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**AT CHRIST THE KING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH
BEGINNING AT 5:30**

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Standard Church Office Hours

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

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 11th.

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

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New Member meetings:

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

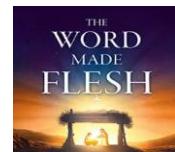
New Member Services:

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

Questions.... Reach out to Pastor Michele at

pastormichele@goctk.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	
General Offering:	\$21,461	\$287,766	General Expenses:
RUIJ/BFT Campaign:	\$5,244	\$87,737	Mortgage Interest:
Designated Offering:	\$5,156	\$77,610	Designated Expenses:
Other Revenue:	\$11,833	\$71,930	
Total:	\$43,694	\$525,043	Total Expenses:

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 Sonstelie

Sheyenne Crossings: Carl Hjalmquist

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 16th 2025
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Christ of King Church
1900 14th St. South Moorhead, MN 56560



THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Donate online: <https://give.tendahandup.org/fundraisers/miriam-koska>
Direct Donations: Cash or Check
Donate Auction Items, volunteer your time & Attend the benefit

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



SCAN TO DONATE

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



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS
WILL BE TAKING PIZZA ORDERS
JANUARY 14TH- 30TH.

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!

Happy New Year

2026

Wishing you peace, love and joy!

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Services 2026

Sunday, 10:45am April 26th
Wednesday, 6:00pm April 29th

Confirmation Students Schedule for January.....

7/8th graders: 1/7 – The Prophets
1/14 – The Psalms
1/21 – Wisdom

9th 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 28th 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

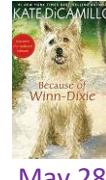
March 26

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, Saundra 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 Hjalmquist
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 Hjalmquist
Given by Wayne, Diane, & Dan Brendemuhl

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