

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King  
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**HVAC System Replacement Fund**

Please help us achieve our goal of \$180,000 by June 1st! We need everyone's help! Checks can be made out to Christ the King with HVAC in the memo line. Or scan the QR code below to give to our Facility Maintenance Fund directly!



**SAVE THE DATE**

Dinner Theater on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
**Actors needed so please reach out to Pastor Michele or Jo Marie if you're interested.**  
More information to come. It's going to be a very fun evening!!!

PUT ON YOUR "COUNTRY"  
AND COME TO

*Medora*<sup>TM</sup>

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 27-28, 2024

**Medora Musical! Pitchfork Fondue! Gospel Brunch!**

\$370 per person (double occupancy)  
\$470 per person (single occupancy)

Cost includes transportation, event tickets,  
and lodging at the Badlands Hotel.

Sign up by July 24 by contacting Pr. Michele  
([PastorMichele@gctk.org](mailto:PastorMichele@gctk.org)) or calling the church (218-236-7576)



This will be a trip that we will take with Messiah Lutheran (Pastor Laurie Neill) and a couple of other local churches. Please reach out to Pastor Michele if you have questions)

Greetings and I think we can finally feel we are headed to warmer days. I am starting to be excited for the summer months to come but also beginning to feel a little sad that all the programming – children's education and other activities – start to wrap up for a few months.

I have told a few the story of my grandson and his frankness late one summer about 8-9 years ago but for those who haven't heard it – it can't not be shared. It was a late summer Wednesday night meal-time that we were gathered prior to church starting up. My grandson and I were seated at one of the tables in the hallway (yes back then we had to have tables for meals in the halls to accommodate everything that was going on) and a family walked in that had enjoyed the summer away at the lakes. The first thing out of my grandson's mouth was "Wow, where have you guys been? We haven't seen you ALL summer?" to which I was not only horrified but also wanted to just run and grab them before they headed right back out the doorway. The even funnier next conversation was when one of the youngsters near by heard my grandson and she looked at her mom and said "you mean there IS church in the summer?" Out of the mouths of babes!!!

I tell you this not to create any guilt or worry that you can't enjoy your time this summer. In fact I tell you this for just the opposite. I have joked from the first day I became a pastor with folks that I don't ever take attendance – meaning I don't keep track of you and which services you did or did not make it to. Do I worry when I don't see you for awhile and perhaps reach out to you or someone to make sure that everything is going ok in your world, yes. It is however not my responsibility as your pastor to monitor how and where you do "church" – especially in the summer. We get so few months of amazingly warm outside weather that I would never wish anyone to give up a chance to be with family, friends, God's beautiful creation and just plain enjoy finding time to relax and have fun. I do, however, pray that you will continue to be faithful.

Faithful in that you do continue to come when you can – or find new and different churches to visit while you're away. I always enjoy checking out other churches when I'm not at home. I encourage you to try that too. Faithful in that you continue to find and make time for God in your life – through prayer and passages and doing his work for others. Faithful in continuing to support Christ the King financially while you are away. If you're not already doing online giving maybe this summer is the time to check it out. We count on continued financial giving all through the summer and pray that that continues even when you are away from the pews. Finally, Faithful in taking care of yourself! Take moments to enjoy that walk in a nearby park or neighborhood. Find moments to gather with those who are special to you. Keep your heart and mind on Him and let his presence fill you with peace as the craziness subsides for a few months.

It is my hope that I will be doing some of the same this summer. I have yet to really take a vacation since I started a year ago and I am going to try to get some chunks of time when I too can hide away to fill back up. Know that I am always keeping you in my prayers – whether you are in the pew or in a fishing boat catching crappies!

Blessings to you as our May brings the end to many of the craziness in our lives.

*Pastor Michele*

Have you ever as an adult wished you too could do a mission trip or mission work? Now is your chance! We have been asked if we want to join the Good Shepherd crew on their January 2025 Trip to Jamaica. Please see Pastor Michele as soon as possible if you are interested.

VACATION WITH A PURPOSE  
**Mission Jamaica**  
TRAVELING JANUARY 18-25, 2025



\$2,300/person (approx.)  
\$150.00 deposit  
(due June 1 to reserve your spot)  
October 1, 2024  
(full payment due)

Visit [gsMoorhead.org](http://gsMoorhead.org) for pictures from their last trip and project information



**YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30 at Sunset Lanes in Moorhead  
 Cost is \$10 per person – includes bowling, shoes, pizza & pop. Invite a friend! Please RSVP by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can get lanes reserved!!!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Join us for "The Great Jungle Journey"! We are combining with Dilworth Lutheran, Our Savior's and Christ the King to share a fun summer getaway VBS!

Dates: June 18-20, 2024 (Tues Wed Thurs)  
 Time: 8:30-12:00 noon  
 Location: Our Savior's church in N. Moorhead  
 Ages: Age 3 - 6th Grade  
 Cost: \$15 per student, \$45 max per family  
 Note: Ctk Volunteers and teachers will be at Our Saviors helping with the VBS as well!!!!

**Congratulations to our Seniors!**

The following youth will be honored Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> as they prepare for their high school graduation.

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Caden Beer       | Jonathan Counts |
| Alex Cannizzaro  | Conor Haney     |
| Elizabeth Jenson | Chloe Pesek     |
| Anna Waldron     | Keena Watson    |



**VBS in the Woods:** June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
 Maplewood State Park  
 Ages: Students that have completed 4th-6th grades

Financial Numbers as of:		March 31, 2024			
	Current Month	Year to Date	Current Month	Year to Date	
General Offering:	\$23,590	\$94,083	General Expenses:	\$29,928	\$82,142
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$8,672	\$39,217	Mortgage Expense:	\$9,964	\$29,892
Designated Offering:	\$10,410	\$98,175	Designated Expenses:	\$3,217	\$27,926
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$42,672</b>	<b>\$231,475</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$43,109</b>	<b>\$139,960</b>

\*\*Please consider setting up a recurring gift to the church through our **Simply Giving Program**. If you have questions about setting up recurring giving please ask in the office.

**2023 Mission Giving**

Local Missions: \$167 2.7% of \$6,150 goal

ELCA Synod Missions: \$3,000 25% of \$12,000 goal

**Reunited in Joy Campaign 2020-23**

\$430,960.00	Pledge for Date Range
\$91,906.70	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$339,053.30)	Difference
21.33%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$6,195.00	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$98,101.70	Total Donated for Date Range

**Save the Date!**

Faithwalk and Promisewalk  
 End of Year Party is May 15<sup>th</sup>!



**We Need YOU to join our TEAM!**

Come join the Children's and Youth Ministry Committee. If interested talk to Steph, Kris or Pastor Michele Be a voice for our children's faith education.

**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](http://www.ctkmhd.org)



## May 2024 at a Glance

### Wednesday, May 1

#### New Members/Senior Recognition

9:00am-Quilters  
5:00pm-Dinner:Tater Tot  
Hotdish  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk  
7:00pm-Senior Reception  
7:00pm-Confirmation

### Thursday, May 2

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

### Friday, May 3

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Saturday, May 4

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, May 5

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

### Monday, May 6

4:00pm-WELCA Meeting  
6:00pm-Children/Youth  
Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, May 7

8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
9:30am-Staff Meeting  
10:00am-Kindergarten Co-Op  
6:30pm-Scouts

### Wednesday, May 8

9:00am-Packing LWR  
Care Kits  
1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpoint  
5:00pm-Dinner: Burgers  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm-FaithWalk/PromiseWalk  
7:00pm-Confirmation

### Thursday, May 9

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

### Friday, May 10

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Saturday, May 11

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, May 12

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

### Monday, May 13

5:30pm-Worship and Music  
Committee

### Tuesday, May 14

8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
9:30am-Staff  
10:30am-Christ the King  
Book Club  
2:00pm-Circle Leader  
Bible Study  
5:30pm-Finance Meeting  
6:30pm-Executive Meeting  
7:00pm-Church Council

### Wednesday, May 15

#### Last day of Confirmation, FaithWalk/PromiseWalk

9:00am-Quilters  
2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle  
5:00pm-Tacos  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
7:00pm-Confirmation

### Thursday, May 16

9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
6:30pm-Page Turners Book Club

### Friday, May 17

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus  
6:00pm-Larson Studio  
String Recital: Rex

### Saturday, May 18

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

### Sunday, May 19

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

### Monday, May 20

6:00pm-Property Committee

### Tuesday, May 21

8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
9:30am-Staff Meeting  
10:00am-Kindergarten Co-Op  
6:30pm-Scouts

### Wednesday, May 22

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpoint  
5:00pm-Dinner: Pizza  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

### Thursday, May 23

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

1:00pm-Library Comm. Mtg

### Friday, May 24

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Saturday, May 25

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, May 26

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

### Monday, May 27

#### Memorial Day

#### Building and Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 28

8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
9:30am-Staff Meeting  
5:30pm-NAMI  
6:30pm-Scouts

### Wednesday, May 29 – No

#### Worship

Thursday, May 30

#### Church Staff & Contact Information

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#### Church Office Hours

Monday– Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday– 9:00am to Noon

#### 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? Please call the church office to inform us of your current situation or situation of friends/family members who may be interested.