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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Herald

October 2025

Back in July of 2024, along with two youth from CTK—and a few folks from other area churches—I had the privilege of attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. In addition to exploring the sights of the city and participating in large and inspiring worship services in the Smoothie King Center, home of the Pelicans basketball team, we also had several chances to wander around the convention center.

In this enormous hall filled with informational booths, pop-up shops selling t-shirts, commemorative water bottles, Bibles, etc., lots and lots of fun activities, and—you know—a *ton* of teenagers, I happened upon a dream come true: off in one of the corners, I found a group selling faith-based Lego sets. Now, I don't know if you know this about your pastor, but I am what is known as a die hard A.F.O.L. (Adult Fan of Lego). While I typically shy away from labels, this is one that I must admit fits me quite well. Fascinated with those little brightly colored plastic bricks since childhood, my love for them continues to this day. Naturally, the most popular item at this booth during the ELCA National Youth Gathering was a custom designed building kit of "Luther's Rose", the seal of Martin Luther.



When we think of a seal, we think of something permanent, something lasting, something signifying the resolution of the person who stamped that seal to their letter or deed in the first place. And yet, this version of the seal of Martin Luther—the man who 508 years ago this month began the movement that led to the existence of this and many more denominations and congregations—is made of tiny loose bricks, that attach to one another just as easily as they can come apart. This "Luther's Rose" can be disassembled and reassembled or its pieces can be used in an entirely new way. This is not only the genius of the toy used in the making of this seal. It is also the genius of that which the seal represents.

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## Loaves & Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 10/8 and 10/22

Each month CTK will be preparing and serving on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. 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

## Volunteers for October

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

**Greeter** 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

**Assistant Minister** 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

**Reader** 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

**Communion prep** 10/5 & 10/12

**Communion servers** 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26

**Coffee server** 10/5 & 10/12

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at [jvevea@ctkb.org](mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org).



Where Rivers Part: A Story of  
My Mother's Life  
Kao Kalia Yang



## Book Club Announcement

Our next book club meeting is on **October 19th!** We'll be meeting in Room 11 to discuss *Where Rivers Part* by Kao Kalia Yang. Please read through page 160 for this meeting. We'll finish the second half of the book in November. Questions? Ask Lynne Gasterland or Jean Butala. All are welcome! Come and join the discussion.

## Usher Schedule for October

Oct. 5 & 12 - Team AD - Jon Greiner, John & Marilyn Akimoto, Co—Captains

Oct. 19 & 26 - Team K— Roger Olson, Captain



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## Nov. Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, October 15

Please email newsletter articles to [jvevea@ctkb.org](mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org) or leave a hard copy in the church office.

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As we honor the memory of that fateful moment on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses, it is important—necessary, even—that we remember that that moment sparked a movement of which we are still part. *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda. A church reformed is always reforming.*

Yes. The Reformation began on that last day of October so long ago. But it didn't end there. It was not final. The Reformation continues in each of us, provoking us to wonder how we might change the church and how that changed church might change the world.

We know what the Reformation has done for us here at Christ the King. But are we ready to ask what it is doing now? As we move through this month, let us engage in these important and impactful questions. Let us bravely explore the ways God might be leading this *church reformed* to be *always reforming*. Let us wonder—using the pieces we have, the parts we've loved since childhood—what new thing might we create together?

I don't know about you, but I'm excited to find out.

~ Pastor Per Halaas



## Flu Shot Clinic—Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

Christ the King's Community Health Initiative in collaboration with Bloomington Public Health is hosting their annual Flu Clinic. **It will be held on Wednesday, October 8 from 4:30-6:30 pm**

Flu shots are by appointment only and will require pre-registration online via the link listed below for each clinic, or individuals may call 952-563-8900 for help registering or any questions they may have regarding the flu clinic. Limited same-day registration will also be available on site.

[www.blm.mn/clinics](http://www.blm.mn/clinics)

### Flu Shot Clinic

Need an appointment?  
Scan me!



\*Clinics are listed alphabetically

Flu Vaccine  
Information Statement:



Data privacy:



## Cornerstone - Gift of Love for October

Cornerstone's continuum of service helps to create communities where individuals and families are safe and children thrive. They advocate, educate and lead the way to social change. Cornerstone's ultimate goal is to reduce the prevalence of interpersonal violence. Healthy futures are possible when we coordinate an effective crisis response, implement trauma-informed support services, mitigate the impact of violence on children and youth, and confront the roots of violence. For more information go to [www.cornerstonemn.org](http://www.cornerstonemn.org).

## Family Play Space at Christ the King 2025-2026

**The 1st Saturdays of the month: Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7, March 7**

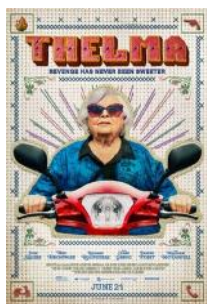
**9am-3pm in the Social Hall**

**Watch for more details or go to our website!**



## Fall in love with the movies!

Come enjoy a matinee with Pastor Per! We'll meet in the lounge at noon every Thursday in October to watch a movie together and then talk about it! Bring something for lunch and we'll provide the popcorn and lemonade!



### ***Thelma* (2024, PG-13)**

Directed by Josh Margolin

When a 93-year-old grandmother gets swindled by a phone scam, she sets out, with a little help from her friends, to get her money—and her dignity—back. With a stellar performance from June Squibb, this critically adored comedy-thriller is not to be missed!



### ***Babette's Feast* (1987, G)**

Directed by Gabriel Axel

This Oscar-winning classic tells the story of a French refugee who is brought to a small Danish town to serve as family cook to the late pastor's daughters. Through her presence—and cooking—Babette awakens the hearts and minds of this strict religious community.



### ***The Mitchells Vs. The Machines* (2021, PG)**

Directed by Mike Rianda & Jeff Rowe

A quirky, dysfunctional family's road trip is upended when they find themselves in the middle of the robot apocalypse and suddenly become humanity's unlikely last hope. Rich in satire, heart, and hope—this animated adventure is a surprising treat for all ages!



### ***Best of Enemies* (2015, R)**

Directed by Robert Gordon & Morgan Neville

Documenting the legendary series of nationally televised debates between Gore Vidal and William F. Buckley, Jr. during the notoriously tumultuous election cycle of 1968, this film challenges us to ponder the lasting effects of TV on political discourse in the U.S.



### ***Little Shop of Horrors* (1986, PG-13)**

Directed by Frank Oz

A nebbish amateur florist strikes gold when he finds a mysterious new plant. Only thing is, it needs more than just the spot-light—it's out for *blood*! Celebrate Halloween with this cult musical hit starring Rick Moranis and featuring Steve Martin.

## Bryant Park Community Fall Garden Clean-up

Fall clean up is coming. Gardeners need to be out by October 25 ... work days October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so pencil this in on your calendar. We will be having a CTK clean-up event after Open Forum on 10/26—with a light lunch for the helpers before the clean-up. We will be working on clearing out the boxes and working on the pathways. Save some leaves for covering the boxes for winter. The water to the garden may be turned off at anytime after October 13th, so plan accordingly. More details to come!

## Health Cabinet – Virtual Class Opportunities in October

### Wednesday, Oct. 8 – 1 to 3pm in the Lounge

*Psychological First Aid* – teaching how to reduce distress and negative health behaviors by providing practical help and promote resilience,

### Wednesday, Oct. 15 – Noon to 1pm in the Lounge

*A Creative Look at Self-Care* – review and expand wellness care tools for mind, body, and spirit; design a personal plan for resiliency & self-care; leave feeling grounded and refreshed.

### Wednesday, Oct. 22 – Noon to 1pm in the lounge

*Health Across the Lifespan* – Cough, Congestion, Croup and Colds: An Overview of Common Childhood Diseases and Immunizations

Register at <https://mhfv.care/RCE>. Any questions, please contact Lynn Lenort, llenort@ctkb.org.

## Open Forum – October 26 – Reformation Sunday

### "The Bible, Martin Luther, and Today's Church"

The best part about being Lutheran is that we officially preach, teach, and confess the Christian Faith from a particular perspective. It's a perspective inherited from Martin Luther and continues to offer a distinctive and vitally important way to interpret Scripture, proclaim the gospel, and serve our neighbors. In fact, the church and world needs this point of view now more than ever. So, on Reformation Sunday, let's take a look at what it means to be "Lutheran" today.



Bio about our guest speaker: (from the Luther College Writers Festival):  
Rev. Dr. William R. Russell, a specialist in the life and work of Martin Luther, works at the intersection of the academy and the church, where he interprets the Reformer's chief insights for modern audiences. With a PhD from the University of Iowa and an MDiv from Luther Seminary, Russell has served in a variety of academic and pastoral ministry settings and authored/translated 10 books and dozens of articles and reviews. A sought-after speaker, he has addressed audiences from Canada to Brazil, Malaysia to Nigeria, Norway to South Africa. He is married to Ann Svennungsen, and they have three grown children and four grandchildren.



# Children, Youth and Family

In September we blessed backpacks, students, teachers and educational staff, as they returned to school, classrooms and activities. We kicked off our Program year. The Children's programs started up again. The children's choir is still at 5:40-6 pm on Wednesday evenings, and we moved choir practice to the choir room. We have our trusty WOW team back on Wednesday nights 6pm -7pm. BLAST is on Sundays after worship and that team is back at it again as well.

## Programming registration

If you have not already signed up your children and youth to participate in CTK Programming, please do so to ensure that your children/youth are able to join in the fun! If you have any questions please reach out Kristina -[kelder@ctkb.org](mailto:kelder@ctkb.org)

## OCTOBER

**There are many opportunities to learn, gather and have fun!**

### CTK CONFIRMATION GROUP 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of the month  
10:40 am -11:40 am

STARTING OCT. 5<sup>TH</sup>

CHRIST THE KING, LUTHERA CHURCH  
BLOOMINGTON

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### Our Confirmation group:

Had to pivot a bit, so they will start their programming on Oct 5th, after worship service.

### Confirmation leaders meeting Oct 1st 7:00pm—Lounge

All those who have signed up to be a leader and all those who would like to learn more about the role of a Confirmation leader. Please join us!

### Youth event : Lock-In October 17-18

This will be our first youth event this program year. Youth may bring a friend. Sign up coming soon.

### Volunteering at CTK

I would like to thank all returning volunteers/ leaders and our new volunteers/leaders who participate in the children and youth programs. These programs/ministries would not be what they are without you!

We are looking forward to a fun filled program year!

- If at anytime you see an event or ministry group that you would like more information about here at CTK .
- Or you see an event or ministry group you would like to help with or join here at CTK. LET us KNOW!
- We are happy to connect you to the persons in charge of the group, ministry and/or event.

Please reach out with any questions  
Kristina -[kelder@ctkb.org](mailto:kelder@ctkb.org)



### Oct 29th - Trunk n Treat

All are invited to the CTK trunk-n-treat. Sign ups for trunks participating and for volunteers will be coming soon.



**CTK Group Project**

Christ the King  
OCT 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am -12:30 pm

We will provide: Pizza, popsicles and smiles

Kids, youth and all Adults !

WE need to take down our playground we will turn our frowns upside down. As we work together to get the job done!

Bring your tools and hard hats

We will have hard hats for kids

Bring a side dish to share

## CTK Group Project : Sunday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

We need to take down the playground. As we work together, enjoy a meal and share memories of the fun that many children, youth and others, who enjoyed this beloved space. All hands on deck, we need your help.

**All are Welcome!**

Vendors use QR code to register

**Craft Fair**

Handmade items

November 22nd  
9 am -3 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Bloomington  
8600 Fremont Ave S.

-FREE ADMISSION  
-Some vendors are cash only

-Snack and Lunch items for Sale  
-Bake sale  
-Raffle  
-Book sale

## Craft Fair Meeting - Oct 2 @5:30pm—LG

All those who helped last year and all new volunteers please join us for our first 2025 CTK Craft fair team meeting. We will look over notes from last year's event, and discuss where we can change things up and if anything needs to be added. There will be some table activities for any children that could be in attendance.

**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!

**OCT 5<sup>th</sup>**

in the Social hall @ Noon

**"Walking in God's Purpose"**

- Lunch: we will share a meal
- Walk: Take in God's creations
- Art project : Create something

PLEASE BRING a DISH TO SHARE

Kristina- [kelder@ctkb.org](mailto:kelder@ctkb.org)

SHINE is gathering on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the social hall. Sign up sheet is in the commons. Please reach out with any questions - Kristina -[kelder@ctkb.org](mailto:kelder@ctkb.org)

## Treasurer's Report

For the month of August 2025, the income was \$39,678.41 and the disbursements were \$45,900.56, making us behind for the month by \$6,222.15 Year to date, we have received \$375,016.15 and spent \$410,471.91 making us behind for the year by \$35,455.76. 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 [jangasterland@gmail.com](mailto:jangasterland@gmail.com) or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!



	Aug Budget	Aug Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 44,153.14	\$39,678.41	\$375,016.15
Disbursements	\$ 44,340.53	\$45,900.56	\$410,471.91
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -187.39	\$ -6,222.15	\$ -35,455.76



# October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:40p Children's Choir <b>6:00p Worship</b> 6:00p WOW 7:00p Confirm Leaders 7:00p Trinity Choir	<b>2</b> 9:00a Country Jam-mers—SH Noon Lunch & Movie—Lounge 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:30p Craft Fair Mtg	<b>3</b> 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Fellowship, BLAST & Confirmation Noon SHINE –Social Hall	<b>6</b> 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting—SH 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 32 & 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>7</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting—Office 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30pm Yoga 7:30p Emotions Anonymous – #110	<b>8</b> 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 1:00p Psych 1st Aid-LG CTK Volunteers for L&F 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 4:30p Flu Shot Clinic 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:40p Children's Choir <b>6:00p Worship</b> 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir 7:30p Health Cabinet	<b>9</b> 9:00a Country Jam-mers—SH Noon Lunch & Movie—LG 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>10</b> 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:00a KCC—WC 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a CTK Group Project-Playground Take Down and Lunch	<b>13</b> 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting—SH 9:30a Bartimaeus Meeting—#106 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 32 & 34 <u>No Loaves &amp; Fishes</u>	<b>14</b> 9:00a Lifeline Screening—West Chapel 10:00a Staff Meeting—Office 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30pm Yoga	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge Noon Self-Care—LG 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal <b>6:00p Worship</b> 7:00p Trinity Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00a Country Jam-mers—SH Noon Lunch & Movie—LG 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>17</b> 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 7pm Youth Lock-In	<b>18</b>
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<b>26</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30a KCC—WC <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Open Forum 11:30a Lunch and Garden Cleanup, Grounds & Office if it rains	<b>27</b> 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting—SH 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 32 & 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>28</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting—Office 3:30-8pm AAM – Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30pm Yoga	<b>29</b> 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 5pm Hot dog dinner 5:30p Games 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Trunk-N-Treat 7:00p Trinity Choir	<b>30</b> 9:00a Country Jam-mers—SH Noon Lunch & Movie—SH	<b>31</b> 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	<b>Page 8</b>