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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



### **Event Coordinator**

Do you have a heart for  
hospitality?

CtK is looking for an event  
coordinator.

This person would be responsible  
for greeting rental groups,  
assisting with needs as the event  
is being held, and clean up after  
the event.

If interested, please contact Pastor  
Michele or Jo Marie



Please join us on September 19 and 20 for our  
36th Annual Convention of the Northwestern Minnesota Synodical  
Women's Organization to be held here at Christ the King. This year's theme  
is: Teach Me How to P.R.A.Y. We have a full day and a half planned for  
you. Our speaker is Deb Hadley from the Alexandria area. She is an  
awesome speaker, who will leave you inspired and blessed. Our business  
meeting is on Friday afternoon, followed by dinner, with Dessert and Hymns  
as entertainment. We begin Saturday with devotions and end the day in  
worship with Bishop Bill Tesch. In between the Devotions and worship,  
there will be a Bible Study, our Keynote speaker, breakout sessions and  
plenty of fellowship. We will also be honoring our Mary Magdalene Award  
Recipients. **Registration is \$100 for both days if received prior to August  
15<sup>th</sup>.** After that date it will be \$125. Registration forms and a schedule can be  
found in the office.



WELCA will once again be collecting items for school kits to send to  
Lutheran World Relief. A list of items needed can be found in the  
office or on the Welcome desk. A box for collection will be set out  
beginning in August. Collection will continue through September.  
Thank you. Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled  
paper; approximately 8" x 10½" (NO loose-leaf paper.), 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

### **LAWNS FOR THE LORD**

There are still a few weeks that we need  
volunteers to cover mowing of the church  
lawns. If you are able – the calendar is in  
the church office. Thank you to those  
who have signed up already!.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ...

It's August already and I still have so much I want to get done, are you feeling a bit that way as well???

I am thrilled that I am taking a few days off next week but am also panicking as Rally Sunday and the kick-off to our Church season getting going again is fast approaching. We have some exciting new things going on at CtK this fall and I can't wait to see the church full of excited and God-filled people again. In these final prep weeks we will be giving some spaces face lifts as we move the children's and youth spaces around a bit to accommodate our new partners in our space. See Kelsey Saums letter, your Council President, later in the Heartbeat for more information. With that, it has given us an opportunity to update and utilize some spaces that we weren't using to their full potential and make them a bit more welcoming and useful.

We have a beautiful and spacious building and while some of our normal activities may now be taking place in different locations than in the past, we have much more room than we could ever need so don't ever worry about your event not having room. Please come see me if you have any concerns so we can work on solutions for those worries together.

Along with new spaces we are revamping our children's ministry grouping a bit as well and will be breaking the children into three groups this year. The Lesson for the night will be introduced to all children during the Children's message during the service and the kids will then head off to their perspective spaces to continue the lesson. All three groups will be working on the same lesson each week – just at the level of learning that is appropriate for them. This will allow you as a family to be able to have a conversation in the car on the way home with all of them asking "what did you learn about tonight?" I am looking forward to giving this opportunity to families to continue the conversations outside of the church walls after Wednesday night is over.

Finally, based on the number of children and youth that we currently have at CtK we cannot justify a Full-Time position to cover this area. We will continue to keep Steph on Staff at her current 10 hrs/week coordinating the Children's Ministry lessons and teachers. I will continue to work on finding someone to help – at least help me – create and schedule youth events twice a month. I know it is definitely not ideal but it will be how we will at least start the fall and hopefully our numbers will grow and we can look at things differently for 2025. If you or you know of someone interested in helping me out with the youth please let me know.

Enjoy the last few weeks of the summer!!!! Keep an eye out on the website and Facebook pages middle of August as we post the pictures of our new updated spaces.

I'm looking forward to see every one soon!

Blessings,

Pastor Michele

PS – *If you are up for some painting Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm just let me know.... We need lots of help!!!*

### Bars.... Bars.... Bars.... And More Bars.....

For a bit it felt like we were asking for bars every week for all those funerals. THANK YOU to everyone who so graciously helped out, HOWEVER we have now accumulated a large pile of bar pans and 9X13s. Please if we have yours stop by the church to pick it up as soon as you are able.



Join us Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> as we head to Park Rapids for a day of fun at the theater and dinner at West Forty. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Aug. 4

## RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 8 & 11

### HVAC UPDATE

As of July 31, we have collected **\$151,200** towards our goal to purchase the new HVAC units! Thank you to each and every one who has made a contribution or attended a fundraising event- your support of CtK is deeply appreciated! This means we only have **\$28,800** more to go. If you have not yet donated, you still can. No dollar amount is too small, we are grateful for each contribution. We will continue to collect over the summer with the hope we will get these final dollars and make our goal of \$180,000!

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.



Greetings CtK Members and Friends -

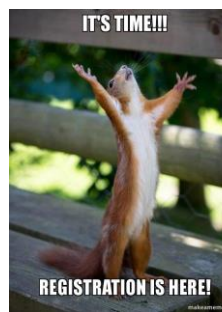
Last spring Christ the King was approached about housing the Odyssey FM Action Academy, a K-12<sup>th</sup> grade Charter school on our premises. Mike and Emily Koska, the people working to establish the school, were looking for space in Moorhead.

Council unanimously approved pursuing this opportunity and after multiple meetings and emails between the Koska's and CtK, we were able to determine that we could meet their space needs while still being able to serve our Christ the King family's needs. Originally the Rainbow Room area had been designed just for this purpose – for being a home for a school or daycare.

A lease for the upcoming school year was signed in July providing us with an additional revenue stream. We were required to obtain insurance coverage to have a school on site, coverage our current carrier was unable to provide. While our new insurance policy premium will be higher, due to this addition, we will still be provided with a small amount of other revenue that can help us to meet our current maintenance needs. If you will recall, we have, for multiple years past, projected budgeted losses based on our pledged general income dollars received during our stewardship drives each fall.

This is an amazing opportunity to fully utilize our building space, while also provide a source of income and invite our community into our beautiful church. It will be different, having a school, kids and teachers present during the week, but we are hopeful we can learn to be together. Please keep this new school; Ctk staff and your Council in your prayers as we navigate this new beginning at CtK!

*Kelsey Saum* - President CtK Council



**You now register  
Online for child  
and youth  
Education!**

**Faithwalk – Pre-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**  
**Promisewalk – 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**  
**Crosswalk – 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Registration form will go live beginning  
Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> on the Church  
Website and emailed out to all families!



ValleyFair - August 8<sup>th</sup> (Flood willing)  
Who: Students going into 8th-12th  
Time: meet at 6:00 am, leave by 7 am.  
Leave VF at 5:00 pm, return to CtK by  
9 pm.

Cost: \$50

Bring: bag lunch (including snacks & water/beverages!), swim gear & towel, sunscreen / bug spray, snack/souvenir \$  
\*CtK will provide fast food supper on the way home!

Email Steph if you're interested in going!  
faithwalk@goctk.org



**FaithWalk Teachers needed!**

Interested in helping out with small groups? We need you! We need helpers for 2 age groups: Preschool - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Please email Steph Deitz if you have any questions or are interested! [faithwalk@goctk.org](mailto:faithwalk@goctk.org)

**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.

• 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.



**The Lutheran Church of Christ the King  
Financial Snapshot**

Financial Numbers as of:

June 30, 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$21,989	\$171,272	General Expenses:	\$24,103	\$124,394
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$6,761	\$83,058	Mortgage Expense:	\$9,964	\$59,784
Designated Offering:	\$36,206	\$162,494	Designated Expenses:	\$1,949	\$45,476
Other Revenue:	\$1,362	\$91,458			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$66,318</b>	<b>\$508,282</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$36,016</b>	<b>\$229,654</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:	\$6,000	50% of \$12,000 goal

**Reunited in Joy Campaign 2020-23**

\$430,960.00	Pledge for Date Range
\$125,218.90	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$305,741.10)	Difference
29.06%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$9,604.00	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$134,822.90	Total Donated for Date Range

## August 2024 at a Glance

### Thursday, August 1

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Friday, August 2

### Saturday, August 3

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, August 4

#### Holy Baptism

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

9:45am-Tallakson Reception  
(Christus Rex)

2:00pm-Painting Party

### Monday, August 5

10:30am-T'ai Chi

### Tuesday, August 6

### Sunday, August 7

9:00am-Quilters

5:15pm-Dinner

6:00pm Outdoor Contemporary  
Worship

### Thursday, August 8

#### Youth at Valleyfair

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Friday, August 9

### Saturday, August 10

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, August 11

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

### Monday, August 12

10:30am-T'ai Chi

### Tuesday, August 13

#### Primary Elections: Christus Rex

9:30am-Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, August 14

#### Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids

### Thursday, August 15

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

3:00pm-Beer and Hymns at  
Riverpoint

### Friday, August 16

### Saturday, August 17

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, August 18

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

### Monday, August 19

10:30am-T'ai Chi

### Tuesday, August 20

9:30am-Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, August 21

9:00am-Quilters

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

5:15pm-Dinner

6:00pm-Outdoor Contemporary  
Worship

### Thursday, August 22

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Friday, August 23

### Saturday, August 24

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, August 25

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

### Monday, August 26

10:30am-T'ai Chi

4:00pm-WELCA Board

### Tuesday, August 27

9:30am-Staff Meeting

5:30pm-NAMI Board Meeting

### Wednesday, August 28

### Thursday, August 29

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

### Friday, August 30

### Saturday, August 31

9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, September 1

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

### Monday, September 2

#### Building/Office Closed For Labor Day Holiday

## Church Staff & Contact Information

### Lutheran Church of Christ the King

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Moorhead MN

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#### Summer Church Office Hours

Monday– Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Friday– 9:00am to Noon



Join us on the following Wednesday evenings for 5:15pm dinner and 6pm outdoor contemporary worship.

Wednesday, August 7

Dinner: Heart and Soul Food Truck

Wednesday, August 21 - Dinner: Pizza



SUNDAY, SEPT 8 &  
WEDNESDAY SEPT 11

## GRIEFSHARE

The Griefshare class will be offered again beginning on September 10 from 4:30pm-6pm. 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. 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.