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Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm Friday-9:00am to Noon

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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 <u>https://secure.myvanco.com/YKB3/home</u>

• 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.

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Outdoor Worship Service Worship with CtK on Wednesday Evenings this summer! We will gather at 5:15pm for a meal with Outdoor Worship at 6pm, weather permitting. June 11 June 25 July 9 July 23 August 13

Summer Office Hours Begin Tuesday, May 27

Monday: 9am-1pm Tuesday: 9am-1pm Wednesday: 9am-1pm Thursday: 9am-1pm Friday: 9am-12:00pm Brothers and Sisters in Christ...

Recently I had a devotion pop up on my phone that has not only stuck with me but has something I've been trying ever since I read it. As we head into the summer months and get busy with all things outside of church that entails, I thought I'd share with you that devotion to help you as well. It was written by Isabel Maguire and is titled *Hearer vs. Doer*.

Many people listen to sermons, read devotionals or regularly attend church. It is important to keep learning about God and hearing messages from the Bible, but it's what we do after that matters. James is saying that it's not enough to only hear the Word, we need to be living it out in our daily lives.

Being a doer means to be living out everything you hear. It means intentionally growing through God's Word. A hearer is the opposite. A hearer only listens to God's Word and is affected by it but does nothing. They may live according to worldly values during the week, then come to church on Sunday seeking repentance. Then, they do it all over again without ever living out what they are learning. James tells us that "Faith without works is dead", which means you can't have one without the other (James 2:17 ESV). Faith doesn't work without both hearing and doing.

Think about it: If we only listen to the word but don't pair it with action, how are we honoring and serving God? Use your job as an example. Do you just show up and watch the others work or do you actually work yourself? Your faith is the same. Don't only hear God's words — live them out. Show those around you the change that faith can really bring.

To live out what you hear is not just to follow a set of rules, it means to let God's Word take root so deeply in your heart that it changes your perceptions of the world and how you react to the things and people around you.

Being a doer is allowing scripture to shape you into the best person you can be, a true follower of God. It shapes your identity as well as behavior. I know from personal experience that when we choose to live how God wants us to by spending more time with God and truly letting Him guide every area of our lives, we become the happiest, best version of ourselves, no matter what we are dealing with.

It is important to remember that living the word is not an occasional act, it's a continual transformation. It's not only hearing "love your enemies" but living as someone who doesn't see them as enemies anymore but as people who need the love of God. God never intended for us to admire His word from a distance. He meant for it to live inside of us, shaping us each day as we live it out.

So, how do we really live out the word in our daily lives?

Start small. Pick one verse that has recently stood out to you and write it down. Carry that verse with you and keep an eye out for how you can live it each day. Just one small action can make a huge difference.

For example, let's say you choose, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you," (Ephesians 4:32 ESV). Ask yourself, who can I show unexpected kindness to today?

Or maybe you select, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves," (Philippians 2:3 ESV). Look for a chance to put someone else's needs before your own.

It doesn't have to be anything big. One small act of God's Word is better than a hundred moments of only hearing it.

I encourage you to be a doer and to enjoy every moment you can during these next summer months to not only find time for fun and sunshine but to keep God at the center of it all.

Blessings! Pastor Michele

		Financial	Snapshot		
	Financial Numbers as of:		April 30, 2025		
C	urrent Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
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IJ/BFT Campaign:	\$8,237	\$35,151	Mortgage Interest:	\$4,243	\$16,846
signated Offering:	\$4,743	\$13,219	Designated Expenses:	\$3,489	\$37,109
ner Revenue:	\$8,915	\$24,138			
tal:	\$46,232	\$192,819	Total Expenses:	\$41,915	\$169,750
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ELCA Sy	nod Missions:	\$3,000	25.0% of \$12,000 goal		
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LAWNS FOR THE LORD

To save our funds we are in need of volunteers to cover mowing of the church lawn. If you are able to sign up for a week (or more) – the calendar is in the church office. Thank you to those who have signed up already!.





Join the CtK family for an evening at the RedHawks! Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Game Time: 7:02pm Sign up in the church office by June 15th!



Annual Jasper's Theater Outing Wednesday, July 30th Leave in the morning – carpooling from the church Shopping and lunch in Park Rapids Show and dinner following – final details to come. Sign up in the office by July 20th.

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, Vel Schneeweiss Eventide: Elaine Borgen, Shirley Haugen, Kathy Melarvie, Joanne Reitan, Sandee Rasmussen, 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 Sonstelie **Riverview Place:** Jan Whaley Labore Shevenne Crossings: Carl Hjalmquist The Villa at Farmstead: Lil Torgrimson **Touchmark** – Janet Ostercamp AT HOME: Dick Bolton, Arlene Dalbol, Jeanie Issel. Carol Sorum



Want to be part of the amazing crew who helps make the wonderful communion wafers??? They will be making another batch on **Wednesday**, **July 9th at 1pm** – and would love to have you join them!





Save the Date for Summer at CtK!



VBS in the Woods June 19-20 For students who have finished 4th Grade thru students who have finished 6th Grade



Vacation Bible School July 22-24 at CtK 8:30am-Noon Please please please!!! Get registered now so we can plan accordingly!!!



Join us on Friday, Augst 8, 2025 for a great day at Valleyfair! Who: All current 7th-12th Graders Cost: \$50 You can bring a friend. Questions: Contact Jackie jackie@goctk.org





Christ the King thanks Steph Dietz for her 11 years of faithful service and care of our kids and families at Christ the King. She did an amazing job through many transitions at Christ the King!

She will be missed! Thank you

for everything you have done for us



Thunder Road Family Night

Join us on Wednesday, July 30th from

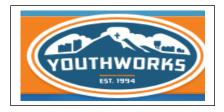
6:30pm-8:30pm at Thunder Road. CtK will provide tickets to play all the attractions except the arcade. Scan the QR Code to RSVP.



Looking for new **Children's & Youth Committee** Members starting in August. Be a part of the planning and organizing of what our children and youth are learning and receiving at Christ the King! Time commitment is one hourly meeting once a month! We really look forward to adding some new younger families to the committee so please consider joining! It takes a village and we hope you will consider being a part of that village. *Jackie & Pastor Michele*

The Puerto Rico Mission trip is July 12-19. Please lift up these students and chaperones in prayer as they work alongside the people of Puerto Rico.

Cal Frisco Libby Haugen Owen Schreiner Amelia Stram Keena Watson Sylvia Frisco Isabelle Lockhart Ella Sly Elizabeth Sosa Sophie Watson Adults Pastor Michele Roger Willers Katie Frisco Jackie Klefsaas



We will be blessing them on their journey on Wednesday, July 9th at the 6:00pm outdoor service.

June 2025 At A Glance

Sunday, June 1 9:00am-Traditional Worship 9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3 8:30am-TOPS 9:30am-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 4 9:00am-Quilters

Thursday, June 5 9:00am-Janitors for Jesus 4:00pm-GriefShare

Friday, June 6

Saturday, June 7 9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, June 8 9:00am-Traditional Worship 9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, June 9 4:15pm-Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 10 8:30am-TOPS 9:30am-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe 5:00pm-Dinner 5:00pm-Finance Committee 5:15pm-Executive Committee 6:00pm-Contemporary Worship 7:00pm-Church Council

Friday, June 13

Saturday, June 14 9:00am-Al-Anon 10:00am-Dakota Jazz Band Rehearsal

Sunday, June 15 Father's Day 9:00am-Traditional Worship 9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, June 16 7:00pm-Property Committee

Tuesday, June 17 8:30am-TOPS 9:30am-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 18 9:00am-Quilters

Thursday, June 19 9:00am-Janitors for Jesus 4:00pm-GriefShare

Friday, June 20

Saturday, June 21 9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, June 22 9:00am-Traditional Worship 9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, June 23

Tuesday, June 24 8:30am-TOPS 9:30am-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 25 1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe 5:00pm-Dinner 6:00pm-Contemporary Worship

Thursday, June 26 9:00am-Janitors for Jesus 3:00pm-Beer and Hymns at Riverpointe 4:00pm-GriefShare Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28 9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, June 29 9:00am-Traditional Worship 9:45am-Fellowship

Monday, June 30

Tuesday, July 1 8:30am-TOPS 9:30am-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 2 9:00am-Quilters

Thursday, July 3 9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Friday, July 4 Church/Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday

Saturday, July 5 9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, July 6 9:00am-Traditional Worship 9:45am-Fellowship



All Congregation Summer CtK Bible Study Wednesday, July 23rd 3:00pm-4:30pm 5:00pm – meal 6:00pm - service



Be a part of the Fargo-Moorhead Church community in becoming more inclusive.....

A large group of Fargo-Moorhead pastors have met to help their congregations better understand inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community in our area. With all the anti-LGBTQ+ talk in the news/government right now we really wanted to give our members and opportunity to learn and understand – especially how Bible verses have been weaponized against this population. These pastors will be pre-viewing the movie "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture" the second week of June. Following this initial viewing all will be inviting their congregational members and friends/family to gather at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead on Monday, June 23rd at 6:30 to also view the movie and have a time of discussion for those who have questions, concerns or still need more information.

It is my hope that Christ the King will be represented well at this showing on the 23rd. One of the questions I was asked when I interviewed as your pastor was about my view on the church being open and inclusive and I couldn't imagine our doors not being open to EVERYONE in our community. Please consider being a part of this informational and hopefully transformational evening.

Monday – June 23rd – 6:30-8:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead

Snacks will be served.

Pastor Michele

1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture Overview

A documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946.

The word "homosexual" did not appear in any English-language Bible until the 1946 Revised Standard Version (RSV). In this translation, 1 Corinthians 6:9 was revised to include the term, a decision that fueled decades of anti-LGBTQ interpretations and discrimination. The mistranslation conflated two Greek words—

malakoi and *arsenokoitai*—which more accurately referred to exploitative relationships and abusive behaviors rather than consensual same-sex relationships.

The RSV translation, produced by a team of scholars that included members connected to Yale University, became one of the most widely adopted versions of the Bible in the United States. Its influence extended beyond theology, shaping cultural attitudes and even informing public policy that marginalized LGBTQ communities.

The inclusion of "homosexual" in the RSV gave religious institutions a textual foundation to condemn LGBTQ individuals. This translation became a cornerstone for anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric in various denominations, leading to widespread discrimination, conversion therapy practices, and societal marginalization. The cultural impact of this mistranslation continues to be felt today, with many religious groups still citing the RSV as evidence for anti-LGBTQ doctrines.

The documentary *1946* powerfully demonstrates how this seemingly minor translation choice was weaponized against LGBTQ communities while highlighting the ongoing efforts of scholars, activists, and theologians to correct the record. Through archival research and interviews with biblical scholars, the film reveals the intent behind the Greek terms and the historical context often overlooked by contemporary interpreters. By engaging with the history laid bare in the documentary, viewers can better understand the origins of certain cultural beliefs and join the ongoing effort to build a more inclusive future.