



THE TRUMPET



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Pastor's Corner

“And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.”

– Genesis 2:2-3

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I pray that you can find some rest and renewal this summer. It has been a busy year of transition here at CTK and it is good to take a break and experience fun activities, time with family and friends, and an opportunity to rest. Summer is often a season of renewal and the warmer weather can be a good reason to slow down and take in the world all around you. I encourage you to slow down and pause to reflect on the world around you this summer. Pausing to admire all of God’s wonderful creation can help us rest and feel renewed for any work we have ahead, whether in our home, workplace, or church.

I am planning to take some time off for renewal later this month, using some of my continuing education time to attend the Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona. I’ll get the opportunity to attend Bible studies, hear speakers, and go to a variety of workshops along with many other ELCA pastors and deacons from all over the United States. I always appreciate the opportunity to learn from my ELCA colleagues from all over and reconnect with seminary classmates.

The Bible also emphasizes

rest and renewal, even as early as the verses from Genesis. God creates everything – and then on the seventh day, God rests! Even God needs to take a break. Finding time for rest and renewal is encouraged throughout the whole Bible.

Here are some verses to encourage you to find ways for rest and renewal for your physical, mental, and spiritual self:

- “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30
- “I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.” – Psalm 4:8
- “The Lord said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’” – Exodus 33:14
- “I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!” – John 16:33
- “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7

Blessings on your summer!
I hope to see you in church soon!

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca



JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JOIN US

Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at ctkwbl.online.church. You can access the Bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.

SUNDAYS

| JULY 2 | JULY 9 | JULY 16 | JULY 23 | JULY 30 |
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| FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| <i>Romans 6:12-23</i> <i>Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18</i> <i>Matthew 10:40-42</i> | <i>Romans 7:15-25a</i> <i>Psalm 145:8-14</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i> | <i>Romans 8:1-11</i> <i>Psalm 65:9-13</i> <i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i> | <i>Romans 8:12-25</i> <i>Psalm 86:11-17</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i> | <i>Romans 8:26-39</i> <i>Psalm 119:129-136</i> <i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</i> |
| Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. | Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. | At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world. | Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God. | As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. |
| 9 am Worship Organ/Communion | 9 am Worship Organ/Outdoor | 9 am Worship KHB/Communion | 9 am Worship Organ | 9 am Worship KHB/Com/Outdoor |

THURSDAY

JULY 20

WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY

9:00 am

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

No need to prepare ahead of time. We will have materials ready for you to use during class!

OUTDOOR
Worship

Join us for Outdoor Worship Services this summer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket! (There will not be live streaming or a recording to watch later.)

9:00 AM
JULY 9 | JULY 30 | AUGUST 20

July WORSHIP LEADERS

| | AV | Altar Guild | LAM | Reader | Ushers | Communion |
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| 7.2 | Joe / Mike | Stephanie / Cathy | Trip | Sterling | Howard & Billie | Polly / Jack |
| 7.9 | — | Karen / Becky | Lee | Bea | Scott & Beth | — |
| 7.16 | Janelle / Joe | Connie / Peggy | Sally | Cyndi | Ann / Michele | Karen / Peggy |
| 7.23 | Mike / Jason | Ann / Kathy / Sharon | Cyndi | Trip | Mike / Ann | — |
| 7.30 | — | Lori / Lori | Bea | Polly | Mike / Michele | Sally / Howard |

Hospitality: Ron & Sharon Nelson, Connie Carlson, Polly Morrison

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

Extra-Ordinary Time

Summer approaches. Fifty days after Easter, the church celebrates Pentecost, and then we move into the long season that lasts until Advent. This time between Pentecost and Advent is called “Ordinary Time.”

I love the extraordinary event of Pentecost, which, at least in my mind, makes the season after it extra-ordinary as well. Recently, I enjoyed Bishop Michael Rinehart’s perspective on the Pentecost story (Acts 2:1-21) from a few years ago, in relation to what he coined the “Pentecost Pandemonium:”

In the midst of crucifixion confusion, the Spirit’s plan was Pentecost pluralism. A multi-sensory, multi-faceted, multicultural, multi-ethnic event. The Spirit’s plan was an explosion of diversity.

The power of the Spirit was given to all people to proclaim a new world, a new vision, a humanity, a new hope that transcends race, culture, ethnicity, and gender identity, for there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The reign of God knows no borders, no boundaries of culture or language. What then becomes of our human divisions? They are irrelevant in the reign of God. This is the church we are called,

enlightened, sanctified, and empowered by the Spirit to be: not a culture club, but a church that includes [all] – a church without walls, a house of prayer for all people, not defined by culture but defined by faith, hope, and love.

This can only happen with the power of the Spirit. Without the Spirit, our divisions define us, because they are so very compelling. But good news, God has promised to pour out the Spirit freely to all who will receive it. You are empowered to lower your walls, your defenses, and allow the Spirit to blow your life, your congregation, and your community.

During this extra-ordinary time after Pentecost, I’m going to endeavor to purposefully remind myself of the great gift of the Holy Spirit and the extraordinary time in which we live – during this part of the church year – and the extraordinary gifts we’ve been given to carry out our commission as Christ’s disciples. I invite you to do the same.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The July / August / September edition are available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church.

COMING SOON

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP



Intergenerational Summer Fun Continues at CTK

Mark your calendar:

We'll meet for a meal and activities in Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

July 12 & 19, and August 2 & 16.

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Eat dinner together. CTK provides the main. Potluck for sides and dessert. Sign up on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Build community with people of all ages. We'll learn, play and enjoy fellowship together. Come to one or all of them!

All ages are needed.

God's Work, Our Hands

This September our worship and activities will have the theme of "God's Work, Our Hands." We'll focus on celebrating the new year, exploring opportunities for serving at church, and participate in a service activity to show our love for our neighbors.

You are invited to purchase a gold "God's Work, Our Hands" T-shirt with Christ the King Lutheran Church on the back to wear in September. Shirts come in sizes youth small through 3XL and cost \$10 each. Sign up for your shirt on the kiosk in the narthex. Payment can be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office with "GWOH Shirt" in the check memo or on an envelope.

Sign up by Sunday August 7 so our shirts are ready for September!





At Journey Together.



With Polly and Sharon.

Summer WITH FLAT JESUS

*Jesus says, "I am with you
always, to the end of the age."*

Remember to take your Flat Jesus with you this summer
and take photos of your adventures together.

Please qemail them to pastorrebecca@ctkwbl.org
and we'll share all the places Flat Jesus goes this summer
in worship, our Facebook page, and in the Trumpet.

Flat Jesus just got started in May and already
Jesus is enjoying adventures with CTK!



Sharing Communion



At Women's Bible Study.



With the Lunch Bunch.

UPDATES

ADMIN & FINANCE

May Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

5/01/2023 through 5/31/2023 = \$15,802

5/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$17,384

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2023 through 5/31/2023 = \$90,483

1/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$90,886

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2023 through 5/31/2023 = \$104,928

1/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$105,370

Cash account balances as of May 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$11,613

Savings = \$28,169

Memorial Savings = \$35,105

Online Giving = \$629.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$46,059

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$85,512 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of May 31 = \$137,987.



MISSIONS

Greetings from Masisiwe, June 15, 2023.

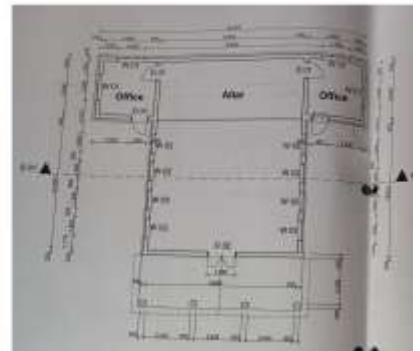
This letter is in response to our emails sent Jun 13th.

We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your lovely emails. Thank you alot for your prayers and support which you always give us. We have heard that you are planning to support our building projects with 1500\$. May God keep you and his face shine upon you.

Congratulations for having a new pastor. We welcome pastor Rebecca to this partnership and to visit Masisiwe parish. We also appreciate all which pastor Jennifer did to make our relationship successful. Its our prayers for her to succeed in her new career of being an interim pastor.

We have attached some drawings of our new church construction at Tumaini preaching point.

Diagram of Tumaini Church, 5th Masisiwe Preaching Point



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Rummage Sale Wrap-Up

The CTK Rummage Sale would not happen without the generous donations of so many individuals who gave of their time to help: Sharon Burback, Cathy Carlson, Connie Carlson, Karen Eian, Corrine Erlandson, Mary Fernandez, Cyndi Frankel, Scott & Beth Freburg, Jan Hamstad, Sally Hesse, Dallas & Carol Humphrey, Bonnie Jackelen, Ann Jonell, Bea Jones, Billie Juni, Wayne & Kathy Langstraat, Polly Morrison, Sharon Nelson, Patti Rund, Janelle VanSloun and Becky Thompson.

Total receipts from the week of the sale: **\$1784.95**. Some household items were donated to Bridging and the remainder to Goodwill. In addition, Kathy Langstraat sold **\$385.50** in 2023 prior to the sale from items donated by CTK members. She continues to spend considerable time and effort throughout the year contributing sale proceeds to the Women's Ministry General Fund.



We have all the blessing from our Diocese engineer to proceed with construction. Your prayers are highly needed.

Thank you once again for considering Masisiwe as your partner.

Yours sincerely,

Pilot Luhwago - Parish Secretary

Wilson Nyamoga - Chair person



JULY 2023



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| | | <p>THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 3 - JULY 6</p> <p>Regular Office Hours : Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm</p> | | | | 1 Bread Ministry 7am |
| 2 Worship 9am | 3 WMA 6:30P | 4 HAPPY 4th of July | 5 | 6 Property 7P | 7 | 8 Bread Ministry 7am |
| 9 Outdoor Worship 9am | 10 | 11 Admin 7P | 12 Journey Together 5:30-7:30pm | 13 | 14 | 15 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am |
| 16 Worship 9am KHB | 17 | 18 Church Council 7P | 19 Journey Together 5:30-7:30pm | 20 Bible Study 9:00am  Trumpet Deadline | 21 | 22 Bread Ministry 7am |
| 23 Worship 9am | 24 | 25  Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am |
| 30 Outdoor Worship 9am KHB | 31 | | | | | |

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