



THE TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S CORNER

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out on my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."

– Acts 2:17

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I shared the passage from the book of Acts because it marks the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birthplace of the church on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is at work here at CTK and in the wider church. Here are some examples of the Holy Spirit at work and dreams being dreamed:

Our Saint Paul Area Synod (SPAS) just elected a new bishop in mid-May. Justin Grimm, current Director of Evangelical Mission in SPAS, is the new bishop-elect and will start his six-year term in August. The bishop election process was truly a spirit-led process as candidates spent time in discernment and sharing about their vision for SPAS in videos, Q and A sessions, and at Synod Assembly. With his experience working in the SPAS for the past eleven years, he will bring a deep understanding of the structure of the wider church, a deep understanding of the work of mission developers, and an openness to listening to church leaders. I am hopeful for the future of our synod with Justin as our new bishop-elect.

The church council is currently reading a book together entitled [*Invite Welcome Connect: Stories and Tools to Transform Your Church.*] The book is helping us to think about our evangelism efforts and how we are all called to play our part in the work of inviting others to CTK, welcoming newcomers into worship and the ministries of the church, connecting members. We may have our areas of preference and strength, but that doesn't mean we can avoid participating in this important evangelism and hospitality work.

The Council is also exploring participating in a cohort called "Evangelism for the Modern Church: A Practical, Action-Oriented Cohort for Growth and

Connect." This cohort will begin in mid-June and needs lay leaders to be successful. As the materials say, "Evangelism isn't just 'the Pastor's job.' In fact, we believe this work should be 80% lay-led." Is the Holy Spirit calling you to participate in this cohort, to learn more about activities and resources to encourage people to connect with CTK? If you experience any nudges from the Holy Spirit to even consider participating, I highly recommend that you first pray about it. Then talk to Kathy Felix, CTK Council representative to the Evangelism team, or Pastor Rebecca to learn more about how you could join in this effort.

I have also experienced first-hand the Holy Spirit working among those who have been attending the Faith and Civic Life study in April and May. I am so grateful to those who have participated on six Sundays to learn more about what the ELCA has to say about the intersection of our Lutheran faith and our civic life. The conversations have been respectful and robust, with engagement around the importance of advocacy and the difference between politics and partisanship. The group is planning to take the summer off, but in the fall there will be another study on advocacy. Advocacy is one way that we can live out our baptismal promise to work for peace and justice in the world.

The Holy Spirit is truly at work, both here at CTK and in the wider church. I am grateful for all the ways that I have been able to see God at work among us. I pray that you too are able to see the Holy Spirit at work in and among us.

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca

JOIN US

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JUNE SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE 7

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power.

Lake Country Chorus sharing music.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

JUNE 14

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus teaches his disciples how to proclaim the Gospel through their words and deeds.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

JUNE 21

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, but that life is found in Christ.

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

JUNE 28

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Matthew 10:40-42

The disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serve Christ himself.

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

THURSDAY
JUNE 11
Women's Bible Study

I Am Worthy

Session ONE:
I am created in God's image. (no matter what anyone else says.)

9:30am
in the library.

Congratulations!

Milestone Sunday
June 7

Are you marking a milestone this year? Graduating from high school or college? Celebrating a milestone anniversary or birthday? Retiring from work? We will celebrate the milestones of 2026 by recognizing them in worship and offering a blessing.



June 28
(Weather permitting)

Remember to bring your lawn chair, wear sunscreen, and have temperature appropriate clothing!



	AV	ALTAR GUILD	LAM	READER	USHERS	COMMUNION
6.7	Joe / Craig	Karen / Becky	Michael	Polly	Carol / Mike	Peggy / Michael
6.14	Jason / Brianna	Connie / Peggy	Michele	Bea	Peggy / Howard	Karen / Cyndi
6.21	Joe / Craig	Kathy / Ann	Julie	Cyndi	Mike / Scott	Polly / Howard
6.28	NA	Cathy / Stephanie	NA	Peggy	Howard / Billie	Michele

Hospitality: Tom & Lois Johnson, Janet Getchell, Bill Hughes

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

DEVOTION

Faithful Stewards

At our recent Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly, we elected a new bishop, Bishop-Elect Rev. Justin Grimm. As a person moving through Candidacy for Rostered Ministry, he took time to talk with me at some length on several occasions at Synod Assembly, allowing me to recognize how God continues to lead all of us in ministry, especially through our witness to each other.

A foundational scripture for this Synod Assembly grabbed me—with of all things—the Report of the Treasurer: “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” [1 Peter 4:10.]

With our Assembly liturgy, we found Peter faithfully taking his place as leader, as vicar of the church, just

as we moved through the purposeful and prayerful process of electing a new bishop for our synod.

At the end of the day, it struck me how important it is to be good to one another. As the various presenters shared with us over two days, what a wonderful roadmap we have from Christ and his disciples! To be sure, Christ’s disciples back then were not perfect nor are we. But we’re called to something more, in service to one another: family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. Each of our unique gifts makes a difference! In sharing our gifts, may we, too, find ourselves among the followers of Christ Jesus.

Let us pray. Lord, may you guide us with your Holy Spirit as we live our lives in faithful service. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

COMING SOON



Hello Christ the King!

As you all know by now, May was my last month at Christ the King. My husband, Thomas, has a job opportunity in Devil's Lake, North Dakota and we will soon be leaving the Twin Cities. I'd like to reflect on my experience at your church before I go.

You've always prided yourselves on your hospitality and it's what I remember most from when I first started. I was nervous on my first Sunday to meet a bunch of new people. I had more people come up and introduce themselves to me than when I've started at larger churches. I immediately felt welcome and over the next several weeks and months more people found me to introduce themselves. I knew then that I was going to have a good time in your congregation.

I started leading youth group in September and met a bunch of excited youth. They were eager to try new things which is so important for a successful youth group. I was surprised by the retention through the fall and I looked forward to youth group or confirmation every week. Over the summer we did a mission trip to Duluth with a few youth, their families, and some other congregants. I'd never been part of a multi-generational mission trip before and wasn't quite sure of my role on the trip. Unsurprisingly the mission trip went smoothly and I was able to better know the people who came and enjoy my time. In the fall I jumped back into youth group and started doing a Bible study on Sunday mornings. I was surprised by how deep the youth wanted to dig into the Gospel of Mark and we had some great conversations. During Lent I was able to do some crafts which were open to the whole congregation on Sunday mornings. We explored the holy days of Lent through craft and contemplation. It was great to get to know even more people!

At last we come to the end of my time here. I hope to take with me the spirit of hospitality that you all showed me as I enter into a new community in Christ in Devil's Lake. You have shown me what true community can really look like and even more, you showed me Christ's love every time I came. I'm finding myself sad to be leaving, especially the youth whom I've connected with during my time. I wish all the best as you continue on your journeys.

Thank you for all you were able to do for me,

Hannah Bonnema

YOUTH & FAMILY

2027 Youth Gathering Information Session – June 7



Are you a youth who will be in 8th-12th grade during the 2026-27 school year? Would you be interested in spending time with 30,000 Lutheran youth next summer?

The 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis June 28-July 2 and we want to bring a group of youth from CTK. Join Pastor Rebecca in the library after church to learn more about the event, a timeline for registration and fundraising, and decide if you want to participate in the Gathering. Consider inviting a friend to participate too!

MISSIONS



Masisiwe Fundraiser Update

Thank you for the tremendous response to our fundraiser kickoff! Our noisy offering set a new record of \$215.30 and we are well on the way to over \$1000. Opportunities to contribute by check or cash continue through June. Please note to " Masisiwe Projects "

Asante sana!



Wilderness Canoe Base: Congregational Camp:

CTK Congregation Camp at Wilderness Canoe Area info session – June 14

On the fence about attending our congregational camp in the Boundary Waters? The registration deadline for the CTK Congregational Camp at Wilderness Canoe Area is coming up in late June.

Join Pastor Rebecca in the library on June 14 at 10:30 am to get updates on the camp and ask any questions.

Thursday, August 13 – Sunday, August 16

Spend a long weekend at Wilderness Canoe Base at the end of the Gunflint Trail in northern Minnesota near the entry point to the Boundary Waters.

Cost is \$330 for adults, \$300 for youth (11-17), \$200 for children (4-10) and free for under 4. Do not let money be a barrier; scholarships are available.

Registration is now open!

<https://lwlbc.com/wcbctk-wblcong-intergen2026>

Families and individuals register themselves online. An initial deposit is required and final payment is due two weeks prior to the congregational camp.

See the Welcome Center for a handout with more information and an interest survey.



SUMMER KICK OFF

Sunday, June 14 | 11am-2pm

- Games and Activities •
- Free Food •
- Fun and Prizes •



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UPDATES

ADMIN & FINANCE

April Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/26 through 04/30/26 = \$83,445

01/01/25 through 04/30/25 = \$81,881

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/26 through 04/30/26 = \$100,628

01/01/25 through 04/30/25 = \$98,784

Cash account balances as of February 28, 2026

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$8,559

Savings = \$49,383

Memorial Savings = \$26,219

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$63,403

Endowment Fund = \$94,136

Mortgage Balance = \$87,421



VISION SUMMIT

SHOBI'S TABLE

Thursday, June 4 at 6:30pm

Whether you've been coming for lunch, supporting our program, or are entirely new to Shobi's Table: this event is for you!

We want to share what's been happening at Shobi's Table recently and some exciting new ideas we are exploring! We want to hear your thoughts and answer your questions.

Online Zoom meeting info:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85357522257?pwd=ilefFk8JfYMyntOrC7nvdWeyoZhL.1>

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Christ the King Council continues to lean into our mission with a focus on both spiritual growth and practical stewardship. At our recent meeting, we continued our devotional study of *[Invite Welcome Connect,]* exploring Chapter 3 with Pastor Rebecca to deepen our practices of hospitality. Building on that theme, we reviewed initial member feedback and reflections from hosting the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd for their morning service.

We also followed up on our recent Council Retreat, discussing future visioning ideas such as a congregational timeline project and exploration of space use that matches our mission and values. Additionally, the Council received an encouraging update on the funds raised for the Sanctuary Project and report from the Saint Paul Synod Assembly.

Finally, following the recent adoption of our Crisis Communication Plan, we discussed updating our policy documentation to ensure consistency regarding leadership terminology across our procedures.

We remain deeply grateful for the ongoing work of our vital ministry teams as they guide CTK forward.

In Christ's service,

Erin Simunds
Council President



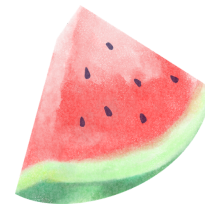
Save the Date: Blessing of the Animals

during outdoor worship on August 23
Bring your pet to be blessed during our outdoor worship on August 23. Dogs, cats, hamsters, photos, or stuffed animals are all welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor to worship!



JUNE

2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7am Bread Ministry Feed My Starving Children 9:30-11:15am
7 Worship 9am Milestone Sunday Youth Gathering Mtg. 10:15am	8	9 7pm Admin Team	10	11 Women's Bible Study 9:30am	12	13 7am Bread Ministry
14 Worship 9am Boundary Waters Trip Mtg. 10:15am	15 7pm Fellowship	16 7pm Church Council	17	18	19	20 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
21 Worship 9am	22 Trumpet Deadline	23 Family Shelter Meal 4:30pm	24	25	26	27 7am Bread Ministry
28 Outdoor Worship 9am	29	30		Summer Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday 9am-3pm		