



**CHRIST
THE KING**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Just the other evening, my wife and I were out walking with our kids and a couple of their neighborhood friends. It had been a surprisingly warm and sunny day and so our walk was unencumbered by coats and the other trappings of colder temperatures. There was a palpable joy in the voices of the children as they chatted with each other and jockeyed for position on the sidewalk ahead of us. As we walked along, my wife would point out the occasional tufts of green straining to push their way out of the brown ground or the tiny, nearly imperceptible buds taking shape on the ends of the lower branches. The sun was setting slowly and the chill of evening was only just beginning to creep down our city streets. It was a perfect spring night.

Christians the world over celebrate the season of Easter during this time of year because of its relationship to the Jewish festival of the Passover. Here in the northern hemisphere, the themes of resurrection and new life take on a special resonance for us as we experience this holiday in the midst of the fecundity of this springtime. How easy it can be to understand God's abundant creativity and the life-giving promise of Easter when little green bits of proof are peeking out at us wherever we turn!

Let our eyes be filled with visions of God's green world this Easter season! Let our ears be tickled by the sounds of laughter and playing! Let our hearts be opened to all the ways God is bringing new life in our midst! And let our voices cry out "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

Spring is here! Happy Easter, CTK!

~ Pastor Per Halaas

Usher Schedule April

1 Usher Needed for Maundy Thursday 4/2 and 1 for Good Friday 4/3 and 2 for Easter Sunday!!—please call the office or email.

April 5 & 12 —Team I - David Tillotson and Henry - Co-Captains

April 19 & 26 - Team G - Jack Bergerson and Mark Murray—Co-Captains

Volunteers for April

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

Greeters 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Reader 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Assisting 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Prayers 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Communion servers(2) 4/12, 4/19, 4/26

Communion prep on 4/19 Make Coffee 4/19

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email

Jane V at jvevea@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 DISPLAYED FOR THREE WEEK IN THE LOUNGE

NEVER STOP MAKING ART

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
LYNNE GASTERLAND

CTK Loaves & Fishes Wednesday Night Dinner

On 4/8 & 4/22 CTK will be preparing and serving the drive-up meals. We will help prepare & get the meals ready and hand them out. The prepping schedule is from 2:30pm-4:30pm and handing out is 4:30 to 6pm. If you would like to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600. Thank you!

Holy Week—there is no Bible Study or Wednesday evening Worship 4/1. The office will be closed on Monday, April 6th. There will be no Bible Study or Worship on 4/8. Pastor Per will be on a well deserved vacation. Bible Study will resume at 9am on April 15.

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May Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, April 15

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

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April 2, 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday Worship



April 3, 7:00pm
Good Friday Worship



April 5, 9:30am
Easter Sunday

**The Resurrection of our Lord,
Livestream & In-person**
Easter Brunch—Social Hall 10:45am–Noon
Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids after Worship

April Gift of Love - CTK Children & Youth Events

Join us in sharing the *Gift of Love* this April by supporting our children and youth! Your generosity helps provide meaningful activities and events that nurture faith, fellowship, and growth for our young people. Every gift makes a difference in shaping the next generation—thank you for being part of this ministry!



He is Risen!



Walk and Talks

There will be NO Walk and Talk on Easter Sunday! After Easter Sunday, our twice weekly Walk and Talks will be switching to nearby parks and nature centers. Each month we will visit a different park
We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays.

April - Centennial Lakes: Meet at the Pavilion 7499 France Ave S, Edina, MN 55435

May - Woodlake Nature Center: Meet near the Learning Center 6710 Lake Shore Dr Richfield, MN

June - Normandale Lake: Meet at the west side parking lot 8401 Chalet Rd, Bloomington, MN

July - Minnesota River Bottom Trails: Meet at the Parking Lot at the end of Lyndale 11115 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420

August - Old Cedar Ave Bridge Trailhead: Meet at the parking lot 9551 Old Cedar Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55425

September- Moir Park: Meet by the playground 10320 Morgan Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431

In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Mall of America East side entrance on the first level by the Sea Life down escalator. Text Lynn Lenort @ 612-770-5986 or email llenort@CTKB.org, if you have any questions or wish to carpool.



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. **LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!!**

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.**

Defrost those Green Thumbs

It's that time again to start thinking about green things and home-grown tomatoes. Applications for the *Bryant 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!!

Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPAqQfRHL0ahMgHcyH_GAoDdp_m8BluffF1MmRgMPvhJJvJA/viewform



Two Things

April 12th

Come join the *Health Cabinet* for our forum as Sarah Marotz presents *Decluttering: Making Life Lighter and Simpler*. Talking about some practical ways to look at your stuff, think about your stuff, and move towards less stuff ... which ... can lead to more peace. Amen!

Now ...

Speaking of stuff/Junk ... start thinking about items you might want to sell or give away at our "Junk in the Trunk" event on Saturday, May 16th (probably 9am-4pm). We are still working out the details but the idea is that you grab your extra stuff, put it in your trunk, park your car in the CTK lot and have a mini garage sale right from your trunk. What could be more fun?!



SHINE in March

The CTK Women's group highly enjoyed a calming time together. They learned and created some beautiful "window collage art" - Ladies, don't forget to add your art pieces to the CTK art show. Photos of some of our art pieces: Come see these and other artwork up close-at the CTK art show on May 17th.



SHINE-April 12th

Will not be the "First Sunday" this month, it will be the second **Sunday, April 12th**. We will go out for lunch and then explore the beautiful flowers and designs at the *Fleurs de villas - FLORA* event at the Galleria, Edina. Please invite a friend to join us. Sign up sheet on the counter in the commons.



Mother's Day Photos Sunday, May 10th

We will have a photographer on hand to take family photos for Mother's Day at the north end of the Social Hall. A special gift for mom!



Children, Youth and Family

Looking Back at March

Children's Programs

In BLAST - Kids learned about the book of Psalms

As we read the book of Psalms each week, we discovered that the Psalms were written like a poem or song. To help illustrate this, each of the kids wrote their own poem. The BLAST Poem book will be at the CTK Art show (May 17th), where you all can read these fabulous poems.

Photo of our sheep as we learned about being a "Good Shepard"



WOW- As always the WOW group had fun.



April

Easter Egg Bash 6pm-Midnight
Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FAFAF2FA64-63103585-youth>

CYF Group-Youth, children and their families

You are all invited to be a part of the EASTER Brunch. Please sign up online! <https://www.signupgenbeius.com/go/8050F4FAFAF2FA64-63141703-easter>

YOUTH-EASTER-please be at CTK on April 5th at 8:30 am to help hide Easter eggs, set up brunch and more. Thank you for all your HELP!

CTK YOUTH EVENT
EGG-STRAORDINARY
EASTER BASH!
FRIDAY APRIL 3RD AT 6PM
AT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
KRISTINA - KELDER@CTKB.ORG

CTK EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT
Egg hunt children 2-8yrs old
Worship service 9:30 am -10:30 am
Brunch and Egg Hunt after service
APRIL 5, 2026
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Freemont Ave S Bloomington

ELCA Twin Cities Youth Group Night
Wednesday, April 15
Pizza Dinners: 5:45-6:30 PM (Come when you can)
Program & Worship: 6:30-8:30 PM
Co-Sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministries-Twin Cities, Gather Twin Cities, & Luther Seminary
Leave the Wednesday Night Lesson To Us!
Join Lutheran Campus Ministry-Twin Cities, Gather Twin Cities & Luther Seminary for a night of Easter Joy! Bring your Confirmation, Middle School and High School Age Youth to the Luther Seminary Campus for dinner, activities, conversation, and communion worship with Twin Cities ELCA Leaders.
REGISTER HERE

YOUTH

Opportunity for youth to attend a YOUTH GROUP NIGHT, April 15th at Luther Seminary, 6th gr - 12th gr. *We will need 2 adults to go with the group. *I need to know who is going to this amazing event by April 10, as I need to sign up all those who are going. Feel free to share questions, Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org



CTK Foundation

We are pleased to welcome four new members to the CTK Foundation: Jim Stoll, Becky Johnson, Naomi Bernier, and Caitlyn Johnson. We also extend our appreciation to Sean Johnson and Rachel Bernier for their dedicated service over the years.

The Foundation's new officers are:

- Mike Haddox, president
- Michelle Smith, vice president
- Carolyn Tillotson, secretary
- Becky Johnson, treasurer

We invite your partnership in helping us support and grow the mission of CTK. If you know of an organization that could benefit from Foundation

funding, we encourage you to apply. This month, we approved gifts of \$1000 to VEAP and \$1000 to Bloomington Mutual Aid to help local families in need. Scholarship applications are now open and due May 15. Additional information is available at <https://www.ctkb.org/ministries/ctk-foundation>.



A few of us from our Public Witness ministry team attended the Palm Sunday event at the Capital on March 29th. A wonderful event on a beautiful sunny day.



Treasurer's Report

For the month of February 2026 the income was \$63,425.95 and the disbursements were \$52,730.04, making us ahead for the month by \$10,695.91. Year to date we have received 128,833.85 and spent 96,284.18. 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, Mike Haddox at mikehaddox1959@gmail.com or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!






	Feb Budget	Feb Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$41,012.47	\$63,425.95	\$128,833.85
Disbursements	\$ 51,580.72	\$ 51,580.72	\$96,284.18
Margin (Deficit)	\$ -10,568.25	\$10,695.91	\$ 32,549.67



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	2 Maundy Thursday 9a-Noon Country Jammers-SH  3:30-8pm AAM - 10,11, 30, 32, 34 5-6pm L & F Meal 7:00p Worship	3 Good Friday  5-6pm AAM 5-6pm L & F 6:30p Youth Lock-in 7:00p Worship	4 Set-up for Easter Brunch
5 Easter 8:30a KCC-WC 9:30a Worship 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Easter Brunch-SH Egg Hunt-LL  HE IS RISEN!	6 Office Closed 3:30-8pm AAM - 10,11, 30, 32, 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	7 10:00a Staff Meeting 3:30-8pm AAM - 10,11, 30, 32, 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga	8 2:00p Walk & Talk Centennial Lakes CTK preparing/serving Loaves & Fishes 3:30-8pm AAM - 10,11, 30, 32, 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	9 9a-Noon Country Jammers-SH 3:30-8pm AAM - 10,11, 30, 32, 34 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	10 5-6pm AAM 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	11
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