



CHRIST THE KING

Herald

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A friend once told me that galleries and art museums in Europe often paint their walls green to better showcase the paintings that are on display. This surprised me. As I'm sure you've experienced, the museum and gallery walls I am most accustomed to seeing are white. But, as my friend explained to me, green is often used because it is the most common "background" color we experience. Art has a tendency to *pop* when placed in the midst of a neutral—a color that will neither clash with nor overwhelm the piece being highlighted. And, for our eyes, green—not white or beige or tan—is the most neutral because it is everywhere we look.

It makes sense then, that the liturgical color for this time of the church year—the "Season After Pentecost"—is green. Some denominations of the Christian church use another phrase to describe these weeks between the preparation and celebration that mark the seasons of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas: "Ordinary Time." The color green is used liturgically to remind us of the abundance of God's creation and to provoke feelings of hope and anticipation. But I wonder about its purpose as a neutral background. Like the green leaves help to highlight the vivid reds, yellows, purples, pinks, blues and oranges of the flowers they surround, how might the green days of this "Ordinary Time" help us to see the extraordinariness of God's working in the world? How might we find God in the *ho-hum-ness* of our day-to-day? After all, it is through the combination of the extraordinariness of God and the ordinary experiences of bathing and eating—the ordinary elements of water, bread, and wine—that the blessing of God, the presence of Christ, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit are most regularly revealed to us.

As we mark the turning of the surprises Spring offers into the long yawning of Summer-time, let us keep our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds open to the extraordinary ways God comes to us in our ordinary everyday lives. Let our witness become not just a passive activity but a faith-filled practice. And let us rejoice in the greenness of this "Ordinary Time" and give thanks for the way it brings out the Divine all around us.

-Pastor Per

For another exploration of "Ordinary Time", check out this wonderful recent article from Living Lutheran magazine: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/theology-beliefs/anything-but-ordinary/>

Birthday Greetings

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

- Pat Andersen 6/10



Volunteers for June

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

Greeters 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Communion servers 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Reader 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Assisting 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Prayers 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

Communion prep 6/7, 6/14, 6/21

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Usher Schedule for June

June 7 - Team F Jack Carlson and Jay Stanley, Co-Captains

June 14 & 21 - Team I—David Tillotson and Henry, Captains

June 28 - Team G - Jack Bergerson & Mark Murray, Co-Captains



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the CTK picnic—John, Gail, Melissa, and to our amazing grillers, Jim and Jean Stoll. Thank you to everyone who brought so many tasty sides and desserts to share! We love the opportunity to spend time together!



Great Big Musical Thank you!

A big part of worship and weekly fellowship lies in the hands and voices of our music groups here at CTKB. We laugh, we cry, we celebrate together in God's midst. Thank you to the Trinity Choir, Chapel Ringers and Acclaim Worship Band for sharing the gift of music with the congregation and each other! You are truly appreciated, valued and loved. Looking forward to another great program year together! ~ Kristi MacKay

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July Newsletter Deadline Monday, June 15

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

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GARDEN PARTY

Sunday ... June 7th ... 11:30am – 1:00pm

The Health Cabinet is hosting the *Community Garden Party*, and we invite you to join us. Come be in community ... meet other gardeners ... nosh on a light lunch and drink some lemonade. NEW this year ... we have local *Master Gardeners* from the UofM on our team that will be tending our VEAP boxes this season. These fine folks will be at our garden party, ready to answer any of your wildest plant questions. Hope to see you in the garden on June 7th.

Peas & Love, The Bryant Community Garden Committee



Bloomington Lutherans for Love



BLOOMINGTON **PRIDE**

Bloomington PRIDE festival is June 14 , from 1-6 PM at the Civic Plaza. We along with four other Bloomington Lutheran churches will again have a booth at this event. **We do need people to help at the booth, and of course would like to have lots of CTK people to attend wearing our PRIDE shirts.**

Read more about the event:

<https://www.bloomingtonpridemn.org/festival>

There are a few t-shirts available for those who need them, and we have ordered more. There are also some tote bags for those who can help. Here is a link to the sign-up sheet to help at the festival. It is set up for one hour shifts. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9AB2FA7FAC25-63966259-2026#/>



June Gift of Love – ReconcilingWorks



Since 1974, ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their church, congregations, & community.

Mission: ReconcilingWorks advocates for the acceptance, full participation, and liberation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church. **Vision:** To keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins. To keep dismantling barriers and building bridges. To keep working until all of God's beloved have equity.

Values: We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.

For more information go to <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

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.

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.



Thank you!

To Holly Hauer (and Kristina) for planting new perennials under the portico. We know it will be a big job taking care of them, but we are so thankful for Holly's willingness to help.

ACME SPEEDSHOP July 3rd Car Show



Save the Date!
Watch for more details &
volunteer opportunities

Christ The King Lutheran Church
8600 Fremont Ave S. Bloomington, Mn
Freewill Donations Accepted
(all profits go to veterans)

Custom Trophies - Silent Auction
\$50 Prize to Top 5 Cars!

LIVE MUSIC BY NORDIC SURF!

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Food & Refreshments Available for
Purchase

Lenny 612-866-6129 .. Gary 612-479-9768

Memorials & Gifts to Christ the King

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Gifts from John & Kathy Bang, Jack Bergerson, Dayna Corbett, Sandy Fahrendorff, Curt & Mary Fandrey, Chris Gabel, Margit Hauge, John & Gail Hill, Mary Peterson, Don & Joan Perlich, John Roisum, Marv & Shirley Roloff, Karen Steige, Darin & Lynda Tysdal, Bev Wegge

In Memory of Denny Becker

Gifts from Barbara Felker, Jan & Lynne Gasterland, John & Gail Hill, Matt & LuAnn Paul, Ron & Carol Rydell, Del & Florence Smallfield, Roger Stenson

In Memory of Sharon Haugesag

Gifts from Sharon Anderson, Roni Faber, Chris Gabel, Margit Hauge, Randy & Peggy Indahl, Pam Jaye, Bev Larson, Roger & Verla Olson, Mary Peterson, Dan Pierce, Bob & Carol Rathje, Bev Wegge, Dave & Bonnie Westermoe

In Memory of Bud Hesterman

Gifts from Roger Domyahn, Bud Hesterman Family, Jan & Lynne Gasterland, Mary Peterson, Marv & Shirley Roloff, Ron & Carol Rydell

In Memory Reinhardt Ohmann

Gifts from Roni Faber, Chris Gabel, John & Gail Hill, Herm & Denise Hagedorn, Mary Peterson, Bev Ohmann Family & Friends, Chris Scanlon

In Memory of Sandy Roisum

Gifts from Jack Bergerson, Curt & Mary Fandrey, Chris Gabel, Jan & Lynne Gasterland, Margit Hauge, John & Gail Hill, Melissa Hill, Gary & Jo Hofstad, Randy & Peggy Indahl, Bev Larson, Lee & Diane Madetzke, Roger & Verla Olson, Matt & LuAnn Paul, Mary Peterson, Don & Joan Perlich, Dorene Reikena, John Roisum Family & Friends, Marv & Shirley Roloff, Ron & Carol Rydell, Chris Scanlon, Del & Florence Smallfield, Rick Turnquist, Bev Wegge, Dave & Bonnie Westermoe, Karen Youmans

In Memory of Devon Schmidt

Gifts from John & Gail Hill, Bev Larson, Roger & Verla Olson, Matt & LuAnn Paul, Ron & Carol Rydell, Chris Scanlon, Mary Schmidt Family & Friends, Eileen Sjoberg, Del & Florence Smallfield, Bev Wegge, Dave & Bonnie Westermoe

Thank you!

- To the Church Chore Crew for the upkeep of our grounds—inside and out!
- To Curt Fandrey for the front garden bed clean-up and planting new bushes.
- To Andrew Marotz, his family and all who volunteered to help clean-up and maintain the CTK Crown garden.

We are so lucky to have so many amazing volunteers who show their love for this community!



Children, Youth and Family

May was a full Month for all at CTK

There was a group of us who packed up 68 Mother's day bags for T's Helping Hands. THANK YOU to all of you who donated supplies, and to those who helped fill these bags!



It was great to see how excited Riley, Nora and Jackson were to put items in these bags.



We celebrated the wonderful moms and those who have stepped into the mom role to care for us! Photo of all the kids and youth at the Mother's day event. Thank you Sean Johnson for taking photos!



The Program year came to the end! We ended out programming year with Pizza and a Movie. We also had fun with butterflies, bubbles and more. Programming will return in the fall!



TALENT SHOW:

Thank you to all the talented folks here at CTK for sharing your gifts with us! You all did a great job! Thank you - Jane V for making your famously delicious spaghetti...it was a hit again!



More CYF on page 7

May 31st - Appreciation Sunday

Thank you all for being a part of the CTK Programming- leaders, staff, parents/guardians, children, youth and others. I can not express enough how much I appreciate all the wonderful ways you all support and contribute to the CYF programs here at CTK. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to create fun adventures here at CTK! **THANK YOU!** - Kristina



Congrats to Dalen Shuller!

It has been a pleasure to watch you grow as you have and will continue to be a part of CTK. We wish you the very best as you step onto your new stepping-stone - college life.

HUGS from us to you.

JUNE - Adventures! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 15th-19th 5pm-8pm



Dinner is provided for all participants and their families. We still could use 4 more adults and 2 youth helpers. Anyone who is looking to have fun - please reach out - Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

WE need kids to come and CELEBRATE God's love.

There are flyers on the counter in the commons please grab a few and hand them out to neighbors, friends and family. Thank you!

Click to register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewZiDfSsPFJ7n2Et1hJZ-0YOn5zhSrMHqMEAxh57W5O8rA/viewform?pli=1>

Treasurer's Report

For the month of April 2026 the income was \$37,130.75 and the disbursements were \$44,859.34 making us behind for the month by \$7,728.59. Year to date, we have received \$225,386.15 and spent \$185,984.05 making us ahead for the year by \$39,402.10. 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!

<i>thankful</i>		April Budget	April Actual	YTD Actual
	Income	\$41,862.47	\$37,130.75	\$225,386.15
	Disbursements	\$58,310.72	\$44,859.34	\$185,984.05
	Margin (Deficit)	\$ -16,448.25	\$ -7728.59	\$39,402.10



June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30a Church Chore Crew (CCC) 9:00a Quilting-SH 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	2 10:00a Staff Calendar Meeting 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:30p Yoga	3 9:00a Bible Study-LG 2:00p Walk & Talk-Normandale Lake 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal 6:00p Worship	4 9am-Noon Country Jammers-SH 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	5 5-6pm Loaves & Fishes Take out meal	6
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