



CHRIST THE KING

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Herald

July 2025

Can you believe it's July already? The newness of springtime has faded and the fullness of midsummer greens and golds are everywhere you look. And then there's the heat...

Liturgically, this time of year plants us firmly in the season *after* Pentecost, often known as Ordinary Time. And as I was sitting down to write this article, I got to wondering about what happens *after* Pentecost. In Acts 2, we read that the early followers of Christ—those who came after the first apostles—were inspired by that Holy Spirit-fueled preaching and teaching to follow Jesus and live a different kind of life: ⁴³ *Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.* ⁴⁴ *All who believed were together and had all things in common;* ⁴⁵ *they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

Revisiting these words this week, I couldn't help but see the correlation between the lives of the early church in those first days after Pentecost and to this month at Christ the King.

On June 30th we announced **Welcome Home**, our mid-year capital campaign in which we will devote half of what we raise towards Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota and their programs dedicated to serving youth experiencing homelessness and the other half to support the operating budget at CTK. Just as those early followers saw fit to hold "*all things in common*" and to share "*as any had need*", we seek to rally together in support of our ministry here on the corner of 86th & Fremont and in service to those young people around the state who are in need of a safe and stable place to call home. (see more about the **Welcome Home** campaign on p. 3)

As we move through the rest of these long and beautiful days of summer, look for more opportunities to learn about the work of LSS-MN and other ways—in addition to our financial contributions—that we can help to support their important work. And, as always, there will be more opportunities for us to come together as a community—both in worship and outside of Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights (see more on p. 6). As the writer of the Acts of the Apostles tells us, those in the early church: ^{46b} *spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.*

Let us move boldly through this summer "with glad and generous hearts" as we seek to continue our ministry in Bloomington and beyond!

-Pastor Per

Birthday Greetings

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

- Carol Juneau 7/17
- Sharon Haugesag 7/22
- Marion Anderson 7/30



The office & building will be closed on Friday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.

Volunteers for July

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion:

Assisting Minister 7/13, 7/20, 7/27

Greeter 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 Prayers 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27

Reader 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27

2 Communion servers 7/6 (1), 7/13, 7/20, 7/27

Communion prep on 7/6, 7/13 & 7/27

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.



Usher Schedule for June

July 6 - Team I—David Tillotson and Henry, Captains

July 13 & 20 - Team G Jack Bergerson and Mark Murray, Co-Captains

July 27 - Team AD - Jon Greiner and John & Marilyn Akimoto, Co-Captains

Summer 2025 Grief Series

July 3 - August 21

Transfiguration Lutheran Church

11000 France Ave. S.

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Thursdays 4:30-6 p.m.

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August Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, July 16

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

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Thursday, July 3rd—Acme Car Show
CTK Parking Lot
9am-2pm



If you would like to help sell food & beverages—call the office!

"Welcome Home": CTK Mid-year Stewardship Campaign

This year our goal is to raise \$10,000 with \$5,000 going to our operating budget and the \$5,000 to be donated to the ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota that serve youth experiencing homelessness. Please follow this link for more information about what LSS-MN is doing to help unhoused youth in the state: <https://www.lssmn.org/services/youth-homelessness>

Add your gift now to help support safe and sustainable housing Twin Cities teens and to keep the home fires burning here at CTK!

For questions about the variety of ways you can contribute, please call the church office, 952-881-8600.

Summer Walk and Talk Schedule

We are enjoying the Bloomington/Richfield/Edina outdoor walking areas on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30am. If people would also like to meet after church on Wednesday evenings, let Lynn Lenort know and she will add on additional walks. **If anyone needs to car pool contact Lynn**. Email: lennort@ctkb.org or Cell: 612-770-5986.

July 16 Moir Park - Meet at Picnic Pavilion

August 20 Normandale Lake - Meet at the 84th Street Parking lot

September 17 Hyland Park Oak Trail Hiking Trail - Meet at Richardson Nature Center Parking



S.H.I.N.E

CTK Women's group

We come together at noon on the first Sunday of each month to **Support, Honor, Inspire, Nurture, and Encourage** one another!

**Get together at Sarah Marotz home
July 6th at NOON**

Please join us for pulled pork Sandwiches, wine, games and fun

Please sign up



Kristina- kelder@ctkb.org

**CTK Group photo from the 2025 Bloomington
Pride Festival**

Children, Youth and Family

June-

We ended the month with lots of excitement.

CHILDREN

We had VBS from June 23rd-27th. 12 kids learned about GOD through music, bible stories, crafts, science and playing games. The VBS celebration was June 29th where the kids showed off their week through photos, and they shared their VBS songs during worship service. They did a fantastic job! **THANK YOU** to all who participated in VBS this year. Your contribution and support was greatly appreciated!!



YOUTH

Also on the 29th the youth group went to DUCK! Where they had fun winning prizes with all the Claw Machines. We also went to Caponi Art Park and saw some wonderful sculptures, found the labyrinth, and a few of us wrote "what helped us get through rough times" on the "Reflections" sculpture.



BIG kitchen clean up and organizing parties Saturday July 19th and August 23rd at 1:00pm
Please let us know if you are able to help. We will provide beverages and some kind of snack.

THANK YOU

Kristina, Rachel and Michelle

Please reach out with any questions

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Children, Youth and Families Ministry Director



PREVIOUS GRANT RECIPIENTS:



CTK FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We work hard to share funds for charitable, educational and religious purposes that serve to expand the mission of CTK Lutheran Church.

Do you know an organization that could benefit from our support? Please apply today!

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[https://www.ctkb.org/
programs/ctk-foundation](https://www.ctkb.org/programs/ctk-foundation)

July Gift of Love

What can brighten a shut-in's day or bring tears to an ill patient? What can delight new parents with a hand knit baby blanket at their child's Baptism? The Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry has been at work for many years to provide shawls and blankets for CTK members. Yarn is provided by various means, such as the Gift of Love, and enables members of CTK to knit these gifts. Graduating seniors are presented with a prayer shawl as a token of love and caring from CTK as they begin the next chapter in their lives. Many thanks to the dedicated knitters and Gift of Love Ministry for the continued support of this ministry in the congregation. If you are a knitter and would like to knit a shawl please stop by the office and pick-up some yarn!

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 23rd and are offering a special screening package for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling 1-888-814-0466, texting the word circle to 216-279-1607 or visit Life Line Screening's website at <https://www.ilsa.social/hsca>.

May 2025 Treasurer's Report

For the month of May 2025, the income was \$34,720.74 and the disbursements were \$58,812.63, making us behind for the month by \$24,091.89 Year to date, we have received \$239,549.69 and spent \$281,609.87 making us behind for the year by \$42,060.18. We are grateful for your financial contributions and for all the ways you tend to our life together. If you have any questions regarding the financials, please feel free to contact CTKB Treasurer, Jan Gasterland at janpieter@netzero.net or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!


thankful

	May Budget	May Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 41,653.14	\$34,720.74	\$ 239,549.69
Disbursements	\$ 54,523.86	\$58,812.63	\$281,609.87
Margin (Deficit)	\$ - 12,870.72	\$ - 24,091.89	\$ - 42,060.18



July 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00a Staff Mtg-Office 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga	2 9:00a Bible Study-LG 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship	3 9am-2pm Acme Car Show-CTK Parking Lot 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	4 Office & Building Closed 	5
6 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG Noon SHINE women's group	7 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	8 10:00a Staff Mtg-Office 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 7:30p Emotions Anonymous-110	9 9:00a Bible Study-LG 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship 7:00p Health Cabinet	10 9:00a Country Jam-Social Hall 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	11 Office Closed 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	12
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