

May 2023 Newsletter

Monday, May 1

4:00pm WELCA Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

Wednesday, May 3

Pastor Michele's Installation

9:00am Quilters

5:00pm Meal Served by Council

6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship

6:00pm FaithWalk

7:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, May 4

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

Friday, May 5

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, May 6

1:00pm Memorial Delores Fagerstrom

Sunday, May 7

9:30am Sunday Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am BeFriends

6:00pm Youth Group

7:00pm MHD Hockey Banquet

Monday, May 8

Tuesday, May 9

9:00am Homeschool Co-Op

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

10:30am Christ the King Book Club

2:00pm Circle Leader Bible Study

Wednesday, May 10

Senior High Senior Night

5:00pm Dinner-Served by Youth

6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship

6:00pm FaithWalk

7:00pm Senior High Quilt Night/Reception

Thursday, May 11

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

5:00pm NAMI

Friday, May 12

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, May 13

Sunday, May 14

9:30am Sunday Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship

6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 15

6:00pm Property Committee

Tuesday, May 16

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

9:30am Esther Circle

1:30pm Sarah Circle

Wednesday, May 17

Last Night of FaithWalk

9:00am Quilters

2:00pm Anna Circle

5:00pm Dinner-Served by Youth

6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship

6:00pm FaithWalk Party

7:00pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, May 18

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

Friday, May 19

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, May 20

10:00am Saturday Circle

Sunday, May 21

9:30am Sunday Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship

6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

9:00am Homeschool Co-Op

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

Wednesday, May 24

6:00pm Casual Contemporary Worship

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Thursday, May 25

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

1:00pm Library Board Meeting

Friday, May 26

9:00am Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28

9:30am Sunday Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship

6:00pm Youth Group

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

9:30am Faithfully Fit Forever

Wednesday, May 31

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 AI-Anon

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*Christ the King High School Graduation Students
2023*



Wednesday, May 10th, 6:00pm

Worship Service, Reception, Quilts, Scholarships & more

**Avery Babolian
Grace Bernstrom
Jasmine Floding
Treyton Hatfield
Finn Larson**

**McKenzie Marchand
Deborah Ngusa
Avery Quiner
Xavier Thomas
Hunter Welle**



Women In God's Service

GUEST SPEAKER:
KATE MULVEY

Fair Hills Women's Retreat

JOIN US AT FAIR HILLS RESORT
JUNE 12TH AND 13TH IN
DETROIT LAKES
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MAY 22ND

Look for registration forms in the office or go to this website to learn more about the event:

<https://www.nwmnsynod.org/events/fair-hills-womens-event>

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

May 3rd & May 17th



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!



Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20 - 8:00AM - 4:30PM -
Completed K - 3rd grades - Registration forms available in the church office!

VBS for the Littles - **3yr-5yr Olds** - Monday, June 19th - 5:30pm-7:00pm
Child/parent join us for a picnic, game, craft and song time night - Cost per child \$10/\$15 per family.

Half Pint Day at Camp Emmaus

If you just finished **K-2nd grade** and want to spend a day at Bible Camp with Pastor Michele.

Friday, July 14th - 8AM - 5:30pm Cost \$55
Registration information will be available in the church office.



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.



Family Door Hanging Night.

Wednesday, May 10th after church we want to get the word out to CtK neighbors about the many VBS opportunities we will be having in June. Please consider hanging door hangers with your family - each family will be given a couple of blocks to cover and we want to welcome our neighbors to join us!

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!

Noisy Offering - Bring your coins/change for the children to collect on Sunday, May 7th and Wednesday, May 10th.



Traditional Service Worship Assistants

needed. Please consider helping usher, serve communion or reading for the traditional services on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. A sign-up sheet has been posted outside the Coffee serving area. Thank you for your help in filling the needs.

Special Music Needed

If you are able to provide special music - vocal/instrumental during the summer services on Sunday/Wednesday please reach out to Pastor Michele.



YOUTH

May 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!

May Youth Group

May 7th: Trivia Night

May 14th: Escape Room! \$20/youth RSVP

May 21th: Picnic in the Park and Games

May 28th: Campfire Night/Games and S'mores

Thank you!!

Thank you to all the youth and families that help to make the Easter Brunch another successful event! All the time and energy that you gave always amazes me!
Thank you!

Congratulations Class of 2023!! Senior Recognition Service and Quilt gifting



CtK will be recognizing you and your accomplishments with a special service and quilt gifting ceremony. All the quilts are made for you with love by our very own CtK quilters.

May 10th @ 6pm Wednesday Night Service. Invite your friends and family to help honor you!

Don't forget if you haven't already sent in your senior photo along with a little bio to Jodie, please do so no later than May 3rd. jodie@gockt.org or Text info to 701-412-4159

Summer Activities!! Save the Date!!

Camping at Maplewood State Park

Save the date July 19-20!

Come and enjoy a night filled with tenting, campfires, food, laughter, fun, friends and worship!! Bring a friend!!

Detailed information and sign up will be sent out soon.

Volunteer Opportunities in

June

VBS is just around the corner!! If you would like to share your time and talent by helping with VBS this summer that would be great!

VBS k-3rd grade June 19-20

VBS in the woods June 22-23

Valleyfair

Save the date for August 15th!

Spend the Day with CtK youth @ Valleyfair!

Detailed information and sign up will be coming soon...

Wednesday Night Dinners

Only a couple of weeks left to help serve

Last dinner is May 17th.

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!

Any questions: call/text Jodie 701-412-4159

From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

As I write this, I am busy preparing the service for my installation as your Pastor. While I've been serving close to a month now it's time to make it official and I can't wait for that to take place.

The first month has allowed me some amazing connections – both with those I knew and with so many of you that I did not. We have experienced the Holy Week together, with great community and excitement, and a Gala that literally lit up the neighborhood. What a wonderful month it has been, and I can only imagine things are going to get even better with each and every new day.

With the risen Lord of Easter comes a sense of renewal and rebirth much like I sense is happening here at the Lutheran Church of Christ the King. Revelation 21:5 says *“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’”* I can't seem to feel that is just what God has in store for us here. We have so many opportunities to lift our ministry and our church community up to our neighbors and our friends. We are launching summer activities – including Vacation Bible School – and outdoor worship services along with sending our youth out on mission trips and fun in the sun adventures. There will continue to be lots happening even as the summer rolls along.

I will also be taking a deeper look at what the Fall might bring to our church. Worship services and educational opportunities for young and old and a focus on what CTK can find as their place amongst the other ELCA Moorhead churches. I look forward to continued work with our friendships and relationships with the neighboring Moorhead churches to find amazing and resourceful ways to work together to serve the FM area. There is so much we can do ourselves but imagine what we can do if we work together!

Finally, I look forward to the next few months of reaching out to continue to meet and know you as the members of Christ the King. I can't wait to start visiting those who are unable to physically attend services and am working hard to get our Sunday/Wednesday services streamed live so you can “be” at church even if you aren't in the building. This is a top priority – to allow everyone to “attend”.

Most of all, we will continue to do and build church TOGETHER. Christ the King will always welcome all who are able to visit and attend. We want our doors open, inviting, and I pray that this welcoming will continue to bring about strength and vitality to all who are gathered.

May God bless you in all that is going on in your life these days. I can surely feel the blessings in mine as your Pastor.

Peace,
Pastor Michele

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>



Summer Worship - Save the Dates

Contemporary Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) at 6:00pm:

May 24th - Heart and Soul Community Cafe Food Truck starting at 5pm

June 14th and 28th - Meal served starting at 5pm

July 12th - Meal served starting at 5pm

July 26th - Heart and Soul Community Cafe Food Truck starting at 5pm

August 9th - Meal served starting at 5pm

August 23rd -Heart and Soul Community Cafe Food truck starting at 5pm

Volunteer

We need volunteers for many jobs at Christ the King!

From working at a funeral, in the office, 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. 218-236-7576
THANKS!

Heart and Soul Community Cafe

A proud member of "One World Everybody Eats" helps neighbors share a meal in order to foster a tight knit Fargo-Moorhead community. All are welcome, no matter their economic status. This way, our neighbors who can't always afford to visit a restaurant can come and enjoy a nutritious meal, no questions asked. Those who pay it forward, or pay the suggested amount, keep our cafe going so that those who are hungry can feel comfortable and welcomed. We value a place where everyone is welcome to share in locally-grown fresh food and provide creative payment solutions for all.

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

June Heartbeat - do you want it electronic or mailed?

In an effort to lessen the cost of printing/ mailing out the monthly Heartbeat, we ask you to complete this form and drop it off at the church OR email/call us in the office to let us know how you prefer to receive it beginning in June.

Name _____

Continue to mail the Heartbeat Send the Heartbeat electronically

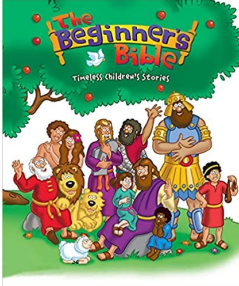
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Christ the King Library

New Book Reviews

Children's Books



The Beginner's Bible by Catherine DeVries (P Dev) Timeless Bible stories from the Old and New Testament. They are easy to understand and colorfully illustrated.

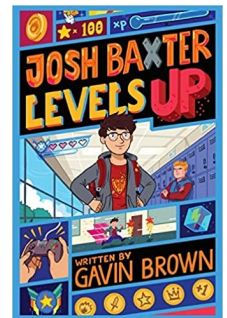
Tiny Bear's Bible by Sally Lloyd Jones (P Lol) A hard page book with a soft furry cover! It contains several famous Bible stories for little ones.



Prayers For Little Hands by Judith Pfeiffer (P Pfe) A hard page book for little ones, including many great and familiar prayers including the Lord's Prayer, prayers for school, and table grace.

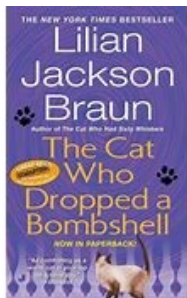
Youth

Josh Baxter Levels Up by Gavin Brown (Y Bro) appeals to 4th-7th graders. Josh Baxter is a new kid at the third new school in two years. He's a gamer and things aren't working out for him, his grades are terrible, and he has no friends. Now Mom is taking away his video games. It's time to play to win.



Fiction

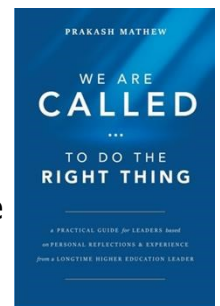
The Best American Short Stories edited by Richard Ford (F For) This book brings together twenty "Little Miracles", which are strong and affecting stories. The diverse stories are culled from a wide range of sources, by well known writers, and several distinctive newcomers.



The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell: A Cat Who Mystery by Lilian Jackson Braun LARGE PRINT (LP F Bra) As residents of Pickax eagerly await the festival celebrating the town's founding, newspaper columnist James Quilleran, must make time to entertain Harvey Ledfield, as aspiring architect. Soon Siamese Koko starts acting strangely, and Harvey's aunt and uncle have not been seen in public since his arrival. A Knitter with psychic powers predicts murder, and a stranger comes to leave a message for Quill. It's up to Koko to help Quill piece the clues together.

Non-Fiction

We Are Called to Do the Right Thing by Prakash Mathew (158 Mat) Prakash Mathew came to Fargo, ND, in 1971 and earned his master's degree in Counseling and Guidance from NDSU. This practical guide for leaders offers a compelling invitation to principled leadership with prudent practical habits. Expounding upon his 80/20 Principle, Prakash provides a plan for doing the right things for the right reasons. We are Called is of interest to leaders in higher education institutions, business leaders, religious organizations and any organization seeking a change process.



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

WELCA will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief spring collection.

Please have these items to the church by Monday, May 15th. We appreciate your donations!! Thank you!

Each Kit needs the following items:

- 1 bath-size dark color towel-approx. 52"X27"*
- 2 bath-size bar soap (in package)*
- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in package)*
- 1 comb (wide tooth preferred)*
- 1 metal nail clipper*



Think Spring