



THE TRUMPET



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Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Beloved Community,

I have news to share this month that is bitter sweet. I have accepted a call with another congregation. My last day at Christ the King will be September 11th.

I entered into this congregation as an interim, knowing it would likely be a temporary relationship. One where travelers meet on the same path, accompany each other for a time, and then part ways to continue on with their individual journeys. They enjoy each other's company, do some necessary work together, and then leave with gratitude in their hearts for experiences they've shared. And I think this is where we're at today.

In a short span of time, you have leapt across the gap — between being known as a stranger to being known as a friend. You have received me in all my awkwardness, while knowing that I was still in the process of learning. You have helped strengthen my pastoral identity and have taught me skills that will serve me well in the future.

We have come to know each other through both laughter and tears. We have celebrated, and we have grieved. We have joyously welcomed new family members, and we have said tender goodbyes to others. You have embedded yourselves within my



heart. I have found every coffee break, luncheon, or chat meaningful. Thank you for the ways that you have invited me into your lives.

I am excited for the future of CTK. You are poised to start something new, and I will be following from afar to watch the wonderful things you take on next. The call committee is doing incredible work. Not every congregation takes this process as earnestly as CTK has, and those efforts will be rewarded. The time needed to accomplish this is worth it. You'll emerge with an even stronger sense of identity and direction, which will allow you to zero in on just the right pastor to lead you forward. Take the time to fill out the upcoming survey. Your voice is necessary in this process.

The synod office continues to be a resource to CTK. Howard Juni and Bonnie Jackelen have already secured a bridge interim to cover this time in between. She is fabulous! I will be meeting with her ahead of time to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Continue to do the good work you're doing. Generously care for each other and critique sparingly. Love your pastor. And celebrate with me on what's to come. I'm so glad that we were able to walk this leg of the journey together!

Blessings,
Pastor Susie

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

SEPTEMBER 4

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus instructs to give up your possessions and take up the cross to become my disciple.

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Luke 14:25-33*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

SEPTEMBER 11

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

*Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
Luke 15:1-10*

9 am Worship

KHB

Rally Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A slave cannot serve two masters, you cannot serve wealth and God.

*Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
Luke 16:1-13*

9 am Worship

Organ / Communion

First day of Sunday School

SEPTEMBER 25

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Story of Lazarus and the wealthy man.

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
Luke 16:19-31*

9 am Worship

KHB

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 21

Bible Study

10am

Please join us for a casual Bible Study from "The Gather".

The emphasis will be on healthy life patterns for our future. No need to prepare ahead of time. We will have materials ready for you to use during class!

We welcome all with open arms.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers	Communion
9.4	Joe / Jason	Lori / Lori	Bill	Scott / Beth	Bonnie / Mike
9.11	Mike / Craig	Karen / Becky		Ann / Mike	
9.18	Janelle / Jason	Connie / Peggy	Lee	Peggy / Howard	Michele / Craig
9.25	Joe / Janelle	Ann	Cyndi	Mike / Michele	

Hospitality: Wendy Gulbraa, Alma Gulbraa, Parri Rund, Phil & Betsy Danielson

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

COMING SOON

FAMILIES & KIDS

*Remember to register for
Sunday School.*

Classes resume on September 18th .
10:15 - 11:15 am



Christ The King
**RALLY
SUNDAY**
September 11, 2022

Kids! Bring your backpack
for a special blessing during worship at 9am.

Following the service,
EVERYONE is invited to play games
and enjoy a potluck picnic!

We'll provide the main dish, you can provide the sides.
Sign up to bring sides or dessert.

Register for
Sunday School here.



SCAN ME

Co-Hosted by the Discipleship & Fellowship Teams

MUSIC MINISTRY

September 7th



Bells resume @ 6:30 pm
King's Choir resumes @ 7:45 pm

Pray Ground, Coming Soon!



Beginning September 11th, you'll see a new addition to the sanctuary! A space has been designated in front of the pulpit for children and families to come and play during worship. It includes a child-sized table and chairs, age-appropriate worship resources, and quiet toys.

Why implement a Pray Ground? Jesus tells us in Matthew 10:13-15, that children aren't a distraction. They are to be welcomed and blessed. Research also tells us it's important for multiple generations to worship together. A Pray Ground is much like an accommodation, making worship accessible to children as well as adults. It's welcoming, invites learning, and allows children to notice the rhythms of the worship. And it invites play with age-appropriate materials such as a children's Bible or a children's bulletin.

Play, itself, is a form of worship. Our faith inspires us to sing, dance, play, and create in response to God's goodness! Because it's an expression of delight, it's also a form of celebration. And celebration is a holy offering unto God. Play reminds us of the life and the hope that is to come. It can prevent life's difficulties from overwhelming us. A Pray Ground is beneficial for children and families, but also for the greater congregation too!

Who will maintain the space? We all will! We ask families to return items to their baskets, located under the pew, when they're done playing. We will seasonally update the items available to correspond to the church year.

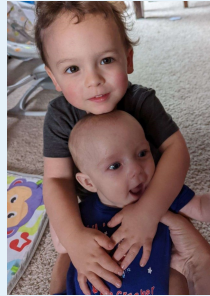
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Susie at susiem@ctkwbl.org or any member of the Discipleship Team. Thanks!

PASTORAL ACTS



Funeral

Gil Eian - August 27, 2022



Baptism

Colton Zachary Zielinski
August 7 2022

Child of
Cameron & Jennifer Zielinski

CHURCH COUNCIL

Presidents Ponderings

Most of you have heard that Pastor Susie has submitted her resignation and has withdrawn her name from consideration for a call to Christ The King. While my initial reaction was a “oh no”, upon further reflection I truly am celebrating with Pastor Susie her call and the opportunities that come with it. While sad that she is leaving us, we need to and will celebrate with her. She has been with us for six wonderful months and will remain in our hearts.

Pastor Susie’s last day at CTK will be September 11 and we have put in place interim/transition plans. On October 6 Pastor Sarah Henrich will be starting as our new interim and we expect she will be with us until we call a permanent senior pastor. Pastor Sarah taught at Luther Seminary for more than two decades and has been serving congregations since 2014 as an interim pastor. She most recently completed an interim position at Elim in Scandia. She has two grown sons and their families live in the twin city area.

She and her husband had previously planned a trip to Europe following the completion of her Interim at Elim, which accounts for her Oct 6 start date. We are in the process of arranging for pulpit supply pastor coverage for the last two Sundays in September and the first Sunday in October.

In Christ’s Service

Seeking Kitchen Committee Members

Aside from the sanctuary, the CTK Kitchen and Fellowship Hall is the heart of our Church, just as the kitchen is normally the heart of our homes. Following a long time away from most forms of fellowship, due to COVID-19, we are back to making use of these areas.

We are seeking a few members to serve on the Kitchen Committee. This Committee is tasked with kitchen maintenance, and includes scheduling volunteers for cleaning and organizing, taking inventory, and coordinating volunteers for special events like funerals.

Members of this Committee are expected to facilitate maintaining the kitchen, not necessarily staffing it. However, they are welcome to participate in both activities if they so desire. Volunteers are willing to assist with various tasks but they lack a committee to organize and provide direction. Would you be willing to be a part of this necessary Committee? We will be meeting soon to discuss timing and general kitchen items and policies.

Please contact

Bonnie Jackelen, bcjackelen@msn.com
or by phone or text at 651-246-4202.

Thanks for all you do.

UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

July Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

7/01/2022 through 7/31/2022 = \$17,418

7/01/2021 through 7/31/2021 = \$19,175

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2022 through 7/31/2022 = \$132,467

1/01/2021 through 7/31/2021 = \$140,520

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2022 through 7/31/2022 = \$144,103

1/01/2021 through 7/31/2021 = \$153,658

Cash account balances as of July 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$21,893

Savings = \$47,656,

Memorial Savings = \$32,735, and Online Giving = \$20.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$42,860.

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$115,590 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of July 31 = \$183,372.



MISSIONS

Masisiwe Student Scholarships for 2023

Asante sana to everyone who supports the students of our sister congregation. There are over two dozen on our current roster that are now able to attend secondary schools thanks to your generous gifts.

We will be receiving donations/pledges all through October. Past supporters continue to pray for their assigned student(s).

Please contact Polly Morrison for more information.



Masisiwe News

Greetings from Pastor REDYPHATY KISAVA from THE PARISH OF MASISIWE.
(received July 20th)

I greet you in Christ Lord, We are fine and we continue well with the work of lord.

The project of building the pastor house is already finished. and the pastor start to live in that beautiful house. We thanks for your great help. Now we are already start the construction of church at Tumaini street. (preaching point). we have already make the bricks. Now we are collecting the stones for foundation. we expecting to start making wall soon.

Worship is continue and the Christians are praying for you every day. The spirit of God be with you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Silent Auction

Sunday October 2, 2022

Bidding from 10 am to 11:15 am.

You get to bid, claim, pay and take your items home, all in one day!

Let's have a little friendly competition and 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--be it a physical item, service to be provided, or a foodstuff for the auction. If you have questions, call Cyndi Frankel at 651-407-5939.

(She will be available after Labor Day.)



Love One Another

Theologian Thomas Merton was a prolific writer in his monastic life. One of his favorite subjects was Christian love, especially for one another as faithful, as each of us traverses our journeys in faith, and each of which is unique to us, guided by God's Grace.

In *No Man Is an Island*, Merton wrote:

The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them.

I think Merton was disappointed by the crush of the world pressing in on each of us, like there was some comfort in the falsity of making others conform to us.

But we know that Christ is the New Creation. As Charles Lutz writes in *Loving My Neighbor in the Whole of God's Creation*:

We Christians claim that our Christ is cosmic. We use the word to indicate "the entire universe, this earth and all else." Likewise, the word can be our shorthand for "all of creation, both humankind and other-kind." If we have a cosmic Christ, what does that mean for our calling to love our neighbor? The New Testament offers two chief texts for the idea that our Lord is directly related to the whole creation. One is in words we hear each Christmas season [John 1:1-4]:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people.

The "him" is Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh. Christ is central not only to God's redemption of a fallen humanity, but also central to God's creation of everything. The same theme comes to us powerfully in the soaring poetry of Paul's letter to the Colossians. The key words in Col. 1:15-20 are "all things," *ta panta* in Greek, and they appear five times in six verses. Hear this hymn to our cosmic Christ.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers, all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church: he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

These are profound words, mind-stretching words. They do two things for us. They proclaim our Lord's central role in both creation and redemption. Equally important, they move us beyond our prejudice that humankind is all God cares about. To say Christ is cosmic means this: that Christ shows us God's mighty deeds in creating everything and God's mighty deeds in redeeming everything, which means ALL things will be reconciled back to God and ALL creatures will be reconciled to one another.

I invite you to ponder these profound thoughts, as you consider being a good neighbor.

Prayerfully in Christ,

Michael Stepan



Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The October/November/December edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Eian Interment 11:30am Property 7P	2	3 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
	Office Hours 9:30 am - 3:30pm					
4 Worship 9-10am	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 6:30pm Bells 7:45 pm King's Choir	8	9	10 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
11 Worship 9-10am Rally Sunday Picnic & Games	12 WMA 6:30P	13 Admin 7P	14 6:30pm Bells 7:45 pm King's Choir	15  Trumpet Deadline	16	17 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
18 Worship 9-10am Sunday School Resumes	19	20 Church Council 7P	21 Bible Study 10am 6:30pm Bells 7:45 pm King's Choir	22	23	24 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
25 Worship 9-10am	26	27  Family Shelter Meal 5-6pm	28 6:30pm Bells 7:45 pm King's Choir	29	30	

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