



## Herald May 2026

### Happy May, CTKland!

Just recently in worship we read the account in Acts 2 of those early days of the Christian community following the fiery preaching and mass baptisms of Pentecost. We read of thousands of people being added to the nascent church in just a matter of days and how all of them *"were together and had all things in common"* and how *"they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."*

I don't know about you fine folks, but I've always found this description of God's children living communally to be deeply heartening and fascinating. Utopian as it may sound, I don't think it's just some sort of peacenik hippy-dippy pipe dream. Life in this community as it is depicted in Acts 2 sounds, well, simple. Unencumbered by material wealth (i.e., stuff) and alleviated of the stress of keeping up with the Joneses, these early Christians seemed to be doing something right.

As I sit here at my desk, I have a great view through the portico of the recently blossoming trees in the church parking lot. The striking whites and greens of their branches wave gently against the backdrop of an unbelievably blue sky in a breeze that seems to warm with every gust. Springtime is most assuredly here. And that can only lead to one thing: **SPRING CLEANING.**

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, CTK will be getting into the garage sale game in a big way with our "Junk in the Trunk" event. From 9:00am to 2:00pm, we'll be hitching our trailer to the citywide garage sale event here in Bloomington (see page 4 for more details). Folks from all over will have the opportunity to *"sell their possessions and goods"* under those glorious trees and that bright blue sky. A reserved spot in the lot can be yours for only \$10 and we here in the office will make sure to *"distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."*

So empty your basement, air out the attic, and come and join the fun on May 16<sup>th</sup>. It'll be a great opportunity to meet the neighbors, to help the community, and to get rid of a few things, too!

As it is written in the Acts 2:46-47 (my translation), *"they spent much time together in the church parking lot... praising God and enjoying one another's company."*

Amen to that! - Pastor Per



## Birthday Greetings

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

- **Steve Olson 5/5**



## Volunteers for May

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

**Greeter needed 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31**  
**Communion servers 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31**  
**Reader on 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31**  
**Assisting on 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31**  
**Prayers 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31**  
**Communion prep 5/10, 5/17 & 5/24**  
**Coffee on 5/17**  
Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V!

## Thank you!

Bob would like to thank all the quilters at CTK for remembering him with a lap robe. He has barely taken it off since he received it. Everyday he tells me how much he enjoys it. Thanks also to Bonnie Westermoe for bringing communion to Bob and I the day that she and Dave stopped in for a visit. The lap robe, communion and visit were all very much appreciated. We miss you all, Bob and Carol Rathje

## Usher Schedule for May

**May 3 & 10 - Team AD Jon Greiner and Marilyn & John Akimoto – Co-Captains**  
**May 17 & 24 - Team K—Roger Olson, Capt.**  
**May 31— Team F Jack Carlson & Jay Stanley, Co-Captains**



## CTK Loaves & Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner 5/13 and 5/27

On 5/13 and 5/27 CTK 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!

**The office is closed  
on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
and Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Memorial Day)**

## Care Card Minister

Darlene Hansen

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## June Newsletter Deadline Friday, May 15

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

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**YOUTH and Any Helpers!**  
**SATURDAY May 2nd 9am-12 pm**  
**King Garden clean up - Lead by Andrew Marotz - Please join Andrew and his family as we all clean up and reorganize the King Garden—(by the CTK crown sign). Please reach out to Andrew and Sarah if you are able to help - [sarah@ceramicbytes.com](mailto:sarah@ceramicbytes.com)**

**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!



**Plant Sale Pick-Up - May 12**



Plants and gift cards will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, May 12 from 5:00-7:00 PM at CTK in the courtyard by the gazebo. Please let us know if you will be unable to pick up your plants and/or need delivery help. If you have questions about pick up or delivery, please contact Jane V. in the office or at [jvevea@ctkb.org](mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org). **HELP IS NEEDED—if you are available to help unload the plant truck and organize plants around 2pm—please call Jane V in the office.**

**CHRIST THE KING**

**TALENT SHOW**  
**MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT**  
**6PM**

All ages and talents are WELCOME to participate

Sign up NOW

Spaghetti Dinner at 5 pm

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

**Sign-up with your talent in the Commons!!!!**

If you can help serve/prepare the spaghetti dinner, please call Jane V. in the office, 952-881-8600. Thank you!

**CTK Congregational Picnic**  
**Sunday, May 31st**  
**Food, Fellowship & Fun!**

**Following Worship!**

**Bring a side or a dessert to share. We will provide burgers, hot-dogs, chips and beverages. We will have fun and games for all ages! Rain or shine! **Watch for sign-up in the commons if you can help or if you are bringing a side or dessert. All are welcome!****

**May's GIFT of LOVE VEAP ... Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People**

VEAP has been helping our neighbors in need for over 50 years and is an important partner of Christ the King. They focus on pathways to stability for families, children and the elderly through programs that promote access to healthy foods, stable housing and other supportive services. VEAP is able to leverage buying power through a number of programs ... purchasing healthy foods at a reduced cost means we can meet more needs and make a larger impact. Because of this, VEAP can feed an individual for as little as \$1.00 for 3 meals. Christ the King and VEAP have been partners for a very long time and together we can continue to care for our neighbors. Please consider making a financial donation in May. You are also welcome to drop items off at the VEAP table (by the office). They are always in need of household staples and baby items. Thank you for your generosity!

## Walk and Talks

Our twice weekly Walk and Talks are at nearby parks and nature centers through the summer. Each month we will visit a different park. We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays.

**May - Woodlake Nature Center:** Meet at midblock entrance between 69th and 70th St on Lyndale. Use side street parking. 6710 Lakeshore Dr. Richfield MN. Please use street parking at 69th and Lyndale or 70th and Lyndale. You will need to walk across Lyndale. You will find the entrance to the Nature Center on the west side of Lyndale mid-block between 69th and Lyndale. We will meet near that entrance.

**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- Richardson Nature.** Meet in the parking lot. 8737 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington, MN

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.

## Bryant Community Garden



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 May 4th 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/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPAqQfRHL0ahMgHcyH_GAoDdp_m8BlutfF1MmRgMPvhJJvJA/viewform)

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**Saturday, May 16**

**9am - 2pm**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Parking Lot  
8600 Fremont Ave. S.**

## Junk in the Trunk

**Saturday, May, 16 - 9am to 2pm**

It's your own mini garage sale...right from your trunk! Price your items to sell or give them away for free, your choice. At the end of the day, you close your trunk and take your stuff home with you... or to Goodwill!

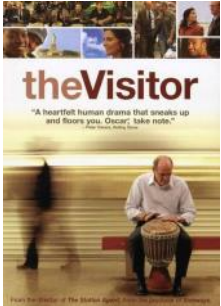
For more information and to register, scan the QR Code below or click [HERE](#).



## April Showers bring May Flowers MOVIES!

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

### May 7<sup>th</sup>



*The Visitor* (2007, PG-13) directed by Tom McCarthy  
Richard Jenkins stars in this heart wrenching story about a widowed economics professor who travels to New York City for a conference and finds a young immigrant couple living in his apartment. Come and see how one man's life is changed irrevocably by this chance meeting, the relationships they forge, and the complexities of the immigration process they encounter. This film from the director of *The Station Agent* and the producers of *Sideways* is not to be missed!

### May 14<sup>th</sup>



*Encanto* (2021, PG) directed by Jared Bush & Byron Howard  
This Disney hit tells the tale of a very ordinary member of an extraordinary family living in a magical house in the mountains of Colombia. As she struggles to understand her purpose as the only member of her family without magical powers, the mystical powers of the house—and family—are in danger of disappearing, young Mirabel decides that she just might be her family's only hope. This spectacular film features original songs by Lin Manuel Miranda of *Hamilton* fame.

### May 21<sup>st</sup>



*Dick Johnson is Dead* (2020, PG-13) directed by Kirsten Johnson  
As filmmaker Kirsten Johnson and her retired psychologist father Dick face the onset of his dementia and the inevitability of his death, they work together to film over-the-top scenarios of his death, depict what his funeral might be like, and imagine his arrival at the pearly gates—all on film! This Critic's Choice award winning documentary tackles the challenges of mortality and grief head-on with humor and heart.

### May 28<sup>th</sup>



*Hoosiers* (1986, PG) directed by David Anspaugh  
A coach with a checkered past and the town drunk come together to raise up a small-town high school basketball team to become a top contender for the state championship in 1950s Indiana. With star turns by Gene Hackman, Dennis Hopper, and Barbara Hershey, this classic underdog story of the power of team work, community, grit, and redemption has come to be considered one of the greatest sports movies of all time—come and see why!

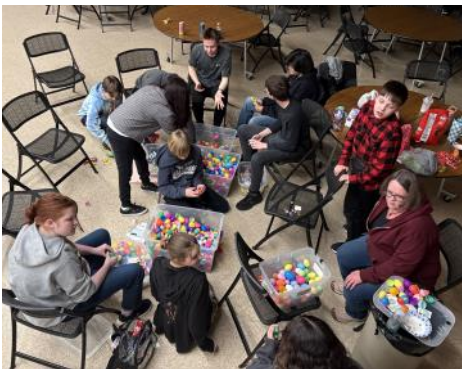
# Children, Youth and Family

## Looking back at April



The SHINE group had a wonderful time sharing a meal at Good Earth, then we toured the amazing floral arrangements.

### April was full of EASTER FUN



THANK you to all the youth for starting the fun by stuffing Easter eggs

### EASTER FUN:

A **BIG Thank YOU** to all who participated, donated items, served and who were a part of this yearly event! We appreciate you all!



## Mother's Day Bags

For those who are homeless

We are working with T's Helping hands to bring a smile to some very special Moms

### ITEMS NEEDED: travel size

Snacks, Flashlights, Baby Wipes, Tarps, Hand Sanitizer, ALL Batteries, Water, Blankets, ALL women's Hygiene product nail polish, make up, shampoo jewelry, wash clothes, lotion, tooth brush uplifting notes/cards, hair care product, hair accessories, lip balm, face masks or creams sun screen, fun socks, note books, pens, nail clipper, make up bags, first aid kits anything else you can think of

**LOTS of  
Decorative bags to put items in**

**DROP OFF ITEMS by May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm**

All are invited to help pack these wonder bags full of much needed items and love  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm - 7pm  
Here at CTK

### Service Opportunity For all Ages! May 8<sup>th</sup>

T's Helping Hands - Mother's day Bags  
Please sign up to help pack bags  
5-7pm

We Appreciate Every Donation We Can Get!

T's Helping Hand  
Helping One Community  
to Another  
Tynika.s.smith@gmail.com

For More Information  
Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

## MOVIE NIGHT



There will be a **YOUTH** (middle & high school) **MOVIE** night May 8<sup>th</sup>

**FRIDAY  
MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**7PM**

**AT CTK**

**KRISTINA -KELDER@CTKB.ORG**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR -**

Children will be singing Sunday, May 10th - Please be at church by 9:15 to get a quick practice in before service!

**Talent SHOW**

**Wednesday, May 13-6pm**

WOW kids have decided to sing a song for the Talent show! (more info on page 3)

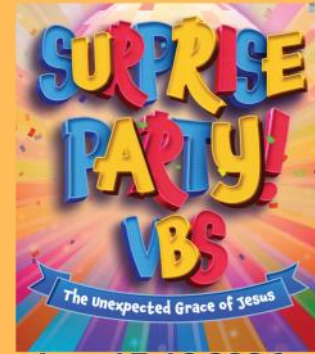
**CHRIST THE KING**

Mother's day Event  
May 10<sup>th</sup>



- Get Family photos taken
- Eat Cake
- Make Tissue paper flowers

**Christ the King  
Lutheran Church**



**June 15-19 2026**

**-Registration OPEN**



Christ the king, Bloomington  
Kristina -kelder@ctkb.org

**Sunday, May 31 (during worship)**

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday  
High School Graduate Sunday**

Come help us say "Thank you" to all those who have volunteered with the Children and Youth programs and events, as well as congratulations to our graduating senior. Then join us for our Congregational Picnic after worship for food, games and fun!

**CTK Foundation Reminder:**

The scholarship deadline is coming up on May 31st to apply to any college or university or undergraduate or graduate degrees. Visit our website to apply. We need both the application and recommendation forms. We have changed the recommendation form requirements so please check carefully! Thank you from the CTK foundation.

**Treasurer's Report**

For the month of March 2026 the income was \$59,421.55 and the disbursements were \$44,840.47 making us ahead for the month by \$14,581.08. Year to date, we have received \$188,255.40 and spent \$141,124.74 making us ahead for the year by \$47,130.69. 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](mailto:mikehaddox1959@gmail.com) or Jane Bishop, Financial & Property Administrator. Grace & Peace!



	March Budget	March Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$56,512.47	\$59,421.55	\$188,255.40
Disbursements	\$48,025.72	\$44,840.47	\$141,124.71
Margin (Deficit)	\$ 8,486.75	\$14,581.08	\$47,130.69



# May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Mps Synod Assembly-Ramsey, MN  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	2  Mps Synod Assembly-Ramsey, MN
3 8:30a KCC-WC <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Fellowship -SH 10:45a BLAST 10:45a Book Club Pottluck-Room 11 11:00a Confirmation  6:00p Walk & Talk	4 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	5 10:00a Staff Meeting  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga	6 9:00a Bible Study-LG  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal <b>6:00p Worship</b> 6:00p WOW 7:00p Trinity Choir	7  Noon Movie Time-Lounge  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out	8  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:00pm Pack Mother's Day Bags 7pm Youth Event	9
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LL 10:45a Mother's Day Event- Social Hall  6:00p Walk & Talk	11 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 9:30a Bartimaeus Meeting-Room 106  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	12 10:00a Staff Meeting  5-7pm Flower Pick-up Courtyard 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Emotions	13 9:00a Bible Study-LG  CTK preparing/serving Loaves & Fishes 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 5:00p Spaghetti-SH 6:00p Talent Show 7:00p Trinity Choir	14  Noon Movie Time-Lounge  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> Office Closed  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	16 9am-2pm Junk in the Trunk-CTK Parking Lot  3pm AAM Recital
17 8:30a KCC-WC <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a Confirmation  6:00p Walk & Talk  <b>24 Pentecost</b> <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LG	18 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 4:15p Public Witness  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	19 10:00a Staff Meeting Noon Judean Circle - LG  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga 7:00p Council - LG	20 9:00a Bible Study-LG  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal <b>6:00p Worship</b>	21  Noon Movie Time-Lounge  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	22  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	23
31 <i>Appreciation Sunday</i> <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:30a Maranatha-LG 10:45a CTK Picnic 6:00p Walk & Talk	25  <b>Office &amp; Building Closed</b>	26 10:00a Staff Meeting  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Emotions Anonymous-110	27 9:00a Bible Study-LG  CTK preparing/serving 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal <b>6:00p Worship</b>	28  Noon Movie Time-Lounge  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	29  5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out	30