

# April 2023 Newsletter

## Saturday, April 1

### Palm Sunday, April 2

#### Welcome Pastor Michele Jenson!

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
6:00pm Youth Group

## Monday, April 3

4:00pm WELCA Board Meeting

## Tuesday, April 4

9:00am Homeschool Co-op  
9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
6:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting

## Wednesday, April 5

9:00am Quilters

## Maundy Thursday, April 6

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
7:00pm First Communion Worship

## Good Friday, April 7

9:00am Janitors for Jesus  
7:00pm Traditional Worship  
(No Communion)

## Saturday, April 8

## Easter Sunday, April 9

7:00am Traditional Worship Service  
8:00am-11:00am Easter Brunch  
9:30am Traditional Worship Service  
11:00am Contemporary Worship Service

## Monday, April 10

## Tuesday, April 11

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
10:30am Christ the King Book Club  
2:00pm Circle Leader Bible Study

## Wednesday, April 12

5:00pm Dinner-Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk  
7:00pm Confirmation Class  
7:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting

## Thursday, April 13

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
5:00pm NAMI

## Friday, April 14

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, April 15

10:00 am Saturday Circle

## Sunday, April 16

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am BeFrienders  
10:45am Council Meeting  
12:00pm Honor Flight  
6:00pm Youth Group

## Monday, April 17

6:00pm Property Committee

## Tuesday, April 18

9:00am Homeschool Coop  
9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
9:30am Esther Circle  
1:30pm Sarah Circle

## Wednesday, April 19

9:00am Quilters  
2:00pm Anna Circle  
5:00pm Dinner-Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk  
7:00pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, April 20

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
4:30pm Youth-Ruby's Pantry  
6:00pm Page Turners Book Club

## Friday, April 21

9:00am Janitors for Jesus



## Saturday, April 22

5:00pm-8:30pm Shine Your Light Gala

## Sunday, April 23

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
6:00pm Youth Group

## Monday, April 24

## Tuesday, April 25

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

## Wednesday, April 26

5:00pm Dinner Served by Youth  
5:00pm High School Seniors Pick Out Quilts  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk  
7:00pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, April 27

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
1:00pm Library Board Meeting  
6:30pm NAMI

## Friday, April 28

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, April 29

## Sunday, April 30

### Pastor Michele Jenson's Installation

9:30am Contemporary Worship in Rex  
10:30am Meal Served by Council/Rex  
6:00pm Youth Group

### Church Office Hours

Monday- 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Tuesday- 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Wednesday- 9:00am to 6:00pm  
Thursday- 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Friday- 9:00am to Noon

### Happening Each week at CtK

Tuesdays at 8:30am TOPS  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm Scouts  
Saturdays at 9:00am Al-Anon

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## *Easter at Christ the King Church*

**Palm Sunday, April 2** 9:30am Worship Service

Pastor Michele Jenson's first service at Ctk

**Holy Week Wednesday, April 5** (no Dinner, no Worship and no FaithWalk)

**Maundy Thursday, April 6** 7:00pm First Communion Worship Service

**Good Friday, April 7** 7:00pm Traditional Worship Service

*Easter Sunday, April 9*

7:00am Traditional Worship

8:00am-11:00am **Easter Brunch**

9:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Contemporary Worship





Congratulations to our 4th Graders on their 1st Communion celebration during our Maundy Thursday service on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary! 4th graders and their families will meet together in the library at 6:40 p.m. for final preparations and instructions. We are excited to celebrate as a congregation with Henley, Derek, Gab, Jonah, Braelynn, and Macy!

**Quilters meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:00am**

April 5th & April 19th



They are in need of good used clean sheets, used for the back of the quilts. Please donate what you can, by bringing them to the church office. Thanks!

**5PM Wednesday Night Dinners**

**1st Week** they will serve **Pasta**  
**2nd Week** they will serve **Tacos**  
**3rd Week** they will serve **Burgers**  
**4th Week** they will serve **Pizza**



**No dinner during Holy Week, April 5th**

Adult \$8, Kid \$6, Family \$25

**Easter Brunch**  
**Sunday, April 9**  
**8:00am-11:00am**

**Ham cheddar cheese egg cups, scone, fruit yogurt parfait, orange juice and coffee**



**\$12/Adult**  
**\$6/Youth 3yrs-12yrs**  
**Free 3 and Under**

Hey **FaithWalk** Families!  
 We wanted to share an update on where your FaithWalk Offering is going from February through May. We are helping out with the "Stop Summer Hunger" campaign in partnership with the Great Plains Food Bank. Thanks always for your support and willingness to live out the CtK Mission!



**STOP HUNGER NOW**

**Register for VBS in the Woods today!**

Those students who have completed 4th—6th grades are welcome to come to Maplewood for our overnight VBS camping adventure! **The dates are Thursday, June 22nd—Friday, June 23rd.** Registration forms are in the Rainbow room and on the counter outside of the church office. See Steph Deitz for more details.



## Faithfully Fit Forever

Every Tuesday & Thursday  
9:30am

The program available to all men and women. It is especially helpful for those with arthritis, high blood pressure, weight, balance and other related health issues.



## CTK Worship Volunteers sign-up

Check out our Facebook page, scan the QR code or go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BACAA29A1FA7-christ>



## Graduating Seniors:



We are planning the senior recognition and quilt gifting for May 10th, during our Wednesday night 6pm Worship. Come and pick out your quilt April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-5:45pm. Mark it on your calendars! I would like the following information from you by May 3rd. This can be sent to my email [Jodie@goctk.org](mailto:Jodie@goctk.org) or text me 701-412-4159.

1. A senior photo
2. What your plans are this summer
3. What your plans are in the fall
4. Any scholarships awarded

Jodie will be sending out more information in the next couple of weeks.



## Volunteer

We need volunteers for many jobs at Christ the King!

From working at a funeral, in the office, at the Gala; helping in the kitchen, cleaning with “Janitors for Jesus”, or working with children.

If you want to be on one of the call lists, please call the church office.

THANKS!



## Shine Your Light Gala

Christ the King Church, Moorhead  
Saturday, April 22, 2023  
5:00pm—8:30 pm



Partnering with M3 to shine a light on mental illness, the gala will feature a social hour, live music, silent auction, three course meal choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Oscar or Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, and **Christian Comedian Andy Beningo!**

Please join us for a night of fine dining, entertainment, and fellowship. Tickets are available at the church office for \$50/person or by contacting:

Marcy 701-261-7513  
JoAnne 218-443-8720  
Suzy 701-367-9889  
Katie 701-318-1305



## All 9th grade confirmation students:

Your Confirmation Day will be Sunday, October 29, 2023  
Reformation Sunday!

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin. John 8:31-36



# YOUTH

## April Youth Group and Activities

Contact Jodie 701-412-4159 call/text or email- jodie@gockt.org

### YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group** is open to ALL 7th-12th grades. We meet Sunday's at CtK @ 6pm-8pm (unless otherwise noted). We have a lot of fun doing different activities, throughout the month. Friends are always WELCOME!

**April Youth Group**  
**Sunday, April 2nd-Movie Night (Remember the Titans)**  
**Easter Sunday, April 9th –No Youth Group**  
**Sunday, April 16th-Bingo Night Prizes too!**  
**Sunday, April 23rd-Bowling \$10/person**  
**Sunday, April 30th-Scavenger Hunt**

### Confirmation Classes

All Confirmation classes will resume after Easter starting, Wednesday, April 12th and will go through May 17th!



### Ruby's Pantry:

**Ruby's Pantry is a mobile food pantry that offers food bundles to families in need. We will be helping unload the semi and give the food bundles to all who come. This is a new volunteer opportunity that we are really excited about. Please fill out the following sign up form using the code.**



**Thursday, April 20th 4:30 meet at CtK, or you can also be dropped off around 5pm @ Good Shephard Church's parking lot.**



### Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday Youth Dinners happen at Christ the King every Wednesday, before worship, starting at 5pm An email will be sent each week with a sign-up sheet. All proceeds go towards future youth activities or trips! If you volunteer, you will earn money to go into your own Youth Account. Confirmation Students counts as a service credit.

Any questions call/text Jodie 701-412-4159

### Easter Brunch!

**We are making and serving Easter Brunch. All youth and families are strongly encouraged to help! Use the link to see all the information, shift times and to sign up. Thank you for your continued support!**



## Questions & Answers About the 2023 Shine Your Light Gala

Questions & Answers About the 2023 Shine Your Light Gala as this is our first ever Gala, our committee is working hard to make it as successful as possible. Of course, with every first event, there are a lot of questions about how everything will work and what to expect. Let us *Shine some Light* on a few questions we have heard recently.

### **What is the main purpose of the Gala?**

The initial thought for the Gala was born during a Stewardship meeting as we brainstormed ways to create more involvement, build community, provide fun experiences and increase giving in the church. As the plan evolved, we settled on using this opportunity to raise money to help pay down the principal on our mortgage.

### **Why are we partnering with the M3 Foundation?**

Partnering with the M3 Foundation creates a connection that can benefit both of us. We are bringing a bigger light to their purpose: increasing awareness for and decreasing the stigma of mental health and suicide prevention. They are shining a light on our church as a partner in their mission! This Gala will bring guests from their foundation into our church.

When Pastor Randy was here, he completed a survey with our congregation. From all the data collected, Pr. Randy summarized seven points of guiding principles for our church. Three of these were: 1) A focus on Evangelism and Outreach; 2) Service to the neighborhood and community outside the walls of the church; and 3) A focus on the vision and mission points of the church. It is time we act on those goals, and this is one way to get started.

The top priorities for CtK's vision and mission were also identified in that survey. The top 2 were middle school youth and high school youth. These are two populations that are the most at risk for mental health and suicide right now. These are our youth, children of our neighborhood and community.

This Gala provides the perfect opportunity for our church to increase our evangelism, outreach and service to our neighborhood and community! By partnering with M3, we are supporting a local foundation that directly impacts and supports our youth and community, as well as everyone else who struggles with mental health.

Megan MacFarlane, the Executive Director of M3, is a child of Christ the King. She was raised here, confirmed here, and graduated from here. She has one of our precious quilts. This makes our first partnership for our first gala even more meaningful.

### **What percentage of monies raised will stay at CtK and what will go to M3?**

80% of monies raised will stay at Christ the King and go directly toward paying down the principal of the mortgage.

20% of monies raised will be given to the M3 Foundation for their continued ability to provide support to our community for those struggling with and affected by mental health.

### **What is the dress code?**

Semi-formal *optional*. Dress up if you love an opportunity to do so or come as you are! All are welcome!

## CtK Youth Fundraiser

We have a unique fundraiser called “**144 Envelopes**” happening again for CtK Youth, for our summer trip to St. Louis MO, June 24-30

They are numbered 1-144 and people can select a numbered envelope from the wall, bring it to the office and donate that corresponding amount. Thank you so much to the generous folks who have already claimed their envelopes and donated that amount!

For example, if you pull the #2 envelope off the wall, you would donate \$2.00 to CtK Youth; if you choose the #15 envelope, you'd donate \$15.00, or a #125 numbered envelope would be a \$125.00 gift and so on with the corresponding amount. This fundraising campaign allows for individuals to donate small and large amounts.

Last year we made \$1,800, which was absolutely amazing! Thank you for all your support

If our supporters select all **144 envelopes**, then we raise more than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS! Yay!



**FaithWalk** will be having our end of year party on Wednesday, May 17th to celebrate the final night of FaithWalk for the year! Please plan to join your friends to celebrate a wonderful year of memories, friendship, and God's love for each of you!

### Pastor Michele Jenson's Installation

The dates have been set for Pastor Michele's Installation at The Lutheran Church of Christ the King:

**Sunday, April 30th at 9:30am & Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00pm**

Both services will be a Contemporary Worship Service held in the Christus Rex

The Church Council will be serving dinners to honor Pastor Michele:

**Sunday Dinner** will be after the 9:30am service

**Wednesday Dinner** will be before the 6:00pm Service

### CtK Gala

#### An Opportunity to SPONSOR a Table at the GALA

GOLD: \$2000:

- 16 seats in a premium location near comedian
- Company logo projected on screen and on table
- Meet and greet with comedian
- Recognition onsite, social media, and verbal during event
- Desserts to go

SILVER: \$1000: 8 seats

- Company Logo on table
- Meet and greet with comedian (2)
- Recognition onsite and social media

BRONZE: \$750: 8 seats

- Company Logo on table
- Recognition onsite and on social media

TABLE: \$500: 8 seats

- Company Logo on table

Contact Katie Frisco 701-318-1305

# *From the Pastor*

I'm Home! As I have said to so many when I have connected with them over the last couple of weeks, this call just seems right! Right for me and I think right for the Lutheran Church of Christ the King. It was always my dream and hope that I would some day return to CTK – I just never dreamed it would be as soon as it was but I am thankful that everything fell into place as it did.

Let me catch you all up. Since I left CtK a little over 7 years ago, I continued to finish out my Masters Degree at Luther Seminary while I also continued to work at M State full-time in the Registrar's Office. When it came time to find an internship location for my degree the Bishop placed me into two rural churches – the Perley Parish in Perley, MN and Gardner, ND. It was a wonderful 4 ½ years with the members of those congregations.

I learned a lot from them and enjoyed all that those years provided me – even with a pandemic in the middle of my time there. Working about 70 hours a week though, between the congregations and the college, began to wear on me and I reached out to the Synod to begin the process of looking for a full-time call. About that same time I was made aware of Pastor Randy's leaving and things just began to take shape for my return to the church and congregation who lifted me to accept the call of being a Lutheran Pastor.

I have been asked a number of times if we will ever be able to get back to the church that we once had and I have answered the same way each and every time. The answer is NO! No, we cannot return to the past but rather we can rejoice in the future and whatever that holds and brings us. I am ready to work on building "church" together with you. Since my return, I have visited with so many of those that were here when I was before. I also have been thrilled to meet new, deeply involved and excited folks that have come since I left. We have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to.

For all those that volunteer – thank you and keep doing what you are doing, but know we can always use more. For those that are faithful attendees – keep coming and invite a friend, someone who used to be here or someone looking for a church home. For those who are continual financial supporters – keep those commitments coming and for those of you who are not, perhaps even a little more than your used to can be something you will consider. But most of all, for those of you who love our Lord, want to be a part of community of believers that will be with you and for you at all times, and wish to look to the future of the Lutheran Church of Christ the King in a hopeful and growing way; I am here to be your Pastor and leader for whatever God has planned for us.

It's a wonderfully exciting time in the life of CtK! Time for us to build anew and find our place amongst the churches thriving in the FM area. We can do this and it is my hope that we can do it together!

I look forward to meeting you all and learning your names and families in the coming days. Blessings to you as we enter into this Holy Week and the eventual spring we have all been told is coming!

Peace,  
Pastor Michele

