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Herald



CHRIST
THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Being a congregation is a wonderful thing. Joined together by the Holy Spirit, we build this little community—this expanded family, really—which sees each of us through the various ups and downs of life. As this community continues to meet, to pray, and to grow, their lives together grow richer and deeper with every passing year.

As time passes, though, it can be very easy for a congregation or any community or family to become so preoccupied with its own work and life together that it can become somewhat isolated or siloed. When this happens it is important that anyone—an individual, a family, a business, or a congregation—look beyond their own four walls to gain new insight and perspective.

For the next four months, the Congregational Renewal Group (CRG), a group of curious CTKers, will prayerfully venture out beyond the corner of 86th and Fremont to get a taste of how other churches practice their faith and pursue their mission together. One Sunday each month this group will join another congregation for worship and meet with their leadership to get a picture of how they do this thing we call church. We hope that through this journey we might discover some new ways to look at (and do!) the work and practices we have at Christ the King.

In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul reminds us that the body of Christ is made up of many parts and that each part needs the other for the body to remain whole and effective. As this intrepid group of seekers heads out in the months ahead, please keep us in your prayers.

We are excited to learn how the other parts of this magnificent body of Christ work. And we are excited to bring what we learn back to this beautiful community.

~ Pastor Per Halaas

Birthday Greetings

to our homebound and semi-homebound members celebrating November birthdays:

- Marilyn Linquist 11/7
- Pat Halverson 11/16



Advent/Christmas Season



Please consider making a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones to beautify our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season.

Ordering starts on November 10th and the forms can be found on the narthex table or in the office. Forms are due by Dec. 9th.

Daylight Savings
Ends
Sunday, Nov. 3
Fall back 1 hour.



Volunteers for November

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays:

- Greeters 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24
- Readers 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24
- Communion servers 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24
- Communion prep on 11/10 & 11/17
- Coffee server 11/10 & 11/17

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

Usher Schedule for November

- Nov. 3 & 10 - Team AD - Jon Greiner, John & Marilyn Akimoto - Co-Captains
- Nov. 17 & 24 - Team K - Roger Olson, Captain
- Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Eve) - Team F - Jack Carlson & Jay Stanley, Co-Captains

The office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving.



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Dec Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 15

Please email newsletter articles to jvevea@ctkb.org or leave a hard copy in the church office.

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All Saints Sunday

November 3rd

Join us on Sunday, November 3rd at our 9:30am worship or on our livestream on our website - as we remember and give thanks for the community of saints – those who have gone on before us, and the whole people of God!

Loaves & Fishes—

Wednesday Night Dinner 11/6

We will be handing out meals on this evening (4:30-6pm). This is the only volunteer time for Nov. and Dec. as the CTK team. If you would like to help handout on 11/6 – please contact the office! If you would like to sign-up to help any other times in Nov. or Dec. go to their website.

<https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/volunteer/>

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 27th

at 6pm



Please join us for worship to give thanks for all our blessings. We will be hav-

ing pie after worship! All are welcome.

Forums in November

The forums this month are part of our **Generosity Project**. Join us as we explore and practice the core value of generosity as households and a whole community of faith!

Nov 3 - Practicing God's Promise at Home

Nov 10 - Do You Know? Stories of Generosity & Joy

Nov 17 - Share, Save, Spend - Financial Practices for the Whole Household

Nov 24 - Celebration of Generosity

SHINE CTK'S Women's Group

DATE and TIME- Sunday, November 3rd at Noon

THEME- Gratitude Luncheon

FOOD- Share a favorite dish you make when getting together with friends and/or family. Sign-up for pizza toppings: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FAFAF2FA64-52748591-shine#/>

It is the season for "GRATITUDE and Thanks."

- The conversation will be around "Gratitude"
- How do you show gratitude to others?
- Where did you learn about what Gratitude is?
- Is there one way to show gratitude or many?
- Share a time when you received "Gratitude," which marked your life.
- If you have received a gift or item as a sign of "thank you" that you still treasure, please bring the item or gift and share your story with us.

-PLEASE Invite friends and family members

Children are amazing, and we all enjoy their questions and perspectives on life. We humbly ask that children not attend this event...to give this group a chance to connect and build relationships with each other.



CTK Quilters

It's that time of year when the CTK quilters make their annual quilt donations to various local organizations. This fall we are happy to donate quilts and lap robes to provide warmth and comfort to those in need.

Donations were gratefully received at the Wealshire Residence, the Veteran's Home, Martin Luther Manor, Kennedy Community Alliance, and Bridging.

The quilters are committed to share their colorful gifts of love with others.

CTK FOUNDATION WILL MATCH DONATIONS TO ELCA HURRICANE DISASTER RESPONSE

Your gifts in support of Lutheran Disaster Response will help the ELCA provide immediate relief to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, such as water, clothing, gift cards for immediate necessities, tarps and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response also provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

THE CTK FOUNDATION WILL MATCH YOUR GIFT TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND HURRICANE MILTON FOR A TOTAL MATCH OF DONATIONS UP TO \$10,000. Every donation will be matched dollar for dollar -- If you donate \$50, the Foundation will match with a gift of \$50 -- up to a total match by the Foundation to \$10,000.

To help hurricane victims, make your donation check to CTK Foundation, write ELCA Lutheran Hurricane Disaster Response on the memo line, and put it in the offering basket or bring or mail it to the CTK church office. The Foundation will send your tax deductible gift dollars as well as its match to the ELCA to aid those whose lives have been disrupted by the hurricanes. All gifts received or postmarked by Thanksgiving (November 28, 2024) will be matched (up to a total match of \$10,000).

Memorials & Gifts to Christ the King

In Memory of Doris Bartunek

Gifts from The Bartunek Family, Chris Gabel, Jim and Arlene Knutson

In Memory Bev Dorsey

Gifts from The Dorsey Family

In Memory of Darla Majjala

Gift from Roger and Verla Olson



Family Play Space Saturday, November 2

Families with young children are invited to play together at this free indoor play space that operates the first Saturday of the month, 9am-3pm, November through April. The play space is ideal for children ages 6 months through about 6 years old, but younger and older children are welcome. All are welcome! [Sign up here to join our email list to receive updates and reminders about the Family Play Space.](#)

NEW FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON!

- Larger space: 3,180 sq. ft. Social Hall
- Bigger bounce house—coming soon!
- Extended hours: 9am - 3pm

If you'd like to volunteer to help set up or clean up for one or more events, please call or email us: jbishop@ctkb.org; 952-881-8600.

The Family Play Space is part of the [Community Health Initiative](#) of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Contact Jane Bishop (jbishop@ctkb.org) or the church office 952-881-8600 with questions.



Dear Lutherans of Love,

On behalf of Bloomington Pride MN, I want to express our profound gratitude for your generous sponsorship of this year's Pride festival. Your support was instrumental in making our event a vibrant celebration of diversity, inclusion, and community spirit.

Thanks to your contribution, we were able to:

- Welcome over 2,000 attendees from our LGBTQ+ community and allies
- Host a variety of engaging performances and activities
- Provide a platform for local vendors and organizations
- Create a safe and inclusive space for all participants

Your commitment to fostering equality and acceptance in Bloomington has not gone unnoticed. By standing with us, you've sent a powerful message of support to the LGBTQ+ community, reinforcing the importance of visibility and representation.

As we look to the future, we're excited about the possibility of continuing our partnership. Your support not only makes our annual festival possible but also contributes to our year-round efforts in advocacy and community building.

We would love to hear about your experience as a sponsor and discuss how we can enhance our collaboration in the future. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to share any thoughts or ideas.

Once again, thank you for being a crucial part of Bloomington Pride MN. Your support truly makes a difference in our community.

With sincere appreciation,

Gina
President, Bloomington Pride MN



Items most needed at VEAP:

Whole grain rice (1-2 pound bags), Whole grain pasta, Hearty soups (high protein, low sodium), Whole grain cereal (like Shredded Wheat, Kashi, bran cereals, Chex, etc.) Canned proteins (meat and beans), Canned fruit and vegetables, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Diapers (all sizes), formula, and baby wipes, Cooking oil, Coffee, Baking essentials (flour, sugar, spices, baking soda/powder), Laundry detergent, Dish soap, Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.), Gluten-free products (whole grains like brown rice, wild rice, quinoa, cornmeal; nut flours and butters; rice crackers, GF snacks, etc. Check for gluten-free product label.), Birthday candles, cake frosting, birthday-themed napkins/plates, cake mix, small birthday party favors like chalk, bubbles or bags of balloons, Dog and cat food (particularly wet food, treats, litter, etc.) Paper bags and re-usable, cloth totes (We'll always take your extra paper grocery bags. We are not accepting plastic bag or totes donations).

November Gift of Love — Bridging, Inc.

The mission of Bridging, Inc. is to bridge community resources with existing needs by providing the economically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and house-hold items free of charge. Bridging serves people in need based on qualified referrals from Social Service agencies and churches in the seven county Twin Cities area. Learn more about this organization "serving over 4,500 Minnesota families each year" online at: www.bridging.org.

Children, Youth and Family

October brought Fall, as the trees' leaves changed color, and the beautiful leaves started falling to the ground. The month started with CTK's Women's group SHINE. We enjoyed charcuterie boards of all kinds and conversation.



The YOUTH had a couple of fun events. First, they had a Movie Night on the 18th. Then, the next weekend, the 25th-26th, a lock-in that included us going to support Andrew LeDoux and others in the Seussical Musical at Kennedy High School. We returned to CTK, played games, and celebrated Matilda's 16th Birthday.



The Children's choir worked hard practicing their songs "The B-I-B-L-E and Cast Your Burdens unto Jesus," which they performed in worship service on Sunday, October 27th. Great Job to CTK



children and youth helpers! During worship after a beautiful baptism, the congregation had a multi-



generational moment as we made a circle of all the generations that make up CTK. Here are just a couple of photos of our CTK family.

After worship service, we enjoyed time together at the Brunch potluck and Bingo event. It was a wonderful event continuing to celebrate all the generations of CTK.



SPREADING THANKS!

Thanks to the youth for helping with the following events the past month.

- Helping in service, reading, offering, and more.
- Helping out with the children's choir and adding some voices to our songs.
- Helping with the Potluck brunch and leading the BINGO games.

I am so proud of the CTK youth!

I also want to Thank the adult volunteers who continue to help with the youth events. Your help keeps Youth events possible, and I know they enjoy their time together. **THANK YOU!!** Some of our volunteers helped two weekends in a row, your dedication was appreciated.

Thank you to Chris Gabel, who has stepped in to help with the children's choir. She has done a wonderful job as our pianist during practices and their Sunday Performance.

NOVEMBER EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

It will be a busy month for the CTK youth but also a month full of fun! We start off right away.

Nov. 9th, 11 am - 10:30 pm Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FAFAF2FA64-52784167-nov9th>

This will be a fun-filled day. We will be volunteering at FMSC (Feed My Starving Children)- Link <http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=D16PG1>; Then we will grab some food at Perkins; Return to CTK for a Pasta-making party. We will attend "Anne" at Eagle Ridge School to support Alice, who is part of the show's sound crew.

Nov 15th, 6 pm-11 pm

Newsies Musical at Hopkins High School. We will support Matilda as she shows off her talents on the stage.

Nov. 23rd, Craft Fair 7:30am-5 pm **Possibly a special event after the Craft Fair; More details as I receive them.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERING:

Nov. 23rd Craft fair- Link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A4A628A5FF2-51724259-ctkb>

Nov. 27th Serving Pie after Thanksgiving Eve worship service

CTK Foundation News


The CTK Foundation has awarded a grant to Christ the King Lutheran Church for the CTK Craft Fair to be held in November.

In addition, the Foundation will match donations to ELCA Hurricane Disaster Response, up to a total of \$10,000 dollars. Information about this is detailed in a separate article on page 4.

The congregation is asked to keep submitting grant requests for educational, religious, and charitable organizations to the Foundation. Grant Application Forms are available on the CTK website and in the church office. Grant requests will be reviewed at the next Foundation board meeting to be held in November.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of August 2024, the income was \$49,186.84 and the disbursements were \$52,954.52, making us behind for the month by \$3767.68. Year to date, our income was \$494,113.56 and our expenses were \$463,762.84 which makes us ahead for the year by \$30,350.72. We are grateful for your financial contributions and for all the ways you tend to our life together. If you have any questions regarding the financials, please feel free to contact CTKB Treasurer, Jan Gasterland at janpieter@netzero.net or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!

		Sept Budget	Sept Actual	YTD Actual
	Income	\$ 51,222.68	\$ 49,186.84	\$ 494,113.56
	Disbursements	\$ 55,288.50	\$ 52,954.52	\$ 463,762.84
	Margin (Deficit)	\$ -4,065.82	\$ -3,767.68	\$ 30,350.72

