get it in by then we will order your gowns by guess. That will be o.k. if you haven't grown since last spring, but.... When we meet in September, you will need to bring \$40 (cash or check payable to the church) to cover the cost of your robe rental and carnation.

Third, there will be a **meeting of the students and parents on September 21st at 10:15 a.m.** Confirmants and at least one parent are required to attend.

****Add this to your calendar now.***

It is not far off, so you might want to give it some thought and make sure those dates are on your calendars. Please try and be at the meeting, it is very difficult to make sure that we are on the same page if you don't and it is too easy to miss something you might want to know. There will be more information at the meeting in September, since it always seems to work best in small doses.

Confirmation Students in Grades 7-9: The New Confirmation Year begins September 10th with Parent/Student Meeting

Confirmation is a bit off yet, but just so you aren't surprised, **classes begins on September 17th at 6:30 p.m.** We plan to have a meal again (6:00 p.m.). We will need adults and parents who might be willing to lead our small groups. We will need guides for the 7th grade small groups.

Our topic for the year is the New Testament story of Jesus and the first Christians.

Another thing to add to your early September calendar is the **Student/Parent meeting on September 10th at 6:30 p.m.**

One parent is required to attend with their student. We will go over a few new things.

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.



We received thanks from Bishop Dee Pederson for the recent gift from Christ the King to the Synod Assembly. It especially benefits Youth and Family Ministries.

We received thanks from Lutheran Social Services for the recent donation from Christ the King to support their services.

Brian Piotter would like to thank Yahweh for saving his life from a motorcycle accident July 5th. Thanks to Pastor Tim and everyone for all the prayers, and thanks to the wonderful people who made the beautiful prayer shawl.

Jim and Kathy Wittenberg would like to extend a sincere thank you to Pastor Tim for his visit and to everyone for their prayers and well wishes following Jim's accident. It meant so much to have our church family's support!



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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cosmo having suffered a fire

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

Pat Novak and Family on the passing his mother, Bonnie

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 Lambertton

Dawn Bestick for recovery after receiving a kidney transplant

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.

September dates are 4th and the 18th 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

- September 7 –Blessing of the Backpacks
- September 10 - Confirmation Meeting @ 6:30pm
- September 14 – First Sunday School @ 10:15am
- September 17 – Confirmation Classes begin @ 6:30pm
- September 21 – Affirmation of Faith Meeting @ 10:15
- October 12 – Pancake Breakfast

Spread Kindness Activity after church on September 7th with Rocks and Rolls!! All are invited to coffee fellowship to help decorate kindness rocks to be distributed around the community. There will be rocks and acrylic paint markers to use to decorate the rocks. You can take your rocks with you to put in the community or you can leave them at church and our youth will take them and distribute them around the area.

Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls will be available! You can also order a half dozen or dozen frozen rolls to take home and bake. A free will donation that will go toward camp



September 7- Blessing of the Kids Bring your backpacks to church for a blessing during the service and choose a backpack tag to attach to it. Families join us after church for Rally Day. We will be playing games, taking photos for the Sunday School Directory, and having snacks.

Confirmation Classes begin September 17th. Don't forget about the meeting on September 10th. One parent is required to attend and don't forget to bring your covenant.

Club 1515 will start September 17th - 3rd-6th graders are invited to come after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm throughout the year. We meet at Washington School and walk up to church. Then we have snacks, a lesson, and service projects.



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.



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

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.*

Church Directory Update

We concluded taking pictures for the new Church Directory at the end of August . Thanks to everyone who participated in this project from getting a picture made to assembling the final product. We hope to have an available date for you soon. A pictorial church directory is more than just a list of names and phone numbers—it's a tool that strengthens the sense of community and connection within the congregation. Here are some key reasons why having one is important:

1. Helps Build Relationships

Faces are easier to remember than names. A pictorial directory allows members, especially new ones, to put names with faces, making it easier to connect, greet, and form friendships.

2. Welcomes New Members and Strengthens Fellowship

For newcomers, a directory is a warm introduction to the church family. It helps them learn who people are, recognize leaders, and feel like they belong more quickly.

When members know one another by face and name, it makes fellowship richer and more meaningful. A simple "hello" in the hallway becomes more personal when you remember who someone is.

4. Provides a Ministry Resource

Pastors, ministry leaders, and care teams benefit from a directory because it helps them recognize people, reach out during times of need, and stay connected with the flock.

5. Creates a Record of the Church Family

A pictorial directory is also a snapshot of the church's history at a particular time. Looking back years later, it becomes a cherished reminder of the people who have been part of the congregation.

6. Encourages Participation

When members see themselves included in the directory, it fosters a greater sense of ownership and belonging within the church body.

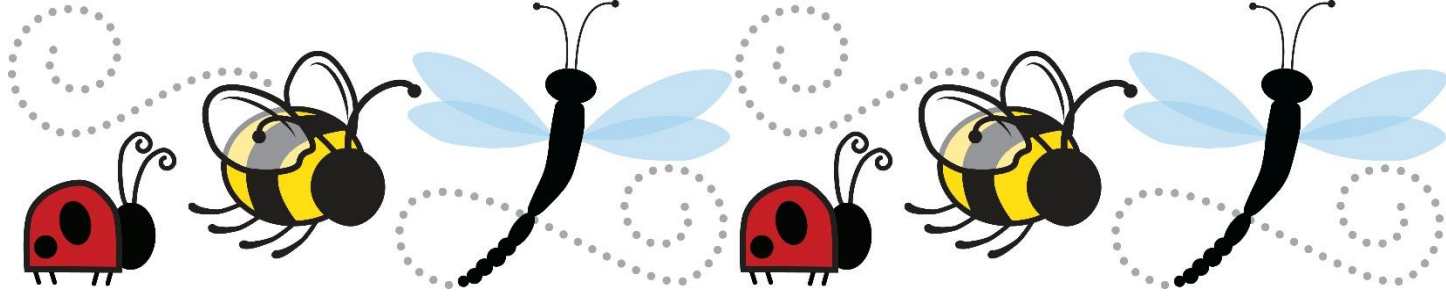
JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALLILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
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Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

A P P L E

FEAST, KHAKI, MOUTH,
ESSAY, LLAMA, ORBIT, CARRY,
UDDER, BRUSH, ITEMS,
~~APPLE, LEARN, CIDER~~



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2	3	4 1:00 Caregivers	5	6 5:33pm Worship
7 9am Worship & FB Live Bless the Kids Rocks and Rolls	8 1:30pm Parkinson's 7:00pm Women of Today	9 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access 4:30pm United Players	10 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:30pm Confirmation Meeting	11	12	13 9:00am League of Women Voters 5:33pm Worship
14 9am Worship & FB Live	15 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 5:00pm Grief Support	16 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access 6:15pm Finance Comm Mtg 6:30pm Church Council Mtg	17 4:00 Oak Hills Worship 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:00pm Confirmation Meal 6:30pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	18 1:00 Caregivers	19	20 5:33pm Worship
21 9:00am Worship & FB Live 10:15am Affirmation of Faith Mtg	22 6:30pm Adoption Mtg	23 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access	24 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 5:33pm Worship
28 9am Worship & FB Live	29	30 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access				

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 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 July

Given - \$	642.00
Utilities - \$	50.00
Housing - \$	650.00
Car Repairs - \$.00
Gas Cards - \$.00
Groceries - \$	300.00
Misc - \$.00

Financial Report for July

Given - \$20,134.67

Budgeted - \$31,212.61

Given YTD - \$195,471.93

Budgeted YTD - \$215,822.80

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Cindy Fahey

Music

Coordinator:

Connie Jacobs

Choir Director:

Anne-Lise Johnson

CtK's Council Minutes

Minutes of the July 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 - Softball team has been a success and playoffs are coming up next week. Healing service was this past month and a success.

Pastor's Report –

- Will begin trying to see what is necessary to stream to website and app;
- Also see if we can fix some sound issues. Working on a meeting with Adam Towles, had to reschedule.
- Looking ahead to Adult Education for 2025-2026: I am starting to do some planning for next Fall into the Winter for adult ed opportunities. If you have ideas, let me know.
- No communion while I am gone on vacation, so no need to sign up. Anna and Ron Fleischmann will conduct services this Sunday and David Sellner will do services the last week in July.

Youth Ministry Report:

July 20 -25 – Youth mission trip to Milwaukee through Youth Works. There will be 10 people attending and will work on urban gardening/nursing home visits.

Aug 14 – Cash Wise Brat Stand to raise money for camperships.

Youth Education Report:

Looking ahead and starting to plan for Fall.

Committees Reports:

- **Property Committee** – The carpet was cleaned last month and an estimate was obtained for the sidewalk behind the church. Discussion about having a plan for trees and watering.
- **Constitutional Committee** — Plan to have a constitutional document to council by fall.
- **Gifts & Bequests Policy committee** – Have gathered resources from other churches about their gift policy. Council will have final approval of acceptance of gifts. The committee will remain.

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September 2025

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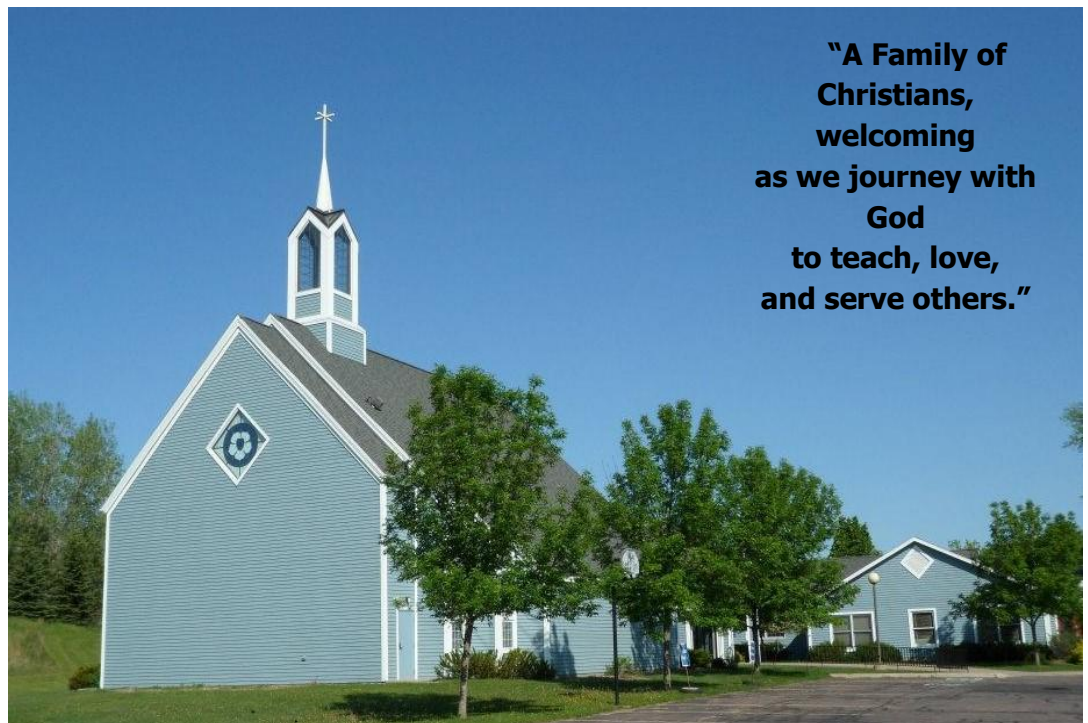
***Saturday
5:33pm***

***Sunday
9:00am***

***Streamed on
Facebook Live
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