



THE TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Siblings in Christ,

November first is All Saints' Day. This is a day when we remember those who have died in the last year along with our loved ones who have died in the past. As Lutherans, we believe that everyone is a saint. A saint is a sinner who God has forgiven, which would be all of us!

While November begins with All Saints' Day, near the end of the month we mark Thanksgiving, a day of giving thanks. In the spirit of these two November holidays, I am sharing a daily prayer calendar* for November. Below you will find daily prompts to express gratitude to God for a saint who has influenced your life.

- November 1:** Mentored you in your profession
- November 2:** Helped you grow in faith
- November 3:** Gave tangible help during a difficult time
- November 4:** Founded an institution or movement that is important to you
- November 5:** Showed tough love
- November 6:** Coached you as you grew in skill and confidence
- November 7:** Led a group that was significant in your formation
- November 8:** Treated you like a sibling
- November 9:** Introduced you to grief by their loss
- November 10:** Wrote something that deeply moved you
- November 11:** Died before you could reconcile or reconnect with them
- November 12:** Introduced you to a group/community
- November 13:** Reminded you how to see the world like a child
- November 14:** Advocated for you

- November 15:** Showed you something key about yourself/your values by being your adversary
- November 16:** Gave you a tangible object that continues to inspire you
- November 17:** Parented or grand-parented you
- November 18:** Governed in a way that fostered trust and cooperation
- November 19:** Took you somewhere life-changing
- November 20:** Made you feel seen in a time/place that you felt invisible
- November 21:** Trusted you with difficult but important knowledge
- November 22:** Created art that speaks to your soul
- November 23:** Let you ask your questions
- November 24:** Pointed out your gifts
- November 25:** Introduced you to a hobby
- November 26:** Prayed for you
- November 27:** Embodied the values you aspire to
- November 28:** Disagreed with you but still loved you
- November 29:** Supported you emotionally through a low point
- November 30:** Did something for others in death that they couldn't have done in life

May these prayer prompts be a blessing to you this November as we remember and pray for all the saints we have encountered in our lives.

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca



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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints
Sunday

Ephesians 1:1-23
Psalm 149
Luke 6:20-31

We give thanks for all the saints as God makes saints out of sinners through holy baptism.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

NOVEMBER 9

Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
Luke 20:27-38

Every Sunday is a little Easter as we celebrate the reality of the resurrection.

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

NOVEMBER 16

Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
Luke 21:5-19

The end is near, but the baptized know how to live in the meantime.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

NOVEMBER 23

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Luke 23:33-43

Through the gate of death, Jesus opens the door to paradise.

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

NOVEMBER 30

First Sunday
of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Matthew 24:36-44

*Out of the Blue:
Living in Holy Tension*

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 20

Women's
Bible Study

*"For Just
Such a Time as This"*

Join us to read through
the book of Esther this fall.

9:30am
in the library.



November

WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	ALTAR GUILD	LAM	READER	USHERS	COMMUNION
11.2	Joe / Craig	Cathy / Stephanie	Bea	Michael	Mike / Scott	Howard / Bonnie
11.9	Craig / Janelle	Lori / Lori	Cyndi	Howard	Scott / Michele	Peggy / Bea
11.16	Jason / Julia	Karen / Becky	Lee	Michael	Mike / Peggy	Polly / Karen
11.23	Joe / Michael	Connie / Peggy	Bill	Peggy	Michele / Howard	Sally / Wendy
11.30	Joe / Michael	Kathy / Ann	Julie	Bea	Mike / Trip	Peggy / Michele

Hospitality: Wayne & Kathy Langstraat, Mike & Sandy Nollan

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

DEVOTION

Getting Rest and Rejuvenation with God

Recently, I re-read the NRSVue version of Matthew 11:28, which states, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Each time I read these comforting words from Jesus, it is a refreshing reminder. I have learned in seminary that it is important to take care of oneself, including getting proper rest and having a mindset of prayer as second nature. It’s sound advice for all of us to lean into God like a comforting parent. In my mind, it’s an especially reassuring invitation from Jesus to pray with faith and confidence – hoisting our burdens on God. There’s something truly consoling about having a companion on any journey, especially

when we are fearful, struggling, or feeling overwhelmed and when we are in need of rest, comfort, consolation, or rejuvenation.

*Unburdening God,
You invite us to your care, especially when we are in need of comfort. Help us to remember to accept your invitation to come to you in prayer when we’re weary or burdened and in need of the rest only you can provide, Jesus. Amen.*

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

COMING SOON

SERVICE

Immigration: How Should We Respond?

Christians and the Church can have a voice on the issue of immigration. We will engage in Bible study on **November 2** to explore how we can express “God’s Work, Our Voices.” Israel’s origin story and the origin story of the Church can help us to figure out what God would want us to be saying about this issue.

On **November 9** we will then focus on possible action items and ways to get involved as a commitment to “God’s Work, Our Voices.”



A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

“A Chorus of Generosity” is our stewardship emphasis this year. Communities of faith are one of the few places where neighbors sing together and CTK is no exception, from hymns to prayers to praise songs to choir anthems.

We’ve determined CTK’s favorite hymns and spiritual songs, and we will reveal the top vote getters at a special worship service on **November 9**.

Please prayerfully consider how you can continue supporting the mission and ministry that we share here at CTK in 2026. Without your “Chorus of Generosity,” we would not be able to continue singing the songs of faith in worship, serving in our community and beyond, and supporting one another in faith. We will receive our Estimate of Giving cards for 2026 on **November 9**. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of our shared mission & ministry.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY



We have reached our goal for the Masisiwe Scholarships Fundraiser for the 2026 schoolyear! Thank you to everyone for your prayers and financial support to help further the children’s education.

Asante sana!



Do you like to create? Do you like to bake?
Do you like to eat homemade baked goods?

We have an event for you!

Sunday, November 23rd
the Women's Ministry is holding a
Bake and Craft Sale.

More details to follow, but be thinking about what you can make (food or craft) to donate.

Questions? Contact Cyndi Frankel at 612-615-1482 or through email momclwulff@hotmail.com



Welcome Kirsten Levorson, Director of Bega Kwa Bega

We welcome Kirsten Levorson to CTK on Sunday, **November 16**. She will preach and lead an adult forum after worship in the conference room. Please join to hear more about her visit to our partner congregation in Masisiwe and the partnership with the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Dioceses.



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

On Reformation Sunday, October 27, Brianna Clapper and Alex Johnson affirmed their baptism surrounded by family and friends. We are so glad to mark this moment in their life of faith here at CTK.

Summer 2026 Intergenerational Trip Discussion

CTK successfully went on a mission trip to Duluth this past summer. Where should we go in 2026?

Join Pastor Rebecca in the library after worship on **November 30** to discuss options and offer your suggestions. Pastor Rebecca has a couple ideas including a weekend at Wilderness Canoe Area spent exploring the Boundary Waters or serving for a week in New York City! Your suggestions and input are needed as we plan for time this summer spent connecting and serving. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Pastor Rebecca know of your interest and any location/date preference to aid in our planning.

I've been so happy to see you all this year for youth group! This November we will only meet once, **November 12th** for our regular youth group session. We will be doing a service project together as we prepare for advent. We hope to see you all there!

Meet us on **November 9th and 23rd** for our youth Bible study after church in the youth room! We will continue to explore Jesus's life and works in the Gospel of Mark. Bring your personal Bible if you'd like, but we have plenty to share!

Hannah

Out of the Blue: Five Surprising Tales from Jesus' Family Tree

For all ages

This year's Christmas program will look a little different as we will be pre-recording five surprising tales from Jesus' family tree to show in worship.

Our children and youth will be making three of the videos, but we need your help to complete the last two skits. Talk to Pastor Rebecca to get a script and begin working on creatively filming it!

Snapshots: Called into the Word

For all ages

Explore each Sunday's Gospel reading with a small group at the station at the back of the Fellowship Hall. All ages are encouraged to read through the scripture, answer discussion questions, and complete a craft or activity to explore Sunday's Gospel.

November will feature building a house of cards, filtering water, and making encouragement rocks to explore the Gospel.



UPDATES

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Corner

Happy Fall!

After obtaining multiple estimates for the mold remediation in the Sanctuary, the Council has voted on contractors to submit to the congregation at the **November 9th** congregational meeting. We have selected a contractor for the mold removal and then a contractor to rebuild the wall after the removal.

We also had air quality testing in the sanctuary in September. The testing showed that: The airborne fungal levels were low relative to outdoor comparison sample and the organisms detected were similar. The result does not indicate an airborne fungal issue at the time of the assessment.

The Property Team has been making some repairs to the exterior wall of the Sanctuary to keep the moisture from entering the building.

Please join us for the meeting on November 9th after service for additional information on the work.

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. There is currently an opportunity to join the Endowment Team. If you feel called to serve at CTK, please let any Council member know.

In Christ's service,
Michele Murray



CONGREGATION

CTK Core Values

The CTK Council has been working diligently at discerning and articulating our shared congregational core values this year. The process has taken a couple years and has involved feedback and conversation with congregation members. The Council finalized our five core values and created a document to describe how we are living them out this fall.

Join us after worship on **Sunday, November 23** in the conference room to learn more about the process and the identified core values. Your participation and feedback is greatly appreciated!

ADMIN & FINANCE

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

September Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/25 through 9/30/25 = \$205,398

01/01/24 through 9/30/24 = \$208,729

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/25 through 9/30/25 = \$215,726

01/01/24 through 9/30/24 = \$201,922

Cash account balances as of September 30, 2025

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$4,573

Savings = \$40,322

Memorial Savings = \$24,551

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$60,811

Endowment Fund = \$93,562

Mortgage Balance = \$97,999

NOVEMBER

2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm				1 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am Fall Clean-up 1-3pm
2  Worship 9am Immigration Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	3 6:30pm WMA	4	5 Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm Confirmation 7-8:30pm	6 7pm Property Team	7	8 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
9 Worship 9am Immigration 10:15am Cong. Mtg. 10:15am YG Bible Study 10:15am	10	11 7pm Admin Team	12 Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm Youth Group 7-8:30pm	13  Deadline to order Poinsettias	14	15 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
16 Worship 9am Bega Kwa Bega Conversation 10:15am	17	18 7pm Church Council	19 Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm Confirmation 7-8:30pm	20  Women's Bible Study 9:30am	21	22 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
23 Worship 9am Bake & Craft Sale 10:15am Cong. Values 10:15am YG Bible Study 10:15am	24  Trumpet Deadline	25  Family Shelter Meal 4:30pm	26 Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm	27 	28	29 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
30 Worship 9am Mission Trip Meeting 10:15am						