

# THE TRUMPET

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.” – 1 Timothy 2:1*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Earlier in September, we encountered a reading from First Timothy that encouraged us to pray for everyone, rich and poor, rulers, and those we agree with and those we disagree with. During the Children’s Time, we counted off and our youth were tasked with praying for 13.5 people from CTK – and I know for a fact that they have prayed for their portion of the congregation. Prayer is an important part of our faith life, both as a way to ask God for guidance, naming our needs and offer praise and thanksgiving for all our blessings.

October is Pastor Appreciation month, a time when congregation members are encouraged to share their appreciation for their pastor. During this month, I would feel so appreciated if you would pray for me and the ministry that we do together. Being the spiritual leader of the congregation can feel like a big job and I would be so grateful for your encouragement and support – especially by lifting up your prayers for me and our shared ministry.

As you pray for me, the church, and the ministry we share, I might also ask you to pause and reflect after you pray. Prayer shapes us and our attitudes and feelings. As we talk to God, offering our thanks and asks, God responds. It may not be the way that we’d like, but God does answer prayer in God’s own time. But as we wait and anticipate the response to our prayers, we also can be formed in the waiting. And as you pause and reflect, I ask you to consider how God might be inviting you to put your prayer into action.

What ministry might God be tugging at your heart to engage with? Could there be a way that you can help make your prayers a reality, whether through sharing

of your resources or time or just lending a listening ear for someone in need? How is your prayer shaping your heart and the way that you respond to God?

Renowned spiritual leader and priest Henri Nouwen wrote, “If prayer leads us into deeper unity with the compassionate Christ, it will always give rise to concrete acts of service. And if concrete acts of service do indeed lead us to a deeper solidarity with the poor, the hungry, the sick, the dying, and the oppressed, they will always give rise to prayer.” Through our prayers, God leads us into service that help us love our neighbor. And as we love our neighbor through acts of service, we also turn to prayer, turn to talking to God.

Praying for me, the church, our members, and our shared ministry together can be one way that you support our mission and ministry here. Being surrounded in prayer is one way that we create a community that lifts up and supports one another. And we can also pause as we pray and reflect upon what we hear as a response from God. God will respond and call us into new possibilities, new ministries, and new focuses. Let us have ears to hear where God is calling us today.

Peace,  
Pastor Rebecca



# JOIN US

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## OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 5

Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
Luke 17:5-10

*A little faith goes  
a long way.*

**9am Worship**  
Organ / Communion

### OCTOBER 12

Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111  
Luke 17:11-19

*Multiple miracles!  
We are made clean  
through Jesus and return  
to offer thanks.*

**9am Worship**  
KHB / Communion

### OCTOBER 19

Nineteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
Luke 18:1-8

*Christ Recovery Center  
Band led worship.*

**9am Worship**  
CRC Band

### OCTOBER 26

Reformation/  
Confirmation Sunday

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
Luke 18:9-14

*The good news of God's  
grace sets us free to live  
out the love of God in an  
ever changing world.*

**9am Worship**  
KHB / Communion

THURSDAY  
**OCTOBER 23**

**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.

### Christ Recovery Center (CRC) Band Sunday October 19

We welcome the CRC Band back to CTK on Sunday, October 19! They will lead us in song and current residents will share testimony about the impact of their faith and trust in God during the recovery process. To thank the CRC Band, CTK is hosting a potluck afterwards along with a free will offering to benefit the CRC. Please sign up to bring a dish to share, help set up ahead of time, or clean up afterwards. Your participation will make this a Sunday to remember!

### Reformation/Confirmation Sunday October 26

Wear red to celebrate the Reformation of the church as we confirm the ninth grade Confirmation students from CTK. It will be a celebratory day for all!



# October

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	ALTAR GUILD	LAM	READER	USHERS	COMMUNION
<b>10.5</b>	Joe / Michael	Lori / Lori	Jack	Lee	Mike / Scott	Ann / Polly
<b>10.12</b>	Joe / Michael	Karen / Becky	Cyndi	Peggy	Scott / Howard	Polly / Bonnie
<b>10.19</b>	Janelle / Jason	Connie / Peggy	Michael	Peggy	Mike / Michelle	n/a
<b>10.26</b>	Janelle / Michael	Kathy / Ann	Julie	Michael	Scott / Howard	Wayne / Kathy

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

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

## DEVOTION

### The New Commandment

Jesus was the fulfilment of the most important prophecy of all time. In Paul's words, we're a "New Creation" – 2 Corinthians 5:17 – in Christ.

One of my favorite scriptures is from John's Gospel, where in the earlier stages of the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 (NRSVUE).

In context, Jesus had just washed the feet of the disciples. Jesus' words are powerfully prophetic of his quoted words above—for what he is about to do for humankind on the cross; this occurs immediately after he teaches them about the humility and the other-focused-ness of the act of foot-washing, a menial

act typically performed by servants in those days. How the disciples must have been in sheer awe of understanding by Jesus' humble example.... I invite you to reflect on that for a moment - the prophesied, promised Messiah washed the disciples' feet, often reenacted liturgically on Maundy Thursday. Talk about the transformative understanding of Christ, as the fulfillment of prophecy!

Let us pray: Gracious, redeeming God, may we always live out your new commandment in our daily lives. Lord, grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit, to humble ourselves, especially when it's not always easy to do so, and to carry out your commandment to love one another, as your servant disciples, like you have loved us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayerfully in Christ,  
Michael Stepan

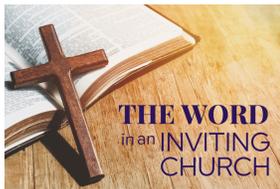
# COMING SOON

## 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 October 26 and 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.”



### The Word in an Inviting Church

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm**

Prince of Peace Burnsville  
13801 Fairview Drive Burnsville

This event is the second in a three-part series called “Renewing Worship in an Inviting Church.” Our featured speaker is the Rev. Regina Hassanally, the bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. The day will include three workshop offerings on writing/compiling liturgies, making God’s word attainable for and understandable by children and youth, and what to do and how to engage those difficult texts! Our closing worship service will be blessed by the leadership of Prince of Peace and their contemporary style of worship. Lunch is included. The cost is \$25 per person; let Pastor Rebecca know if you are interested in attending.

Perhaps we at CTK might consider the question, “How are we inviting and warmly welcoming those who are newer to participate fully in our liturgical life?”



## A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

Starting on October 12, we will be focusing on “A Chorus of Generosity” as our stewardship emphasis for 2025. 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.

This fall you’ll hear stories of how the music of our faith inspires us to participate in the life of CTK. You’ll be encouraged to participate in a 30 Day Challenge of Generosity, where no act is too small. We’ll be determining CTK’s favorite hymns and spiritual songs throughout the month of October. Fill out a paper allot in worship starting on October 12 and we’ll reveal the top vote getter 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 celebrate All Saints Sunday, November 2. We will share the Litany of the Saints during worship, naming all the CTK saints who have died since last All Saints Sunday. We will also include the names of your beloved saints too. Please submit your names and pronunciations after October 19 to the church office.



## Christian Education Opportunities

Children and youth are invited to participate in a variety of Christian education opportunities.

### Sunday School

*For kindergarten through fifth grade students*

Sunday School will be held the first Sunday of the month. Join us for a video, Bible story, craft, and activities. This fall the Sunday School students will also be working on creating a video to be used in our Christmas program in December. We may have rehearsals on additional Sundays if families are interested and available.

### 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.

October will feature a prayer labyrinth, mirror image drawings, and a collage as ways to explore the Gospel texts.

## Confirmation

*For sixth through ninth grade students*

Confirmation students will gather again on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm to discuss big questions about faith.

Ninth graders will be confirmed on October 26.

## Youth Group

*For sixth through twelfth grade students*

All high school and middle school students are invited to the Youth Room on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm. Our Director of Youth and Family Ministries Hannah Grove will lead a time of fun and connection along with exploring ways to grow in faith.

## Youth Group Bible Study

*For sixth through twelfth grade students*

High school and middle school youth are invited to participate in Bible study twice a month (second and fourth Sundays) led by Director of Youth and Family Ministries Hannah Grove. They'll meet in the Youth Room from 10:15-11 am to explore the Gospel of Mark.

## 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!

# UPDATES

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Council Corner

Greetings!

This month the council began our meeting with a prayer walk around the neighborhood. It was interesting to see the activity at Birch Lake School, how each of the houses we walked by near the lake each had a spot to enjoy the peace of looking at the lake. On our walk we observed a beautiful sunset over the lake. We had fun discussing all the people and wildlife encountered during the walk. We experienced more of what happens in our neighborhood around Christ the King.

We have put the finishing touches on defining the Core Values for CTK. This is a culmination of all the one-on-one conversations as well as discussions during our meetings. Next steps are to determine how we will share these with the congregation in the coming months.

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

## MISSIONS



### 2026 Masisiwe Scholarships Fund Commitments

Thanks to everyone who paid support for the 18 Masisiwe children attending secondary schools and three (3) enrolled in vocational training centers during 2025. Our combined efforts have made a world of difference for these children.

Any amount is very welcome. We hope to equal our 2025 contribution of \$6,265. Their next school year begins January 1, 2026.

The Masisiwe children cannot advance beyond 6<sup>th</sup> grade level without our help. Costs vary from \$50 to attend a local school to over \$500 for those who must board away from home. Financial commitments should be paid to Christ the King no later November 1. Indicate Masisiwe Scholarship on the memo line of your check or on your CTK envelope.

Asante Sana to All who support these children with your prayers and finances.

## ADMIN & FINANCE

### Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

August Financial Report

#### Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/25 through 8/31/25 = \$185,185

01/01/24 through 8/31/24 = \$185,309

#### Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/25 through 8/31/25 = \$191,927

01/01/24 through 8/31/24 = \$177,766

#### Cash account balances as of August 29, 2025

##### North Star Bank:

Checking = \$6,156

Savings = \$48,274

Memorial Savings = \$24,551

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$59,696

Endowment Fund = \$92,506

Mortgage Balance = \$99,470



# OCTOBER

2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm		1  Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm  Youth Group 7-8:30pm	2    7pm Property Team	3	4  7am Bread Ministry  KHB 9am
5  Worship 9am  Sunday School 10:15am	6    6:30pm WMA	7	8  Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm  Confirmation 7-8:30pm	9	10	11  7am Bread Ministry  KHB 9am
12  Worship 9am  YG Bible Study 10:15am	13	14    7pm Admin Team	15  Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm  Confirmation 7-8:30pm	16	17	18  7am Bread Ministry  KHB 9am
19  Christ Recovery Band Worship 9am  Potluck	20	21    7pm Church Council	22  Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm  Confirmation 7-8:30pm	23    Women's Bible Study 9:30am	24	25  7am Bread Ministry  KHB 9am  The Word in an Inviting Church 9-3
26  Reformation/ Confirmation Worship 9am  YG Bible Study 10:15am	27   Trumpet Deadline	28    Family Shelter Meal 4:30pm	29  Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm  Youth Group 7-8:30pm	30	31    2nd graders from Birch Lake Elementary leaf raking day at CTK.	