



# THE TRUMPET



A PUBLICATION OF

Christ the King Lutheran Church

1660 Birch Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

## *Pastor's Corner*

*"For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands." – 2 Timothy 1:6*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Spending four days in Phoenix, Arizona in the middle of July during a 110°+ heatwave was an experience I will never forget. I attended the Rostered Ministers Gathering in July along with seven hundred other pastors and deacons. The theme for our time together was "Rekindle the gift within you." And after all the pivoting and challenges from the pandemic, it was wonderful to take time with other pastors and deacons to renew, rekindle, and remember what it is like to be in community.

Each day we welcomed a keynote speaker to focus on our theme. The Reverend Dr. Carmelo Santos' keynote speech was one of the most memorable as he shared a variety of stories about kindling fire as a metaphor for spreading the Gospel. He shared about an experience of going to visit a woman who had recently connected with his congregation at her home. He offered her communion, but she refused, believing that she was not worthy of receiving the sacrament because she was living with partner unmarried. Rev. Dr. Santos shared with her what Martin Luther said, that the church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for the living. After praying together and telling her that she was worthy to receive communion, he began to prepare to leave. He hoped that she would return to the worship soon. She stopped him and requested communion. She said, "Jesus came to visit me and I almost let him go." Rev. Dr. Santos invited us to tend the flame which God has given to us. To find time to pray and spend time with Jesus. He gave us

homework to do as we returned home. He asked us to consider "What do you need to do to protect that flame within? Make a covenant with yourself and God to meet that need." I invite you to consider taking up the homework he gave to us too. How might you tend to the flame that God has given to you? What can you take up (time in prayer, reading scripture, quiet reflection) or give up (negative thoughts, overwork)?

In addition to great keynote speakers and Bible studies, I also experienced great worship led by excellent musicians. I learned many new songs from the new hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings* including a great hymn entitled "Spirit, Open My Heart." The refrain of the hymn spoke to our theme of Rekindling the gift within. We sang, "Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart." As we sang the song together, I was reminded of how our hearts must be open in order to receive and give of ourselves. I am grateful for the time away to refresh and rekindle myself. I spent time with colleagues, including several of my good friends from seminary who I have not seen in many years. I hope that you may find ways to rekindle the gift within you, as I know God has given all of us a wide variety of gifts.

Peace,  
Pastor Rebecca



## AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

# JOIN US

*Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at [ctkwbl.online.church](http://ctkwbl.online.church). You can access the Bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.*

### SUNDAYS

AUGUST 6

TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*Romans 9:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9,14-21  
Matthew 14:13-21*

Break now the bread  
of life.

**9 am Worship**  
Organ/Communion

AUGUST 13

ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*Romans 10:5-15  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Matthew 14:22-33*

Praise, praise! You are  
my rock.

**9 am Worship**  
Organ

AUGUST 20

TWELVTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*Romans 11:1-2a,29-32  
Psalm 67  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28*

My faith looks up to  
thee.

**9 am Worship**  
**Outdoor**  
KHB/Communion

AUGUST 27

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

*Romans 12:1-8  
Psalm 138  
Matthew 16:13-20*

Built on a rock.

**9 am Worship**  
Organ

THURSDAY

AUGUST 17

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**  
**AUGUST 20**



# August

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion
8.6	Joe / Jason	Lori / Lori	Mike	Sterling	Michele / Ann	Polly / Peggy
8.13	Craig / Jason	Karen / Becky	Lee	Ann	Scott & Beth	—
8.20	—	Connie / Peggy	Janet	Bill	Mike / Michele	Howard / Billie
8.27	Joe / Mike	Ann / Kathy / Sharon	Cyndi	Sterling	Howard / Billie	—

**Hospitality:** Karen Eian, Scott & Beth Tradup, Michele Murray

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

## Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Prayer is powerful. A favorite book in my library is ELCA Bishop Michael Rinehart's *Learning to Pray Again*, highlighting the many variations on the forms of prayer. Recently, I picked up a Living Lutheran article from March 15, 2019, written by Kurt Lammi and John Potter, entitled *Pray Without Ceasing: A Lutheran Approach to Prayer*, which highlights that "Martin Luther's written prayers suggest someone in continual conversation with God," and adds:

"The first thing to know is this: It is our duty to pray because of God's command," Luther wrote. "For we heard in the Second Commandment, 'You are not to take God's name in vain.' Thereby we are required to praise the holy name and to pray or call upon it in every need. For calling upon it is nothing else than praying."

Praying like this, within the context of a continuous relationship between us and God, requires a shift in thinking of prayer as a way to mold God to our needs to, instead, a practice focused on being shaped by God. A Lutheran approach to prayer is less about what we understand God to be

revealing to us, and more about shaping our expectations for encountering and reflecting God's grace in our lives and in the world.

If Lutheran prayer is a way of both sharing our concerns with God and enacting our baptismal calling to respond to the needs of the world, it is also a means of changing our mindset from one focused on ourselves to one centered on God and each other. ... Our praying does not change God. Instead, it is a way for God to change us. Luther said as much in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer from his *Small Catechism* .... If, as Luther said, God is going to do what God is going to do, even without prayer, then the only one being changed when we pray is us—and that's a very good thing.

The article and Bishop Mike's book synced for me, reminding me that prayer inspires us to do, as Mother Teresa said: "The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace." God's work. Our hands, right?

Prayerfully in Christ,  
Mike Stepan

# 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:

**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!







Rejoicing with Elida.



With Mike & Bea in Colorado.



Walking with Karen.

# 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 the rest of this summer and take photos of your adventures together.

Please email them to [pastorrebecca@ctkwbl.org](mailto:pastorrebecca@ctkwbl.org) and we'll share all the places Flat Jesus goes with you.



Volunteering with Brooke.



Sue with her grandkids on Rainy Lake.

With Pastor Rebecca in Phoenix.



# UPDATES

## ADMIN & FINANCE

### June Financial Report

#### Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

6/01/2023 through 6/30/2023 = \$26,477

6/01/2022 through 6/30/2022 = \$24,163

#### Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2023 through 6/30/2023 = \$116,960

1/01/2022 through 6/30/2022 = \$115,049

#### Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2023 through 6/30/2023 = \$126,790

1/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 = \$125,141

#### Cash account balances as of June 30:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$5,942

Savings = \$56,749

Memorial Savings = \$35,140

Online Giving = \$130.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$47,072

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$87,495 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of June 30 = \$136,621.



### Christ In Our Home Devotionals

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

## GIVING STATEMENTS



Your June 30th Giving Statements are ready to pick up. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to find yours now, take it home, and save us time and postage. Thank you for your faithful giving!

## CELEBRATIONS



Joan Macheledt will celebrate her 90th birthday on August 19th.

Joan's address:  
Box 254, Battle Lake, MN 56515





# AUGUST 2023



Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
			Journey Together 5:30-7:30pm	Property 7P		Bread Ministry 7am
6 Worship 9am Discipleship 10:15A	7 WMA 6:30P	8 Admin 7P	9	10	11	12 Bread Ministry 7am
13 Worship 9am	14	15 Church Council 7P	16 Journey Together 5:30-7:30pm	17 Bible Study 9:00am  Trumpet Deadline	18	19 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am
20 Outdoor Worship 9am	21	22  Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm	23	24	25	26 Bread Ministry 7am
27 Worship 9am	28	29	30	31		

Regular Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 3:00pm

## Christ the King Lutheran Church

1660 Birch Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Phone: 651-429-4828 • Fax: 651-429-1464 • Email: [office@ctkwbl.org](mailto:office@ctkwbl.org) • [www.ctkwbl.org](http://www.ctkwbl.org)