



CHRIST
THE KING
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Here in the United States, the month of November kicks off the holiday season. And, for that reason, it can be both a joyous and stressful time of year. For many of you, I'm sure that CTK offers a place to relish in those joyful feelings that we find in these last days of autumn. For most of you, I hope that CTK also offers a safe space to decompress and re-prioritize during those more stressful moments.

This time of year can be just as fun as it is fraught, which can make it hard to remember just what this holiday season is really all about. We begin by giving thanks—expressing our gratitude for the blessings God has given to us. Then, just as quickly as we have given thanks (especially you “Black Friday” shoppers out there) we exercise our generosity—both fiscally and spiritually—as we share time and gifts with our loved ones and beyond. And, finally, we round out these months of festivities, by reflecting on what came before and look forward with hope to that which is to come.

This movement from gratitude to generosity and then from reflection to anticipation makes this time of year the perfect moment to begin our stewardship campaign: “Raise the Bar”. (see pg. 3 for more information). Just as our best hopes for the holiday season can be overwhelmed by price tags and preparations, so too can conversations about stewardship become overly concerned with “keeping the bills paid”. To be sure, the nuts and bolts of church life are serious business. But just as it is with the days from Thanksgiving through Christmas and the New Year, it is absolutely essential that we remember “The Reason for the Season”.

Stewardship is an expression of our gratitude, an action of great generosity, a remembrance of those who came before us, and a covenant of hope we make with the future. The giving of our resources to support the ministries of CTK isn't simply an act of maintenance. Stewardship is an act of faith. When we give of ourselves—our time, our money, our talents—we share in Christ's work in this world.

So, just as we prepare for those festive moments that lie ahead, let us also keep the “Reason for the Season” in our hearts and minds as we make our plans to participate in God's work here at Christ the King. Let us seek to “Raise the Bar” by giving generously with grateful hearts so that all may know what God has been, is now, and will always be up to here at CTK!

Amen.

-Pastor Per

Birthday Greetings

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

- Marilyn Linquist 11/7
- Pat Halverson 11/16
- Denny Becker 11/18



The office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving.



Daylight Savings
Ends
Sunday, Nov. 2
Fall back 1 hour.

Volunteers for November

If you would like to greet, read, Assist, serve/prep communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays:

Greeters 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23 & 11/30

Reader & Prayers 11/9, 11/16, 11/23 & 11/30

Assisting Minister 11/9, 11/16, 11/23 & 11/30

Communion servers 11/9, 11/16, 11/23 & 11/30

Communion prep on 11/2, 11/16 & 11/30

Prepare Coffee 11/2, 11/16 & 11/30 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

Usher Schedule for November

Nov. 2 & 9 - Team F - Jack Carlson & Jay Stanley, Co-Captains

Nov. 16 & 23 - Team I - David Tillotson & Henry, Captain

Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Eve) - 2 Volunteers Needed!

Nov. 30— Team G - Jack Bergerson & Mark Murray, Co-Captains

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 30th** and the forms can be found on the narthex table or in the office. **Forms are due by Dec. 21st.**

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Dec. Newsletter Deadline Friday, November 14

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

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"Raise the Bar"

From the people who brought you "Piece of the Pie" and "Piece of Cake", the CTK Health Cabinet and Stewardship Team proudly presents: **RAISE THE BAR**

Celebrate CTK—add your pledge today!

Increase your gift now!

Share in CTK's ministry in Bloomington, across Minnesota, and all over the world!

November 2nd – Kick-off!

November 23rd – Raise the Bar Party—with real bars!

November 30th – Get your pledges in today!



All Saints Sunday November 2nd

Join us on Sunday, November 2nd 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!



Thanksgiving Eve Worship November 26th at 6pm

Please join us for worship to give thanks for all our blessings. We will be having pie after worship! All are welcome.

Loaves & Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 11/12 and 11/26

Each month CTK will be preparing and serving on the 2nd & 4th 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



**Multi-generational:
Advent event on Nov
30th after worship in
the Social Hall.**

November Open Forums

11/2 – Fellowship Time

11/9 – Loving Your Neighbor w/the Riverside Innovation Hub team

Come hear what we've learned and discover what we're up to!

11/23 – "Raise the Bar" Stewardship Party

Bring your financial pledge--and some bars to share!

11/30 – Advent Craft Project

Hunting Magic Eels! Say what?



You heard it right the first time!

Beginning this month, our book study will focus on *Hunting Magic Eels: Recovering an Enchanted Faith in a Skeptical Age* by Christian psychologist and professor Richard Beck. Here's what the back of the book says: "We live in a post-Christian world characterized by doubt and skepticism. Richard Beck argues that this is evidence not of a crisis of belief but of a crisis of attention. *Hunting Magic Eels* reveals how we can regain our capacity to see and experience God."

What: *Hunting Magic Eels* book study

When: 4:00pm Thursdays - November 13th & 20th,
December 4th, 11th, & 18th

Where: CTKB Lounge

If you'd like to join this book study, please stop by the office to sign up and to purchase your copy of the book for \$16.

"Faith is about enchantment or, rather, a re-enchantment: the intentional recovery of a holy capacity to see and experience God in the world."

RICHARD BECK
Hunting Magic Eels

CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, November 22nd 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



- We will need help setting up November 21st
- We will need help at the Craft fair
- We will need help cleaning up and putting this away after the craft fair

The volunteer sign up sheet will be coming out soon.

Please reach out to Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org if you are available to help or have any questions.

Memorials & Gifts to Christ the King

In Memory of Ed Anderson

Gifts from Anderson Family, John and Gail Hill, Melissa Hill, Dan and Lynn Lenort, Matt and LuAnn Paul, Devon and Mary Schmidt,

In Memory Mabel Bohn

Gifts from John and Marilyn Akimoto, Sharon Anderson, Gloria Lambrecht, Bev Larson, Roger and Verla Olson

In Memory of Doris Hansen (Erin Gillis' Grandmother)

Gifts from Family and Friends of Doris Hansen

In Memory of David Jaye

Gifts from Jan and Lynne Gasterland, John and Gail Hill, Pam Jaye, Loren and Linda Thompson, Rick Turnquist

In Memory of Ron Senn

Gifts from The Ron Senn family

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

What to expect: Open play area with a bounce house, crawler area (baby/young toddler), ride-on and push toys, balls, small basketball hoops, mini trampoline, hula hoops, bounce buddies, scooter boards, and more.



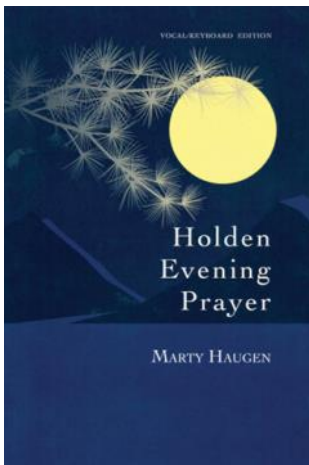
- Bring socks for the bounce house and dry shoes to change out of wet winter boots when you arrive.
- Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$3 per child (cash or [give online](#)).
- Free water and coffee.
- Bring your own non-messy snacks from home, but please avoid anything with peanuts or tree nuts.

- All first time families will be asked to sign a liability waiver when they arrive.
- Please do not come if you are feeling ill or have recently tested positive for any contagious illnesses.
- The rest of the church will be closed during family play time.
- Please do not bring toys from home.

[Sign up here to join our email list](#) to receive updates and reminders about the Family Play Space. If you'd like to volunteer to help set up or clean-up for one or more events, please call or email us: jbishop@ctkb.org; 952-881-8600.

Hear ye Hear ye- Calling for all Grant submissions!

Know of an organization in need of funds? Is it a local 501(c)(3)? The CTK Foundation is looking for your grant proposals! Help us help your organization! Go to <https://www.ctkb.org/programs/ctk-foundation> and submit your grant proposal by the end of the year!"



Calling all Instrumentalists and Song Leaders!

During advent this year we will be using Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer, which has become a tradition throughout the world. It is a beautiful setting which would benefit from added musicians.

Wednesday evening services at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.
The dates are December 3, 10 and 17.

Rehearsals to be arranged with Director of Music Ministry. Please contact Kristi MacKay in person or via email kmackay@ctkb.org

Please share your talents with us! I appreciate your participation.



Children, Youth and Family

Looking back: October was full of fun for all!

SHINE-

We got together, as we sat around the table and shared a meal. We also were able to listen and support each other. We never know where our conversation will go. But we do know that wherever it may go we are all there to cheer for each other and to give each other hugs and prayers. We also colored pumpkins. Each pumpkin turned out as beautiful and unique as its artist.

Confirmation -

The first couple of confirmation classes went wonderfully. The confirmation group has been learning and having fun. It has been wonderful to see so many step up to lead this wonderful ministry with these great youth.

Playground - Multi-generational event

We worked together to take down the playground equipment. As you can see, lots of work with lots of fun. Everyone did a great job!



Thank you for all the wonderful help!



Children- Some photos of fun activities during WOW and BLAST!



More CYF on page 7

(CYF Continued)

Youth event

The youth had their first lock-in this program year. They had fun with a scavenger hunt/ bible riddle adventure. We had some different Activities: puzzle fun, card game, painting-pumpkins. The group had fun playing their favorite game Christians and Romans. This event was a big success!

Looking ahead: November

SHINE- November 2nd

We will be making pumpkin pie in a jar.

Children-

Choir: Children will be singing on November 9th during worship service

Youth: event on November 28th – 29th

More details to come, closer to date.

Multi-Generational: Advent event on Nov 30th after worship service in the Social Hall.



November Gift of Love — Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes mission is to provide nutritious meals to people who are hungry across Minnesota in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest and to develop joint ventures/partnerships with like-minded organizations assisting guests with additional basic needs key to becoming self-sufficient. We feed, out of our church kitchen, Monday-Friday, about 550 meals a week. These meals are served nightly from 5-6pm, prepared by volunteers from around the cities and served to-go for anyone who needs one. CTK prepares and hands out the meals the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Anyone can help with us (call the office) or go their website to volunteer on any available dates. For more information go to <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/>.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of Sept 2025, the income was \$46,796.25 and the disbursements were \$44,544.63, making us ahead for the month by \$2,251.62 Year to date, we have received \$421,812.40 and spent \$455,016.53 making us behind for the year by \$33,204.13. 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 or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!



	Sept Budget	Sept Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 54,653.14	\$46,796.25	\$421,812.40
Disbursements	\$ 51,894.03	\$44,544.63	\$455,016.53
Margin (Deficit)	\$ 2,759.11	\$2,251.62	\$ - 33,204.13



November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00a Family Play Space-Social Hall DST ends—set clocks back 1 hour
2 All Saints Sunday 8:30a KCC—WC 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Fellowship, BLAST & Confirmation Noon SHINE—Social Hall 6pm BSO—SH	3 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting—SH 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:00p Public Witness Meeting—#110	4 Election-Lounge 10:00a Staff Meeting 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga	5 9:00a Bible Study-LG 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:40p Children's Choir 6:00p Worship 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir	6 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 7:00p Exultate	7 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	8 8am–4pm Scout-master Bucky at CTK
9 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Open Forum 10:45a BLAST 10:45a Foundation Meeting—#110 6pm BSO—SH	10 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting—SH 9:30a Bartimaeus Mtg 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	11 10:00a Staff Meeting 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Emotions Anon	12 9:00a Bible Study-LG 2:30p CTK Prep L&F 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 4:30p CTK Hand out 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:40p Children's Choir 6:00p Worship 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir 7:30p Health Cabinet	13 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 30, 32, 34, 10 4:00p Book Study 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 7:00p Exultate	14 Newsletter Deadline 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00pm CTK Youth Event	15
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23 Christ the King Sunday Commitment Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Raise the Bar—Pledge Party 30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Advent Event	24 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting—SH 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	25 10:00a Staff Meeting 3:30–8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Emotions Anon	26 9:00a Bible Study-LG 2:30p CTK Prep L&F 4:30p CTK Hand out 5–6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie	27  Office/Building Closed	28 Office/Building Closed	29