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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Band.....

We are always looking for musicians for the Worship band. If you are interested in playing/singing please let JoMarie know at jomarie@goctk.org



Can you help us?

We are looking for individuals that can't make it to church. Whether a situation with being shut-in, hospitalized or other?

Volunteers can visit you and your family, send cards, call and chat, or give you communion in your home! Please call the church office to inform us of your current situation or situation of friends/family members who may be interested.

CTK Services Streamed Live!



You can find all services streaming live on Facebook. Check it out if you are unable to be in church but don't want to miss the service.

New Members

We will be welcoming new members in November. If you have friends, family, or neighbors looking for a church home, invite them to CtK. Please contact Pastor Michele if you are interested in joining.

Giving Made Easy at Christ the King

We thank you for your support of the church and offer many ways for you to give your offering-donations.

- Place your offering/donation in the offering plate during the service.
- Create an automated on-line giving that will take your gifts directly from your account. Sign up sheets for VANCO are on the welcome desk or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YKB3/home>
- Donate using this QR code. Just place your phone camera over this code and it will take you directly for you to use your credit/debit card.



Or click on the "Giving" tab on the CTK Homepage www.ctkmhd.org

Mail or Email????

If you currently receive the Heartbeat in the mail and wish to have it sent to you electronically, please contact the church office.

Greetings and Happy Fall!

As I watch the beautifully colored leaves falling off the trees in my neighborhood, I always marvel at the amazing colors and seasons that we are blessed with in this region. Sure, we have some tough winters, but overall having four seasons is what I most like about the FM area. I will forget I said this in a few months when the snow and wind begin of course but on these days I thank God for all the beauty and wonder he has created for us.

We are headed into a busy next couple of months with the Campaign wrapping up and the holidays fast approaching. I'm always reminded of Ecclesiastes 3 – *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”* when I watch as we move from season to season and activity to activity. While we are headed into the amazing time of gathering with our families and friends to give thanks and welcome baby Jesus, it is also a very important “season” at Christ the King.

We each must search and consider our gifts, what we can afford and stretch to in regards to not only our operating budget but to **Building Faith Together** in our Capital Campaign Drive. I am no different than most of you, I too have what I feel is very little “extra” each month and that always makes me a bit nervous when it comes to committing to give more than before. But as we have been learning more about the campaign AND more about having faith that God has promised to provide, I find myself searching for new ways to adjust my budget and give more than what I have in the past. As we've said, just giving up some expense that you really don't need – a coffee, a meal out, an extra subscription etc.... – all adds up and can be ways that you too can find a means to give a bit more this time around.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Capital Campaign leaders if you have questions, concerns or just plain want to visit about all that is going on at CTK. I am thrilled by the added energy we are seeing and feeling this fall. I continue to see new faces in our pews and familiar faces who have returned. Such a great community of believers here at CTK that I can only hope and pray that we will not only continue to **Build Faith Together** and meet our goals but that we will continue to grow and build our community and membership at CTK as well.

Enjoy the fall sights, smells and yes, crispness. It's starting to get chillier each and every day but the warmth of fun and fellowship at Christ the King is always there for you!

Blessings,



Pastor Michele

90th Birthday Celebration
The family of Esther Timm invite you
to a 90th Birthday celebration on
Sunday, November 26 from 10am-Noon
in the Gathering area.
Cards only, please.



Our quilters are in need of dark
sheets (ex. Navy, dark grey) to be
used as the backing for quilts.
Sheets may have a pattern on
them. Please drop off your
donation in the office. Thank you
for your support of this mission.



Office Volunteers
The CtK office is
NEEDING office
coverage on Mondays and
Wednesdays from 1:00pm-
4:00pm. Duties are
simple-answer phones,
greet guests, and some
projects when needed. If
interested contact Jo Marie
at 236-7576.

November 2023 at a Glance

Wednesday, November 1 Reformation/Confirmation 3rd Grade Bibles

9:00pm-Quilters
5:00pm-Dinner
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-CrossWalk

Thursday, November 2

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi
6:00pm-Laurie Neill Book Study

Friday, November 3

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, November 4

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Day

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 6

3:00pm-WELCA Meeting
6:30pm-Children/Youth
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 7

8:30am – TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
10:00am-Kindergarten Co-op
4:30pm-Griefshare
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, November 8

All Saints Wednesday

5:00pm-Dinner
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-CrossWalk

Thursday, November 9

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi
6:00pm-Laurie Neill Book Study

Friday, November 10

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, November 11

9:00am-Al-Anon
10:00am-Prayer Vigil

Sunday, November 12

Commitment Sunday

9:00am –Traditional Worship
9:50am -Fellowship Brunch
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Tuesday, November 14

8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
10:00am-Kindergarten Co-Op
2:00pm-Circle Leader
Bible Study
4:30pm-Griefshare
5:00pm-Prayer Vigil
5:30pm-Finance Committee
6:30pm-Executive Committee
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, November 15

Commitment Wednesday

9:00am-Quilters
2:00pm-Anna Circle
5:00pm-Dinner
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-CrossWalk

Thursday, November 16

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi

Friday, November 17

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, November 18

9:00am-Al-Anon
10:00am-Saturday Circle

Sunday, November 19

WELCA Thankoffering

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 20

6:00pm-Property Committee

Tuesday, November 21

8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
1:30pm-Sarah Circle
4:30pm-Griefshare
6:30pm-Scouts
7:00pm-Church Council

Wednesday, November 22

No Dinner/FaithWalk/ PromiseWalk or CrossWalk

6:00pm-Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, November 25

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, November 26

1st Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Esther Timm 90th
Birthday Celebration
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Tuesday, November 28

8:30am-TOPS
9:30am-Faithfully Fit
9:30am-Staff Meeting
4:30pm-Griefshare
6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, November 29

1st Wednesday in Advent

5:00pm-Dinner
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk
7:00pm-CrossWalk

Thursday, November 30

9:30am-Faithfully Fit
10:00am-Tai Chi
1:00pm-Library Committee

Friday, December 1

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, December 2

9:00am-Al-Anon
9:00am-Parent's Day Out

Sunday, December 3

9:00am-Traditional Worship
9:45am-Fellowship
10:45am-Contemporary Worship





Youth Position Needed:

Looking for someone to take on a 4-5 hour week (paid) position in our Youth Ministry program. This person would be responsible for planning youth activities, service opportunities, and building faithful relationships with the 7th-12th graders of CTK. If you are interested or know of someone who may be a perfect fit, please contact Pastor Michele.



SAVE THE DATES

Practice for the Children's Christmas Program will be Saturday, December 9 from 10:00am-11:30am. The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 10 during the 10:45am Worship Service. Join us to hear the great news that unto us a Savior has been born!

We rejoice with the following students who confirmed their faith on Sunday, October 29th and Wednesday, November 1. Please continue to pray for and with them as they grow in their faith with Jesus.



Carter Arvidson
Peyton Babolian
Clara Bernstrom
Kayleigh Bomber
Siiri Johnk
Coen Welle

The following 3rd Graders will receive their new bibles on Wednesday, November 1st. Keep them in your prayers as they reach their next big milestone here at Ctk! Thanks to those members that donated to purchase bibles for this special occasion – we appreciate their support in helping fulfill the promises we made as a congregation at their baptism.

Brady Arel Riley Oliver
Isabelle Rudnick
Hattie Gerken Brexlee Vierkant
Jacob Mickels Alianna Willers
Zoey Mithun Maddie Surita
Jonah Hamann Nora Staton



Youth and *Building Faith Together* Fundraiser

The children and youth of CTK are selling Wind Spinners in order to raise funds for the *Building Faith Together* campaign and the youth accounts.

Samples can be found in the gathering spaces at each end of the church. Orders can be made by working with a youth or in the church office.

Deadline to purchase is December 1st.

The youth will be tithing their profits with 10% of all proceeds going towards the capital campaign.



A-Cross

B-Spuds

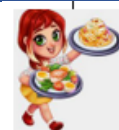
\$35.00



Parents Time Out

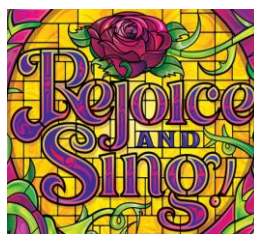
Enjoy some time preparing for the holidays while the kids hang out with Pastor Michele and volunteers. On Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00-1:00 there will be activities, games, lunch and FUN for kids (kindergarten – 5th grade) to enjoy while you get your shopping done, baking done, or just take a break from parenthood! Please email ctk@goctk.org by Monday, November 27th if your child/ren will be joining in on the fun. Cost - \$10/child or \$25/family (just to cover the meal and supplies).

Wednesday Night Meals



Come join us for delicious food and fellowship
November 1-Pizza
November 8-Burgers
November 15-Tater Tot Hotdish
November 22-No Meal
November 29-Taco Bar

Rejoice and Sing!



**Join Pastor Michele
at the annual Concordia
College Christmas Concert on
Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm.
Tickets are \$25.
Sign up in the Church Office.
Deadline is Sunday, November 5**

Advent Begins Week of November 26th

Pastor Michele will be a sermon series as we look at and celebrate the events "In Those Days" that the Savior was born. As we light the candles on the Advent wreath, we remember an emperor's decree, a journey to Bethlehem, the search for a home, the birth of a first born Son, news for shepherds and a sign from God.



Thank you everyone who made a donation of school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief kits!! We were able to pack and ship 36 school kits and the quilters packed 24 quilts. Your contributions are deeply appreciated!
WELCA

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thankful Service Bingo

November is the month of giving thanks and what better way can we, as servants of God, give thanks for all that we have. Enjoy some fun with Thankful Service Bingo. Complete all nine of the tasks and return the completed bingo card by Monday, November 27th for a chance to win a prize. Bingo cards are available in the church office for pick up. Have fun with this and enjoy the interaction with your neighbors and friends as you serve others.



Church Staff & Contact Information

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finance@gockt.org

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Steph Deitz & Kris Buermann

faithwalk@gockt.org

Church Office Hours

Monday– 9:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesday– 9:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday– 9:00am to 4:00pm
Thursday– 9:00am to 4:00pm
Friday– 9:00am to Noon

**Come vote for Pastor Michele's CTK
Chili to win!**

You are invited to MSUM
Crossroads Campus Ministry's

2nd Annual

Chili Feed

And Silent Auction

Come, warm up with some great chili made by Moorhead and surrounding area pastors and MSUM staff, vote on your favorite, and possibly take home a treasure from the silent auction.

Sunday, Nov. 12

5-7 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

4000 28th St. S, Moorhead, MN

Suggested \$10 entry fee

\$1 samples

MSUM students eat free!



In a few weeks, as part of the follow-up to the Building Faith Together capital campaign, your Leadership Team will be contacting those past members who grew up in Christ the King and we will be inviting their participation in our important stewardship appeal. Many grew up in this congregation and our ministries impacted their lives in important ways. Even though they may now live in other places around the country, many still have great love for this congregation. We hope to reach out to these same people to invite them to participate in our critical campaign. If you know of any who should be contacted, please email their names and contact information to ctk@goctk.org. Thank you.

Building Faith Together Update:

Please find the sign-up sheets for the upcoming Prayer Vigil located in the gathering area. The Prayer Vigil will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 10-2, and Tuesday, November 14, from 5-7. Please sign up for a time-slot that works for you. A prayer guide will be available for your use. Many find this to be a very meaningful time of prayer as we join together to pray for the congregation and its mission the day before the campaign Commitment Services.



Financial Numbers as of:			September 30, 2023		
	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$29,700	\$248,404	General Expenses:	\$21,144	\$263,195
RUIJ Campaign:	\$7,885	\$65,511	Mortgage Expense:	\$8,757	\$93,272
Designated Offering:	\$4,948	\$58,268	Designated Expenses:	\$1,826	\$50,327
Total:	\$42,533	\$372,183	Total Expenses:	\$31,727	\$406,794
**Please consider setting up a recurring gift to the church through our Simply Giving Program . If you have questions about setting up reoccurring giving please ask in the office.					
2023 Mission Giving					
	Local Missions:	\$233			
	ELCA Synod Missions:	\$9,000	75% of \$12,000 goal		
Reunited in Joy Campaign 2020-23					
	\$315,349.00	Pledge for Date Range			
	\$256,030.42	Amount Given by People who have Pledged			
	(\$59,318.58)	Difference			
	81.19%	Percent of Pledges Paid			
	\$40,662.47	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge			
	\$296,692.89	Total Donated for Date Range			



Thank offerings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received—and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thank offerings. Our featured speaker this year will be Violet Deilke, owner of Centre for Hair and Wellness helping cancer patients dealing with hair loss for the past 30 years, member of the board of directors and volunteer with Heart of Clay, correctional ministry of Clay County and loves telling men and women about Jesus!

Thank offering services will be held on Sunday, November 19th, and Wednesday the 22nd. In this Heartbeat you will find a Thank offering envelope. Please prayerfully consider returning this envelope with your offering. Thank offerings support the ongoing ministries of Ctk's WELCA and the church wide women's organization. Some of the local charities supported include Churches United for the Homeless, New Life Center, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center and Lost and Found Recovery.



Welcome New Members!

We welcome the following individuals into our worshipping community on Wednesday.

Randy and Carrie Henrickson
Michael and Bryana Kaiser, Cole and Roslyn
Ron and Marlene Rasmussen
Madison Stokes
Trey and Anna Surita, Madelyn and Emmitt

GRIEFSHARE

The Griefshare class will be offered again beginning on October 3rd. Griefshare is a 13-week program for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. It is a place where grieving people will find healing and hope. The sessions are video based, with a different topic each week, followed by a time for discussion and sharing. We will be using a new edition that combines new videos, workbook, and discussion. Cost of the class is \$25.00 to cover the cost of the workbook. Scholarships are available, if necessary. The class will be led by Karen Sustad assisted by DeeAnne Hansen and Lynn Sipe. If you have any questions, or wish to sign up, please contact Karen Sustad at 701-367-8598 or call the church office, 218-236-7576.

Giftng Bibles

On September 27th and October 1st, we as a congregation gift our 3-year-olds with their very own Bibles. The 3-year-olds receive Spark Story Bibles. We also gift our 3rd Graders Bibles, more information will be out on that in late September, however the Bible tags are hanging up.

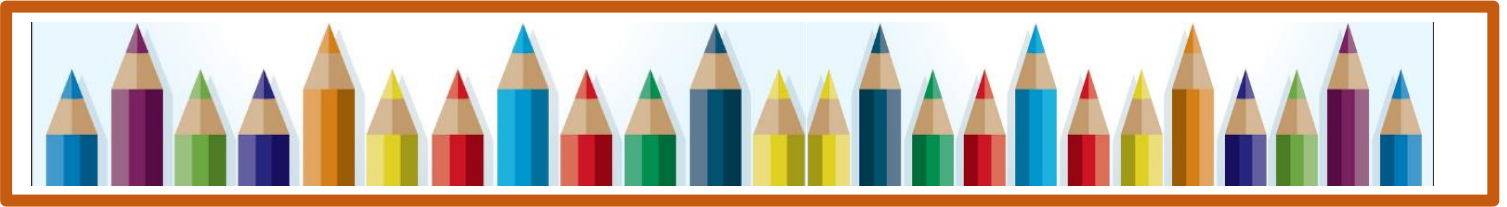
When a child is baptized, we as a congregation promise to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, nurture them in faith, and pray for them joyfully. In keeping these promises, we gift Bibles to both 3-year-olds and 3rd graders.

Since this is a promise we make as a congregation to our baptized children, we extend the opportunity for each of you to donate \$30 for a Spark Storybook Bible. **Hanging on a board by the FaithWalk office, there is a tag with all of the names of our 3-year-olds and 3rd Graders.**



Please pick up a tag, pray for that child, and donate for their Bible. On the inside cover of their Bible we will have a sticker with your name on it, saying you have been a part of fulfilling the Baptismal promises, donating this Bible to them. Please join us in this wonderful ministry of placing Scriptures into our children's hands. Thank you!





It's time to collect items for School Kits:



- Four 70-sheet notebooks or wide- or college-ruled paper; approximately 8" x 10½" (NO loose leaf paper please.)
- 1 blunt scissors
- One 30 centimeter/inch ruler (2 sided)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 5 new unsharpened pencils with erasers
- One 2 1/2 "eraser
- 5 blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel);
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

All items can be placed in the marked wooden box in the gathering space outside of the church office by September 30th.

WELCA thanks you for your continued support in creating these kits!

Women of the ELCA

NW MN Synodical Women's Organization

35th Annual Convention

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

Registration & Coffee - 9:00-9:30am

Day includes worship, business meeting, speakers, fellowship, and lunch.

Concludes by 4pm

Registration forms are in the church office.

Zion Lutheran Church -Thief River Falls

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Page Turners Book Club

Page Turners, an evening book club for adults, is eager to start up again this fall. We meet monthly from September-May and maybe into summer if anyone wants. Each month we read one book and meet together for discussion on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Our first meeting will be September 21 at 6:30pm in the CtK Library. We will be selecting the books we are going to read. Come ready with suggestions. Please contact Marcy Harvala if you are interested so you can be added to the email list.

701-261-7513 or marcyharvala@msn.com