



CHRIST
THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Herald

September 2025

I'm not exactly sure why, but for me the beginning of September always brings a full dose of excitement. Perhaps it is the cooler breezes blowing through the trees, announcing the arrival of Autumn. Or maybe it's the start of the school year, when all the pencils are freshly sharpened and old friends are a sight for sore eyes after a long Summer vacation. Whatever the reason may be, September is full of promise.

An enduring expression of God's promise to God's people, the Book of Isaiah continues to be a source of great hope across faith traditions. For a very long time, scholars have discussed and debated who the author—or *authors*—of Isaiah might be and precisely when the whole of it—or *parts* of it—were written. Now, I'm no expert, but based on my reading, no matter the year, I'm willing to bet that the Book of Isaiah was written in September. Well, this part of it anyway:

*¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

God is doing new things here at Christ the King! As usual, September marks the beginning of our program year. Staff and volunteers have been busy preparing new and exciting ways for folks of every age to learn about and live out their faith, both here at church and out in the world!

Look no further than these pages to find upcoming events and new opportunities for you to participate in the ministries of CTKB—on Sundays and all week!

And join us in worship to hear some "Mission Moments"! There will be many opportunities this Fall to learn about how God is at work in and through the folks at CTK!

The winds of change blow through more than just the trees.

And learning new things isn't just for the schoolkids.

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Birthday Greetings

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

- Jim Knutson 9/4
- Erik Carlson 9/12



Kick-Off Sunday—September 7th

Please join us for worship, followed by coffee, donut holes and fellowship! Kids & Youth bring your backpacks to worship to be blessed!

Volunteers for September

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

Greeter 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

Assistant Minister 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

Reader 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

Communion prep 9/14, 9/28

Communion servers 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

Coffee server 9/28

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

Loaves & Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 9/10 and 9/24

Once again we will be volunteering for Loaves and Fishes. Starting on Wednesday, 9/10 CTK will be preparing and serving every other week. We will prep their meals and hand them out, as well as, have them available inside at CTK. **If you want to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you! Prep @ 2:30p Hand out 4:30p**

**Wednesday—Sept. 10—Kickoff
Spaghetti Dinner 5-6pm-Social Hall
Worship 6pm
6pm WOW & CROWD Open House
and Ice Cream Treats**

Hello,
September!

Usher Schedule for September

Sept. 7 & 14 - Team I - David Tillotson & Henry, Capt
Sept. 21 & 28 - Team G - Jack Bergerson & Mark Murray, Co-Captains

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Oct. Newsletter Deadline Monday, Sept. 15

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

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God is doing a new thing here at Christ the King this September. It is an exciting time to be at church—to *be* the church.

Come see what all the excitement is about!

-Pastor Per

Adult Forum

Sept. 7 — Kick-off Sunday—Fellowship

Sept. 14 - Potluck Thank you party

Sept. 21 - Fellowship Time

Sept. 28 - Adult Forum - TBA



Photo from
National Night Out

THANK YOU

POT LUCK PARTY

All are INVITED

SEPTEMBER 14th in the
SOCIAL HALL

Please sign up to bring an
item to share

HOSTED BY: KRISTINA

Words are just not enough.

I would like to take a moment if not a few to thank you all for your continued prayers and support. So please join us for food, games and fun! Thank you, Kristina

Gift of Love for September - Kennedy Community Alliance

We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are economically vulnerable. Some statistics...

- At Kennedy High School 65% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch.
- We have an average of 35 students receiving a food bag on Fridays through our partnership with VEAP.
- Students received scholarships to participate in clubs, sports and activities including field trips.
- An average of 85 students visit the Pantry a month. 100% of your donation will go directly into the hand in need at Kennedy High School.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Kassie Ariza kariza@isd271.org

Volunteering this Fall at CTK!

If you would like to volunteer during worship this fall: read, prayers, be assisting minister, prepare communion, serve communion, greet, join an ushering team, or prep/serve coffee, please contact Jane VeVea in the office, 952-881-8600 or by email, jvevea@ctkb.org. If you have thought about it but are not sure how, lessons are free!! We want you to be an active part of the community of Christ the King!

Hide it under a bushel? NO!!

Let your love of music shine at Christ the King! Wherever you are in your musical journey, whether a complete beginner or advanced player, come join our merry group of singers and players. There are so many ways to be involved: Trinity Choir, Children's Choir, Acclaim Worship Band, Chapel Ringers, special music, solos, duets, small groups - the list is endless! Our weekly rehearsals are a time of learning, fellowship and of course, fun. Please feel free to show up at a rehearsal or email Kristi with any questions—kmackay@ctkb.org. You are welcome here!!

Trinity Choir: (open to teens and adults) meets Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm.

First rehearsal is: **September 10, 2025**

Chapel Ringers: (bell choir open to teens and adults) meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm.

First Rehearsal is: **September 9, 2025.**

Children's Choir: part of WOW (open to all children) meets Wednesday evenings from 5:40-6pm

Acclaim Worship Band: (open to instrumentalists and vocalists) meets once per month on Sunday morning before service.

Bloomington– Richfield Grief Coalition Fall Series

Sept. 18–Nov. 6

4:30-6:00pm

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
9900 Lyndale Ave. S. Door 9
Bloomington, MN 55420

More information about each week can be found on their website <https://brgriefcoalition.com/> or in the CTK Library



Photos from the Garden Party

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: llenort@ctkb.org or Cell: 612-770-5986.

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

Save the Date—Sunday, Sept. 28 Augsburg Centennial Singers Concert at CTK—3pm



September

Children, Youth and Family

Looking back at AUGUST

We had a couple of events here at CTK for the whole family. As well as the Women's SHINE group gathered at Lynne Gasterland's home. Not only was Lynne a gracious hostess, she taught us the card game "Ten". We enjoyed lunch and laughed a lot. Thank you to the Gasterland's for having us over.



Looking forward to SEPTEMBER

School is starting and so is the CTK programming. Please read below and be sure to attend meetings and the CYF Open house to gain more information about our Children, Youth and Family programs here at CTK.

CTK Youth and children programs 2025-2026

Youth groups: *Confirmation*- 6th-8th grade. *CROWD* all students who have been confirmed and high schoolers *8th-12th grade*. Both of these groups will have opportunities to learn and have fun here at CTK as well as off-site adventures. Please attend the Youth programming meeting on *September 3rd* for more information.

Children's programs- 4yrs- 5th grade

Wednesday Nights-Children's Choir - 5:40pm in the Choir room - Downstairs.

WOW- 6:00pm in the WOW room (#36)- Downstairs

Sundays- BLAST This program starts during Worship service after the Children's message.

Please attend the CYF Open house on Wednesday September 10th at 6:00pm in the WOW room (downstairs) to gain more information.

NURSERY- (0 yrs-4yrs)

Though at this time we do not have nursery staff. The nursery will be open and ready for any little ones and their adults if needed, on Sunday mornings during Worship Service.

September 3rd at 6:45pm

YOUTH Program meeting:

Youth parents/guardians, youth and all adult volunteers please attend this meeting for important information.



September 7th- during worship service **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

All students, teachers and school/ educational staff - Please bring your backpacks or bag so that you can participate in the *Blessing of the backpacks/bags* during Worship.

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!
September 7th at Noon
We will be going to the **EDINA Fall into ARTS Festival** at Centennial Lakes. **ART, Food Trucks and more!**
Please sign up



Photo from August SHINE event
Kristina- kelder@ctkb.org

SHINE GROUP—Sept. 7th

Sign up sheet on the counter in the commons.
We will meet in the Social Hall at 11:45pm to figure out carpooling. Kristina -kelder@ctkb.org

September 10th CYF Open House 6 pm-7:30 pm

Children, Youth and Families—Please come and gain more information on the programs we will have this year. Meet downstairs in the WOW room. There will also be treats!

September 14th - Thank you potluck after service in the Social Hall - All are invited - Hosted by Kristina (more info on page 3)

September 17th - Wednesday night - Children and youth Programming starts

September 21st - First BLAST

If you have any questions about programming at CTK or Children, youth and families events/activities please contact Kristina Elder-
kelder@ctkb.org Children, Youth and Families Ministry Director

Save the Date — CTK Craft Fair Saturday, November 22 9am-3pm

Fliers can be found in the commons for registration. Watch for more details.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of July 2025, the income was \$46,698.75 and the disbursements were \$45,766.42, making us ahead for the month by \$932.33 Year to date, we have received \$335,337.74 and spent \$364,571.50 making us behind for the year by \$29,233.76. 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!



	July Budget	July Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 44,153.14	\$46,698.75	\$335,337.74
Disbursements	\$ 44,715.53	\$45,766.42	\$364,571.50
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -562.39	\$ 932.33	\$ - 29,233.76

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office & Building Closed	2 1:00p Staff Meeting- Office 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	3 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship 6:45p Youth Meeting- Lounge	4 9:00a Country Jam- mers-Social Hall 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	5 9:30a Bartimaeus- LG 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	6
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