



THE TRUMPET



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Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" – Second Corinthians 5:17

Dear Siblings in Christ,

We are entering into a new season: the season of new beginnings as summer winds down and we begin fall. I have already noticed that my morning runs at 6 am are starting out in more darkness than in June! The days are getting shorter, Labor Day is coming, and school will be beginning soon. Our summer vacations are coming to an end and the days will soon be getting cooler as we begin donning more layers.

Along with these new beginnings, we also have new beginnings at church. September is going to be a full month with opportunities for service, Christian education, fellowship, and worship.

We are designating September as **God's Work, Our Hands** month. We'll focus on the ways that we can do God's work with our hands. Our month-long emphasis begins on September 10 with a Backpack/Bag blessing in worship and a Rally Sunday potluck brunch to follow. All kids ages pre-K to 5th grade are invited to meet their new Sunday School teachers. Everyone can join the Discipleship Team in activities and games to celebrate the new school year.

God's Work, Our Hands will continue on Sunday, September 17 with a **ministry fair**

featuring all of the ministry teams. You can learn all about the ministry that happens here at CTK and how you can be a part of it!

Our last God's Work, Our Hands activity will be on Sunday, September 24 when everyone is invited to participate in **making 300 sandwiches** for the Waite House in Minneapolis. We'll make an assembly line to make the sandwiches in about an hour. All ages are encouraged to participate as many hands will make God's work happen with ease!

You're encouraged to wear your gold God's Work, Our Hands T-shirt in September. Wear it one Sunday or all month! Did you miss the opportunity to sign up for a shirt? There are still a few adult sizes left. Just contact the church office and one can be yours for just \$10.

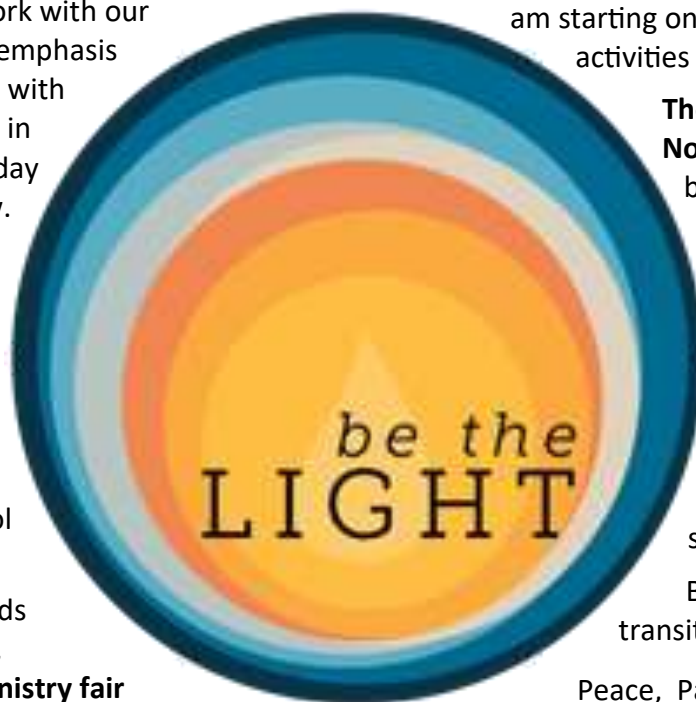
We will also have opportunities to participate in **Intergenerational Sunday School** this fall. If you had fun at *Journey Together* this summer, I invite you to try out *Good Stewards Together*. We'll gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am starting on October 8 for fun and activities together.

The King's Choir and Joyful Noise Bells are also starting back up this September.

Contact Lyn Campbell for all the details on how you can join in. Being a part of choir or even singing with joy in worship can help us live into the saying attributed to St. Augustine, "The one who sings prays twice."

Blessings on the fall and the transitions to the new season!

Peace, Pastor Rebecca



SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER 3

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

*Romans 12:9-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Matthew 16:21-28*

Jesus reveals the purpose of His ministry and has to tell Peter to get behind Him.

9 am Worship
Organ/Communion

SEPTEMBER 10

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

*Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-44
Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus offers practical advice for how individuals & the church should restore relationships.

9 am Worship
KHB

SEPTEMBER 17

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:8-13
Matthew 18:21-35*

How often should we forgive, Peter asks Jesus.

9 am Worship
Organ/Communion

SEPTEMBER 24

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

*Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Matthew 20:1-16*

Parable about God's generosity.

9 am Worship
KHB

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 21

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!



Sunday School and Confirmation will begin in September!

Register your children and youth using the link below to update permissions for 2023-24. One form will cover an entire year's worth of activities. Please register your child/youth (age 18 and younger) by September 10 when Sunday School begins.

<https://forms.gle/wLpqyCHGCoPqUn8B6>

September WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
9.3	Craig / Jason	Cathy / Stephanie	Trip	Cyndi	Scott & Beth	Polly / Karen	Jack
9.10	Craig / Janelle	Lori / Lori	Bea	Sterling	Howard / Michele	—	—
9.17	Joe / Craig	Karen / Becky	Mike	Trip	Dallas & Carol	Howard / Bonnie	Alex
9.24	Janelle / Mike	Connie / Peggy	Cyndi	Cyndi	Mike / Ann	—	—

Hospitality: Wendy Gulbraa, Patti 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!

President's Ponderings

I hope you are enjoying the last few “dog days” of summer and that you have been able to spend lots of time with family and friends. Personally, I’m looking forward to the cool, crisp days of fall – my favorite time of the year.

Earlier this year your Church Council spent time talking about and setting goals that we would like to see achieved over the next one to five years. Many of our goals are related to the various Ministry Teams we have at CTK. Many people are active in Teams ranging from Administration and Finance to Property, Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship and beyond. We want you to know about these Teams and other Committees and what they do. Do you know CTK has an Endowment Fund Committee that gives money away each year to local, national, and international causes? Are you aware that the Worship, Music, and Arts Team plans each Worship service months in advance?

On Sunday, September 17, immediately following Worship, we will hold a Ministry Team Fair in the Fellowship Hall. We will have tables set up, and a representative from each Team will be present to explain what they are all about. These Teams generally work behind the scenes but are a vital and vibrant part of congregational life at CTK.

I hope that on September 17 you will plan to grab a cup of coffee and a treat, then make the rounds to learn about this important part of work being done at CTK.

In Christ’s service.
Bonnie Jackelen



Christ In Our Home Devotionals

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

COMING SOON

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP



September is God's Work Our Hands Month

We're celebrating God's Work, Our Hands at CTK this September. Join us each Sunday in September to be God's hands in our church and our community.

September 10 – Rally Day

As the new school year starts, we'll bless backpacks and bags in worship. Worship will be followed by a waffle/pancake bar with potluck brunch sides or desserts. Sunday School students can meet their teachers and all are invited to play games and celebrate the new school year!

September 17 – Ministry Fair

Join us after worship to learn about the many ministry teams at CTK. How can you be God's hands at CTK?

September 24 – God's Work Our Hands Sandwich Service Day

After worship we will put together 300 sandwiches for the Waite House in Minneapolis. We need your hands to do God's work as we feed our hungry neighbors. Many hands make light work!

Wear your gold God's Work, Our Hands T-shirt for one or all of the Sundays in September!



Summer WITH FLAT JESUS



July Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

7/01/2023 through 7/31/2023 = \$18,245

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

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2023 through 7/31/2023 = \$135,206

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

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2023 through 7/31/2023 = \$147,323

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

Cash account balances as of July 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$10,301

Savings = \$63,063

Memorial Savings = \$35,140

Online Giving = \$130.

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$47,096

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$83,380 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of July 31 = \$135,235.



Please note: During July the last of our employee retention tax refunds arrived. The refunds exceed \$30,500 and have been invested in a 13-month C.D., which will earn 5.1%, while we determine the best use of this remarkable blessing.

But Dad treated gardening like a prayer. Indeed, it was a prayer. He taught me to do so, too, even when I did not particularly feel like it.

Often, we did not speak much during this time in the garden, but I now appreciate that it was a sacred time to be with my father and God. The quietness, the comfort of the proximity and presence of my father, our two gentle St. Bernards calmly waiting for us to finish, and the beauty of nature surrounding us, including a vast variety of brilliantly colored flowers and bushes, and hummingbirds and honeybees at the blossoms, all providing the soil for thoughtful reflection and prayer-filled time—and for bearing fruit. And sometimes, when the need arose, our time bore fruit. And sometimes, when the need arose, our time together provided me with an opportunity to visit in private with Dad about those things most important or concerning in my life—just like I do now, with God.

Looking back, I realize—with the help of some great spiritual mentors—that Dad helped teach me to pray in a new, especially deep way. Now, I find that some of my most profound prayer experiences are those while I am surrounded by the beauty of Creation, e.g., on a quiet walk by the ocean or a lake, working in my yard, on a bike ride, hiking a Natural Park trail, or witnessing the power of a thunderstorm.

God invites us to take time for stillness and calmness, in the busy-ness of our modern, media-connected age. Each of us has such special places, perhaps in the tranquility of a garden, forest, or prairie, or while near the ocean’s surf, or in the shadow of a majestic mountain, a quiet corner of our home, a church sanctuary, while gazing up at the stars on a clear night, while sitting near a fireplace or campfire—or perhaps with a dear friend or family member—anywhere and anytime that we can experience that quiet presence of God. And sometimes, our prayers may have no words that suffice or seem adequate – just spending that time together is a wondrous prayer. Indeed, as Paul assures us:

“Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

- Romans 8:26-27.

DEVOTION

Gardening and Prayer

By Mike Stepan

Dad had a magnificent rock and flower garden, and a vegetable one. He always said that he felt close to God there, and me, because I was encouraged to “stay awake” with him—helping him tend the garden, e.g., preparing the soil, planting, weeding, feeding, watering, and moving rocks for some new aesthetically pleasing configuration.



SEPTEMBER 2023



Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		Regular Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm				1	2 Bread Ministry 7am
3 Worship 9am	4  Office Closed	5 WMA 6:30P	6 Summer 2024 Planning 7:00pm Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm	7 Property 7P	8	9 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
10 Worship 9am Rally Sunday	11	12 Admin Team 7P	13 Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm	14	15	16 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
17 Worship 9am Ministry Fair Sunday School 10:15-11:00am	18	19 Church Council 7P	20 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm	21  Women's Bible Study 9am	22	23 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
24 Worship 9am Sandwich Service Day Sunday School 10:15-11:00am	25	26  Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm	27 Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm	28	29	30 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	

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