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Tiny Bible Practices

Last month I invited folks to try building a little more joy and playfulness into their lives. I encouraged all of you to try adding in small little habits of celebration into your routines. This month we're going to take our little faith practices one step further, and give ourselves something worth celebrating as we together connect our lives with Scripture in three tiny but powerful ways.

All throughout October, our theme will be "The Bible". *Sola scriptura* - "scripture alone" was one of the Lutheran reformation's rallying cries. It was a cry that spoke to the power of the Bible, which is really the power of the God whom we meet through its pages. And yet, for all of our historic love for scripture, I find that many of the Lutherans I meet (including in our congregation!) have a tenuous personal relationship with the Bible.

There's something intimidating about the Bible, intimidating enough that many of us don't spend a lot of time there in our personal lives. We hear Bible verses in church or get little snippets in an email devotional, but true devotional reading of scripture is a rare practice.

These three little practices will help you begin to build a relationship, or rekindle an old one, with the Bible in a more personal way. Try them out. Each one really does only take a teeny tiny bit of your time each day, but out of that small seed something profound can grow. And don't forget to celebrate every time you accomplish one of these tiny practices! That emotional stinger of joy is the water that will help these practices grow.

1. Place a Bible on your desk at work or next to your computer with a bookmark in any part of the Bible you choose. Immediately after you sit down at your desk or while your computer is booting up, open the Bible and read one paragraph. Then pause for 5 seconds and think about what God might be saying to you today.
2. Pick an uplifting Bible verse and write it on a sticky note. Place the note next to your bathroom mirror and read the verse to yourself each time you look in the mirror, then smile at your reflection.
3. When you get home from worship, look up one of the passages that was read and put a bookmark in your Bible on that page, and leave it there until the next time you go to worship.

Peace, Pastor Rory Philstrom

Birthday Greetings

to our homebound and semi-homebound members celebrating October birthdays:

- Mabel Olsen 10/16
- Beverly Nelson 10/17
- Sandy Loehnis 10/18



Coffee Servers for October

- Oct. 2 - Lynne & Jan Gasterland
- Oct. 9 - Oktoberfest - Meal - Health Cabinet
- Oct. 16 - Jane V.
- Oct. 23 - Verla Olson—1 more needed
- Oct. 30 - NEEDED



Flu Clinic

The Health Cabinet and Bloomington Public Health have scheduled a Flu Clinic for **Wednesday, Oct 5th**

4:30-6:30pm. Sign-up at blm.mn/clinics

Pre-registration is recommended—walk-in appointments are limited.

Usher Schedule for October

Oct. 2 & 9 - Team K - Roger Olson, Captain

Oct. 16 & 23 - Team F - Jack Carlson and Jay Stanley, Co-Captains

Oct. 30 - Team I - David Tillotson, Alice and Henry, Captains

The office will be closed on Friday, 10/7.

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Thank you!

Friday, August 26th we celebrated the life of Noel Faber, a former Bloomington teacher. It was fun to see other retired teachers and friends that we hadn't seen since precovid. Thank you to those of you who brought such a variety of delicious bars. Also, thank you to those who helped with the luncheon after the service. You are all very much appreciated.

Saturday, September 10th we celebrated the life of Dennis Bernloehr. He was very involved with the CTK Chore Crew and mowed the church lawns. Again, thank you to all who baked bars/cookies and also to those who helped serve the roast beef sandwich luncheon. We will miss both of these fellows very much.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU to all who helped to make these receptions go very well – we had many nice comments from family and people attending.

Care Card Ministers for October

Darlene Hanson & Carol Rydell

Nov. Newsletter Deadline Friday, October 14

Please email newsletter articles to jvevea@ctkb.org or leave a hard copy in the church office.

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**Join the Health Cabinet for
an Oktoberfest celebration
on Sunday, October 9th at 10:45am.**

We will gather in the social hall and courtyard for German food, drinks, games, and music. A free-will offering will be collected and the suggested donation is \$5 per person. This is a family friendly event and all are welcome. Feel free to bring kids, friends, and/or relatives. **Please RSVP on our website, www.ctkb.org/events or on Constant Contact, by Monday, October 3rd** so we know how many to plan for. Contact Lynn Lenort (lennort@ctkb.org) or the church office 952-881-8600 with questions.

Adult Forum in Oct

Join us for the Sunday Adult Forum in the Social Hall following worship, with coffee & donut holes!

Oct 2 - VEAP, Debbie Belfry tells how this partner of CTK achieves stronger, more hopeful communities through access to healthy food, housing stability, and supportive services.

Oct 9 - Oktoberfest Meal, CTK's Health Cabinet sponsors this festival. Please R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend.

Oct 16 - Oasis for Youth, Exec. Dir. Nicole Mills tells about this Bloomington partner committed to elevating youth in their own community.

Oct 23 - A Tour of the Organ, Bjorn Gustafson tells about our church organ and all that's involved in selecting and preparing music for worship.

Oct 30 - Bibles, Pastor Rory reviews the importance of scripture in Christian life on this day when Bibles are given to youth in worship.

Wednesday Adult Education

Oct 19-Nov 9 7:00pm

What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. Jesus heard these stories of his ancestors who shaped history and gave his life meaning. These Grandmothers-of-the-Faith reveal the convoluted ways of God and lead us to the gospel, the good news about Jesus. **Contact the church office of your interest so we can order materials for you**

Loaves & Fishes — CTK Team

As you all know, Loaves & Fishes help those in our community right here at CTK Monday thru Friday from 5-6pm. CTK has had a long history of volunteering to help this cause. Prep is from 2:30pm-4:30pm and serving (handing out) is from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. If you would be interested in preparing and handing out a meal with this team — once every 2 months (unless we get a lot of helpers!). Please contact Jane V. in the office or email jvevea@ctkb.org — hopefully starting in October. Thank you!!

Adult Forum: Tour of the Organ and the Organist's Process

Have you ever wondered how the organ, long associated with the Church's worship and song, is unlike so many other instruments? Do you know how an organist approaches leading a hymn? How many limbs an organist makes music with?

Come to the Adult Forum on Oct. 23rd, and Bjorn will lead an adult forum that is informative and interesting to those with a little or a lot of musical understanding. We all know how the sound of CTK's pipe organ makes us FEEL, so come and learn WHY it does that! From the workings of our instrument in the loft, to what an organist does "behind the scenes," it will be a fascinating and fun presentation for all ages!



Reconciling In Christ

In 2021 the Church Council decided to begin the journey of CTK becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Since June, a Core Team has been discussing and planning how this might happen. Reconciling in Christ is resources for guiding a congregation. *From Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation:*

ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



The purpose of the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program.

We are Lutherans working with the recognition that racism, sexism, ageism, able-ism, heterosexism, homophobia, and all the other artificial distinctions that seek to raise one group into privilege and preference over another, conspire together to diminish our world and church.

Reconciliation is a fundamental value; it is what the Apostle Paul says we are all called to do. Through our Reconciling in Christ Program, ministries, resources, events and alliances, ReconcilingWorks builds community for worship, education and support; fosters welcome and acceptance in all Lutheran settings; and advocates for the ecclesial changes necessary to ensure full participation in all sacraments, inclusive liturgical resources, and ministries of the Church, inviting all people into Gospel lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

The CTK Core Team is Chris Gabel, Mike Haddox (ex officio), Susan Hanson, Eddie Holmwig-Johnson, Suzan Pederson and Pastor Chris Hagen.

Augsburg Centennial Singers Concert at CTK on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 3:00pm

Mark your calendars and watch for more details.

Families Moving Forward - Oct 24th-28th

CTK was scheduled to host FMF here Oct 23rd-29th. However, due to continued concerns related to covid-19, they will not be coming to our building - they will be sheltering at a hotel in Chaska. We will, however, still be providing some groceries for breakfast & lunch and **5 evening meals. We will need volunteers for dinner on Monday, Oct 24th thru Friday, Oct 28th.** You can buy food from a restaurant or prepared food from a grocery store OR you can prepare a meal in the CTK little kitchen. If you are willing to make a meal - or donate \$ for the groceries, **PLEASE contact Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org or call the office at 952-881-8600.** If you are able and choose to cover the cost of the meal - THANK YOU! However, your time is already a contribution and there are funds to reimburse the cost if you wish. In that case, please save receipts and pass them on to Jane Bishop in the CTK office. Instructions from FMF are below. Thank you!

- Meals should be delivered to the **Super 8 by Wyndham Hotel, 830 Yellow Brick Rd, Chaska, and be ready to serve at 5 p.m.** A Beacon staff member will be at the hotel to direct volunteers. Bring ready-to-eat meals that have been prepared in a commercial kitchen or that have been picked up from a restaurant or grocery store.
- If the meals are packaged for each individual or family (i.e. already in boxes or on plates or divided into family packages), the meals may be dropped off for the staff member to distribute and no dishware is needed as families have plates/utensils in their rooms.

Thanks again for considering this important opportunity to do God's work!

MEET A MUSICIAN - Ryan Marotz



This is the second installment of our Meet a Musician series, in which we highlight the contributions of members of our CTK music teams. This month we meet Ryan, who is a regular in Chapel Ringers and plays horn from time to time too!

How did you get started in music, Ryan?

I started with music in elementary school as many do with piano lessons. From there I moved to cornet in middle school, French horn and bells in High School. I've played French horn, brass, and bells in many church and community ensembles since college.

A little known fact is that during my high school years I was part of an eight member young adult voice ensemble at our church with choreography! My musical tastes vary greatly depending on my mood and activity from electronic EDM, to classical, to alternative and rock. Sorry, no country or western music!

What first drew you / or who invited you to start doing music at CTK?

I started with the CTK bell choir shortly after I joined sometime around 2002. I've also had the pleasure of getting back into French horn with CTK holiday brass ensembles.

What is your favorite thing about your music team(s)?

The best part of the music teams are the people. We get together for music and then have a great time talking and joking around.

How does doing music influence your faith life?

Music has brought an extra dimension to my faith understanding. Both John (Salveson) and Bjorn have done a great job explaining how the music we're playing fits into our worship and faith.

Dear friends, Warm greetings.

During July and August 2022 I was on Home Assignment visiting a number of sponsoring congregations and companion synods in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upstate New York, New Jersey and Chicago.

At the end of August I participated in the ELCA's Service and Justice "Becoming Conference" held in Chicago. The conference was hosted by the ELCA Service & Justice home area and brought together Service and Justice staff, ELCA international personnel and families, international guests and ELCA networks that intersect with the work of Service and Justice. The program included time for worship, plenary speakers, small group discussions, project visits and fellowship. The Continental Africa Desk facilitated discussions on developing strategies for Gender Justice and Theological Education.

Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in God's Mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson
ELCA Regional Representative - Southern
Africa September 22, 2022

My blog page address is:

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CTK Reads News from the Library

Henry J.M. Nouwen was one of the great spiritual writers of our time. His book, *Life of the Beloved*, was written in response to a good friend, a young Jewish man. This friend loved Nouwen's writing and asked him to write something that would speak to him and his secular friends about the spiritual life, without using theology and technical language.

This book was Nouwen's response to his friend's request. It is written with simplicity and honesty and is easy to read. It is also very meaningful to believers.

Nouwen writes, "From the moment that we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are." He then attempts to identify the movement of the Spirit in our lives. He uses four words which he says have become very important to him and which summarize his life as a Christian. The words are "taken, blessed, broken and given."

This writer goes on to expand on the meaning to him of each of these words. Each word, he says, must be claimed as true in his life in order for him (and for us) to become the Beloved. To be taken is to be chosen. To be blessed is to be spoken well of, to be affirmed as a special person, deeply loved by God. To be broken is to suffer. We must face our pain and suffering. To be given is to live for others. Nouwen writes "In the giving, it becomes clear that we are taken (chosen), blessed and broken not simply for our own sakes, but so that all we live finds its final significance in its being lived for others."

Nouwen learned that his words in this book did not speak to his friend and his secular friends. But it did speak to some of Nouwen's colleagues who encouraged him to publish it. He realized that his writing was most helpful to searching Christians rather than the secular world.

You may find this book on the shelf in our CTK library among many of Henri Nouwen's books. You will be blessed by reading his words.

For the Library team, Joan Perlich

October Gift of Love

Choice Academy of Bloomington Public Schools

Choice Academy is an Alternative High School that works with students ages 17-21 years old. Many of the students that attend Choice Academy have struggled in the general education classroom for a multitude of reasons, such as: homelessness, mental health problems, students who are pregnant or who are parents, English Language Learners, and victims of abuse. Choice Academy recognizes the uniqueness of each student and life circumstances that create a need for an alternative to the traditional school setting. Choice strives to establish a restorative environment where students develop a confident mindset, acquire career skills, and graduate with a plan for the future ... last year, they had 194 students enrolled. Your donation would make it possible for the students in our program to thrive alongside their peers and build the confidence to graduate high school with high hopes and admiration for their futures.

Children & Family News

Hello friends,

Unfortunately, I will be stepping down from my position as our youth and family ministries director. I have been offered a full time job at a worker organizing center, CTUL, as their worker solidarity organizer.

I want to thank everyone in the congregation for their warm welcomes, support, and friendship over the last year. It was my first time taking a ministry role, and I couldn't have done it without everyone here in this beloved community.

I have had a wonderful time with the youth of this congregation, growing in our faith together as we have fun in youth room reading, crafting, and laughing together. Young people are the future of our faith tradition, and it is so important to care for them and encourage their growth and autonomy. For this reason, I am incredibly grateful for the chance to get to know them... in other words "the kids are alright". It is young people who most often dream and demand the impossible of this unjust world, and I hope as a congregation we continue to encourage them to do so.

I won't be disappearing from our beloved community. I will still be attending church with you all, albeit not longer doing Children's sermons. I will also continue to work with our high schoolers on a volunteer basis. There is something very special about the love and power of this community and I'm so glad to be a part of it.

Lastly, again I want to say thank you to everyone in the congregation. I've never felt this embedded in a church community and that's because of everyone here. Our time together has taught me what ministry really means: good and right relationships with each other. And I hope we continue on this journey towards Gods promised peace, love, joy, rest, and justice together.

Blessings and Solidarity to all,
Tre Tellor

Trunk & Treat



Who: Open to anyone, families, kids, adults to hand out candy

What: A safe and fun way to Trick & Treat

Where: CTK Parking Lot

When: Wednesday, October 27th

6:00-7:00pm

How: We will have a sign-up for you to sign your car up to hand out candy. This will be posted on our Website!



It's going to be a spooktacular event! Hope to see you there!

Grab a Seat to Come & Eat

On Wednesday nights, we welcome folks to grab a Loaves & Fishes meal or bring some takeout and eat together in the social hall from 5-6pm. Water and coffee will be provided. Please join us!



Memorials and Gifts to Christ the King

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Gift from Del and Florence Smallfield

In memory of Denny Bernloehr

Gifts from Sharon Anderson, Curt and Mary Fandrey, Jan and Lynne Gasterland, Roger and Verla Olson, Mary Peterson, Marv and Shirley Roloff, Roger Stenson, Virgil and Gloria Strom, Bev Wegge, Dave and Bonnie Westermoe

In Memory of Noel Faber

Gifts from Gary and Jo Hofstad, Joanne DeGroot, Randy and Peggy Indahl, Pam Jaye, Adeline Pedersen, Marv and Shirley Roloff

In Memory of Bev Johnson

Gifts from Sharon Anderson, Mabel Bohn, Chris Gabel, Jan and Lynne Gasterland, Gary and Jo Hofstad, Jackie Irey, Bev Larson, Ed and Cindy Mikolajczyk, Ardis Moy, Marilyn Olson, Roger and Verla Olson, Matt and LuAnn Paul, Adeline Pedersen, Don and Joan Perlich, Lorraine Peter, Mary Peterson, Darlene Proehl, Ron and Carol Rydell, Eileen Sjoberg, Dave and Bonnie Westermoe, Cana Circle, Bev Johnson Family

In memory of Carol Narup (Joy Morris Cousin)

Gift from Joy Morris

In memory of Mary Thompson

Gift from Ron and Carol Rydell

In memory of Debbie Wolf (Jodi Haddox Sister)

Gifts from Chris Gabel, Roger and Verla Olson

In memory of Laurie Youmans

Gift from Rick Turnquist

CTK Foundation

Thank you for your continued support of the CTK Foundation! As we enter fall, the foundation is focusing on discussions around our investments. A special thanks to our treasurer, Tim Graham, and all the current and past board members for all of their work on this project. We continue to accept donation requests for 501(c)(3) organizations and CTK projects. The request form can be found in the CTK library (inside the foundation binder near the coffee machine), the CTK office, or online here: <https://www.ctkb.org/ministries/ctk-foundation> Requests can be submitted by any congregation member or church staff. We look forward to discussing requests at our next meeting! ~Jacob Johnson

August's Treasurer's Report

August 2022 total income was \$37,951.24 and disbursements were \$47,958.45 making us behind for the month by \$10,007.21. Year to date we have received \$397,021.58 with \$425,979.82 spent. That makes us behind for the year by \$28,958.24. We are so very grateful for your continued support of God's work. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! If you have any questions regarding the financials, please feel free to contact CTKB Treasurer, Suzan Pederson at suzan.pederson@gmail.com or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Be Safe ... Be Well!

		Aug Budget	Aug Actual	YTD Actual
<i>grateful</i>	Income	\$ 47,454.50	\$ 37,951.24	\$ 397,021.58
	Disbursements	\$ 51,403.22	\$ 47,958.45	\$ 425,979.82
	Margin (Deficit)	\$ -3,948.72	\$ -10,007.21	\$ -28,958.24



October 2022



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