

# March 2023

## Wednesday, March 1

9:00am Quilters  
Noon Lenten Worship Service  
5:00pm Dinner Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk

## Thursday, March 2

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

## Friday, March 3

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, March 4

8:00am Cub Scouts Event

## Sunday, March 5

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am BeFriendsers  
6:00pm Youth Group

## Monday, March 6

### Office Closed

4:00pm WELCA Board Meeting

## Tuesday, March 7

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

## Wednesday, March 8

Noon Lenten Worship Service  
5:00pm Dinner Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm Faithwalk

## Thursday, March 9

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever  
5:00pm NAMI  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, March 10

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, March 11

## Sunday, March 12

9:30am Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am Fellowship  
1:00pm 4th grade 1st communion class  
6:00pm Youth Group

## Monday, March 13

### Office Closed

## Tuesday, March 14

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

## Wednesday, March 15

9:00am Quilters  
Noon Lenten Worship Service  
2:00pm Anna Circle  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
Only Worship, NO Dinner/FaithWalk

## Thursday, March 16

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

## Friday, March 17

9:00am Janitors for Jesus



## Saturday, March 18

10:00 am Saturday Circle

## Sunday, March 19

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

## Monday, March 20

### Office Closed

6:30pm Property Committee

## Tuesday, March 21

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

## Wednesday, March 22

Noon Lenten Worship Service  
5:00pm Dinner-Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk

## Thursday, March 23

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

## Friday, March 24

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

## Saturday, March 25

## Sunday, March 26

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

## Monday, March 27

### Office Closed

## Tuesday, March 28

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

## Wednesday, March 29

5:00pm Dinner Served by Youth  
6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm FaithWalk singing pre-k-6th grade  
6:00pm Faithwalk

## Thursday, March 30

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

## Friday, March 31

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

### 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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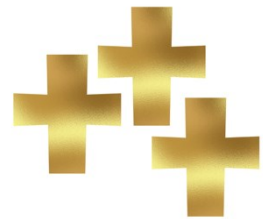
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The Lutheran Church of Christ the King, welcomes our new Pastor,  
**Pastor Michele Jenson**

Pastor Michele's first day conducting services will be Palm Sunday, April 2. She will begin moving into the church office the week of March 27 and you may see her at services that week as well. We are very excited to have Pastor Michele begin her call with us and are looking forward to what the future holds for CtK! Pastor Michele's full bio inside.



Weekly Noon Lenten Services continue on Wednesdays for the month of March! **Soup and a roll will be served immediately following the noon Lenten Services.**

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 Traditional Worship  
9:30am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Contemporary Worship

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



## 4th Grade First Communion



Our 4th graders will soon be celebrating their First Communion during Maundy Thursday service. 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.** The first class was in February (you will need to attend both classes) 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.**

## VBS in the Woods!



**When:** Thursday, June 22 8am-  
Friday, June 23 4pm  
**Who:** All completed 4th-6th grade  
**Where:** Maplewood State Park  
**Why:** Fun, Faith and Fellowship

Registration forms can be found on the youth counter and in the Rainbow Room. Friends are welcome!!

### Diaper Tree Update:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Churches United Diaper Tree! In total, we received 32 boxes, a total of 2,817 diapers!! Our Congregation continues to support us in helping our children learn how assist our community. Thank you for your continued support!

**EASTER BRUNCH  
JOIN US EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH  
8:00AM-11:00AM**

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



**FaithWalk kids  
Singing!**

**Wednesday, March  
29th @6pm  
This is your chance  
to sing to the Lord.  
Pre-K-6th graders**



### Church Office Hours

**Monday**– Closed  
**Tuesday**– 9:00am to 1:00pm  
**Wednesday**– 9:00am to 6:00pm  
**Thursday**– 9:00am to 1:00pm  
**Friday**– 9:00am to Noon

### 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 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>



**Christ the King's Shine your Light Gala**

**Saturday, April 22nd, 5:00pm-8:30pm**

\$50/person

Silent Auction

Social Hour with Appetizers and Punch

Three Course Meal

Christian Comedian

Ticket sales will begin March 6th!



*Shine Your Light Gala*

**Silent Auction Items Needed!**

Do you have any new or handmade items you'd be willing to donate? Christ the King is seeking donations to include in the Shine Your Light Gala Silent Auction. All donations are tax deductible and can be dropped off at Christ the King during regular office hours between now and April 5th.

**Below is a list of suggested items**

- Bible study/Bible journaling
- Quilts, blankets or other hand sewn items
- Homemade / DIY items
- Arts and crafts
- Sporting event tickets
- Fishing/Camping trip
- Photography package
- Gift cards
- Themed Baskets, such as
  - Moorhead Spuds / Collegiate
  - Fun in the Sun
  - Minnesota and/or North Dakota
  - Movie night/Game night/Date night
  - Wine/Beer/Spirits
  - Cooking/Baking

Please include  
an estimated  
value of  
your Item!

Gala is  
April  
22nd!!

**Deadline is April 5th**

Please contact Kelsey Saum or Marcy Harvala with questions. We would love your help to make this event a huge success! Thank you!  
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**Mission Opportunity!**

WELCA is providing a home cooked meal to serve to the MSUM students prior to their Thursday night worship service with Pr. Dominique on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Typically they have about 20 students who attend. We are looking for anyone willing to help provide this meal. Please check the WELCA bulletin board by Christus Rex to sign up. We request you have your item to the church by noon on Thursday, March 23, for delivery. Thank you!

Here are the items we want to provide:  
Tater Tot or Other Hot Dish to serve 10 - (need two)  
Vegan dish to serve 2  
Fruit to serve 20  
Dessert to serve 20

**Volunteer**

## March Youth Group and Activities

**YOUTH**

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

### March Youth Group

**Sunday, March 5-Game Night**

**Sunday, March 12-Gelly Ball Details coming soon!**

**Sunday, March 19-Movie Night/Pizza**

**Sunday, March 26-Easter Cookies**

**Lock-In  
Friday, March 17th  
9pm-7am (Sat.)  
As requested by  
many we will be  
having a Lock-In!  
Bring a friend!  
Pillow and  
blankets optional.  
Friends always  
welcome. Sign up  
will be sent out.**

### Wednesday Night Dinners

Every Wednesday starting at 5pm, we serve dinner. We are in need of helpers! 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!

### Confirmation

During Lent, confirmation students will meet with their mentors. If you have not given Jodie your students confirmation mentor information, please email, [Jodie@goctk.org](mailto:Jodie@goctk.org) or call/text 701-412-4159

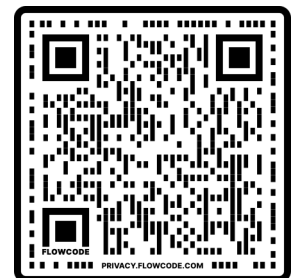
I am excited to hear what conversations you had with your mentors!



### Easter Brunch Volunteers Needed

We will be prepping  
Saturday, April 8th from  
12 noon-3pm.

Easter Sunday, April 9th from  
7:30am-11am. Sign up with link.





## March 2023 Newsletter

### *From the Pastor*

My friends and I stood in the entry of a church in a neighboring town. We talked nervously as we waited for our turn to go before the Board of Review. This was the final requirement we faced for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. My memory of that is somewhat fuzzy except for one thing. Our scoutmaster gave us some last minute advice which has stuck with me since that evening. He said, "Watch what you say. They want to know you really believe in some things... that you have some strong convictions. When you talk about things you believe in, say 'I believe'. Don't just say 'I think'."

That bit of advice, as I said, has stayed with me. I think of it whenever I'm asked about something which seeks a response from me. Is it something I believe, or is it simply an opinion which doesn't matter that much to me. This has caused me to examine things a bit more carefully. I've found myself asking if something is important enough to affect my life. For if I believe something, it *should* affect how I think and live.

All too often, we sluff off this kind of examination as we look at our faith walk. Rather than sticking out our neck to state, "I believe..." we'll settle for a much easier, "I think...". This way, we don't really have to defend our statements. If there's any opposition, we can abandon our statements as quickly as we toss a glass of unused water down the drain. In the end, we don't hold on to anything. We simply drift from idea to idea holding on only long enough to hear the first challenge. Not much matters.

God doesn't look for His children to live in this way. Many Christians feel this is the way to live so as not to offend anyone. Not so!! God spoke to John in a vision and told him to write to the church at Laodicea, "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16)

So, what's God trying to tell us? He's telling us He has no use for those who BELIEVE nothing. He even would rather people would believe in something contrary to Him so they could at least be confronted with the folly of their beliefs. Those who believe nothing refuse to hold on to anything long enough for it to make a difference in their life. God expects us to BELIEVE in Him. He expects our belief – our faith – to give shape and direction to our lives! Without this response to the Gospel, our faith is dead.

During this Lenten season, I would encourage each of us to examine our lives. Let's take a look at what we really believe. What really shapes our life? What is it that drives us? If we find Christ is not the real center of our life, then it's time to ask for forgiveness and the strength and commitment to allow Him the center spot in our life!

May God help you as you look at your life and your faith. The Good News is He is with you every moment of the way. May this be for each of us a time of renewal in the faith!

*Pastor Mike*