

THE TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S CORNER

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” – Acts 2:17

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Do you remember your dreams?

I don't often have dreams that I can remember but members of my family often report vivid dreams, sometimes so strange that it is hard to fall back asleep. I've heard of writers keeping a pad of paper on their nightstand in order to immediately jot down the dream upon waking.

The Bible is full of people who dream. Joseph, both the one with the colorful coat and Mary's husband. The Magi. Jacob and his ladder. Daniel. The dreams that these individuals in the Bible have guided them into new routes, new relationships, and participation in God's story.

We are nearing the end of summer as we ease into August, the last month of slowing down before school starts, the cool weather begins, and our traditional schedules kick back in. I encourage you to enjoy this last month of summer and find some time for dreaming. August can be a season to slow down among the heat and humidity and dream. Dream by the beach or the lake, staring out at the water and the waves. Dream in the woods surrounded by the trees and the birds. Dream in the evening, gazing upward to see the stars above.

August can be a time to dream about what the future might hold. This could be for you as an individual, for your family, or for your community. It could even be a dream for us here at CTK, a dream for the church.



As you consider what dream God might be putting on your heart, I invite you to consider a couple questions:

- * What is God calling you to do as we near the end of 2025?
- * Where is God calling you to invest in our life together as the people of CTK in 2026?

We are engaging in processes this summer to listen to our community intentionally. We'll continue to listen to our community this fall, seeking to learn more about the needs in the

neighborhood surrounding the church in White Bear Lake. Along with what we learn about our neighbors, listening to where God is calling us, and the dreams that you all have, we plan to try faithful experiments. These experiments could succeed or fail, but we will learn and grow from them.

Your dreams do truly matter. The dreams you have for the church are important. God is calling you (yes, you!) to something new. I invite you to listen for that call and to start dreaming. Write down what you dream, recording what you hear God calling you and the church to do. Lastly, we can start planning how you, like all of the dreamers in the Bible, can make these dreams into a reality through a faithful experiment.

God's dream is a world where God's love is made real for everyone. We here at CTK can be a part of making God's love a reality for our community.

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca

JOIN US

PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON, WATCH US VIAL LIVESTREAM OR WATCH A RECORDING LATER AT CTKWBL.ONLINE.CHURCH. YOU CAN ACCESS THE BULLETIN BY CLICKING AT THE TOP OF THE LIVESTREAM PAGE.

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Luke 12:13-21

Be on guard against all kinds of green.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

AUGUST 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Luke 12:32-40

It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

9am Outdoor Worship
Camp Theme / Communion

AUGUST 17

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Luke 17:11-19

The word of God is a refining fire.

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

AUGUST 24

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Luke 13:10-17

Remember the sabbath day.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

AUGUST 31

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7a
Psalm 112
Luke 14:1, 7-14

There is a place for us at Christ's banquet table.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

THURSDAY AUGUST 21

Women's Bible Study

August's Study is titled:

"Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships.

Relationships that push us to grow: For such a time as this"

9:30am
in the library.



Alma Gulbraa

is turning 95 on August 10, 2025.
If you would like to help her celebrate by sending a card, her address is:

4695 Sharon Lane
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

AUGUST

WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	ALTAR GUILD	LAM	READER	USHERS	COMMUNION
8.3	Joe / Michael	Karen / Becky	Cyndi	Ann	Carol / Mike	Peggy / Howard
8.10	N/A	Connie / Peggy	N/A	Michael	Scott	Polly
8.17	Janelle / Craig	Kathy / Ann	Bea	Howard	Scott / Billie	Peggy / Bonnie
8.24	Jason / Julia	Cathy / Stephanie	Michael	Peggy	Mike / Billie	Ann / Michele
8.31	Joe / Michael	Lori / Lori	Janet	Polly	Mike / Scott	Sally / Polly

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

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

DEVOTION

Affirming Our Baptisms

Recently while browsing the ELCA.org website, I revisited a powerful article entitled “Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism.” I am reminded of the importance of our baptisms in Christ – a truly pivotal transformative event in our spiritual lives – and I’d like to share an excerpt with you:

We are living in unprecedented times[.] There is much that we cannot control, but we can control our choices of behavior. Now is the time to intentionally choose healthy patterns to offset the grief and lament related to these times as we shift to a new normal.

Healthy choices include faith practices. The Affirmation of Baptism ... provides five faith practices to integrate into our daily life. Receive each as a gift from God.

Affirmation of Baptism

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism[?]:

live among God’s faithful people;

hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper;

proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;

serve all people following the example of Jesus; and

strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”

Response: We do, and ask God to help and guide us. [Amen.]

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 236)

It struck me as a wonderful reminder and a great regular prayer!

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

MISSION TRIP RECAP

CTK made a difference in Duluth at the end of July! Ten members of CTK joined in for part or all of our first intergenerational mission trip. We spent Saturday driving to Camp Amnicon. The camp is located at the mouth of the Amnicon River and Lake Superior, so we hiked out to the sandy beach on Lake Superior and enjoyed a swim.

On Sunday we picked up trash at Lincoln Park. We gathered several trash bags full despite the heat. After lunch, we drove to Proctor, just outside Duluth, to dig a garden for a One Roof homeowner. One Roof is an organization in Duluth that purchases homes and continues to own the ground that the house is built on while selling the home. This allows for a lower home purchase price and makes home owning more accessible to individuals with lower-incomes. After working hard removing sod all afternoon, we enjoyed an ice cream treat.

With the warmer weather, we were excited to be painting inside on Monday. We met Dion at the MN Adult and Teen Challenge Center in Duluth and learned about their work treating addiction in men. The center is located in a former YMCA and includes a gym with a walking track balcony. We prepped and painted the back wall, refreshing the space until new windows go in in a few years. We were also able to head back to Camp Amnicon with enough time to go for a swim in Lake Superior. We also witnessed the sunset on our final night at camp, marveling at God's beauty.



We packed up and headed to Farm Lola on Tuesday. We spent the day on the farm weeding and picking blueberries and socializing with chickens. We picked 16.5 pounds of blueberries and brought half of them to our last service site, the Union Gospel Mission in Duluth. We helped prep for dinner that evening, picked up trash around the building, and sorted donations. Then we helped with the meal, dishing up food, serving the trays, and cleaning up the tables.

Thank you for all the support and prayers while we were away in Duluth. It was a great experience and we hope to be able to offer additional intergenerational service trips in the summers to come! If you have a destination or idea for service for summer 2026, please talk to Pastor Rebecca or Hannah.

MISSIONS

Masisiwe Update July 11, 2025

On July 11, **Kirsten Levorson**, Director of BKB in St Paul Synod along with two Iringa dioceses pastors visited Masisiwe on our behalf. They met with Masisiwe Pastor Nziku, the chair of the Partnership Committee and the evangelists from the 5 preaching points. Together they prepared this report:

Pastor Aiden Nziku, the new pastor who was ordained during Bishop Lull's visit, expressed gratitude for our communication, for the gifts we shared, especially for scholarship students. He welcomes us to visit.

Evangelist from each preaching point then gave updates on their building projects which have made enormous progress. These three were highlighted:

- **Tumaini** (the newest church), walls are complete. Next, a ring beam for reinforcement will be added before adding the roof. Completing the building is their top priority as they are worshipping in a temporary structure that doesn't meet their growing congregation. Our 2025 fundraising \$3000 goal will help meet their priority.
- **Lupilo Preaching Point** is enlarging their sanctuary, including pushing the wall back another 12 feet, extending the walls higher and adding a new roof. Electricity has been added and connected to the national grid. Next step will be to plaster the interior. Your donations have covered the majority of their cost.
- **Masisiwe's main church** has added new flooring, a new front porch, and resurfaced the outside walls. Additionally, electricity has been added for lights, a sound system, and electronic keyboard. These improvements have been made over the last 5 to 7 years.

In closing, the Partnership Committee Chair person sent this greeting to CTK:

"Thank you so much for all you shared with us. May God bless you abundantly. We love them for sharing their gifts with us. We have nothing to pay back but will pray for them."

Asante sana for your donations, prayers and support for our Masisiwe Ministry. Your impact is beyond dollars shared.



UPDATES

WORSHIP

NSRVue Bible Translation

Starting in July, we will be using a newly updated translation of the Bible called the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NSRVue) in worship. It reflects discoveries of ancient texts and new insights made in the 30 years since the NSRV was last revised. This newly-updated translation offers clearer, more direct, and inclusive language, and increased cultural sensitivity absent of the unintended biases of prior versions. Friendship Press, the publisher of this edition, is “pleased to present what we can in full confidence call the world’s most meticulously researched, rigorously reviewed, and faithfully accurate English-language Bible translation.”

Augsburg Fortress, our denomination’s publishing company, has produced an updated version of the Lutheran Study Bible using the NSRVue. If you would be interested in purchasing a copy, let Pastor Rebecca know. If we purchase over 10 copies of either the paperback or hardcover study Bible, we can receive a discounted price.

PRAYER WALKS

Join us in a prayer walk. We’ll gather in the Fellowship Hall for instructions and go for a 30-40 minute walk in the neighborhood around CTK. The Prayer Walks will be in pairs or small groups as we focus on seeing what God might be asking us to pay attention to and offering prayers silently or aloud in the neighborhood. We’ll plan to meet at Cup and Cone for a sweet treat and debriefing when we’ve finished our walks.

- Wednesday, August 20 | 7 pm
- Sunday, August 24 | 10:15 am

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Corner

Greetings!

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer.

The council didn’t meet in July. We’re looking forward to continuing our work on defining the Core Values for CTK.

As always the CTK Council welcomes feedback and input from congregation members. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me or any other Council members. We are also always looking for leaders to serve at CTK in a variety of capacities. If you feel called to serve at CTK, please let any Council member know.

In Christ’s service,
Michele Murray

ADMIN & FINANCE

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

June Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/25 through 6/30/25 = \$131,294

01/01/24 through 6/30/24 = \$137,299

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/25 through 6/30/25 = \$146,689

01/01/24 through 6/30/24 = \$135,092

Cash account balances as of June 30, 2025

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$8,522

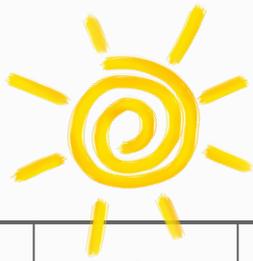
Savings = \$46,274

Memorial Savings = \$24,551

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$59,570

Endowment Fund = \$93,556

Mortgage Balance = \$102,443



AUGUST

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<div style="background-color: #f96; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Summer Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday 9am-3pm </div>				1	2 7am Bread Ministry
3 Worship 9am Book Discussion 10:15am	4	5	6	7 7pm Property Team	8	9 7am Bread Ministry
10 Outdoor Worship 9am	11	12 7pm Admin Team	13	14	15	16 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
17 Worship 9am	18	19 7pm Church Council	20 Prayer Walk 7pm	21  Women's Bible Study 9:30am	22	23 7am Bread Ministry
24 Worship 9am Prayer Walk 10:15am	25  Trumpet Deadline	26  Family Shelter Meal 4:30pm	27	28	29	30 7am Bread Ministry
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