



THE TRUMPET



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Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

"Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." – Psalm 90:12

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As I look out the window of my office, I cannot help but notice the signs of fall emerging: leaves changing colors, children again walking home from school, and the days getting shorter. We are entering into the month of October, and Anne from *Green Gables*, one of my literary heroines, says, "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." I am so glad that we live in a world with Octobers too, especially as I witness the beauty of God's creation this fall and anticipate all the celebration we will experience in worship this month.

This October will offer many opportunities to grow in faith through study and conversation. You are invited to join in our monthly Women's Bible study as we explore the concept of "Holy Places." If you enjoyed Journey Together this summer, try out Good Stewards Together in the Fellowship Hall on October 8. We'll spend time exploring ways that God entrusts us with stewardship of all of God's creation. We'll gather at tables of different generations, explore the Bible, play games, do crafts, and have fun together. We are offering a Holy Communion Exploration time for anyone who wants to learn about the Lord's Supper this month. Finally, anyone is invited to watch an episode of *The Chosen* and discuss this creative retelling of Jesus' disciples in the library. If we have too many people to watch it in the library, we'll move into the sanctuary!

October will also feature celebrations in worship. Our younger members (age 3 – 5th grade) will receive Bibles in worship on October 8. We will be living into the promise we make at baptism to place the Scriptures in their hands. Anyone who will be having Communion for the first time will be celebrated on October 15. Reformation Sunday (October 29) will be a day of celebration as three of our Confirmation students affirm their baptisms. These students have spent

three plus years exploring their faith, learning about the Bible, and participating in worship here at CTK and we are so excited to be supporting them as they publicly affirm the baptismal promises and continue in their journey of faith. Reformation Sunday is also a celebration of the Lutheran church and all the ways that we continue reforming as a church. You are encouraged to wear red to celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit that Sunday!

October is a month of transition, a time when we move from the lingering warmth of September into the cooler fall days of October. We are reminded to count and bless each of these fall days that we may witness to God's movement within our lives, our church, and our community. This October let us pray: Lord, give us eyes to see your movement in our lives. Help us to hear where you are calling us to be and give us a courageous heart to follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessings on your fall!
Pastor Rebecca



OCTOBER 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

OCTOBER 1

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalms 25:1-9
Matthew 21:23-32

Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility.

9 am Worship
Organ/Communion

OCTOBER 8

NINETEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms 80:7-15
Matthew 21:33-46

God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin.

9 am Worship
KHB

OCTOBER 15

TWENTIETH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalms 23
Matthew 22:1-14

We rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

9 am Worship
Organ/Communion

OCTOBER 22

TWENTYFIRST
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalms 96:1-9
Matthew 22:15-22

We offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

9 am Worship
KHB

OCTOBER 29

REFORMATION
SUNDAY

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalms 1
Matthew 22:34-46

We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves.

9 am Worship
KHB

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 26

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY**

9:00 am

Please join us for a Bible Study from "Gather" magazine.

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



Good Stewards Together: Intergenerational Sunday School

Did you enjoy *Journey Together* this summer? The fun and learning continues this fall at CTK. Join us once a month during the Sunday School hour to learn and have fun together. We'll gather in the back of the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am for the first session.

**Sunday, October 8:
Good Stewards Together Kickoff**

God calls each of us to be a steward in our life of faith.



The Chosen Viewing & Discussion

The Chosen is the first multi-season TV series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those he impacted.

The Chosen has grown to become the largest crowdfunded TV series of all time.

We'll gather in the Library once a month to watch an episode and discuss it after worship. We'll also decide if we'd prefer to watch the show together as a group, or watch it before meeting on our own.

Sunday, October 15
"I Have Called You By Name"
Season 1, Episode 1

October

Worship Leaders

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
10.1	Mike / Janelle	Ann/Kathy/Sharon	Trip	Sally	Scott & Beth	Polly / Bonnie	Brianna / Alex
10.8	Jason / Brianna	Cathy / Stephanie	Mike	Cyndi	Howard / Ann	—	—
10.15	Joe / Janelle	Lori / Lori	Lee	Wayne	Michele / Mike	Kathy & Wayne	Alex
10.22	Mike / Joe	Karen / Becky	Cyndi	Cyndi	Howard/Michele	—	—
10.29	Jason / Julia	Connie / Peggy	Mike	Howard	Scott / Mike	Noah / Lily	John

Hospitality: Tom Sandhei, Bev & Bob Osborne, Lee Wood

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



MISSIONS

Masisiwe Student Scholarships for 2024

During the month of October we will be requesting funds for 2023 scholarships for our Masisiwe children. We have been sponsoring their secondary school education since 2005. The last year of government schooling is 6th Grade. Our support makes a significant difference for their education. Last year we raised \$6,014 that benefited 20+ children! A Masisiwe parish committee determines who and how much each child receives depending on their potential and needs. Some remain in Masisiwe but the majority hope to

attend Lutheran Secondary schools where room and board costs up to \$500 per year. Our mission teams have visited the schools in Bomalang'ombe and Pommern. Many students advance beyond Form V into vocational school, college and seminary. This education benefits the entire village!

You can make your payment and/or pledge during Fellowship Hour on the October Sundays, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th. See Polly Morrison for student names and more details. Checks should be made out to CTK with Masisiwe Scholarship on the memo line. Any amount you can give is most appreciated. CTK contribution will be sent to Bega Kwa Bega by November 15th.

Asante Sana!

UPDATES



President's Ponderings

SMALL, BUT MIGHTY. That has been my go-to phrase to describe Christ the King congregation. Perhaps we aren't THAT small after all, but we certainly are mighty.

September was such a fun month. On September 10th, Rally Sunday, we filled the Fellowship Hall for a delicious brunch of pancakes and waffles with all the toppings and sides one could imagine.

On September 17th we again filled the Fellowship Hall for the Ministry Team Fair and learned about all the CTK Ministry Teams and the many programs and duties for which each Team is responsible. Perhaps you learned something new about one of the Teams or gained appreciation for all the work they do in every aspect of congregational life.

On September 24th we filled the Fellowship Hall for the third Sunday in a row to make over 300 sandwiches for the hungry in our community. There were at least three assembly lines, encompassing more than 40 people, who spent a short amount of time following our Worship Service making and packing these sandwiches. Pastor Rebecca estimated it would take us approximately one hour, but with so many hands working together we were finished in a bit less than one-half hour.

God's Work. Our Hands. Our theme for the month of September. It certainly was true at Christ the King. Thank you to everyone who participated in one or all three events. Each of you is important in fulfilling the mission of CTK.

In Christ's service, Bonnie Jackelen



COMING SOON



Holy Communion Exploration for All Ages

Communion is the gift of Jesus in bread and wine
– all are welcome at God's table!

All are welcome to join in an exploration of Holy Communion using Daniel Erlander's book *A Place for You*. Children who are not yet receiving Holy Communion, their family, and anyone who wants to spend time exploring Jesus' invitation to his special meal are invited to join in the class. If you are interested in joining the class, talk to Pastor Rebecca to receive a copy of *A Place for You* to look over before October 4.

We'll meet on

Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm and
Sunday, October 8 from 11 am – 1 pm
(lunch provided).

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time will be recognized in worship on
Sunday, October 15.



Present:
A Dinner Theater Tradition

The Gospel of Matthew

A (mostly) inaccurate summary of the entire story of the Gospel... sort of.

Friday, October 27 & Saturday, October 28
6:30pm

St Stephen Lutheran Church
1965 E County Road E

Tickets: \$25
at foolsdrama.com



Growing Through Loss

The Twin Cities' North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the "Growing Through Loss" series twice yearly, providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

Have you experienced:

- a death of a loved one
- a broken relationship
- a divorce or separation
- pregnancy or infant loss
- a job loss or change
- a move to a new home or city
- a loved one who needs support

Do you feel:

- in need of support or
- interested in learning more about grief?

Fall 2023 Series:

September 11 – October 16, 2023

Centennial United Methodist Church,
1524 County Rd C2 W, Roseville, MN 55113

Time: Mondays, 6:45 – 9 p.m.

Registration: 6:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Small Groups: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The spring 2024 will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton on Mondays, beginning April 8, 2024.

Pre-registration is not required. Registration takes place at 6:45 pm each night of the program, and the presentations begin at 7:00 pm. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are welcome.

For further information call our hotline at 763-755-5335.

August Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

8/01/2023 through 8/31/2023 = \$19,802

8/01/2022 through 8/31/2022 = \$15,496

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:

1/01/2023 through 8/31/2023 = \$155,007

1/01/2022 through 7/31/2022 = \$147,963

Expenses Year-To-Date:

1/01/2023 through 8/31/2023 = \$171,848

1/01/2022 through 8/31/2022 = \$163,679

Cash account balances as of August 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$5,699

Savings = \$18,063

Memorial Savings = \$35,140

Online Giving = \$500.

CD + \$40,000

Mission Investment Fund demand account = \$50,126

The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is \$117,134 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses.

The mortgage balance as of July 31 = \$133,859.



John 17). It's about how God is going to help us with our day and how we're going to bring God to others – God's Work, Our Hands, right?

I especially identify with Bishop Mike Rinehart regarding "Morning Prayer," where he shares:

One of the first things that happens when I take time for silence is I start remembering all the things I am supposed to be doing but haven't gotten to yet. ...My fear of forgetting these important things would keep them nagging at me.

Then one day my wise spiritual director suggested I listen to that voice. Perhaps that too was the voice of God. Perhaps some of this stuff was important to pay attention to. This is what prayer is for. He suggested I write these things down as they emerged. ...What I end up with is a to-do list, and a sense of priorities, a sense of what's important. Once written down I can spend a moment praying about them, these people, or tasks, then I truly can let them go, knowing they will be waiting for me later...

"Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength..." Isaiah says. This is not physical strength. I have less of that than 30 years ago. I thank the apostle Paul for writing these words: "Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)

...[Taking this renewing time for morning prayer is] worth it. I can be human today. Hopefully kind. Life will be humorous. I can listen and meet the insurmountable challenges with joy. I wish you the same.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

DEVOTION

An Invitation to Prayer in the Morning

I find it remarkable how often Jesus prays. Indeed, it is often the first thing he does when we see him in various settings, especially demanding or challenging ones. Jesus sets such a powerful example. I've found that prayer centers me right from the start of the day. And that's what I like about Luther's Morning Prayer; it's so much about being gracious and grateful for what God has done for all of us—that centering recognition of the Divine in our lives—that it gets me focused on *Thee* Other, and others I will encounter. (See what Jesus did at

CHILDREN

Bibles for Children



We'll be celebrating Bibles on **Sunday, October 8**, by placing Story Bibles in the hands of our youngest children (3-5 years) and an NSRV Bible in the hands of our middle grade students (3rd-5th grade).

Join us to celebrate sharing God's word with the children of CTK on October 8.

OCTOBER 2023



Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1</p> <p>Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:00am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>WMA 6:30P</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Library Clean-Up 1pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Holy Communion Exploration 6:30-7:30pm</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Property 7P</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>Worship 9am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:15-11:00am</p> <p>Holy Communion Exploration 11am-1pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Admin Team 7P</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15-11:00am</p> <p>Confirmation Stole Making 11am-2pm</p> <p>The Chosen 10:15-11:00am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church Council 7P</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Trumpet Deadline</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>Worship 9am No Sunday School MEA Break</p>	<p>23</p>	 <p>Family Shelter Meal 5-6:45pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm</p> <p>Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Women's Bible Study 9am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am</p>	
<p>29</p> <p>Worship 9am Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School 10:15-11:00am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 		<p>Regular Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm</p>			

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