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#### Church Office Hours

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

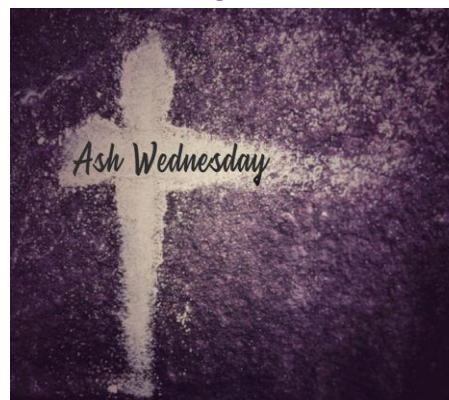
Friday-9:00am to Noon

### Pans, Containers, and more Pans!

Thank you to all who have brought bars for the funerals. We have a large collections of containers and pans in the board room. Please stop by the board room to pick up your container.

Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH  
5<sup>th</sup>



### 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)

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I always find January and February as different kinds of months.... much like the calm between the storms. We get out of the crazy busyness of Advent and have a short breather of calmness before we jump right back into the busy 40 days of Lent. We've been working on planning the Lenten season already and look forward to a beautiful, meaningful and spirit-filled journey to the cross beginning in the month of March.

Until then we are enjoying our new staff member Jackie Klefsaas, she is bringing a new sense of energy to the church and we look forward to all her ideas and plans for the children, youth and families at Christ the King. God is good for gifting us with her at just the right time. I look forward to our Annual Meeting this week as well as everyone having a chance to gather as the congregation of the Lutheran Church of Christ the King. It is so seldom that the Sunday and Wednesday congregations come together (which I really wish wasn't the case and hope to change at some point). We will gather to rejoice in all that 2024 gave to us and look forward to what we find 2025 brings to our church.

As Psalm 100:5 says, "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations." I find myself finishing up my second year of being your Pastor and I rejoice daily in the gifts I have received because of this call. While I have struggled at times to make the change from all the other job descriptions I have held in the past to the one I hold now, you have been gracious and forgiving as I learn to lead and ask for help. I'm still working on that. I do marvel in all the great things we have done in this time together and how our church continues to become stronger, healthier and more vibrant as we find people returning and new people joining us. Yea God!

What I do know is that we still need to work on trust and communication. There have been so many years of mistrust, actions happening in secret and discussions going on behind people's backs that there seems to be a struggle to let go of that practice and approach. That's not how we can continue to thrive and make CtK the church that everyone's talking about and wanting to be a part of. While I continue to say and tell people my door is open if you have ideas for things or issues and concerns .... I get so very few that actually come to see me. Please let me know what you're thinking, needing and wanting. We are all in this together and I need to know what the congregation needs and wants so we can bring things to everyone to make changes. If you aren't up for a face to face conversation I am placing a Red Comment box in the hallway outside the office with cards for you to write suggestions on. I will take everything into consideration as long as you put your name on it and will be willing to at least have a phone conversation with me if I need more information or clarification.

Let's all finish the calm between the storms as we prepare for the journey to the cross with taking moments to catch our breath, enjoy a less stressful schedules and finding times for ourselves. Yes, that was my plan for the new year but again I'm struggling as always with finding time for self care because that's been my way of life forever so I'm thinking that will probably never change.

With God's blessings I thank God for you!

*Pastor Michele*



**Giving Hearts Day**

Give your way

Some notable ways that CtK members can support area needs that the church also supports.... Or any of the many other great groups



## The Lutheran Church of Christ the King Financial Snapshot

Financial Numbers as of:			December 31, 2024		
	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$44,405	\$343,522	General Expenses:	\$24,969	\$331,622
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$12,939	\$137,396	Mortgage Expense:	\$9,964	\$144,568
Designated Offering:	\$5,652	\$232,659	Designated Expenses:	\$3,290	\$81,151
Other Revenue:	\$4,672	\$132,313			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$67,668</b>	<b>\$845,890</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$38,223</b>	<b>\$557,341</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:	\$3,017	49.1% of \$6,150 goal
ELCA Synod Missions:	\$12,000	100% of \$12,000 goal

### Building Faith Together 2024-26

\$430,960.00	Pledge for Date Range
\$186,678.70	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$244,281.30)	Difference
43.32%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$13,327.69	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$200,006.39	Total Donated for Date Range

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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:**  
**Bethany on University:** Nancy Halvorson, Bill Linson  
**Eventide:** Elaine Borgen, Shirley Haugen, Kathy Melarvic, 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 Hjalquist  
**The Villa at Farmstead:** Lil Torgrimson  
**Touchmark** – Janet Ostercamp  
**AT HOME:** Dick Bolton, Jeanie Issel, Carol Sorum



### Save The Date!

WELCA's Table Top Event is set for **April 22nd**. Hostesses start thinking about your table theme. Sign up to host a table will be available in the office starting March 1st. Only 25 tables available! Proceeds will be shared between CtK Capital Improvement fund and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

### Welca Love Offering

WELCA appreciates all the support we have received from the congregation of Christ the King and want to express our deep-felt gratitude for all that you do! February has traditionally been a time at Christ the King when the Women of the congregation send envelopes for our annual LOVE offering. This offering will help to fund projects, events, and meet the needs of our local, the national, and global community WELCA supports. A few of the ways your financial support will help include: the purchase of materials and supplies for the quilters to make quilts to gift to our high school seniors and send across the world to those in need of a warm blanket at night; purchase needed kitchen supplies; and partner with local charities and initiatives sharing their story and assisting them in their missions.

THANK YOU for your support!

### CtK Book Club

The CtK book club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the library. All are welcome! The following books have been selected.

February 11: "The Women" by Kristen Hannah

March 11: "James" by Percival Everett

April 8: "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini

May 13: "The Silver Ladies of Penny Lane" by Dee MacDonald



**BIO Girls Christ the King, Moorhead**  
**CtK Contact: [moorhead.mn.ctk@biogirls.org](mailto:moorhead.mn.ctk@biogirls.org)**

**Mission:**

To improve the self-esteem of adolescent girls through empowerment of self and service to others

**Results:**

7 in 10 BIO girls participants experience an increase in self-esteem & 50% report decreased anxiety symptoms.

**Program Overview:**

BIO (Beautiful Inside & Out) Girls is a self-esteem building program serving girls grades 2-6. A BIO Girls program meets for 12 sessions, 90 minutes each.

**Each session combines:**

- Christian, Non-Denominational Devotions
- Life-Skills Lessons
- Mentoring
- Physical Activity



**Registration Date:** Jan  
[biogirls.org/fmwf](http://biogirls.org/fmwf)

**Season Start Date:** February 13, 2025

**Day/Time:** Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 PM

**Finale Date:** May 14, 2025 (Find your Kind 5k)

**End Date:** May 15, 2025

**“What is the registration fee?”**

BIO Girls uses a ‘Pay as You Can’ registration model. This tiered registration model creates a streamlined registration process and ensures all girls have access to our program, regardless of their financial situation. To learn more, visit: [biogirls.org.registration-faq](http://biogirls.org.registration-faq)



We are THRILLED to welcome Jackie Klefsaas as our new Children’s, Youth & Family Ministry Director at Christ the King.

Jackie started the first week of January and will be working 20/hrs a week with kids and families of our congregation to help us be involved, connected, and in community with each other!

Please take a moment to greet her and watch for new and upcoming events to be scheduled!!!! HOORAY!



**7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

**SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30PM-7:30 AM (MON, FEB 17<sup>TH</sup>)**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

**YOUTH CAN INVITE ONE FRIEND**

**SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**

**OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE**



**Luther Crest's**  
**80th Year of Ministry**



Join us at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer! CtK will be heading to camp August 3-8! This is an all ages week with family camp, elementary, middle school, and high school options. Early bird registration closes February 14. To register, go to [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org) or scan the QR code below. See you at camp this summer!



**AND WEDNESDAY!!!!**

Christ the King will be passing around the soup “kettle” for noisy offering on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

All donations will support the Caring Closet and mission outreach during the Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

## February 2025

### at a Glance

#### Saturday, February 1

9:00am-Al-Anon

#### Sunday, February 2

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

9:45am-Pre-Funeral Planning  
Workshop

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

#### Monday, February 3

3:00pm-WELCA Meeting

6:00pm-Children/Youth  
Committee Meeting

#### Tuesday, February 4

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

6:30pm-Scouts

#### Wednesday, February 5

9:00am-Quilters

5:00pm-Dinner: Chicken

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

6:00pm-FaithWalk

7:00pm-Confirmation

7:00pm-Pre-Funeral Planning  
Workshop

#### Thursday, February 6

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Tai Chi

5:00pm-BIO Girls

#### Friday, February 7

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

#### Saturday, February 8

9:00am-Al-Anon

#### Sunday, February 9

##### Souper Bowl Sunday

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

9:45am-New Member Class

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

#### Monday, February 10

5:30pm-Worship and Music  
Committee Meeting

#### Tuesday, February 11

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

2:00pm-Circle Leader  
Bible Study

5:30pm-Finance Committee

6:15pm-Executive Committee

6:30pm-Scouts

7:00pm-Church Council

#### Wednesday, February 12

##### Souper Bowl Wednesday

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

5:00pm-Dinner: Pizza

5:30pm-New Member Class

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

6:00pm-FaithWalk

7:00pm-Confirmation

#### Thursday, February 13

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Tai Chi

3:00pm-Beer and Hymns at  
Riverpointe

5:00pm-BIO Girls

#### Friday, February 14

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

#### Saturday, February 15

9:00am-Al-Anon

9:30am-Dakota Jazz Big Band

10:00am-Saturday Circle

#### Sunday, February 16

##### New Member Sunday

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

7:30pm-7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock In

#### Monday, February 17

6:00pm-Property Committee

#### Tuesday, February 18

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

1:30pm-Sarah Circle

6:30pm-Scouts

#### Wednesday, February 19

9:00am-Quilters

2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle

5:00pm-Dinner: Taco Bar

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

6:00pm-FaithWalk

7:00pm-Confirmation

#### Thursday, February 20

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Tai Chi

5:00pm-BIO Girls

#### Friday, February 21

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

#### Saturday, February 22

9:00am-Al-Anon

#### Sunday, February 23

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

#### Monday, February 24

#### Tuesday, February 25

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

6:30pm-Scouts

#### Wednesday, February 26

##### Kids in Worship

##### New Members

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

5:00pm-Dinner

6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

7:00pm-Confirmation

#### Thursday, February 27

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Tai Chi

1:00pm-Library Committee

#### Friday, February 28

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus



If you or you know of someone looking for a church please invite them to come and check out Christ the King.

**We will be having brief New Member meetings on the following dates:**

9:45am – Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Library  
5:30pm – Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Library (come at 5:00 for dinner on us and we will meet briefly after the 6:00 service)

**New Members will join CTK**

**on the following dates:**

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at both services  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm service