

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King  
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### **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

### **GREATER MOORHEAD DAYS PARADE**



Christ the King will be participating in the Greater Moorhead Days parade on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The line up for the parade begins at 4:30pm. We are in need of people to participate and walk/ride the route handing out candy. We are also asking for candy donations. If you can donate a bag(or two), please leave them in the church office no later than Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are willing/able to participate in the parade, please contact the church office by Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **LAWNS FOR THE LORD**

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



### **Church Clean Up Day is Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

It's time to do some last-minute preparation of the church before we kick off Rally week. Multiple tasks and projects will be available for individuals of all ages.



Wednesday families are strongly encouraged to Help as we are need of some younger men for A handful of the projects. Brats will be served but you are encouraged to bring a side to share. Please call the church to RSVP that you

are coming so we know how many brats to throw on the grill.

Brothers and sisters in Christ –

I write this from a hospital room – a place I have been spending a lot of time since mid-June when my Father had a stroke. As I begin the thought process of letting him go and surrender to the fact that he won't be getting better I find myself having a hard time "letting God."

I have no doubt that you all have/had your moments of struggling and questioning what you should do – trying to negotiate a deal with the Lord and praying that things will be different or easier. As a Pastor I am to help guide you to Him and understand that He IS with us in these moments. As a daughter however, I find myself feeling the pain and the sorrow of knowing I have no control.

As the summer flew by and we begin to ramp up for the Fall I look forward to get back to normal. Services full of people again, kids and youth scrambling around the church on Wednesday nights hanging out in our new education spaces. I am excited to say that I believe we will have a part time Youth Assistant in the next couple of weeks so that will be a huge announcement and opportunity to get our children and youth in community besides Faithwalk and Confirmation.

We will continue to have new member weeks, the annual Ham Dinner is already on the calendar and I'm sure there will be another Dinner Theater coming up before the end of the year as well. It's going to be a wonderful year ahead and I am so thankful to be doing it with you all.

For families with children in education grades please make every effort to get your children & Youth registered NOW so we can plan accordingly for supplies and staffing. For those who are interested in helping with other things in the church – Please take a look at the "How can I help?" bulletin board in the hallway. You will find not only opportunities within CtK but also service opportunities through out the community and times. It will be a wonderful way to make CtK known in the FM Area.

Finally, we are thrilled to welcome Odyssey School to CtK. Emily & Mike Koska and their teacher Jackie have been a wonderful addition to have around the church over the summer. They began their classes Monday of this week so the sound of children in the building during the day is a very welcome sound.

With that said we have spent the last month or so creating new, exciting and beautiful spaces for the children and youth of CtK. Take a look at the photos on our home page and Facebook. I'm excited to see the kids hanging out and having fun in these new spaces.

Invite your friends' and neighbors' c to join you and your family to church to share the excitement.

Blessings for a wonderful start to the fall programming at CtK!

*Pastor Michele*



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.

### **SCHOOL KITS**

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; approximately 8" x 10½" (NO loose leaf paper.)
- 1 blunt scissors (take out of packaging)
- One 30 centimeter/inch ruler (2 sided)
- 1 pencil sharpener (take out of packaging)
- 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

### **HVAC UPDATE**

We are blessed to let you know we have collected \$154,250 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 \$25,750 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.





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 Rebel Hurd. 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 \$125 for both days.** Registration forms and a schedule can be found in the office.

## GRIEFSHARE

The Griefshare team will be offering a one time "Loss of Spouse" class. It will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6:00pm, in the church library. It is a video based presentation followed by discussion and time for sharing. The class will be led by Karen Sustad and assisted by DeeAnne Hansen and Lynn Sipe. Grief does not have a timeline. If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, or know someone who is, please join us. You will find this one time class very helpful and encouraging. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Karen Sustad at 701-367-8598 or email [sustadka@gmail.com](mailto:sustadka@gmail.com).

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

Financial Numbers as of:		July 31, 2024			
	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$24,229	\$195,501	General Expenses:	\$25,209	\$186,083
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$6,287	\$89,345	Mortgage Expense:	\$9,964	\$69,748
Designated Offering:	\$18,416	\$180,910	Designated Expenses:	\$2,421	\$52,434
Other Revenue:	\$3,255	\$94,713			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$52,187</b>	<b>\$560,469</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$37,594</b>	<b>\$308,266</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
\$131,867.90	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$299,092.10)	Difference
30.60%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$10,177.00	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$142,044.90	Total Donated for Date Range



**New Members**  
September 22<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Christ the King will be welcoming new members during these services. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in joining the congregation, please reach out to the church office. There will be a New Member meeting on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am and Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.



## Emergency Food Pantry

Christ the King will be assisting at the Emergency Food Pantry September 23-27. A variety of shifts and times will be available. This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer in our community. Confirmation students can also use this volunteer opportunity to count towards their service projects. Sign up in the church office.



## 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)



## September 2024 at a Glance

### Sunday, September 1

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

### Monday, September 2

**CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSED  
FOR THE HOLIDAY**

### Tuesday, September 3

8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, September 4

9:00am-Quilters  
12:00pm-Communion Bread  
Baking-Kitchen  
6:00pm-FaithWalk Teacher  
Meeting

### Thursday, September 5

### Friday, September 6

### Saturday, September 7

8:00am-Church Clean Up Day  
9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, September 8

#### Rally Sunday

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

### Monday, September 9

10:30am-T'ai Chi  
3:00pm-WELCA Board Meeting  
5:30pm-Worship and Music  
6:00pm-Children and Youth  
Ministry Meeting

### Tuesday, September 10

8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Staff Meeting  
2:00pm- Circle Leader  
Bible Study  
4:30pm-Grief Share:  
Loss of Spouse  
5:30pm-Finance Committee  
6:15pm-Executive Council  
7:00pm-Church Council  
6:30pm-Scouts

### Wednesday, September 11

#### Rally Wednesday

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe  
5:15pm-Dinner  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
6:45pm-FaithWalk

### Thursday, September 12

12:00pm-Pastor at Hearts of Clay  
5:00pm-NAMI

### Friday, September 13

**Set Up Kiwanis Pancake  
Feed**

### Saturday, September 14

**Kiwanis Pancake Feed**  
9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, September 15

**Kiwanis Pancake Feed**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
9:45am-New Member Class  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

### Monday, September 16

**Pastor At  
Theological Conference**

10:30am-T'ai Chi  
6:00pm-Property Committee

### Tuesday, September 17

**Pastor At  
Theological Conference**

8:30am-TOPS  
1:30pm-Sarah Circle  
6:30pm-Scouts

### Wednesday, September 18

9:00am-Quilters  
2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle  
5:15pm-Dinner  
5:30pm-New Member Class  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm-FaithWalk  
7:00pm-Confirmation Meeting  
With Students and Parents

### Thursday, September 19

**Set up for NWMN SWO**  
6:30pm Page Turners  
Book Club

### Friday, September 20

**NWMN SWO**

### Saturday, September 21

**NWMN SWO**  
9:00am-Al-Anon

### Sunday, September 22

**New Members**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

### Monday, September 23

**Emergency Food Pantry**

10:30am-T'ai Chi

### Tuesday, September 24

**Emergency Food Pantry**  
8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Staff Meeting  
5:30pm-NAMI Board Meeting  
6:30pm-Scouts

### Wednesday, September 25

**Emergency Food Pantry  
New Members**  
1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe  
5:15pm-Dinner  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
6:00pm-FaithWalk

### Thursday, September 26

**Emergency Food Pantry**  
12:00pm-Pastor at Hearts of Clay  
1:00pm-Library Committee

### Friday, September 27

**Emergency Food Pantry**

### Saturday, September 28

9:00am-Al-Anon  
12:00pm-Music Room Rental

### Sunday, September 29

**Gifting of 3 Year Old Bibles**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship  
4:00pm-Table of Mercy at  
Brightpoint Apartments

### Monday, September 30

10:30am-T'ai Chi

### Church Staff & Contact Information

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Moorhead MN

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[Facebook.com/gockt](https://www.facebook.com/gockt)

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#### Summer Church Office Hours

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



## Time to Register for Fall Christian Education Programming!

Please go online to sign your students up for the following programs as soon as possible so that planning can take place prior to Rally Week.

1. Register for FaithWalk or Confirmation using the QR Code.
2. Go online to CtK's website to the Ministries tab, then choosing Children & Youth Ministry Programs from the drop-down menu, and clicking on the red "Register Here" tab.
3. You can also go online and use this link:

<https://lutheran-church-of-christ-the-king-448432.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>



FaithWalk  
3yr olds-Grade 6



Confirmation  
7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade



### Teacher Fall Kick-Off Meeting Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Come join us for a quick intro and refresh on FaithWalk Ins and Outs.



### Confirmation Meeting September 18 at 7:00pm

ALL confirmation students and families, grades 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, will meet with Pastor Michele as we prepare for Confirmation. Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 9.



The Choir Room (now the NEW Rainbow Room) and the Youth Areas/classrooms have been updated!!! You'll want to come see for yourself!!!!

## Gifting Bibles

On September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>st</sup>, 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!

If you have a three-year-old-or know of one that we should include on these days- please reach out to the church office so we can get them added to the list and prepare the Bible for the appropriate service.

**SYNOD ROAD TRIP 2024**

**Monday, September 9th**  
**@ Trinity Lutheran Church, Moorhead**  
 210 7th St. S.

5:30 Dinner  
 6:00 Worship  
 6:30 Program  
 Updates from around the Synod  
 7:25 Closing with a Blessing

**The Synod Staff is coming to you!**

Northwestern Minnesota Synod  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Our first meeting will be September 19 at 6:30pm in the CtK Library. Our Book from last May was 'The Guest List' by Lucy Foley. We will be reviewing this book at the September meeting and selecting the books for us to review for October through May. 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](mailto:marcyharvala@msn.com)

**SAVE THE DATE**

CtK's Annual Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm.

**Looking for someone to take leadership of the event. Connect with Pastor Michele if you are interested.**

Several shifts will be available throughout the day including set-up/clean-up, assisting in the kitchen, or delivering take out. We will also be selling tickets. Youth workers will receive credit in their accounts and will get service project credit for helping too!



**Faithfully Fit**

Faithfully Fit Forever will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on September 24 at 9:30am. This year we will be meeting in the back of the sanctuary.

**RALLY DAY**



**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**



**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 5:00-8:00**

Dinner served at 5:00 – Dogs/Chips/Pickles/Bars/Lemonade  
 Church service – 6:00-6:45 with Kick off to Faithwalk.

Kids can enjoy fun, games and bouncy house before and after church. Invite friends and neighbors to join us well.  
 It's going to be an amazing Rally Wednesday at Christ the King

Come for Food and Fellowship  
 Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:30  
 As we kick off our  
 Fall Service Schedule  
 Egg bake, fruit and Coffee

Traditional Service at 9AM  
 in the Sanctuary  
 Contemporary Service at 10:45 AM  
 in the Christus Rex



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Please remember in prayer all of our family and friends who have been dealing with health issues, loss of loved ones, or who are not able to come to Worship with us each Sunday.

#### **Assisted Living/Nursing Homes & Rehab:**

**Arbor Park:** Nancy Ingison

**Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup>:** Del Walby

**Bethany on University:** Nancy Halvorson, Bill Linson

**Eventide:** Elaine Borgen, Shirley Haugen, Kathy Melarvie, Beverly Rogness, Bonnie Simonson

**Lilac Homes:** Lyle Hanson

**One Riverside:** Mary Ann Lavold

**Riverpointe:** Juneal Doeden, June Adele Dolva, Jan Jenson, Annie Luttio, Blanche Olson, Peggy Reed, Arvid Sonsteli

**Riverview Place:** Jan Whaley Labore

**Sheyenne Crossings:** Carl Hjalmquist

**The Villa at Farmstead:** Lil Torgrimson

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