

Thanksgiving

Glorious Lord, you make springs gush in valleys, rivers flow from hills.

Feral fauna feast and wild asses sup.

Birds nest by streams, singing in bower bows.

From your aerie abode you water mountains, the earth's thirst assuaged.

Fertile fields flourish, earth sprouts sprigs, cattle and mortals feed.

You give wine to gladden human hearts, oil to make faces shine, bread to picnic and party.

(Psalm 104:10-15, Pastor Chris' paraphrase)

Our God is generous, for some to a fault. God's mercy is wider than some think fair. God's goodness overcomes the worst of the world. Our nation sets aside one day a year to give thanks, but our souls sing thanks everyday.

Ralph Waldo Emerson gave us this prayer titled Thanksgiving.

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.



~ Pastor Chris



Give Thanks at Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Join us with your families for an opportunity to worship and give thanks to God before the big turkey day. This evening worship service will start at **6pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd**.

Birthday Greetings

to our homebound and semihomebound members celebrating November birthdays:

- Nanette Eklund 11/13
- Pat Halvorson 11/16
- Maxine Blanchard 11/25
- Dorothy Partridge 11/30



Advent/Christmas Season



Please consider making a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones to beautify our sanctuary for the Advent/
Christmas season.

Ordering starts on November 13th and the forms can be found on the narthex table or in the office. Forms are due by Dec. 7th.



Volunteers for November

If you would like to read, serve or prepare communion or serve coffee: Coffee servers & communion prep needed on 11/6 and 11/27 Readers & Communion servers needed 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27 Please call the office or email Jane V!

All Saints Sunday November 6th

Join us on Sunday, November 6th at our 9:30am worship or on our livestream on our website - as we remember and give thanks for the community of saints – those who have gone on before us, and the whole people of God!

Usher Schedule for November

Nov. 6 - Team I - David Tillotson, Alice and Henry, Captains

Nov. 13 & 20 - Team G - Jack Bergerson, Capt

Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Eve) & Nov. 27 - Jon

Greiner and John & Marilyn Akimoto, Co-Capts.



The office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.

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Dec. Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, Nov. 15

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

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2023 CTK Stewardship Campaign



A PIECE OF THE PIE

As we look ahead to next year and the imminent calling of our new Pastor of Community Care, we invite you to consider one of God's gifts to humankind... pie.

Pie builds community. It is a dessert that must be shared. A whole pie is much too large for one person to eat, but just right when friends and family are around. Here at CTK, we too are all about building community. We build relationships between people, God, the community, and those in need.

Our goal for 2023 is to increase our giving by \$41,000 or more in new or increased offerings throughout the coming year. The Council has identified three areas where these new offerings will be utilized. Our goals are:

- **Build Community \$16k**: Support for our Pastor of Community Care, who will prioritize building relationships among our seniors, our families, and our neighborhood.
- **Higher Costs \$15k**: Inflation has hit everyone, even the church, hard in 2022, driving up costs for utilities especially. We need your help in meeting these increased costs.
- Improve Sanctuary Sound \$10k: This is our stretch goal. Many folks have struggled for years with the sound system in our sanctuary. To fix it we will need to rebuild our sound system from the ground up. This money can hire a consultant to design a new system and recommend acoustic modifications, and be a down payment on those improvements.

In scripture, God invites us to share proportionally from our possessions, giving away 10% for the good of others and the community. Giving 10% is like sharing a single slice of pie. We invite you in the next few weeks to pray. Pray for our congregation's mission and ministry together. Pray

about your offering for the next year. Pray about your response to the Stewardship letter which will ask you to consider increasing your offering.

Be ready to complete your Statement of Intent to Christ the King and turn it in by Pledges & Pie Sunday, November 20th.

Read more about our hopes for next year, our plans for Pledges & Pie Sunday, and complete your Statement of Intent online at www.ctkb.org/generosity.



Health Cabinet to Host Celebration Pie Social

Christ the King is a healthy and life-giving community, and part of being healthy means having



healthy community. That's why our Health Cabinet is hosting a Pie Social to cap off this year's stewardship campaign. On **Nov. 20th**, we will be enjoying time together with pie in two ways.

- 1. Everyone is invited to bring a homemade or store bought pie to share during our social after worship on **Sunday, Nov. 20**th.
- 2. Our best CTK pie bakers will be making a handful of showstopper pies that you can take home for Thanksgiving. These will be raffled off during the Pie Social. Raffle tickets will cost \$5, and everyone who

turns in their Statement of Intent will receive 10 raffle tickets.

Try this Tiny Faith Practice: Take Jesus Out to Eat

Our theme for the month is financial stewardship. Over the next few weeks you'll be hearing about our stewardship drive, and be invited to consider your financial commitment to the ministry of the church over the next year. In that conversation about budgets and pledges, it can be easy to lose sight of our day-to-day relationship with money and the power that even our smallest financial decisions can have.

In her book <u>The Soul of Money</u>, Lynne Twist writes, "It doesn't take a family fortune to direct dollars into the world with the power of your commitments and integrity. In my years of partnership with ultimately thousands of contributors, I have seen this transformative power of money in any amount. Each of us, as individuals, gives money this generative power when we make even the most routine choices with intention. We can consciously put money in the hands of projects, programs, companies, and vendors we respect and trust, and even approach paying taxes as a way of expressing our commitment and investment as citizens.

We have much more power than perhaps we realize to direct our financial resources in ways that support, empower, and express what we believe in. It takes courage to direct the flow, but with each choice, we invest in the world as we envision it. We can consciously choose, for instance, whether to spend our money on products or entertainment that are violent and destructive to the psyche of our children, or invest in activities that enrich their experience of life and deepen their appreciation of it. We can choose whether to buy into the imagery of success or style, or to invest our money in ways that nourish the inner life. We can use this grand resource of money to affirm those companies whose products and people support the well—being of our children and our communities, or we can get caught up in spending to get more simply because we can, and find ourselves accumulating things that eventually only burden us with excess, clutter our homes, and end up in a landfill. I know because I've done it myself!"

As a tiny faith practice this month, I invite you to consider the everyday ways you spend your money by "Taking Jesus Out to Eat". Here's how:

- -Anytime you eat out at a restaurant, text yourself the amount you spent for one meal.
- -At the end of each week or the end of the month, review how much you spent eating out and consider making an extra financial gift to Christ the King for the amount you would have spent "taking Jesus out to eat".
- -Alternatively you could "take Jesus shopping" and do the same thing with purchases of new clothes or household items.

The small everyday ways we spend our money have great power, and so do our small everyday choices. Use that power for good!

Call Committee Update - We're getting closer!

Over the last two weeks the Call Committee and Pastor Rory met with six qualified candidates for associate pastor. In addition, we listened to sermons from each of the candidates. All of the candidates have gifts that would serve Christ the King's congregation well. After much discussion, we selected three candidates to call back for a second interview.

We will schedule these interviews within the next couple of weeks. During these second interviews, the CTK staff will have an opportunity to meet and interview the candidates.

Please continue to pray for us as we enter into the important phase of the process. If you have any questions, comments or input please reach out to anyone on the call committee or Pastor Rory. Margaret Berg, Lynne Gasterland, Mike Haddox, Jacob Johnson, Fred Meyer, Becky Neudecker and Joan Perlich.

Adult Forum in November

Sunday Adult Forum in the Social Hall follows worship. Topics for the coming season are:

Nov 6 Bloomington School Board Referendum Matt Dymoke will speak to "renewal of an expiring capital projects levy approved in 2013 to continue to fund School Safety & Security that will better prepare for, protect against and respond to school emergencies and threats, and to support and maintain Education Technology for students and staff." This will be on Bloomington's November 8th ballot.

Nov 13 Bloomington Veterans Memorial The memorial, designed by the accomplished firm, LEO A DALY, will honor and pay tribute to people who served in all branches of military service. It will be a place for remembrance, reflection and education as well as a site for larger events honoring people who served in the military.

Nov 20 Celebration Sunday - Pie Social - celebrating the generous time and gifts members give to the success of this church...and Pie!! Watch for details!

Nov 27 CTK Foundation Christ the King Lutheran Church Foundation supports Christ the King Lutheran Church of Bloomington in its religious, educational and charitable endeavors through grants from the earnings of its endowment.

Children's Ministry Director Hired!



Join in welcoming Kristina Elder to the CTK Staff as our Children's Ministry Director! Kristina has nearly 30 years of experience working with children and families in various settings. She's comfortable working with a variety of ages and personalities. For over 14 years she's operated her own business as an in-home daycare provider. You may know her from her involvement with our children's ministry programs as a volunteer. She'll continue with her daycare business as she takes on this 10hrs/week position. Be sure to look for her participating in a new way on Wednesdays and Sundays, and join us as we install her on Sunday, November 6th!

CTK Reads News from the Library

Our CTK Library has a new book...*Not My First Rodeo: Lessons From the Heartland,* by Kristi Noem. I found it an engaging memoir, and a lively discussion on her life that is being lived with extraordinary grace under extraordinary circumstances. It is refreshingly woven with lessons of "true grit", humor, inspiration, faith, determination, tragedy, and blessings as she makes her way from growing up on a farm in South Dakota to Washington, DC's halls of Congress, and then back to South Dakota as Governor.

The following are statements made regarding this book: "Noem has faced adversity at times, leaving her wondering if she was up to the challenge. Nevertheless, she persisted, successfully taking over, and operating her family farm and businesses after her father died before circumstances thrust her into politics.

With uncommon candor and refreshing humility, she recounts how the tragic loss of her father led to her fateful decision to run for her first political office. It's clear being a wife, mother, and grandmother is as much a priority as any office she holds, and she strikes a healthy balance which is no small feat."

As a farmer's daughter myself, I recognize Kristi's positive attitude came from her family's influence, faith, and a strong work ethic developed since childhood. From hilarious barnyard battles with cantankerous cattle and horses, to the tragic and unexpected death of her father, to her decision to return and run the farm with her family, Kristi's words invited me into a life defined by work, faith, and helping others.

For the CTK Library Team, Kay Marotz

November Gift of Love — Bridging, Inc.

The mission of Bridging, Inc. is to bridge community resources with existing needs by providing the econom-ically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and household items free of charge. Bridging serves people in need based on qualified referrals from Social Service agencies and churches in the seven county Twin Cities area. Learn more about this organization "serving over 4,500 Minnesota families each year" online at: www.bridging.org. Also, check out items they are need of on the bulletin board by the restrooms. See if you have any items they need, that you could donate!

Meet a Musician: Lynda Tysdal



In this ongoing series, we meet Lynda Tysdal, a faithful singer in the Trinity choir and spouse of Darin Tysdal, our assistant music director.

Lynda, can you sketch us a picture of your musical background?

I've loved to sing as far back as I can remember, singing along with the radio or class-room singing in elementary school. The first time I remember singing in an "official" choir was after we joined Christ the King after my family moved to Bloomington when I was almost 8 years old. I think I must have seen the children's choir sing at a worship service and thought "I want to do that too!" I don't know if I've sung in CTK choirs every

year since then, but I know I've sung in the Trinity Choir for all of my adult life. I remember being impressed by the Trinity Choir as a kid and thinking what difficult music they got to sing and the fancy choir robes, which are not so impressive when you wear them during a hot Sunday morning. I also sang with the choir in junior high and high school. For several years I sang with a group of women called the Blue Moon Singers, you might remember that we sang for a few services at CTK and we also did shows for nursing homes and services at St Nicholas Church in Richfield where most of the group were members.

What sort of music do you enjoy?

I enjoy most kinds of music and I'll listen to (and sing along with) just about anything played on any radio station but being that Darin practices piano a lot at home, that is definitely the music I listen to the most often and enjoy the most! A particular favorite is when someone comes over to practice with him, rehearsing for a concert or a teenager who is going to state contest to play a solo with piano accompaniment. Invariably the musician will tell me as they're leaving that they're sorry for disturbing my peace and quiet, but I thank them for the privilege of enjoying a free concert from the comfort of my own living room!

What is your favorite thing about your music team? How does doing music influence your faith life? My favorite thing about singing with the Trinity Choir is the community! I feel like we genuinely care about each other and count one another as friends and are social with each other. The different music directors and organists that the Trinity Choir have had over the years have definitely been a great addition to CTK. Each has had a strong sense of faith and care for the choirs and individual musicians and have generously shared not only their musical gifts but their strong faith with us all.

That leads into how music influences my faith life – definitely my faith owes a lot to the education I've received over the years from music leaders (Ralph and Andrew and John and now Bjorn, and many more) who haven't "just" taught us to sing but remind us of the deeper meaning behind the words we sing and inspiring the feeling that we put into the words. Our music leaders lead us in prayer and inspire me by their deeper devotion to their work and OUR work. Music helps my prayer life in a deep way, especially during the times where I don't know what to say, as described in Romans 8:26: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."

LGBTQ+ what do all those letters mean!

In August 2021, the CTK church council decided to explore this church becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. 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. More information can be found at ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation website.

We see the letters all over. Gay, Queer, Trans, Bi, the terms can be confusing. Then there is sex, gender identity, gender expression, and all the pronouns. What does it all mean?

First, it is important to remember that every person is "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps 139:14 NRSV). It is the church's calling to make sure each person has an inclusive, safe, and affirming faith community to celebrate the person they are. (ReconcilingWorks). We are talking about people who are precious, have feelings, are part of us, have dreams and desires, who are God's delight. We are to honor and respect every person's humanity.

With that, people understand themselves in a variety of ways. The following is a short definition of the acronym and does not attempt to explain what they mean or how people self-identity. Definitions are from <u>LGBTQIA Resource Center</u>.

Lesbian: a woman whose primary sexual and affectional orientation is toward people of the same gender

Gay: sexual and affectional orientation toward people of the same gender

Bisexual: person whose primary sexual and affectional orientation is toward people of the same and other genders

Transgender: one's internal knowledge of gender is different from conventional or cultural expectations based on the sex that person was assigned at birth

Queer: an umbrella term for people who are not heterosexual or cisgender

+: other identities such as *Intersex* (a wide range of natural body variations that do not fit neatly into conventional definitions of male or female) and *Asexual* (sexual orientations generally characterized by feeling varying degrees of sexual attraction or desires).

Some other terms to clarify:

Cisgender: a gender identity that society deems to match the person's assigned sex at birth. A term used to highlight the privilege of people who are not transgender.

Sex: a medically constructed categorization. Sex is often assigned based on the appearance of the genitalia, either in ultrasound or at birth.

Gender: A *social construct* used to classify a person as a man, woman, or some other identity. Fundamentally different from the sex one is assigned at birth.

An excellent place to begin understanding is interviews at ReconcilingWorks website, <u>Clunky</u> <u>Questions</u>. There people of faith speak for themselves.

Pastor Chris Hagen



Dear friends, Warm greetings.

The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Infohut program aims at creating a generation free of HIV & AIDS through an innovative approach to learning and living that is faith-based and uses modern technology (computers), critical thinking and responsible action promoting justice and sustainable livelihoods.

In Zimbabwe there are currently thirteen Infohut sites including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ) Infohut Project at Burure Primary and Secondary Schools in north-central Zimbabwe.

To make entrepreneurial training practical the Burure Infohut project purchased 26 goats as part of their livelihoods education program. The students who received goats are getting guidance from the local parish pastor and school teachers who mentor the students and check on their progress. The goat project is proving to the youth and the community that goats can be a viable source of income to assist in meeting basic family needs. The young participants are still committed to their schoolwork and excited to share what they are learning with their peers. The school administrators are in the process of identifying the next group of students who will receive goats, offspring of the original 26.



The LUCSA Infohut program is fully supported by the ELCA and is operating across the region in a variety of sites hosted by member churches in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia and continues to grow, attracting both young and older participants. Since its inception in 2007, over 45,000 youth and adults have participated in the Infohut program.

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, October 21, 2022

 $My\ blog\ page\ address\ is: https://southernafrican connections.wordpress.com/$

Please visit my fundraising page. (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals' gifts only.)

If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving for online giving.



Walk to End Hunger

It is No Hunger November time! The Health cabinet encourages you to join **Team** Christ the King Bloomington for The Walk to End Hunger on Thanksgiving morning, November 24th. The doors open at 7:00 a.m. The event runs from 8:00 am-10:00a.m. at the Mall of America. We will be raising money for our partner Loaves and Fishes. You can walk as little or as much as you are able. If you would

like to walk with our team, we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the 1st floor down escalator to Sea Life. If you aren't able to walk, feel free to donate to one of our CTK team participants. Here is the link to join or to donate. https://event.walktoendhunger.org/event/walktoendhunger2022/team/908750/ Questions contact Lynn Lenort, llenort@ctkb.org

Christ the King Foundation

The CTK Foundation is always looking for Grant requests for consideration. You can get the forms online or in the church office. Our next meeting is Nov 6th.

Memorials to Christ the King Foundation

In memory of Beverly Johnson: Florence & Del Smallfield, Bev Larson

In memory of Jill Clasen-Hollenback: Don & Joan Perlich

In memory of Dennis Bernloehr: Eileen Sjoberg

In memory of Noel Faber: Don & Joan Perlich, Jim & Chris Scanlon

Memorials & Gifts to Christ the King

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Gift from Devon and Mary Schmidt

In memory of Denny Bernloehr

Gifts from Devon and Mary Schmidt

In Memory of John Salveson

Gifts from Peggy and Randy Indahl, Roger & Verla Olson

In Memory of Merrit Schuelein

Gifts from Kathy Ehlen, Chris Gabel, Fred and Pat Meyer, Dan and Barb Rhodes



Remember Christ the King on November 17th Give to the Max Day MN! Watch for more details!

Christmas Name Tags For Ebenezer

This year is a bittersweet kind of special. Ebenezer Care Center has been in Minneapolis for over 100 years serving seniors and our community. Sometime, likely in the first half of 2023, ECC as we know it, will close its doors and move operations over to a location in St. Paul. With so much anticipated changes to come, we are hoping to make this holiday season a little extra special. Christmas name tags for Ebenezer Residents will be available in the entryway by the office after **Nov.** 7th. They will be picked up on **Dec.** 12th. Please help support this annual project one last time. Thank you!

September's Treasurer's Report

September 2022 total income was \$41,693.16 and disbursements were \$51,179.81 making us behind for the month by \$9,486.65. Year to date we have received \$438,714.74 with \$477,159.63 spent. That makes us behind for the year by \$38,444.89. 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!



	Sept Budget	Sept Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 48,879.50	\$ 41,693.16	\$ 438,714.74
Disbursements	\$ 51,892.72	\$ 51,179.81	\$ 477,159.63
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November 2022



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