

# February 2023

## Wednesday, February 1

### Thrivent-Sommer Lockhart

9:00am Quilters  
5:00pm Dinner Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk  
7:00pm Confirmation

## Thursday, February 2

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, February 3

9:00am Janitors for Jesus  
6:00pm Pine Derby set-up

## Saturday, February 4

8:00am Cub Scouts Pine Derby

## Sunday, February 5

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
5:00pm St Louis Trip Meeting  
6:00pm Youth Group-Scavenger Hunt

## Monday, February 6

### Office Closed

4:00pm WELCA Board Meeting

## Tuesday, February 7

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

## Wednesday, February 8

5:00pm Dinner Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm Faithwalk  
7:00pm Confirmation

## Thursday, February 9

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
5:00pm NAMI  
6:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, February 10

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, February 11



## Sunday, February 12

### Super Bowl Youth Group Pizza Sale

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:00am-Noon Pick-up Pizza  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am Church Council Meeting

## Monday, February 13

### Office Closed

## Tuesday, February 14

### Valentines Day!



9:00am Homeschool Co-op  
9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
10:30am Christ the King Book Club  
2:00pm Circle Leader Bible Study  
6:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting

## Wednesday, February 15

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

## Thursday, February 16

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
6:00pm Page Turners Book Club  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, February 17

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, February 18

10:00 pm Saturday Circle  
Youth Skiing

## Sunday, February 19

8:00am Youth Ski Trip/leave  
9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:30am Befrienders

## Monday, February 20

### Office Closed

2:00pm Youth Ski Trip/returns  
6:30pm Property Committee

## Tuesday, February 21

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
9:30am Esther Circle  
1:30am Sarah Circle



## Ash Wednesday, February 22

### Noon Lenten Worship Service

5:00pm Dinner-Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk  
7:00pm Confirmation

## Thursday, February 23

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
1:00pm Library Board Meeting  
6:30pm NAMI  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, February 24

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, February 25

## Sunday, February 26

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

## Monday, February 27

### Office Closed

## Tuesday, February 28

9:00am Homeschool Co-op  
9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

### 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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**Dates to remember, more information regarding these events in this Heartbeat!**

- February 1st, 9am Quilters
- February 5th, 5pm Youth trip to St Louis Informational Meeting for Parents & 9th-12th grade.
- February 12th, Super Bowl Sunday Take-N-Bake Pizzas 10am-Noon
- February 14th, Valentines Day!
- February 14th, 10:30am, CtK Book Club, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*
- February 15th, 9am Quilters
- February 19th-20th Youth Ski Trip
- February 19th, 1pm 3pm and March 12, 1pm-3pm First Communion Classes for 4th graders



**Lent Begins in February!**

Weekly Noon Lenten Services on Wednesdays starting with Ash Wednesday:  
February 22nd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15, March 22nd & March 29th

Palm Sunday, 9:30am Worship Service  
Maundy Thursday 7:00pm First Communion Worship  
Good Friday, 7:00pm Traditional Worship Service

Easter, April 9  
7:00am Tradition Worship  
9:30am Tradition Worship  
11:00am Contemporary Worship

8:00am-11:00am Easter Breakfast served by the youth



**Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!**  
**Super Bowl Take-N-Bake Pizzas!!**



Sunday, February 12th

Pick up Sunday, Feb 12th from 10am-12pm. Please order ahead of time if able. By calling the church office 218-236-7576 or follow the link below.

Pizza choices:



**Cheese \$10**

**Peperoni \$11**

**Sausage \$11**

**Hawaiian \$14** (Canadian Bacon & Pineapple)

**3 Meat \$15** (Pepperoni, Sausage & Canadian Bacon)

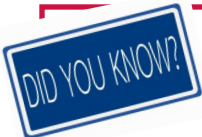
**Chicken Alfredo \$15** (Chicken & Alfredo Sauce)

**Supreme \$15** (Pepperoni, Sausage, Green Peppers & Onions)

**4th Grade First Communion-Save the Date!**



Our 4th graders will soon be celebrating their First Communion during Holy Week. In order to prepare for this milestone, 4th graders will be participating in our First Communion Classes. They will also be making their own chalices out of clay to be used in the ceremony. **There will be two classes for 4th grade students and parents to attend.** (you will need to attend both classes) The first class will be **February 19th from 1pm to 3pm**, and the second class is on **March 12th from 1pm to 3pm**. 4th graders and their families will celebrate their **First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7pm**.



**Christ the King Quilters** made the following quilts & lap robes in 2022:

**44** quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief, **10** CtK high school seniors were gifted quilts, **13** quilts delivered to Churches United for the Homeless, **6** to the YWCA of Cass Clay, **10** quilts to the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center, **10** given to the Moorhead Police

Department, **2** quilts & **3** lap robes given to Hospice of the Red River Valley, **1** quilt to The Veteran's Administration Hospital, **8** quilts to Bethany & **6** quilts to the New Life Center.

A total of **110!**

Our CtK Quilters are a fun group of people and you are welcome to join them any time! They quilt at 9:00am the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month. **In February the dates will be the 1st and 15th.** PS: You don't need to know how to sew, but you need to know how to laugh and have a good time, while creating quilts to help others.



**FaithWalk Announcement:** There is a new policy in place when picking up your children after Faithwalk on Wednesdays. To ensure that the children are with a parent or guardian we are asking that you come into the Rainbow room to pick up your child instead of waiting in the hallway. We need to physically see that you have your child. If you have questions please speak with us in the Rainbow room after FaithwWalk on a Wednesday evening, speak with a member of the Children's Ministry Committee, or Sandy Knutson.

**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**



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

**Faithfully Fit Forever**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
9:30am

The program available to all men and woman. 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:

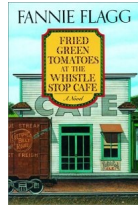
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**Christ the King Book Club**  
CtK Library

February 14th  
10:30am

*Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*  
by Fannie Flag



We would like to thank everyone who donated diapers for the diaper tree this Christmas season. All diapers were donated to Churches United.



Starting after January 29<sup>th</sup> the Faithwalk offering will go towards the Great Plains Food Bank. This will continue until the end of the 2022/2023 year in May.

**Committee Members.** Are you looking at being more involved in the church? Do you want to know and have a say in how the children receive their ministry? We are looking for 1 or 2 people to join our **Children's Ministry Committee**. At this time we would love to have members who have children in the FaithWalk program, as most of the members of the committee have children who are too old to participate. Your voice is needed!



**Call Committee Update**

Tuesday 1/24/2023 the Call Committee officially recommended a candidate to the Church Council. From here, there is still a significant amount of work to be done before the congregation will hold the final vote as to whether they are willing to call this person.

Step 1: Call committee recommends candidate to council (Done!)

Step 2: Council decides whether they are willing to move forward with the candidate.

Step 3: Council negotiates pay / benefits with the candidate.

Step 4: Background checks are completed. Step 5: Synod + Bishop signs off on final compensation agreements.

Step 6: Council chooses a time + date for the congregation to hold a vote.

Step 7: Congregation votes on whether to call this individual.

We anticipate that it will take, at minimum, two months to complete this process. Of course, this is if we don't hit any snags along the way.

Thank you all for your continued patience, prayers and support as we move through this process.

WELCA is grateful for all the support we have received from the many women of Christ the King and want to express our deep-felt appreciation for all that you do! Please find enclosed in this newsletter a **"LOVE Offering" envelope**. This offering will help this community of believers to support the WELCA projects, events and any needs of our local, national, and global community WELCA gives assistance to. A few of the ways your financial support will help include: the purchase of materials and supplies for the quilters to make quilts to gift to our high school seniors and send across the world to those in need of a warm blanket at night; purchase needed items for the kitchen; provide meals for local campus ministry students; as well as partner with local non-profits in their mission of service. The WELCA board thanks you for your sponsorship of our mission and service to others who are in need!



# YOUTH

## February Youth Group and Activities

Contact Jodie 701-412-4159 call/text or email- [jodie@gockt.org](mailto: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!

#### February Youth Group

Feb. 5th- Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 12th- NO Youth Group! Super Bowl

Feb. 19th- No Youth Group...Gone for Skiing

Feb. 26th- Escape Room \$20/person...RSVP is needed to make sure there is enough room



### Wednesday Night Dinners

Every Wednesday starting at 5pm, we serve dinner. We are in need of helpers! There will be a google form to fill out to sign up. Also searching for people to **wash dishes** after service, please sign up on the google form as well! Thank you for all of your help!



### Ski Trip

February 19th-20th  
\$150/ person

Andes Tower Hills. We will be leaving CtK at 8am Sunday and returning Monday around 2pm. We will be staying over night at a hotel in Alexandria, MN.

Friends are welcome!

Fee includes transportation, dinner at the hotel, skiing or tubing and breakfast Monday.

Please have youth bring extra money for lunch at Andes and snacks along the way. Space is limited, so please let Jodie know by Feb. 8th if you plan on coming.



### Super Bowl Take-N-Bake Pizzas Volunteers

We need Youth volunteers to help with Take-N-Bake pizzas that will be sold Sunday, Feb. 12th from 10am-12pm. A link will be sent out to sign up to help. All proceeds will go to your youth fund. If you are planning on going this summer, this is a great fundraiser to be a part of!!



### Summer Youth Trip!! June 24th-June 30th!! 9th grade through 12th grade!!

February 5th @ 5pm Trip Meeting! Parents and youth come see what we are doing.

We are going to St. Louis!! We will be partnering with YouthWorks once again, for a full service week. Please let me know you are interested ASAP.

\$750/person. Friends welcome to come too!

\$100 non-refundable deposit is due by February 13th.



### Confirmation **MENTOR** information!

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner! February 22nd. This is when you will meet with your mentor and go through the packets that will be sent out soon. Please take time to sit with your mentor throughout Lent. If you want to do all the sheets in one day, that works too. During Lent, we will **not** have regular confirmation classes. We will resume them on April 12th at 7pm. If you do not have a mentor, please let me know and I can help find a good match!

Jodie Berg

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# February 2023 Newsletter

I recently reread a book my mother encouraged me to read years ago. It was written by a relative of mine. In fact, he is the pastor who baptized me. I was interested to read this autobiography of one who had served the church and who also had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling. Admittedly, I began to read hoping to catch some glimpses of countries and people I could only dream of meeting. However, one of the highlights of the book for me was a story he told about a particular youth meeting he attended. The question which opened the discussion was, "If I moved to a new community, what kind of church would I join?" This is a good question which would be good for each of us to ask ourselves. What would **we** look for in a new congregation? He told of some of the predictable responses like, "I would join a church with plenty of choir members so I wouldn't have to go to choir practice." "I would join a church that had plenty of money so I wouldn't have to give so much." "I would join a church with plenty of Sunday School teachers, so I wouldn't have to stay home on Saturday nights to prepare a lesson while others were out having a good time." The last person in the circle offered a startling and yet thought-provoking response. He said:



"I would join the church where they were always short of Sunday School teachers so I could teach and share the Good News with others. I would join the church where they always needed money so I could share my tithe with that church. I would join the church that was short of choir members so I could use my tenor voice to help sing God's praises. I would join the church where the pastor was not quite so capable as others, and I would go to him and ask what I could do to help him in his ministry."

All too often, we're inclined to identify with the first group of responses. We seek the path of least resistance – even when it comes to matters of faith. The first group of responses don't seem to indicate a **joyous** response to being part of God's family. One senses a desire to escape as much responsibility as possible.

The last person's response all but bubbles over with the desire to share the gifts God had entrusted to them! This person sought out the challenges which others avoided all because they provided an opportunity to share in the ministry of Christ's church. It's a matter of stewardship – caring for and sharing that which God has given us!

I realize this isn't "stewardship time". That is, this isn't the traditional time of the year when we're accustomed to talking about stewardship. However, as I always taught in confirmation, stewardship is **NOT** to be limited to a couple of weeks or a month of each year. Rather, it **needs** to be a part of our everyday lives!!

I would like to suggest you begin each day by asking yourself first, "What does Christ want to accomplish through our congregation?" Secondly, and equally important, we need to ask ourselves, "What gifts do I have to offer to help our congregation in this ministry?" It's a challenge to **LIVE** our faith! Yet, if we claim the name of Christ, we discover God will continually strengthen and equip us for our ministry!!

May God bless you as together we serve Christ!!

Pastor Mike