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March 2026 Herald

This Lenten season, a group of us here at CTK are studying Fr. Richard Rohr's latest book entitled *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*. Using the prophets of the Old Testament as his guide for embarking on a path towards hope in hard times, Rohr begins his book with these words from poet Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer:

I want a word that means *okay* and *not okay*,
more than that: a word that means
devastated and *stunned with joy*.

I want the word that says *I feel it all at once*.*

In a recent interview about the book, Fr. Rohr gives thanks to the Holy Spirit for putting the poem in front of him, saying "it's a gorgeous entranceway into what we call 'non-dual thinking'." Another way to describe non-dual thinking is *both/and* thinking, that is the willingness and ability to hold two seemingly opposed truths in our minds and hearts at the same time.

As a culture, we tend to rely pretty heavily on dualistic thinking or *either/or* thinking rather than the *both/and* of non-dual thinking. We tend to interpret the world and our place in it as operating on a binary—as being *either* on or off, *either* alive or dead, *either* happy or unhappy. This kind of thinking isn't inherently bad, but the richness of our faith, the complexities of our relationships, and the fullness of reality demand that we avoid getting stuck in that *either/or* frame of mind. Instead, our experience of God, our lives, and the world around us require that we see it all through a *both/and* lens—the world is *both* brutal and beautiful, life is *both* extraordinary and banal, loving one another is *both* easy and difficult. And it's reflected in our theology, too. As Lutherans, we understand that we are all simultaneously *both* sinner and saint. As Christians, we know Jesus to be *both* fully human and fully divine.

So much about this cultural moment we are living through right now is grounded in that *either/or* mentality. And if we desire to transcend this moment, to find transformation for ourselves and our neighbors, it is essential that we lean into the *both/andness* of it all.

March in Minnesota is the perfect time to practice non-dual thinking. As temperatures swing up and down, we know March to be that crazy time of year when it is *both* winter and spring. Even better that it's Lent. This powerful time of the church year, we find ourselves *both* humbled by the humanity of Jesus hanging from the cross on Good Friday and exhilarated at the divine sight of the resurrected Christ on Easter morning.

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Birthday Greetings

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



- Gloria Strom 3/29

Usher Schedule March

March 1 – Team AD - Jon Greiner & John and Marilyn Akimoto, Co-Captains

March 8 & 15 - Team K - Roger Olson, Captain

March 22 & 29 - Team F - Jack Carlson and Jay Stanley - Co-Captains

Volunteers for March

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

Greeters 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Readers 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Assisting 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Prayers 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Communion servers(2) 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Communion prep on 3/15, 3/22

Make Coffee 3/15, 3/22

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

Bible Study and Soup!



Wednesday Bible study is at 12noon for the season of Lent. We will meet in the Lounge with a soup lunch and study of the Scriptures for the coming week. **If you would like to make soup**

or provide bars/cookies—March 25th is still open. Sign-up in commons. Thank you!

CTK Loaves & Fishes— Wednesday Night Dinner 3/25

On 3/25 CTK will be **ONLY preparing** the drive-up meals. As always there will be meals available inside at CTK. Prepping is 2:30pm-4:30pm. If you would like to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600. Thank you!

March



Reminder—Daylight Savings Time Ends on March 8 at 2am spring forward 1 hour!

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March Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, March 18

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

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It is a wonderful and challenging time of year. It is a time for lamentation and a time for celebration. Let us all be transformed by embracing the *both/andness* of it all.

*To read the full poem, see here: <https://ahundredfallingveils.com/2022/03/13/for-when-people-ask/>

~ Pastor Per

March Gift of Love – Beacon Interfaith!

[Beacon is a collaborative of congregations and housing advocates who believe that secure, affordable housing provides the key to safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy.](#) Together with Beacon, we support the building of new affordable apartment homes, invest in residents through supportive services, and champion policy solutions to ensure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home. Beacon homes serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro, and their policy work impacts the entire state. Help us support this amazing ministry partner that is advancing the cause of quality, affordable homes in all communities!

Lifeline Screening at CTK - Tuesday, March 10 from 9am to 4pm
Call 800-324-9458 with code HABC001 if you want an appointment.



Easter Altar Flowers

Order sheets for Easter flowers can be found on the Library desk or in the office during Lent. Flowers can be ordered in honor of, or in memory of loved ones for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Orders are due by March 29th.



Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event

Coffee Cake Potluck

Sunday, March 29—10:45am in Social Hall

Join us as we prepare for Holy Week with activities and fellowship!

If you have a favorite coffee cake, please bring it to share! All are welcome!!



Spring Plant Sale

Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. Gertens has moved all fundraising groups to an online selling format to prevent tally mistakes and over-selling what is grown. **Online orders are open!!** Why order right away? To make sure you get your favorite item and that it hasn't sold out. **Online orders close at 10PM Monday, April 6th** with plants available for pick up at CTK on Tuesday, May 12th 5-7pm. To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our store ID code 490.

Walk and Talks

Walk and Talks continue at the Mall of America. We meet on Sundays at 6pm and Wednesdays at 2pm at the down escalator to Sea Life on the 1st floor east side. We will be walking all 3 levels. The walk usually lasts about one hour. It is a gentle pace. You can do as much or as little as you want. If you come late. Walk clockwise (to the left) and you should run into us. Contact Lynn Lenort with any questions. lennort@ctkb.org

Family Play Space—Saturday, March 7



Families with young children are invited to play together at this free indoor play space that operates the first Saturday of the month, 9am-3pm, November through March. The play space is ideal for children ages 6 months through about 6 years old, but younger and older children are welcome. All are welcome! 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.

Defrost those Green Thumbs

It's that time again to start thinking about green things and homegrown tomatoes. Applications for the *Bryant Park Community Garden* are now available both online and on paper. Pick one up, fill one out and you can rent a garden box for \$20. We ask that you fill one out by April 30th so we can plan. Our growing season will start the 2nd weekend of May ... May 10th. YAY and YUM!!

Online link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPAqQfRHL0ahMgHcyH_GAoDdp_m8Blutff1MmRgMPvhJJvJA/viewform



Got Clutter? Got Junk?

Clear Clutter and Make Space for you! Have you noticed how excess stuff draws on your energy? Come join the *Health Cabinet* for our forum on decluttering Sunday April 12th and start thinking about items you might want to sell or give away at our "Junk in the Trunk" event on Saturday May 16th. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



Children, Youth and Family

As we look back at February –A few highlights:

Youth event- SOUPER BOWL

The youth did a great job preparing and making soup. It was delicious! Thank you to Melissa and Jane B for their assistance. Thank You to all who purchased soup and graciously support the CTK youth!



YOUTH at work- and having FUN!
They are full of excitement...
especially after the 50th photo...
Wait one more time!

CHILDREN - photos of the fun they had in February.



GOOFY- girls!



ASH Wednesday - full of smiles!



BLUEY Sunday..can you guess what they are watching?

MARCH - March will be filled with fun for all ages!

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SHINE Event - "Thank You" Julie Schuler and Michele for leading and teaching this wonderful event- A "Mindful Art" class. At the end, all who attended, will have a beautiful art piece.

CONFIRMATION - March 1st and 15th - 10:45am

CROWD Sunday - March 8th - 10:45am Food & Fun

CHILDREN
March 15



YOUTH
March 21
11am-11pm





CHRIST THE
KING
PALM SUNDAY
EVENT

MARCH 29TH AFTER
WORSHIP SERVICE

- PASTRIES
- PALM LEAF CROSSES
- PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY
- STAIN GLASS CROSS ART

KRISTINA -
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LOOKING ahead - Mark your calendars

- **YOUTH** event April 3rd - Easter prep
 - **We need HELP....we are looking for 2- 3 people to help Make and prepare - Easter Brunch, April 5th**
- Reach out to Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

CTK ART SHOW

MAY 17TH

- WE INVITE ALL TO DISPLAY THEIR ART
- ARTISTS OF ALL AGES
- ART OF ALL KINDS-
PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, SCULPTURES,
WOOD WORKING, KNITTING AND
MORE

ART WORK WILL BE
DESPLAYED FOR
THREE WEEK IN
THE LOUNGE

NEVER STOP
MAKING ART

Save the Date! FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:
LYNNE GASTERLAND

Dear Friends at Christ the King Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the box of delicious cookies and
candy that Rick Turnquist delivered to our home
before Christmas 2025. It was very kind of you
to think of us in such a nice way. We miss seeing
all of you in person.
God bless you all, Shirley and Marv Roloff

Treasurer's Report

For the month of January 2026 the income was \$63,397.99 and the disbursements were \$43,554.20, making us ahead for the month by \$19,843.79. 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, Mike Haddox at mikehaddox1959@gmail.com or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!

	Jan Budget	Jan Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$40,030.65	\$63,397.99	\$63,397.99
Disbursements	\$ 42,458.48	\$43,554.20	\$43,554.20
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -2,427.83	\$19,843.79	\$ 19,843.79





March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a BLAST 10:45a Confirmation Noon SHINE-SH 6:00p Walk & Talk 6:00p BSO-SH	2 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	3 10:00a Staff Meeting 4:00p Book Study-LG 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers	4 Noon Bible Study & Soup-Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship 6:00p WOW-#36 7:00p Trinity Choir	5 9a-Noon Country Jammers-SH 3:30-8pm AAM - Rooms 32, 34 & 10 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	6 11am Funeral for Reinhardt Ohmann 5:00p AAM - Rooms 32 & 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	7 9am-3pm Family Play Space-SH 
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