

The Lutheran Church of Christ the King  
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**AT CHRIST THE KING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
BEGINNING AT 5:30**

### **Church Staff & Contact Information**

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### **Standard Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm and Friday-9:00am to Noon

### **Office Closed**

The church office and building will  
be closed on

**Thursday, January 1**

New Year's Day

**Monday, January 19**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### **Giving Made Easy at Christ the King**

Thank you for making a difference in our community and beyond through your gifts to Ctk. Gifts to CtK can be made in the following ways.

- Place your offering/donation in the offering plate during service.
- Text a dollar amount to **833-915-1786** and follow the instructions.
- Download the Vanco app on your phone and search for
- Christ the King Church Moorhead
- Scan this QR Code
- To simplify your giving, sign up for auto-giving online or by contacting the church office.



Pastor Michele & Jo Marie would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and thank you for the wonderful blessings, cards, treats and gifts we have been given this holiday season. We are truly blessed!

**10:45**

Contemporary Worship Resumes  
Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Brothers and sisters in Christ....

As I was contemplating my piece for this January newsletter I was doing some reading and came across the most profound and seriously impactful article written by a Pastor Michele Gunn (yes, she only has one "L" as well) entitled "Stepping into 2026: A Year to Shine in Faith and Purpose." I am going to not only reference that article but model a plan for myself this 2026 as she really seems to understand what this year could be for her and another Pastor Michele!

Each year-end she sits with God and asks him for a word to guide her heart into the coming year. It helps her to keep focused on her goals and helps her to shape her walk with Him and in her faith and church. For 2026 the word that rose up and she chose is shine. Not strive, not hurry, not push, not even just survive, but SHINE. As in, let the light God placed within radiate outward with purpose, warmth and grace.

As I looked back at 2025 I thought about the moments that tested me, yes stretched me at times but also those that were so amazingly rewarding. Some were very small and unexpected, and some were quite profound. Times where I honestly felt like I needed to hear my message of hope or faith just as much as perhaps you did, There were times when I witnessed God moving in ways that reminded me why faithfulness matters. Moments where I wondered where He was and how things were ever really going to work out and yet some how they always did.

I too am reminded that there is no faith journey that is without its valleys and I too had them over 2025 at times. Moments with unexpected challenges that required patience that I didn't feel I had and surrender that I wasn't prepared to give. Yet every trial seemed to remind me of that the same reminder: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"* (Psalm 27:1)

I saw and felt God reaffirming my beliefs and showing up through answered prayers, renewed support, encouragement and opportunities of grace. Because of it I realize now that light, as we just were reminded in our Advent series does not let darkness overtake us – in fact light shines brightest in the places that test us.

Here are my goals for 2026 and "SHINE":

1. I am in no way fearless, perfect or even close to being capable of "everything!" so I will embrace the Pastor, person and child of God that I am – strengths and flaws alike!
2. I will help you and others to find your own way of "shining" – sharing and encouraging you to use every God-given gift you have boldly!
3. As we say to our new children of God at baptism, *"Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* It will be a year of making sure that my call is about shining a light on His goodness to all and everyone I meet! Spreading that good news of great light in His love.

So, what is 2026 going to bring for you? What do you think God is calling you to do? Think about YOUR word and when you discover it carry it with strength and courage. Use it intentionally knowing that He is not finished with you, or me or any of us and only He truly knows the plans He has for us.

May 2026 be a year of great love and light with our Lord and Savior.

Blessings,

*Pastor Michele*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**New Member meetings:**

Sunday, 2/8 at 9:45AM & Wednesday, 2/11 at 7pm

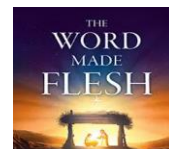
**New Member Services:**

Sunday, 2/15 @ 10:45am & Wednesday, 2/18 at 6pm

Questions.... Reach out to Pastor Michele at

[pastormichele@gock.org](mailto:pastormichele@gock.org)

Thank you to those who were able to join



Bible Study

Watch for information regarding another Bible study coming Sundays in February

# ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us on Wednesday, January 28 at 6pm in the Sanctuary for our Annual Meeting. To kick off this important evening, we will be serving a wonderful meal prepared by Andy, starting at 5pm. Come and join us as we look back on 2025 and dream of our future as we look to 2026. Annual Reports will be available in the office beginning Wednesday, January 14.



There was a wonderful gathering of believers on these blessed days celebrating the birth of Jesus!

3:30pm Service -107 in attendance

5:00pm Service -127 in attendance

9:30pm Service -32 in attendance

So thankful for all those families and friends to share Christmas with Christ the King! Special Thank you to those who helped with the services as well!

## The Lutheran Church of Christ the King Financial Snapshot

Financial Numbers as of:

November 30, 2025

	Current Month	Year to Date		Current Month	Year to Date
General Offering:	\$21,461	\$287,766	General Expenses:	\$20,816	\$356,749
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$5,244	\$87,737	Mortgage Interest:	\$4,296	\$48,641
Designated Offering:	\$5,156	\$77,610	Designated Expenses:	\$10,505	\$56,899
Other Revenue:	\$11,833	\$71,930			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$43,694</b>	<b>\$525,043</b>	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$35,617</b>	<b>\$462,288</b>

**\*\*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: \$130 8.67% of \$1,500 goal

ELCA Synod Missions: \$9,000 75.0% of \$12,000 goal

### Building Faith Together 2024-26

\$430,960.00 Pledge for Date Range  
 \$257,833.75 Amount Given by People who have Pledged  
 (\$173,126.25) Difference  
 59.83% Percent of Pledges Paid  
 \$19,535.69 Amount Given by People that did not Pledge  
 \$277,369.44 Total Donated for Date Range

Thank you to all who gave gifts to purchase flowers for the Christmas season to decorate the Sanctuary and Christus Rex. Both spaces were beautiful places to worship and celebrate Jesus' birth.



To CtK, It is difficult to truly share the depth of our team's gratitude regarding your ongoing support of Churches United. You all give so much to us that it's hard to boil it down to one THANK YOU! But...this time around we would like to thank you specifically for all that your church did during the recent pause to SNAP benefits to feed our neighbors! Just look at what your food drive brought in! My heavens! Thank you for being church together with Churches United! Blessings, Pastor Devlyn

I too cannot express my appreciation enough to this congregation for all that we have done to support our community – food, clothing, money, service etc....these past two months!!! Way to go CtK!!!! Pastor Michele ❤️

### 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

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

**Sheyenne Crossings:** Carl Hjalmsquist

**The Villa at Farmstead:** Lil Torgrimson

**Touchmark** – Janet Ostercamp

**AT HOME:** Dick Bolton, Arlene Dalbol, Helen Eckholm, Jeanie Issel, Carol Sorum, Betty Walicski





Classes Resume  
Wednesday, January 7th

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Please reach out to Pastor Michele if you have a child/youth interested in attending a Bible Camp etc... this summer.... CtK will ensure that we can get them there if you need help with the registration costs!!!!

I will never ever forget my 3 years of going to Camp Emmaus – I STILL have some of those friends I met at camp there as my dearest and closest friends - so want to ensure that our kids get those amazing experiences as well!!! Whether it be Emmaus, Luther Crest, Inspiration Point... just reach out! We'll get them there!!!! Pr M

## FEARLESS LIKE MIRIAM BENEFIT

Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2025  
5:00 - 8:00 PM  
Christ of King Church  
1900 14<sup>th</sup> St. South Moorhead, MN 56560



Miriam Koska is bravely fighting stage four nodular ganglioneuroblastoma.

Late October Miriam and her family received the devastating news that their daughter has cancer. The road ahead for her is long and incredibly demanding. Over the next 18 months, she will undergo intensive treatments, many of which require extended stays in the Twin Cities. Amid all of this, the Koska family is also preparing to welcome their third child at the end of February, just before Miriam's stem cell transplant.

This event will feature a silent auction, bake sale, raffle and free will donation dinner

### THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Donate online: <https://give.lendahandup.org/fundraisers/miriam-koska>

Direct Donations: Cash or Check

Donate Auction Items, volunteer your time & Attend the benefit

Questions? - Contact: Amanda Truedson, 320-219-3492, amanda.hub605@gmail.com



SCAN TO DONATE



LendAHandUp.org  
Gifts boosted 20%!

## ANDY'S PIZZA YOUTH TAKE-N-BAKE FUNDRAISER JUST IN TIME FOR THE SUPER BOWL!!!!



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS  
WILL BE TAKING PIZZA ORDERS  
JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>.

PEPPERONI - \$10

CHEESE - \$10

ITALIAN SAUSAGE - \$10

CANADIAN BACON - \$10

4 MEAT - \$12

SUPREME \$12

(MEAT, OLIVE, ONION, GRN PEPPER)

CHICKEN ALFREDO - \$12

PICK UP YOUR ORDER  
FRIDAY 2/6 2:00-6:00PM  
OR  
SATURDAY 2/7 9:00 - NOON  
ORDER FORMS WILL ALSO BE IN  
THE OFFICE

\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ...  
WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING  
THESE PIZZAS THURSDAY  
EVENING 2/5 SO PLEASE KEEP  
THAT EVENING OPEN SO YOU  
ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP!



## SAVE the DATE



Services 2026  
Sunday, 10:45am April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, 6:00pm April 29<sup>th</sup>

### Confirmation Students Schedule for January.....

7/8<sup>th</sup> graders: 1/7 – The Prophets  
1/14 – The Psalms  
1/21 – Wisdom  
9<sup>th</sup> graders: 1/7 – Doubt/Mentors  
1/14 – The Word  
1/21 – Bondage of Will



ALL Confirmation Students are **required** to attend the Annual Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There will be no confirmation classes following the meeting.



A very special thank you to everyone who donated to the Hat, Mittens or Socks... oh my! Tree, the Fill a Home with Hope YWCA Tree and of course the WE CARE fund.



Your generosity will be much appreciated by those who received these gifts!

## January 2026 at a Glance

**Thursday, January 1**  
New Years Day - Church  
Building/Office Closed

**Friday, January 2**  
Church Building/Office Closed

**Saturday, January 3**  
9:00am-Al-Anon

**Sunday, January 4**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:15am-Relevant Life  
Church Worship

**Monday, January 5**  
3:00pm-WELCA Meeting

**Tuesday, January 6**  
8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
5:30pm-Christmas Undecorating

**Wednesday, January 7**  
9:00am-Quilters  
1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe  
5:00pm-Dinner: Chef's Choice  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship/  
FaithWalk  
7:00pm-Confirmation

**Thursday, January 8**  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit

**Friday, January 9**  
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

**Saturday, January 10**  
9:00am-Al-Anon

**Sunday, January 11**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:15am-Relevant Life  
Church Worship  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

**Monday, January 12**  
4:15pm-Worship and Music  
Committee

**Tuesday, January 13**  
8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
2:00pm-Circle Leader  
Bible Study  
5:30pm-Finance Committee  
6:15pm-Executive Committee  
7:00pm-Church Council

**Wednesday, January 14**  
5:00pm-Dinner: Chicken

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

**Thursday, January 15**  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
1:30pm-Pastor @ Jail Ministry  
5:30pm-NWMN Synod  
Cottage Mtg.-Gathering Area

**Friday, January 16**  
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus  
12:00pm-Koska Benefit:Rex

**Saturday, January 17**  
9:00am-Al-Anon  
10:00am-Saturday Circle

**Sunday, January 18**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:15am-Relevant Life  
Church Worship  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

**Monday, January 19**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Building/Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 20**  
8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
1:30pm-Sarah Circle  
7:00pm-Property Committee

**Wednesday, January 21**  
9:00am-Quilters  
1:00pm-Pastor at Riverpointe  
2:00pm-Anna/Esther Circle  
5:00pm-Dinner: Taco Bar  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
Kids in worship  
7:00pm-Confirmation

**Thursday, January 22**  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
10:30am-Book Club  
1:00pm-Library Committee

**Friday, January 23**  
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

**Saturday, January 24**  
9:00am-Al-Anon

**Sunday, January 25**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:15am-Relevant Life  
Church Worship  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

**Monday, January 26**

**Tuesday, January 27**  
8:30am-TOPS  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit

**Wednesday, January 28**  
**Annual Meeting**  
5:00pm-Dinner: Annual Meeting  
Meal  
6:00pm-Contemporary Worship  
With Annual Meeting  
6:00pm-FaithWalk

**Thursday, January 29**  
9:30am-Faithfully Fit  
5:30pm-BIO Girls

**Friday, January 30**  
9:00am-Janitors for Jesus

**Saturday, January 31**  
9:00am-Al-Anon

**Sunday, February 1**  
9:00am-Traditional Worship  
9:45am-Fellowship  
10:15am-Relevant Life  
Church Worship  
10:45am-Contemporary Worship

### CtK Book Club

The CtK book club meets at 10:30am in the library. All are welcome!

The following books have been selected.

#### January 22

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters



#### February 26

Old Girls Behaving Badly by Kate Galley

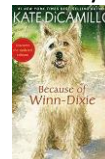
#### March 26

First Women: The Grace and Power of  
American's Modern First Ladies  
by Kate Brown



#### April 23

Walking the Old Road by Staci L. Drouillard



#### May 28

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

# Christmas Memorials

In memory of my parents: Milo & Eileen Anderson  
Given by Mike Anderson

In memory of Anita Arndt and Dennis Montgomery  
Given by Dennis Arndt and Marlys Montgomery

In memory of Ron Jenson and Michael Jenson  
Given by Pastor Michele

In memory of our Fathers: Dennis Quimby and  
Vern Mickels  
Given by Joy and Jesse Mickels

In memory of Sarah Greene, Sandra Larson,  
Greg Larson, Florence & Morris Swenson  
Given by Karla & Arlan Swenson

In memory of Verna & Russ Krogstad  
Janet & Edwin Whaley  
Given by John Whaley

In memory of Sanford (Corky) Fuglestad  
Given by Romayne Fuglestad and Family

In memory of Jean Bjerke  
Given by Loren Bjerke

In memory of Phyllis & Clark Baumgarten,  
Ruby & Joe Klinkhammer  
Given by Skip & Sarah Klinkhammer

In memory of Bob & Ruth Swanson, Tim Swanson,  
Bob & Sharon Teschendorf  
Given by Ellen, Kjirsti, & Betsy Dew  
Ann Cigelske

In memory of Dell Boberg and Ed Wageman  
Given by Mona Wageman

In memory of Dennis & Audrey Priebe  
Given by Wendy Envik

In memory of husband Jim Aas, Son Mike Trom,  
Parents, and Siblings  
Given by Marlene Aas

In memory of Todd Oanes, Virginia Markey  
Given by Martin & Karen Oanes

In memory of my husband, Gene Gast  
Love, Sue

In memory of Great Grandma Fern Foyt  
Given by Callie, Kelsey, Isaac, & Morgan Gast

In memory of Grandpa Gene  
Given by Callie, Kelsey, Isaac, & Morgan Gast

In memory of our parents Axel & Mildred Flaten,  
Clifford & Muriel Pridgeon  
Given by Ike & Marcy Flaten

In memory of George & Dolores Gilbertson  
Given by Barb Delaney

In memory of Eugene & Eleanora Holt,  
Vernon Knutson  
Given by Mike & Sandy Knutson

In memory of Stan & Sandy Retzlaff,  
Eldon Wollmann  
Given by Dave & Dan Retzlaff

In memory of Warren & Marie Brendemuhl,  
Debbie Hjalquist  
Given by Wayne, Diane, & Dan Brendemuhl

In memory of Leslie & Jerri Olson,  
Einar and Louella Vesledahl  
Given by Tom & Laurie Vesledahl Family

In memory of August & Lucie Hakk  
In honor of lives well lived. Miss you a lot.  
Given by Heldur, Indra, and Alar

In memory of Sonya M. Hansen  
Given by Ralph & DeeAnne Hansen

In memory of Bonnie Beedy  
Given by Mark Beedy, Andy, Cassie, & Annie  
Dingmann

In memory of our parents Betty Gapp,  
Maurice & Donna Julin  
Given by Terry & Darla Julin

## In Honor

In honor of my Children and Grandchildren  
Given by JoAnne Carlblom

In honor of our Wonderful Congregation  
Given by Pastor Michele

In honor of Chris, Britt, Cambree, Crosby, Chad,  
Betsy, Jace, & Ivy  
Given by Steve & Renae Ingersoll

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren  
Given by Greg & Deb Seurer

In honor of Children, Grandchildren, and  
Great Grandchildren  
Given by Marlene Aas

In honor of Callie, Isaac, Kelsey, & Morgan Gast  
Given by Grandma Sue

In honor of our Children Michelle,  
Sarah & Michael Flaten and Grandchildren  
Olivia & Joshua Flaten  
Given by Ike & Marcy Flaten

In honor of Dorothy Knutson,  
Aimee & Tom Knutson  
Given by Mike & Sandy Knutson

In honor of our lovely family, Grandkids, and  
Great Grandkids  
Given by Rod & Cathy Schroeder

In honor of Carl & Joan Hjalquist  
Given by Wayne, Diane, & Dan Brendemuhl

In honor of Grandkids: Anna, Olivia, Paige, Kaycee,  
Riley, Koen  
Given by Ralph & DeeAnne Hansen