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

Friday-9:00am to Noon



Have you thought about becoming a member of CtK or know someone who has?

Meetings for New Members are Sunday, November 9th at 9:45 and Wednesday, November 12th at 6:45 in the Library.

Contact Pastor Michele or Jo Marie if you are interested in joining prior to those dates.

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



Brothers and sisters in Christ.....

As we begin the month of Thanksgiving I can't help but think about what it means to have a thankful heart as we look at being thankful and lean into the coming season of Advent. There are so many ways that we can be thankful and so many amazing things to be thankful for – even when we may be struggling with things that are going on our lives that aren't so good we do have the assurance that we are never alone to get through them thankfully.

An Author Brittany Allen wrote a short list to help us. She wrote,

"Here are some things I've implemented that have stirred my heart toward gratitude.

- 1. Pray prayers of thankfulness throughout your day.*
- 2. When struggling to be thankful, discipline yourself to write down ten things you can be thankful for right now.*
- 3. Keep a thanksgiving journal where you write down five things every day, and then praise God for them in prayer.*
- 4. Start your morning prayer with thanksgiving.*
- 5. Remember to praise God for things he's done in the lives of others (and tell them, too).*
- 6. Tell others of what he has done in your life and why you're thankful.*
- 7. Open your eyes to even the "small" things you can be thankful for.*
- 8. Seek accountability from a friend by sharing what you're thankful for with each other.*

This is not an exhaustive list, but I truly believe if you are intentional about a few of these, you will bear the fruit of being thankful."

Thankful people in my opinion are Godly people – ones who radiate God's love and encourage others to remember His goodness and grace in their lives. As we rely on Him to help us cultivate thankfulness, we also cultivate hearts that treasure Jesus above everything else. With each thankful prayer, we open our often hard hearts and closed eyes to behold God's goodness, faithfulness, mercy, love, care, sustenance, provision and grace in our lives. As we say "Thank You" to our gracious Father, our hearts settle into contentment and joy. Our lives preach to the world that God is Good and faithful. Let us all be reminded to thank Him!

Blessings,

Pastor Michele



Novembers Thanksgiving Grocery Food Drive for the Dorothy Day Food Pantry.....

Each day add an item to a box and on November 23rd or 24th drop off at the church so we can bring it to the Pantry for those in need!

- November 1 – Box of Cereal
- November 2 – Peanut Butter
- November 3 – Stuffing Mix
- November 4 – Boxed Potatoes
- November 5 – Macaroni & Cheese
- November 6 – Canned Fruit
- November 7 – Canned Tomato Product
- November 8 – Canned Meat
- November 9 – Dessert Mix
- November 10 – Jar of Applesauce
- November 11 – Canned Sweet Potatoes
- November 12 – Cranberry Sauce
- November 13 – Canned Beans
- November 14 – Box of Crackers
- November 15 – Package of Rice
- November 16 – Package of Oatmeal
- November 17 – Package of Pasta
- November 18 – Spaghetti Sauce
- November 19 – Can of Soup
- November 20 – Can of Corn
- November 21 – Jar of Pickles
- November 22 – Jar/Can of Gravy
- November 23 – Can of Mixed Vegetables
- November 24 – Package of Cookies

If the church can collect 40 boxes of food by November 24th the Faithwalk kids will be given the opportunity to once again get Pastor Michele and Jo Marie with pies in the face!!!!!!



The Lutheran Church of Christ the King Financial Snapshot

Financial Numbers as of:

September 30, 2025

	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$24,348	\$237,831	General Expenses:	\$31,993	\$282,197
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$6,229	\$74,850	Mortgage Interest:	\$4,296	\$40,049
Designated Offering:	\$13,501	\$67,611	Designated Expenses:	\$15,369	\$150,980
Other Revenue:	\$8,138	\$42,665			
Total:	\$52,215	\$422,957	Total Expenses:	\$51,658	\$473,226

****Please consider setting up a recurring gift to the church through our [Simply Giving Program](#). If you have questions about setting up reoccurring giving please ask in the office.**

2023 Mission Giving

Local Missions:	\$0	0.0% of \$6,150 goal
ELCA Synod Missions:	\$9,000	75.0% of \$12,000 goal

Building Faith Together 2024-26

\$430,960.00	Pledge for Date Range
\$246,307.55	Amount Given by People who have Pledged
(\$184,652.45)	Difference
57.15%	Percent of Pledges Paid
\$18,524.69	Amount Given by People that did not Pledge
\$264,832.24	Total Donated for Date Range



Thank offerings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in Thanksgiving for blessings received-and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thank offerings.

WELCA is pleased to have Julie Haugen with YWCA Cass Clay as our guest speaker for this year's Thank offering services.

Julie serves as YWCA's chief operating officer and has been with the organization for 12 years. YWCA Cass Clay provides a full continuum of housing and empowerment programs, including operating the largest emergency shelter serving women and children in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Julie lives with her husband, Mark, and their son, Henry, in Fargo. Thank offering services will be held on Sunday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 12th. In this Heartbeat you will find a Thank offering envelope. Please prayerfully consider returning this envelope with your offering. Thank offerings support the ongoing ministries of the CtK's WELCA and the church wide women's organization.



Join us at the 2026 Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa! July 16-19, 2026

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase "I am worthy," we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation opens up opportunities for healing and restoration within ourselves, our church, society, and the world. When we declare, "I am worthy," we align ourselves with God's promises. There is great power in our resolve. For more information visit: WELCATG.ORG. Gathering registration is \$475 and increases on January 6, 2026 to \$525.



BIO Girls Mentors Needed!

Our BIO Girls site at Christ the King Lutheran Church is coming back in 2026 and is looking for mentors for the upcoming season! Mentors support the girls in grades 2-6 with small group lesson facilitation, being a positive role model, and participate in the physical activity with the girls. Mentors must commit to attending at least 10 of the 12 sessions. Anyone in 9th grade or older can be a mentor, and we can also welcome up to 5 Junior Mentors (grades 7-8).

Site Details:

- **Start Date:** Thursday, February 5
- **Meeting Day/Time:** Thursdays, 5:30–7:00 PM
- **Finale Date:** Wednesday, April 29 & Thursday, April 30, 2026 - Find Your Kind 5k fun run
- **Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN

Registration for participants opens January 6, but now is the perfect time to sign up as a mentor! Bonus - if you sign up as a mentor, you get to register your girl early and guarantee a spot!

Scan the QR code to access the mentor application, or visit

<https://www.biogirls.org/mentor> and find the CTK site!

For questions or to sign up, contact Brianna Gibbons at 701-367-3243



Practice for the Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 7 from 1:30pm-3pm. The Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 10 during the 6:00pm Worship Service. Join us to hear the great news that unto us a Savior has been born!



Congratulations to the following 3rd graders who will receive their Collaborate Study bibles on Wednesday, November 5th.
Grady Batterberry, Cole Kaiser & Maxwell Tougas

URGENT NEEDS

The Caring Closet

Boys Pants Sizes 5-10
Boys Underwear Sizes 5-10
Boys Shorts Sizes 5-10
Girls Pants Sizes 5-10
Girls Underwear Sizes 5-10

*Pull-on pants are preferred as some kids refuse to wear jeans

Find comfort for the season with **Surviving the Holidays** - Support & practical tips for facing holiday challenges after loss. Whether it's a recent loss or not – grief is harder around the holidays – traditions have changed, social events can be draining and sights, songs & even smells can trigger emotions. Learn strategies for coping with others in a safe event with people who “get” what you're going through. Thursday, November 6th – 4:00-6:00pm in the CtK Library with Dinner following at the Moorhead Village Inn.



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 Sonsteli

Riverview Place: Jan Whaley Labore

Sheyenne Crossings: Carl Hjalmquist

The Villa at Farmstead: Lil Torgrimsen

Touchmark – Janet Ostercamp

AT HOME: Dick Bolton, Arlene Dalbol, Jeanie Issel, Carol Sorum



Volunteers are needed to help with projects around the church. There is a new “Parish Projects” bulletin board in the hallway outside of the office. Tasks and on-going projects will be placed on the board throughout the year for you/families to volunteer to take on and complete to keep the church clean/kept up and operating as it should. Please check it out often and consider take on projects as your time allows!



Church Directory photos will be taken Wednesday, November 19-Saturday, November 22. Every family who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory Sign up online for a time to have your photo taken.

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “Photograph Session Sign-Up”
- Enter your church code **mn610**
- Enter your church password **photos**
- Click on the desired **photography** date
- Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family’s name.
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family’s photography appointment
- **Contact Jo Marie to change or cancel your photography appointment.**

We are looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces as we update our directory.



Thank you to everyone who made the 39th annual Ham Dinner another success. Andy and Emily were amazing as well as our team of volunteers.. We served 445 meals this year – 155 of them were to go! Totals have not been finalized but we will celebrate it as soon as it is known. Again thanks!



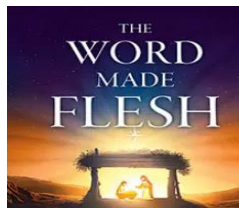
Many thanks to everyone who baked and purchased goodies at the WELCA Bake Sale during the Ham Dinner. WELCA raised \$1,915 towards their scholarship fund!





We Remember the following saints who have gone before us on Sunday, Nov. 2 & Wednesday, Nov. 5.

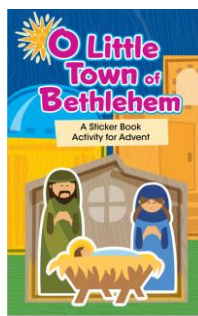
Nancy L. Ingison
Delano "Del" Walby
Marilyn F. Nissen
Melodye Jean Brewster
Sonya M. Hansen
David Allen Halvorson
Chad A. Reed
Debra J. Hjalmsquist
Robert D. Engelstad
James "Jim" Aas
Marlene L. Larson
Becky J. Buth
Darrell D. Ohman
Eldon W. Wollmann



This Advent season we will be using a Sermon series based on John 1:14, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

There will also be Bible Study offered each Sunday morning from 10:00-10:40 and Advent Devotionals that go along with the series.

And the Faithwalk kids will enjoy a daily sticker activity book that they will be able to do all through Advent as well.



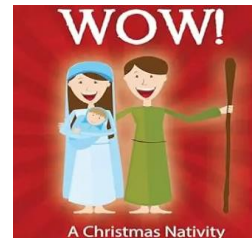
DECEMBER SAVE THE DATES.....



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30



WELCA CHRISTMAS
DINNER
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 2



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 6PM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 4:30PM
SERVICE & POTLUCK

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS CANTATA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 6PM

Christmas Eve
SERVICES
3:30PM CONTEMPORARY, 5:00PM & 9:30PM
TRADITIONAL

Hey Jaspers Theater
Friends and all CtK
members.....
Kathie Brekke, Director
of Jaspers, has
personally invited us to
a Christmas Classic
event that they will be
doing in early
December. I thought it
might be fun to go as a
CtK group again –
maybe catch some
lunch some place first
and then head over to
the show on Monday,
December 8th at 2pm.
Sign up in the office if
you are interested in
going by Wednesday,
November 12th so I can
get a block of tickets
reserved. Cost of
tickets are \$35 – church
will purchase them and
you can repay the
church so we can get
the seats together.
Hope you can join me –
Pastor Michele

Christmas Classics

With Doug Allen Nash
& Kathie Brekke



THE TAK MUSIC VENUE
Fargo-Moorhead-Dilworth Metro

SUNDAY, DEC. 7 & MONDAY, DEC. 8 2pm

Let's rock around the Christmas tree with timeless holiday hits starring Nashville recording artist Doug Allen Nash & the delightful Kathie Brekke, with special guests Elvis, Dan Brekke and the 42nd Street Jazz Band! From "Winter Wonderland" to "O Holy Night," it's a sleigh full of festive favorites and cheer—never a Blue Christmas when Elvis is here!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

November 2025 at A Glance

Saturday, November 1

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Savings Begins

All Saints Sunday

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship
With Holy Baptism

Monday, November 3

3:00pm-WELCA Board
Meeting

6:00pm-Children/Youth
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

5:30pm-Finance Committee

6:15pm-Executive
Committee

6:30pm-Scouts

7:00pm-Church Council

Wednesday, November 5

All Saints Wednesday

Gift of 3rd Grade Bibles

9:00am-Quilters

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

5:00pm-Dinner: Chef Choice

6:00pm-Contemporary
Worship/FaithWalk

7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, November 6

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

1:30pm-Pastor at Heart of Clay

4:00pm-Griefshare

Friday, November 7

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, November 8

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, November 9

WELCA Thankoffering

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

9:45am-New Member Meeting

10:15am-Relevant Life Church

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 10

4:15pm-Worship and Music
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

Wednesday, November 12

WELCA Thankoffering

10:00am-Circle Leader

Bible Study

5:00pm-Dinner: Taco Bar

6:00pm-Contemporary
Worship/FaithWalk

6:45pm-New Member Meeting

7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, November 13

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

Friday, November 14

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

Saturday, November 15

9:00am-Al-Anon

10:00am-Dakota Jazz Band
Rehearsal

10:00am-Saturday Circle

Sunday, November 16

New Members

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 17

7:00pm-Property Committee
Meeting

Tuesday, November 18

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

1:30pm-Sarah Circle

Wednesday, November 19

New Members

9:00am-Quilters

1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe

2:00pm-Church Directory
Pictures

2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle
5:00pm-Dinner: Tater Tot
Hotdish

6:00pm-Contemporary
Worship/FaithWalk
7:00pm-Confirmation

Thursday, November 20

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

1:00pm-Library Committee

2:00pm-Church Directory
Pictures

Friday, November 21

9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

2:00pm-Church Directory
Pictures

6:00pm-Relevant Life Event

Saturday, November 22

9:00am-Al-Anon

10:00am-Church Directory
Pictures

1:00pm-Odesyee Small Business
Fair

Sunday, November 23

Christ the King Sunday

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 24

Tuesday, November 25

8:30am-TOPS

9:30am-Faithfully Fit

9:30am-Staff Meeting

6:30pm-Scouts

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Worship

No Confirmation/FaithWalk

No Meal

6:00pm-Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, November 27

Building/Office Closed for

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

Building/Office Closed for

Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 29

9:00am-Al-Anon

Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday in Advent

9:00am-Traditional Worship

9:45am-Fellowship

10:15am-Relevant Life Church
Worship

10:45am-Contemporary Worship

The church building/office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.